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COUNCIL MEETINGS**Visitors welcome to attend**

EXECUTIVE meet monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month, 1pm, at Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullager Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: November 23

EDITOR'S NOTES

An editor for the G & L Newsletter is urgently needed. If you can help please contact Barbara Try on 0417676435.

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73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

DEADLINES:

Third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed.

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Message from the President

Most of the Club shows are finished for the year with a couple of exceptions.

“Boy” it is great to see the showcases and all the other paraphernalia having the dust shaken off and finally displaying club work.

Club competitions have again taken place even if some of us have forgotten how to do the organising. While the numbers of entries were down it is good to see the members work on show.

The public were very pleased to see the shows back and I know quite a few new members have joined the various Clubs to enjoy our great hobby.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 26 October 2022**Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville**

The meeting was opened at 1:05pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Bathurst (Robert Porter)

Apologies: Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Western Suburbs (Ainslie & Shirley Flynn) Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane).

Visitor Brian Beauchamp

Apologies to be accepted: Moved Bathurst, Seconded: Central Coast
Welcome to Paul Sabolta as delegate for AFG

Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 21 September 2022

Moved Port Hacking, *seconded*, Illawarra that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from minutes:

1/ Quotes for Jersey material obtained varying from \$2.80 to \$5.50 per metre, 4 rolls required.

2/ Invoice for tags \$33.00, to be checked with treasurer

Business arising from minutes: moved Blaxland seconded AFG

Correspondence in & out: as listed.

Business arising from correspondence:

1/ National Library deposit login account to be re-established

Moved Orange seconded Parramatta/Holroyd, that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

Accounts for payment:

1/ Judging Central Coast & Illawarra for Cathy Fisher \$121.60

Moved Goulburn seconded Western Suburbs that the report be accepted.

J&R Report:

1/ Judging for Northern Districts competition 8th October - completed

2/ Judging for Illawarra Competition - 23 October – completed

3/ Judging for the year has been completed

4/ New mineral Judge Dieter Mylius

Webmaster: No report

G&L NEWS Editor: Still need an Editor

Education Report:

1/ Member Clubs to be asked if they want an education/teaching course. Flyer to be sent – web, Facebook, G & L News, emailed & posted. Clubs need to send a letter/email in (with their club letterhead) saying what course they would like – primary course and a second choice, courses as per the sections of the judging manual or courses to educate the clubs on running competitions or similar. Offer ends 30 June 2023, classes will commence after 30 June 2023. Clubs get one course each, to which the association will pay up to \$500 max - \$300 to tutor and \$200 for incidentals. Moved Northern Districts seconded Orange, Yes vote carried.

Social Media: no report

Mail Person: expenditure \$85.65, with 3 bounce backs

GEMKHANA

- 1/ Number of corflute signs indicating direction to the show < > 10 to 12 needed & garden stakes
- 2/ Large “sign” colours need changing – letter to be changed from white to black
- 3/ Working bee to fix – next year
- 4/ Where did you hear about the GEMKHANA to be redone for next year
- 5/ January- February to set schedule

GEMBOREE 16 April 2028.

1/Committee needs to start looking for suitable locations for our next one in 6 years. Suggestion to be investigated – Hawkesbury – keep for GEMHKANA Dubbo out, big pavilion is not completely closed in and other pavilions are too small.

Parke showground, hope to have new big pavilion (80m x 20m) with toilets and kitchen built by middle of next year, has powered camping sites 300, 4 toilet blocks, 2 shower blocks, 1 relocatable shower block, dump point, water taps campers, lunch room/meeting room holds 120 people has chairs and tables, showground available at Easter 2028. Need to check whether the travelling caravans can book the showground while the GEMBOREE is on.

2/2nd choice still needed

Reports to be accepted moved: Goulburn Seconded: Bathurst

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ Please submit Annual Reports by next meeting.
General Business Moved Blaxland, Seconded AFG

Meeting closed: 2.20pm

Next meeting: 23 November at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms, Wentworthville.

Meeting dates for 2022: 14 December & AGM





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CLUB NEWS

- **Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club** are holding their exhibition on **Friday 11 November , Saturday 12 November and Sunday 13 November** featuring “Jade”.
 - **Central Coast Lapidary Club** are having their Christmas Party on **Saturday 10th December**
 - **Northern Districts Lapidary Club’s Christmas Party** is on **Saturday 3rd December.**
 - **Canberra Lapidary Club** are having their Christmas Party on **Sunday 11th December.**
 - **Bathurst Lapidary & Collectors Club** are holding their **Member’s Family Christmas Party** on **5th December**
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Clubrooms, 73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville
Friday – November 11th 9am to 4pm
Saturday – November 12th 9am to 4pm
Sunday – November 13th 9am to 4pm

**Displays of member’s work, jewellery sales, lapidary demonstra-
tions, slabs, minerals and rock sale,
novelties, book stall, plant stall, morning tea, afternoon tea and
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jewellery.**

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If your Club is interested please respond within the time frame shown.

If you need further information please contact the secretary via email secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

EVENTS

General information on which events are going ahead and which have been cancelled, can be found on the following link:

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

- ◇ **11th to 13th November 2022**—Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club—Exhibition, Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville
- ◇ **12th & 13th November 2022**—Newcastle Lapidary Club, Gem & Jewellery Fair at PCYC Newcastle
- ◇ **27 November 2022**—Illawarra Lapidary Club - Open Day - Christmas Market at Club House 51 Meadow St Tarrawanna, 9 am to 2pm
- ◇ **10 December 2022**—Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club - Open Day - lot 1 Bensley Rd, Macquarie Fields, 9 am to 2 pm