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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: February 22, 2023**

## 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

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### DEADLINES:

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

CONTACT THE G&L EDITOR TO INCLUDE YOUR CLUB'S NEWS

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### **Message from the President**

Happy New Year, may 2023 be a great year for everyone.

By now all the Clubs are back beavering away at our hobbies.

The Gem Council is preparing for a very busy year. Courses are being offered in relation to the J & R Manual to all financial Clubs. The clubs have to let the council know by 30th June 2023 to be eligible.

We are also in planning stage for the GEMKHANA to be held on 23rd and 24th September 2023 at the Hawkesbury Showground.

Please do not forget the GEMBOREE 2023 at Dayboro QLD over the Easter period i.e. weekend 7th to 10th April.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 25th January 2023**

Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville

**The meeting** was opened at 1:00pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob McLean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), AFG (Paul Sabolta) Illawarra (Joan Zealy).

And visitor (Emanuel Vidal) Central Coast

**Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn and Marcia Hill), Bathurst (Robert Porter)

**Moved:** Central Coast seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Moved Blue Mountains seconded, Illawarra that minutes be accepted.

**Business Arising:**

1/Four rolls of Jersey Material to be purchased for working bee in May

Business arising from minutes: moved AFG seconded Port Hacking

**Correspondence:** See attached list.

**Business Arising:** Tasmania - TLMA Secretary Ilona Locher 62 Krauses Rd Lower Longley, Tasmania 7109

Moved: Port Hacking seconded Central Coast that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

**Accounts for Payment**

1 / \$1,040.00 For trailer storage.

2/ \$148.00 For Office Works.

3/ \$12.00 Postage for Bob McLean.

4/ Invoice for AFLACA to be addressed at February Meeting

Moved Port Hacking seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that the report be accepted.

**REPORTS:****J&R Report:**

1/Jewellery Judges refresher course 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am Northern Districts Clubroom

2/ Faceting Judges refresher course date to be set for March.

3/Cabochon Judges refresher course date also to be set for March.

**Webmaster:** No report

**G&L NEWS Editor:** Still urgently need an Editor contact Barbara Try.

Education Report: /Teaching courses for Member clubs. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> June

Social Media: Advertising for GEMKHANA already being flagged.

Mail Person: No report

### **GEMKHANA**

1/ 20 Corflute signs A1 size plus Garden stakes to be purchased. Plus, directional arrows.

2/ Large signs lettering to be changed from white to black.

3/ Working bee to be arranged for May

4/Where did you hear about GEMKHANA Survey to be redone in September. Also suggested that we ask for email addresses.

5/Competition Schedule is now on the Website. With the closing dates for competition 18<sup>th</sup> August by Mail or by hand 23<sup>rd</sup> at Parramatta/Holroyd Club.

6/ All traders have been contacted with contracts; 4 to 5 have responded.

7/ How to advertise future shows was discussed in depth with a number of suggestions made.

8/Free tables to Member Clubs at shows to continue.

9/ Emphasize availability of camping on all advertising material.

### **GEMBOREE 16 April 2028.**

1/ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice still needed.

2/ Letter to be sent to all member clubs asking for information on availability of suitable venues in their area.

Reports to be accepted moved: Blue Mountains Seconded: Parramatta/Holroyd

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1/ Member Clubs please note that the G&L Council cannot interfere in club disputes. They must be resolved in accordance with the club's own constitution.

2/Memo to be sent to all member clubs asking whether they would like to join us in a social media meeting, for example Zoom, a couple of times per year.

General Business Moved Parramatta/Holroyd, Seconded AFG.

Meeting closed 2,10pm

Next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

**Meeting dates for 2023:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 20<sup>th</sup> September 25<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 13 December & AGM.





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## GEMKHANA 2023

- ◆ Competition Schedule is now on the G & L website. With the closing dates for competition 18<sup>th</sup> August by Mail or by hand 23<sup>rd</sup> at Parramatta/Holroyd Club.
- ◆ All traders have been contacted with contracts and to date 4 to 5 have responded positively.
- ◆ Free tables to Member Clubs are available for those who wish to sell Club material, demonstrate or just promote their club.
- ◆ Camping is available from Wednesday 20th through to Monday Morning 25th September 2023. (a total of 5 nights) at a very reasonable rate.

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## CONTACTS:-

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Ph. 0405 229 167  
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## **IMPORTANT OFFER FOR ALL FINANCIAL MEMBER-CLUBS OF THE GEM AND LAPIDARY COUNCIL OF NSW**

Member Clubs will be asked if they want an education/teaching course.

The Clubs need to send a letter/email in (with their club letterhead) saying what course they would like – First 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.

**The offer ends 30 June 2023**, clubs will get one course each, to which the gem and Lapidary Council will pay up to \$500 max - \$300 to tutor and \$200 for incidentals.

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](mailto:secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au)

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### **Judges Revision**

Over the next two months there will be three judges revisions courses on certain aspects of the J & R Manual.

The first will be with the new Jewellery Judges at Northern Districts Lapidary Club on 26 February 2023 at 10.am.

The second is for all Cabochon Judges at Northern Districts Lapidary Club on 11 March 2023 at 10.am.

The third is for all faceting Judges again at Northern Districts Lapidary Club but the date is yet to be confirmed.

## 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/>

- ◇ **12 March 2023**—Illawarra Lapidary Club - Rock Swap - Stuart Park North Wollongong 8 am to 2 pm
- ◇ **18 & 19 March 2023**-Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap—Parrot Park EPIC
- ◇ **7-10 April**—GEMBOREE 2023—The 59th National Gem and Mineral Show, Dayboro SE QLD
- ◇ **20 –21 May 2023**—Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Show Mallee Pavilion EPIC
- ◇ **20 –21 May 2023**— Lismore Gemfest— Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club—Showground Lismore