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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: March 22, 2023

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please, Please, Please- we need an editor for the G & L Newsletter. If you can help please contact Barbara Try on 0417676435.

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Post : Gem & Lapidary Council NSW, PO Box 188, Orange NSW, 2800

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73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

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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per G&L News edition

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Message from the President

By the time you read this message it will be just over a week before the Dayboro GEMBOREE . Hopefully your car / caravan / or motor home is packed and ready to roll to make your way to southeast Queensland for the show.

I wish everyone travelling to Dayboro a safe journey. Hope to see you there.

We will be holding a working bee to sew drapes and sort out signage for the GEMKHANA on the 6 & 7 May at Parramatta / Holroyd Lapidary Club.

We are still waiting to hear from the Clubs what they would like in the way of training courses.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 22nd March 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), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Illawarra (Joan Zealy), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill), Port Hacking (Bob McLean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Orange (Kathy Selwood)

And visitor (Brian Beauchamp)

Apologies: Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blue Mountain (Kim Cooke), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn) Bathurst (Robert Porter)

Moved: AFG, seconded Central Coast that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 25 February 2023

Moved Parramatta/Holroyd, seconded, Illawarra that minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

1/ Jersey material to be purchased for working bee on 6 & 7 May

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. Email sent

3/ Emails to be sent to all member clubs, asking for information on availability of suitable venues in their area to hold a GEMBOREE. Email sent

4/ Float required for Mail Person of \$500 - done

5/ Event name chosen, 3 years registration. Moved Northern Districts seconded Blue Mountain, voted – all

Business arising from minutes: moved Western Suburbs, seconded Blaxland

Correspondence: See attached list.

Business Arising:

Still waiting for advice from the Clubs re courses they want.

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

Accounts for Payment

1/ Invoice for AFLACA to be paid

2/ \$600.00 for drapes – Jersey material to Mick

Moved: Port Hacking seconded: Blue Mountain

J&R Report:

1/Jewellery Judges refresher course 26th Feb successful

2/ Faceting Judges refresher course 18 March cancelled, lack of numbers

3/Cabochon Judges refresher course 11 March great day 13 judges attended

4/ Hawkesbury Show Judging on Monday 24 April – Paul Sabolta is chief judge

5/ New Metal Craft judge Winn Wessels

Webmaster: No report

G&L NEWS Editor: Still need an Editor.

Education Report:

1 /Teaching courses for Member clubs; Closing date 30th June .Two clubs have put in for courses, we know of one other (paperwork to come in on this one), tutors / instructors will be discussed when we know what courses are chosen and what type of class the clubs need (basic, advanced). Maximum number of students is 10.

Social Media: No report

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 May 6 & 7th May Parramatta/Holroyd Club

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

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

6/ Advertise future shows, suggestions taken on board.

7/Free tables to financial Member Clubs at show, Clubs wishing to take up this offer please contact secretary so that a space can be allocated to you.

9/ We emphasize availability of camping at the showground on all advertising material.

GEMBOREE

1/ 2nd choice ideas coming in.

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

Reports to be accepted moved: Western Suburbs, Seconded: Central Coast

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ No Meeting in April due to GEMBOREE in QLD

2/ Email to be sent to clubs asking what time & day or night might suit, Council is usually lunch time Wednesday. For zoom night meeting has been suggested.

Moved: Blaxland Seconded: Blue Mountain

Meeting closed: 2.17pm





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Rocks and Minerals at DAYBORO QLD

Occurrence of green, jade-like, variscite veins in sedimentary rocks.

VARISCITE,

DESCRIPTION: Compact, massive variety, which typically consists largely of variscite but commonly includes other minerals and/or rock materials. Properties of variscite follow:

Colours - off-white, buff, gray, yellow, green, brown, pink with several shades of green with yellow-green to bluish green the most common, with the colours of individual nodules ranging from virtually one solid colour to all sorts of arrangements of diverse hues -- e.g., "eyes," weblike patterns, and swirls. **H.** 3½ - 4½ **S.G.** 2.3 - 2.6 **Light transmission** - translucent to opaque. **Luster** - dull, pearly or waxy

OTHER NAMES: Australian jade - misnomer for variscite from the vicinity of Dayboro, southeastern Queensland, Australia.

Information from Mindat.org and - <http://stoneplus.cst.cmich.edu/variscite.htm>

The Dayboro Mineral Occurrence is a copper mine, which is located just off the Burpengary Creek in southeast Queensland a distance of 36km north-northwest from Brisbane. This is about 177m above sea level. The nearest populated place is the village of Dayboro which is 3.7km away with a population of around 860. The nearest sealed road to Dayboro Mineral Occurrence is the Dayboro Rd (1.74km away).

Face Book mentions: Members of the Redcliffe Gem Club, went fossicking along Lacey's Creek Rd at Dayboro and found some jasper and petrified wood.



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VENUE:-

Dayboro Showgrounds,
3512 Mt Mee Road
Dayboro QLD 4521

ENTRY:-

Adults- \$10.00
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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

Judges Revision

The Cabochon Judging revision at Northern Districts Lapidary Club on 11 March 2023. This was very well attended with 13 judges from all over the state. Everyone who attended enjoyed the day and the information they gained.

Unfortunately the revision for the faceting judges was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

All the more reason we need more faceting judges—if you can and would like to be a faceting judge please contact Paul Sabolta on 0415 211 478.

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association—2023 Hawkesbury Show

The Lapidary schedule is on the Gem Council website along with the closing and delivery dates for the entries.

The show is open to the public on 29th & 30th April 2023

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/>

- ◇ **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
- ◇ **22 July 2023**—Central Coast Lapidary Club –Annual Rock Auction- at the Clubrooms
- ◇ **23 –24 September 2023**—GEMKHANA, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◇ **13—20th October 2023** -Open House—Inverell and District Lapidary Club, Inverell Lapidary Centre, McIlveen St, Inverell
- ◇ **14 –15 October 2023**—Central Coast Lapidary, Crystal, Gem and Jewellery Show—Mingara Events Centre