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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: October 25, 2023

EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter. If you have an article that you wish to submit please do so. We only receive a few Newsletters via email from our NSW Clubs, if your Club does not have a newsletter or you can't send it to us electronically you can still email the Secretary and Editor with your show dates, that way we can include them in the Events page in this newsletter and on the Councils Web page.

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for the **Gem & Lapidary Council NSW**

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DEADLINES:

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

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Message from the President

The State Gem and Mineral Show which was held on 23 & 24 September and from all accounts it was a good show. The weather was very kind and we had sunshine with only a light breeze. The GEMKHANA results are being published in this newsletter. Congratulations to all the competitors for completing their entries and for those that were successful in winning an award.

The Northern Districts Lapidary Club won the Frank Hall Trophy for the Most Successful Club – Congratulations.

We had six lapidary clubs who took a table in the exhibition hall; they were Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club, Central Coast Lapidary Club, Western Suburbs Lapidary Club, Northern Districts Lapidary Club, Port Hacking Lapidary Club and the Sydney Branch of Australian Facetors Guild. Each of these clubs had a good time and is looking forward to next year.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.
President.

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 20 September 2023**Held at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon**

The meeting was opened at 2:10pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Blue Mountains (Mick Lane), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Bathurst (Robert Porter), **Apologies:** Blue Mountain (Kim Cooke), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Fairfield (Karen & Jim Waghorn), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill, Ainslie Flynn), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell). **Visitor:** Bathurst (Sue Porter) **Moved:** Goulburn, **seconded** Port Hacking that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 23 August 2023

Moved Central Coast, **seconded**, Blue Mountain that minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

- 1/ Webster Insurance completed
- 2/ Thicker tape needed for drapes purchased

Correspondence: See attached list. **Business Arising:** 1/ Webster Insurance completed **Moved:** Orange, **seconded** AFG that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer's report accepted **Moved:** Bathurst **seconded:** Central Coast

REPORTS**J&R Report:**

- 1/ GEMKHANA judging 2nd September at Parramatta, BBQ lunch. completed
- 2/ 16 September - Central Coast judging. completed
- 3/ Request for judges for Hawkesbury show 2024, 15 April 2024 - Approved
- 4/ Illawarra judging 8 October
- 5/ Parramatta/Holroyd judging 21 October

GEMKHANA Competition:

- 1/ Judged & completed, trophies done.

Webmaster: - Results sent to Web master to be released Saturday 23-9-23

G&L NEWS Editor: - No Report

Education Report: 1/ To Do – **Bathurst-** enamelling, **Central Coast-** silver November, **Northern Districts-** faceting, **Orange-** minerals New year, **Western Suburbs-** Bone carving October, **Parramatta** – scrimshaw New year, **Blue Mountains** – Wire wrapping. **Illawarra** – Cabs, **Bankstown** – Wire wrapping, **Port Hacking** – Enamelling, **Blaxland** – enamelling Nov, **Fairfield** -Silver **Campbelltown** – yet to decide

- 2/ Completed: **Goulburn,**

Social Media: Kim going well

Mail Person: Printing, stamps, envelopes, and postage, Balance \$480.95

State Gem & Mineral Show

- 1/ 60 Corflute signs A1 size, – done
- 2/ Electronic roadside boards & corflute placement – no council reply
- 3/ ATM2go \$495.00 paid
- 4/ Tables & showground costs? No invoice yet.
- 5/ Thick tomato stakes from Bunnings purchased Tony O

- 6/ Receipt book for camping fees purchased Tony O
- 7/ Tap & go organised – approx. \$24.00 per month plus normal eftpos charges.
- 8/ Pricing for Traders, for year 2024, same as this year if they sign contract for 2024 at 2023 GEMKHANA. Next Year's Dates are 28th & 29th September 2024
- 9/ Spacing for kid's activity table 3 tables at Northern door
- 10/ 22 inside, 18 possible 19 outside

GEMBOREE

- 1/ Narrabri has been investigated by Paul. Not Suitable – too small
- 2/ Parkes show ground visit to be organised for early new year.

Reports to be accepted **moved:** Bathurst, **Seconded:** AFG

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1/ AFG club listing changed
- 2/ Letter of thanks to Family Hotel Katoomba
- 3/ 2025 schedule – suggest of cap on competition entries prices.

Moved: Goulburn, **seconded** Blue Mountains

Meeting closed: 3.03pm

Next meeting: 25th October Parramatta Parramatta/Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville

Meeting dates for 2023: 22nd November, 13 December & AGM.

**Hemimorphite,**

$H_2Zn_2SiO_5$,

Specimen Locality: OJUELA MINE, MAPIMI, DURANGO, Mexico

Crystal System: orthorhombic



Ilvaite,

$\text{CaFe}_{2(+2)\text{Fe}_{(+3)}\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7\text{O}(\text{OH})$,

Specimen Locality: 1ST SOVIETSKY MINE, DALNEGORSK, PRIMORSKY
KRAI, Russia,

Crystal System: Orthorhombic

Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2023 Award Winners

<u>O-1A.1</u>	Standard Cabochon - Crafts - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Amy Cheung	Nth Dist NSW	42	98.50
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	175	97.10
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	114	96.10
H/C	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	69	95.50
<u>I-1A.2</u>	Standard Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Peter Howard	Port Hacking	104	95.60
2nd	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	142	89.00
3rd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	137	85.75
H/C	John Lumb	Port Hacking	136	83.75
<u>N-1A.3</u>	Standard Cabochon - Crafts - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Valentina Guerchenzon	Nth Dist NSW	38	98.70
2nd	Joshua Avery	Blue Mountains	206	98.15
3rd	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	209	96.20
H/C	Donna Perkins	Bankstown	164	93.80
<u>O-1A.5</u>	Standard Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	71	95.05
<u>I-1A.6</u>	Standard Cabochon - A/Appeal - Intermediate			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Svetlana Dligatch	Nth Dist NSW	36	89.13
<u>N-1A.7</u>	Standard Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	210	88.25
<u>J-1A.8</u>	Standard Cabochon - A/Appeal - Junior			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Marcus Dabela	Port Hacking	21	85.25
<u>O-1B.1</u>	Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	72	96.60
2nd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	115	91.85
3rd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	46	89.20
<u>N-1B.3</u>	Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	212	82.50
2nd	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	144	82.00
3rd	Piper Boulter	Bathurst	89	81.50
<u>O-1B.5</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	74	96.55
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	73	95.70
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	116	88.58
H/C	Eric Thomas	Bankstown	166	86.90
<u>I-1B.6</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Peter Howard	Port Hacking	106	96.00
2nd	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	56	80.75
3rd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	138	79.50
<u>N-1B.7</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	127	89.38
2nd	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	214	87.25
3rd	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	153	84.63
H/C	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	146	84.50
<u>J-1B.8</u>	Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Junior			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Caitlin Avery	Blue Mountains	207	75.00

Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2023 Award Winners

<u>O-2A.1</u> Double Std Cab - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	76	98.00
2nd	Amy Cheung	Nth Dist NSW	43	97.75
3rd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	75	90.25
H/C	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	117	87.75
<u>I-2A.2</u> Double Std Cab - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	48	96.50
2nd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	49	94.75
3rd	Peter Howard	Port Hacking	107	79.50
H/C	Peter Howard	Port Hacking	108	77.00
<u>N-2A.3</u> Double Std Cab - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Valentina Guerchenzon	Nth Dist NSW	39	95.00
2nd	Svetlana Dligatch	Nth Dist NSW	37	91.50
3rd	Hugh Juchau	Orange	30	80.50
<u>O-2B.1</u> Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	77	98.70
2nd	Eric Thomas	Bankstown	167	94.75
<u>I-2B.2</u> Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	217	89.50
2nd	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	218	83.50
3rd	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	57	82.00
<u>N-2B.3</u> Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	130	88.55
2nd	Hugh Juchau	Orange	31	86.30
3rd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	139	85.15
<u>O-3.1</u> Free Form - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Amy Cheung	Nth Dist NSW	44	98.05
2nd	Amy Cheung	Nth Dist NSW	45	96.50
3rd	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	119	95.80
H/C	Colin Wright	Port Hacking	118	93.00
<u>I-3.2</u> Free Form - Crafts - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	95	94.25
2nd	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	96	91.50
3rd	Peter Howard	Port Hacking	109	84.50
<u>N-3.3</u> Free Form - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	149	81.00
2nd	Eric Thomas	Bankstown	168	76.00
3rd	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	150	73.00
H/C	Susan Porter	Bathurst	131	71.50
<u>O-3.5</u> Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	79	98.25
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	178	98.20
3rd	Kevin Crouch	No Club (NSW)	171	98.05
H/C	Kevin Crouch	No Club (NSW)	172	98.00
<u>N-3.6</u> Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	59	89.50
2nd	Casandra Maguire	Port Hacking	135	86.00
3rd	Christine Avery	Blue Mountains	220	82.50
H/C	Tony Offord	Port Hacking	125	71.00

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<u>O-4A</u>	Opal Doublet - Flat Top - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	179	98.65	
<u>O-4B</u>	Opal Doublet - Domed Top - Crafts - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	180	92.15	
<u>O-5B.1</u>	Carving - In Relief - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	33	99.45	
<u>O-5E.1</u>	Carving not otherwise specified - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	34	98.63	
<u>O-8B.1</u>	Std Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra Lapidary	13	96.96	
2nd	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	1	95.87	
3rd	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	22	92.50	
H/C	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	2	91.96	
<u>N-8B.3</u>	Std Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	156	89.58	
2nd	John Wiltshire	Illawarra Lapidary	9	75.31	
<u>O-9B.1</u>	Standard Square Step Cut - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra Lapidary	14	97.00	
2nd	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	18	95.73	
3rd	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	4	92.17	
H/C	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	110	85.37	
<u>I9B.2</u>	Standard Square Step Cut - Intermediate				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
	Neil Adams				
<u>N 9B.3</u>	Standard Square Step Cut - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	23	86.28	
2nd	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	157	83.35	
3rd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	140	71.55	
H/C	John Wiltshire	Illawarra Lapidary	10	70.99	
<u>O-10.1</u>	Mod. Std Cut - DFW Pendoleque - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Lynne Webb	Illawarra Lapidary	15	97.00	
2nd	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	6	90.02	
3rd	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	5	86.01	
<u>I-10.2</u>	Mod. Std. Cut - Smithsonian Bar Pixel Variation -				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	24	84.37	
<u>N-10.3</u>	Mod.Std. Cut - Superimposition R - Novice				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	John Wiltshire	Illawarra Lapidary	11	90.34	
2nd	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	158	79.73	
<u>O-11.1</u>	Fancy Cut - 12 main Shield Brilliant No 8 - Open				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	19	99.41	
2nd	Lynne Webb	Illawarra Lapidary	16	98.85	
3rd	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	8	90.04	
H/C	Lex Winkelman	Cessnock	7	84.00	
<u>I-11.2</u>	Fancy Cut - Easy Barion Scissor Crn Apex -				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	25	94.05	
2nd	Neil Adams	Bathurst	100	71.16	

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<u>N-11.3</u>	Fancy Cut - Mini Cube Illusion Triangle- Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Dennis Hart	Illawarra Lapidary	26	91.72
2nd	John Wiltshire	Illawarra Lapidary	12	82.51
3rd	Cathy Fisher	Port Hacking	151	82.14
H/C	George Hempel	AFG (NSW)	159	77.57
<u>N-12A.2</u>	Tumbled Stones - Preformed Shape - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Carolyn Farbrother	Central Coast	173	80.17
<u>O-13.1</u>	Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	181	95.50
<u>N-13.2</u>	Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Helen Colman	Orange	35	81.00
2nd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	52	75.25
<u>O-18A.1</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	184	86.88
<u>I-18A.2</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Intermediate			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	60	86.01
<u>N-18A.3</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Eduardo Guzman	Bankstown	160	85.75
<u>O-18B.1</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	81	91.58
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	82	91.16
3rd	Carrie Wang	Nth Dist NSW	40	88.80
<u>I-18B.2</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Intermediate			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	62	87.75
2nd	John Lumb	Port Hacking	141	87.15
<u>N-18B.3</u>	Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	155	86.80
2nd	Eduardo Guzman	Bankstown	162	85.83
3rd	Margaret Smith	Port Hacking	93	82.66
H/C	Margaret Smith	Port Hacking	94	80.71
<u>O-18E.1</u>	Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	83	92.80
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	84	90.15
<u>N-18E.2</u>	Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Lou Koch	Orange	170	81.23
<u>O-19E.1</u>	Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	185	83.38
<u>O-20A.1</u>	Cast Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	187	87.50
<u>N-20A.2</u>	Cast Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Novice			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	65	85.16
<u>O-20E.1</u>	Metal Clay Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	189	78.13

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<u>O-23B.1</u>	Combined Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	20	90.75
<u>O-24A.1</u>	Enamelled Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	191	92.53
<u>O-25.1</u>	Commercial Mount Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	86	93.80
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	85	93.48
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	192	92.55
H/C	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	54	90.20
<u>O-26A.1</u>	Enamelled Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	194	93.78
<u>O-26B.1</u>	Enamelled Jewellery - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	196	94.25
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	195	93.00
3rd	Jacqueline Burnett	Nth Dist NSW	67	78.55
<u>O-26C.1</u>	Enamelling - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	197	90.50
<u>O-32A.1</u>	Fossil - Non-Display - Single Specimen - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	199	99.00
<u>O-34A.1</u>	Mineral - Single Specimen - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	202	91.00
<u>O-34A.3</u>	Mineral - Single Specimen - Open			
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	204	90.00

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Trophy Results - GEMKHANA® 2023

AT-1a Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy

Novice - Standard Cabochon

Winner Valentina Guerchenzon Nth Dist NSW

AT-2a Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy

Open - Polished Face - Flat Surface

Winner Barbara Try Nth Dist NSW

AT-3a Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy

Novice - Cast Jewellery No Lapidary Fossil Mineral

Winner (No Entries)

AT-4a Joan Ball Trophy (Enamelled Jewellery)

Open - Enamelled Jewellery without Mount

Winner Barbara Try Nth Dist NSW

AT-5a Joan Ball Trophy (Novelty Gemcraft)

Open - Novelty Gemcraft

Winner (No Entries)

AT-6a The Alan Coulton Trophy

Open - Cast Jewellery using Natural Objects

Winner Barbara Try Nth Dist NSW

PT-1a The Boris Novic Trophy

Open - Double Standard Cabochon C/S

Winner Honway Louie Nth Dist NSW

PT-2a The Dick Moppett Trophy (Novice)

Novice - Champion Facetor

Winner George Hempel AFG (NSW)

PT-3a The Dick Moppett Trophy (Open)

Open - Champion Facetor

Winner Lynne Webb Illawarra Lapidary

PT-4a The Arthur Roffey Trophy

Best Mineral in Show

Winner Barbara Try Nth Dist NSW

PT-5a The Frank Lander Trophy

Most Successful Competitor

Winner Barbara Try Nth Dist NSW

PT-6a The Frank Hall Trophy

Most Successful Club

Winner Northern Districts Lapidary Club

State Gem and Mineral Show Raffle Results

	Prize	Donated by	Winner
1st	Voucher- Family Hotel Katoomba, one night's accommodation and dinner for two.	Family Hotel - Katoomba	Tayt Corless - local
2nd	Fine silver enamelled earrings	Northern Districts Lapidary Club	Tayt Corless - local
3rd	Fine silver enamelled pendant	Northern Districts Lapidary Club	Ellie Wilson - Canberra Club
4th	Silver earrings	Northern Districts Lapidary Club	Yvonne Foreshew - Rooty Hill
5th	Silver and pearl pendant	Wendy from Bergamin Beads	Jamey Wilson - NDLC
6th	Silver pendant	Northern Districts Lapidary Club	Alliysha Dippel - Blue Mountains LC
7th	Polished Agate Slab	Northern Districts Lapidary Club	Michelle Plucke - East Kurrajong
8th	Framed painting	Bankstown Lapidary Club	Barbara - Duff Creations
9th	Dunedoo Leaf Fossil	Orange Lapidary Club	Caroline Farbrother - Central Coast Lapidary Club

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Faceting and Cabbing Whilst Travelling Part Two

One of the main problems I find when trying to facet whilst travelling, apart from the dust in the air, is finding a suitable chair to use. Camp chairs lay back too far so you have to sit right on the front edge, which is OK for a short time, but quite uncomfortable after a while and camp stools are too low.

On one of my visits to Yowah Bunnings (tip), I came across a portable shower chair with a back. It is designed to be pulled apart for travel. It breaks down into 6 pieces. Two U shaped aluminium tubing for the legs (which have height adjustment), 2 L shaped aluminium tubes to go from the seat to the back rest and the two plastic pieces for the seat and backrest. It is quite comfortable to sit on and with the height adjustment and being light-weight it is ideal for a traveling faceting seat. The only thing that was wrong with it was two of the rubber feet were missing. Problem solved with 2 large washer and two milk bottle plastic caps and a bit of silastic to hold them in place. This will do till I get to a real Bunnings and buy some new feet. I have a car seat cover back home also that has never been used, that will do nicely to provide a bit more padding and comfort.



As I mentioned in part one I was not happy with the way the Agatemaster index wheel attaches to the head unit/quill. Before we left for this year's travel to warmer areas one of our club members had sold an old style Gemmaster to another one of our members who had just done the faceting course. Unfortunately, they were not able to cut a good stone as the machine was way out of alignment, so they returned the machine. As the original owner was considering just using the machine as a small flat lap, I offered to have a look and see what I could do. Just using the alignment jig that came with my VJ faceting machine (basically a dop with a bent pin in the end) showed that the Gemmaster was indeed way out of alignment.

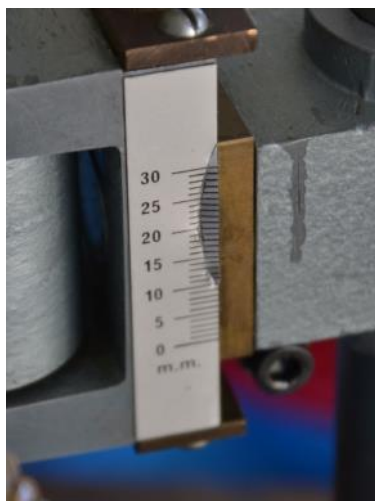


As the owner had now decided he would use it as a flat lap as it looked as though the mast or the base plate may possibly be bent. I asked if I could see if the head and or mast would fit my Agatemaster, he agreed for me to have it at least for now.

When we finally stopped travelling and stayed in one place long enough it was time to have a look at the Gemmaster mast and head unit along with the Agatemaster. Well, the Gemmaster shaft does not fit the Agatemaster stage, but the head unit slides right on. If I could get it to work it will mean that I can use my Gemmaster quill at the Club and while travelling. I purchased my own Gemmaster quill ages ago as the ones at the club were always missing or someone had left their stones in them.

Using my VJ alignment jig showed that the Gemmaster head was out of alignment, so it was not the mast or base plate. On looking at the head unit it appears that it must have been dropped or fell against something as there is quite a dent in the height adjustment scale, this is what I believe put the head unit out of alignment.

Not long after I purchase my second-hand VJ machine we went to a Gemboree in QLD, where I ran into the guy who made the VJ's. As I did not have a manual for the VJ, I asked what various jigs etc were for. He gave me a basic manual on my old VJ and mentioned a maintenance video that was made at one of the Faceting Guild's gathering years ago and covered 4 different machines. A copy of the video was apparently sent out to Clubs. I found a copy at our Club and watched the one on the VJ and Gemmaster (unfortunately no Agatemaster). As a result, I was able to work out how to attempt to realign the Gemmaster head just using my VJ jig and a square as a guide (it can be no worse than it was).



I have not been able to try it out yet, as we are in South West QLD and there is too much dust in the air, so apart from using the roughing in diamond lap I would run a big chance of contaminating my other laps. I will just have to wait till I get somewhere less dusty or till I get home.

As a post script. The Gemmaster head unit still needs further alignment as I only had access to a cheap plastic square it's not surprising that I did not get it aligned on the first try.

Part three to come.

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/>

- ◇ **13—20th October** -Open House—Inverell and District Lapidary Club, Inverell Lapidary Centre, McIlveen St, Inverell
- ◇ **14 –15 October** —Central Coast Lapidary, Crystal, Gem and Jewellery Colour Show—Mingara Events Centre Wyong Road Tumbi Umbi
- ◇ **28 October**—Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club Open Day
- ◇ **28-29 October**—Canberra Lapidary Club, Spring Gemcraft and Mineral Show, Mallee Pavillion EPIC Canberra. Show Convener, Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6631, Email : nmenadue@optusnet.com.au
- ◇ **4-5 November**—Illawarra Lapidary Club 61st Annual Exhibition, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, Heininger Hall, 109 Princes HWY, Dapto. our website www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au or like and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraLC>
- ◇ **11-12 November**—Newcastle Gem & Jewellery Fair, PCYC Newcastle Cnr Young & Melbourne Sts, Broadmeadows. 02 49529611 newlap@gmail.com
- ◇ **11-13 November**—Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 61st Annual Exhibition, Featuring Opal and Jade, 73 Fullager Rd Wentworthville
- ◇ **26 November**—Open Day Christmas Market – Illawarra Lapidary Club, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna, www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au or like and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraLC>
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