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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: April 24, 2024

EDITOR'S NOTES

Well the Gemboree is just around the corner. We are all set to go so hopefully I will see some of you there.

I hope you enjoy the March Newsletter.

If you have an article, or a show you wish to advertise in future newsletters please send them in.

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DEADLINES:

Fourth Friday of the month—a few days grace is allowed.

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per G&L News edition

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Message from the President

This month will see several of us travelling to the GEMBOREE in Willunga. This is a highlight of our year.

The round of training Courses for the Clubs of NSW is nearly complete with only two remaining, and they will be completed in the later part of this year. This is due to tutor movement and availability of the participants.

I would like to personally thank all the tutors who have complete twelve of the courses, they are Kathy Selwood who has taught Western Suburbs bone carving, Parramatta/Holroyd scrimshaw, Central Coast Silver Jewellery (two courses one paid for by the Club: because they had too many people interested). Annette Clarke and Ann Thompson who taught Bathurst and Blaxland Enamelling. Paul Sabolta who taught Illawarra Cabochon Cutting and Northern Districts Faceting. Richard Schmidt who taught Bankstown and Blue Mountains the art of Wire Wrapping and Bob McLean who taught Fairfield Silver Jewellery. The other two courses were Goulburn and Port Hacking who had Enamelling courses with me as the instructor.

For those that are travelling – travel safely and I wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Barbara J Try OAM

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 28 February 2024

Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville

The meeting was opened at 1:00pm by President Northern Districts (Barbara Try), who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Ainslie Flynn, Marcia Hill), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Blaxland (Robert Kneale), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Fairfield (Cris McFarlane). **Apologies:** Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blue Mountain (Kim Cooke), Fairfield (Karen & Jim Waghorn) Hawkesbury Valley (Peter Beckwith) **Visitor:** Terry Vanhoff. **Moved:** Central Coast, seconded: Goulburn that apologies be accepted.

Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 24 January 2024. Moved: AFG **seconded:** Blue Mountain that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence: See attached list. **Business arising from correspondence:**

- 1/ Nepean, no reply to email sent Dec 23
- 2/ Beckwith, discussed – Thank you for your correspondence. Sent 12/02/24
- 3/ Hawkesbury –reply from club 8/2/24, Peter as delegate as of their AGM Sept 23
- 4/ Royal Canberra Show Judges were supplied
- 5/ AFLCA Committee agenda was discussed, the delegate with conflict of interest was required to leave the room while that item was discussed. The meeting instructed the representative on how to vote on each these items. A Motion - That G & L Council will pick up the cost for AT01 & AT03 trophy of Dot Caladine for SA 2024 GEMBOREE. Moved Parramatta/Holroyd seconded Goulburn

That Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved. Central Coast seconded: Parramatta/Holroyd

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report accepted Moved: Orange seconded: Blaxland

REPORTS

J&R Report:

- 1/ Hawkesbury Show – judges 15 April. Senior judge required
- 2/ Central Coast judging – August 4 Sunday
- 3/ Canberra show 18 February completed
- 4/ GEMBOREE 2024 judges asked
- 5/ GEMBOREE schedules reminder that all information remains confidential until published by the State body
- 6/ Noel Kennon has retired as a Mineral Judge.

GEMKHANA Competition:

- 1/ 2024 schedule on web

Webmaster: - No Report

G&L NEWS Editor: - No Report

Education Report: 1/ To Do- **Orange-** minerals (delayed), **Campbelltown** – silver (27 & 28 July), 2/ Completed: **Goulburn, Western Suburbs, Blaxland, Bathurst, Bankstown, Central Coast, Parramatta, Port Hacking, Fairfield, Blue Mountains, Northern Districts, Illawarra**

3/ Lismore – 20 & 21 April Cabochon course 29& 30 June carving, 12 & 13 October jewellery
Social Media: Email Australian Gold, Gem and Treasure Magazine ASAP with the details to ensure as much notice to traders and the public as possible. As you may know, it's free. However it takes about 3 months from notifying them to publishing. Tony Offord to follow up.

Mail Person: Jan \$35.35, Feb \$87.45 balance \$100.90.

STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW

- 1/Traders contracts 11 inside, 7 outside so far
- 2/ Cost per metre to meet the increase in the cost of the tables 2024 outdoors by \$5 per

space & indoor \$5.00 per metre.

3/ Show flyers - paper & design to be looked at for 2024 new design shown

4/ Dealers with findings – discussions in hand

5/ Advertising – Where & what type

6/ Special signage – disabled parking, speed limit, traders in main hall.

GEMBOREE 2028

1/ Parkes show ground need to visit next year on way to SA, date to be arranged

2/ Trophies, secretary to chase 2, another idea rhodonite rock - discussed

Reports to be accepted moved: Western Suburbs Seconded: Goulburn

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1/ Insurance – if making claim, keep all paperwork/photos, document all verbal with time/date/ name.

2/ Insurance Blaxland to investigate value for money

3/ Illawarra thankyou - to those members that attend their Rockswap

That General business be accepted: moved Orange Seconded Northern Districts

Meeting closed: 2.55pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 24 April, @ Parramatta Holroyd Club

Meeting dates for 2024: 22 May, 26 June, 24 July, 28 Aug, Hawkesbury 25 Sept, 23 Oct, 27 Nov, 11 Dec & AGM. Judging 7 Sept State Gem & Mineral Show



Olmiite

$\text{CaMn}[\text{SiO}_3(\text{OH})](\text{OH})$

Specimen Locality: N'CHWANING MINE II, KURUMAN, NORTH CAPE PROV. , South Africa.

Crystal System: Orthorhombic

**Pyromorphite**

$\text{Pb}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{Cl}$

Specimen Locality: Les Farges Mine, Ussel, Correz, Nouvelle-Aquitane, France
75mm/56mm/ 42mm

Crystal System: Hexagonal

Faceting Course for NDLC Members

On behalf of the Northern Districts Lapidary Club Committee and members, I would like to thank the G&L Council for providing members of our club with the Faceting Course conducted on 10 & 11 February 2024.

We appreciate the leadership of the G&L Council in arranging and funding the course for our club members, and the courses also provided to other Lapidary Clubs. Faceting is a skill that is not currently taught at our club, and we are planning to build on the skills and information provided by the course until we are in a position to once again offer a class in faceting to our members.

In particular, can we offer our thanks to Paul Sabolta who conducted the course. Paul expertly conveyed his extensive knowledge, was very organised, helpful, and patient in his delivery of the material and the support he provided to the members of the group. Paul has given us a good basis to build on and his efforts cannot be praised too highly.

I have attached a couple of photos from the course for your use.



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Blue Mountains Lapidary Club 2-day Wire Wrapping Workshop

It was a very busy weekend up at the shed in Bullaburra, on the 10-11 February, with eight members attending, and Elle, Eliza, Eleni, Felix, Imogen, Joshua, Caitlin and Chris, participating in the workshop.

Lots of pieces were completed over the two days, with everyone wrapping a standard cabochon on Saturday, and Sunday saw us wrap some tear drop and fancy cabochons, with some members also having a go at some cage settings.

We were all amazed at how much better our subsequent pieces were.

Thank you, Richard, our instructor who travelled up to Bullaburra each day, to share his knowledge and expertise to teach us, and Mick (our club president), for the fantastic sausage sizzle lunch each day.

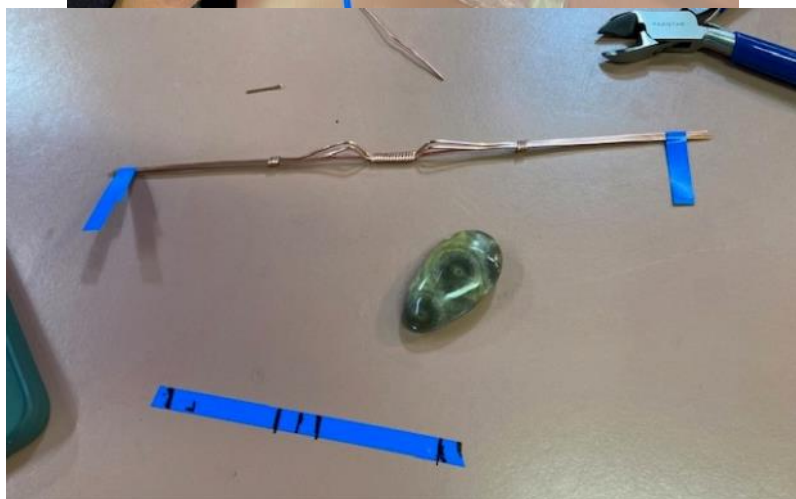
We are also grateful to the NSW Gem & Lapidary Council for the opportunity to hold this workshop for our members.

Chris Avery

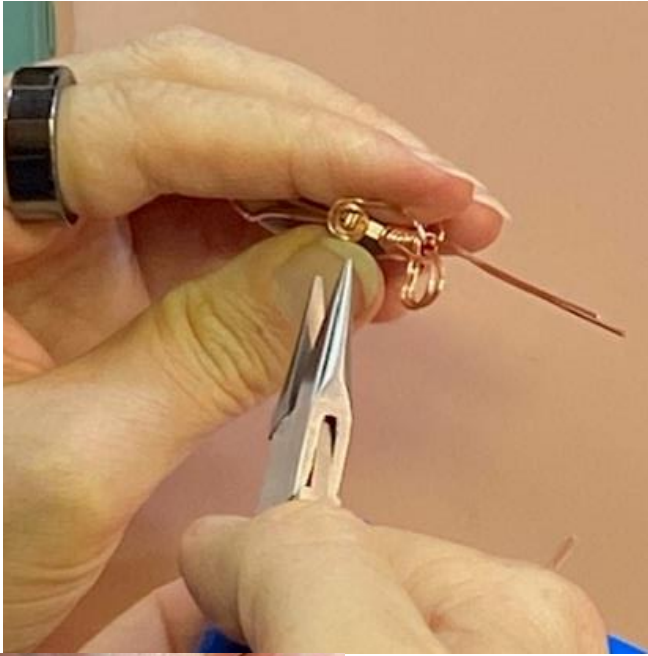
Blue Mountains Lapidary Club – Bullaburra













Fairfield & Districts Lapidary Club

The Silversmithing course was completed on Wednesday 7th February 2024.

I'm pleased to let you know that after a bit of a trying start our members enjoyed the experience. The first exercise was quite difficult for our level of experience, but the members got through it and on the second day they were all quite happy.

We had a few hiccups as to the arrangement of our tables, but the day was all a learning curve for both teacher and students I believe Bob was happy especially with it being his first class teaching as was ours in learning.

The members who attended the course have said that they would do another one in the future.

Thank you once again.

On behalf of members of Fairfield & Districts Lapidary Club

Karen Waghorn

Delegate





2 Dora Rd Adamstown

Rock Auction**Sunday**

3rd March 2024

View Noon

Auction 1pm

11:45 Sausage Sizzle

3pm Lapidary and
faceting equipment
and faceting rough
for sale

001
Agate Geode Polished face

010 NT Opalite



012 Skin Polished Opal



035 Boulder Opal 3 slabs



**Three Weeks
to go**



104. Tourmaline Specimen large

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2024 Gem Shows
Canberra Lapidary Club Inc.

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Rock Swap

Date	Sat 16 - Sun 17 March 2024
Venue	Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Parrot Park
Entry	Free
Sales	Fossickers & dealers selling : Minerals, crystals, jewellery, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils. Food Available
Other	* Sieve for Sapphires * Pan for Gold



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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/>

- ◇ **2 March 2024** Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Open Day, 15 The Valley Rd, Valley Heights
- ◇ **9 March 2024** Open Day Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club Inc. At their clubhouse.
- ◇ **16-17 March 2024** New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Inc, 33rd Annual Gem & Craft Show Armidale Show Grounds, Mick-6778 5122, Kerry-0407 308 620, Email: nelfc@hotmail.com
- ◇ **16-17 March 2024** Canberra Lapidary Club Inc Annual Rock Swap, Parrot Park in Epic, Norm-0407 718 347, nmenadue@optusnet.com.au
- ◇ **29 March-1 April 2024** GEMBOREE Willungs SA, booklet may be downloaded from AFLACA website <https://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/>
- ◇ **12-14 April 2024** Reliance Bank Royal Bathurst Show, lapidary section.
- ◇ **5 May 2024** Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc – Open Day 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna
- ◇ **18-19 May 24** Lismore Gemfest Lismore Showgrounds, 116 Alexandra Rd, Lismore
- ◇ **25-26 May 24** Canberra Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show Mallee Pavilion EPIC Canberra Showgrounds ACT. Norm-0407 718 347, nmenadue@optusnet.com.au
- ◇ **13-14 July 2024**, 44th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition, Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club, Greg Percival Centre, Ingleburn
- ◇ **21 July 2024** Christmas in July “Open Day” – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna
- ◇ **28-29 September 2024** State Gem and Mineral Show—(Gemkarna Competition), Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground
- ◇ **11-12 October 2024**, Gem & Craft Show, Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc
- ◇ **2-3 November 2024** Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc. – 62nd Anniversary, At Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto. <https://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au>
- ◇ **2-3 November 2024** Canberra Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show, Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Mallee Pavilion, Norm-0407 718 347, nmenadue@optusnet.com.au