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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: June 26, 2024**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Its that time of year to head north for winter.

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

Due to increased cost for postage and printing please let the Council know if you can receive the newsletter via email only.

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## DEADLINES:

Fourth Friday 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**

Planning for The State Gem and Mineral Show is in full swing and I would like to remind the Clubs that there is the option of having a sales/ Information table at the show if they wish. Please let the secretary know as soon as you make your decision.

We have received our first entries for the GEMKHANA Competition that is run in conjunction with the State Gem and Mineral Show. I would like to remind everyone that the schedule is on the G & L Website and all entries are due if sending via mail 23 August 2024 or in person Wednesday 28 August 2024 at Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club between 12 noon and 2.00pm. While it is great to see all the entries that make up the competition on display at the show it is also worth remembering that competitors can purchase materials for the upcoming GEMBOREEs or their own Club competitions. It also enables you as a competitor to buy equipment or instruments that help you cut a better stone or facet a better gem.

Please note these dates and put them in your calendar Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and we look forward to seeing you at the Show.

Barbara J Try OAM

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 22 May 2024****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), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Ainsley Flynn) Blaxland (Robert Kneale), Hawksbury (Peter Beckwith), Orange (Kathy Selwood) Bathurst (Robert Porter), Fairfield Karen and Jim Waghorn. **Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), Illawarra (Joan Zealy) **Moved:** AFG **seconded** Bathurst that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 24th April 2024. Moved:** Parramatta/Holroyd **seconded**, Western Suburbs that minutes be accepted.

**Business Arising:** 1/Insurance Blaxland to investigate value for money - Held over

**Correspondence:** See attached list

**Business arising from correspondence.**

- 1/ Wingala 2 booklets -sent
- 2/ New England 2 booklets
- 3/ Newcastle member letter discussed
- 4/ AFLACA – Draft Agenda for 30 June received.

Moved Central Coast seconded Blue Mountain that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed, and business arising be approved.

**Treasurer's Report: Moved:** Western Suburbs **seconded** Port Hacking that the report be accepted and accounts for payment be paid.

**J&R Report:**

- 1/ Central Coast judging – August 4 Sunday
- 2/ Judging for State Gem & Mineral show 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- 3/ NDLC judging 5 October
- 4/ Parramatta judging 12 October
- 5/ Illawarra judging?

**GEMKHANA Competition:**

- 1/ 2024 schedule on web
- 2/ First entry has been received

**Webmaster:** No report

**G&L NEWS Editor:** No report

**Education Report:**

- 1/ Orange minerals (delayed)
- 2/ Campbelltown-Silver (27&28<sup>th</sup> July)
- 3/ Lismore Carving course 29&30<sup>th</sup> June (Kathy Selwood)
- 4/Lismore jewellery course 12&13<sup>th</sup> October (Kathy Selwood & Barbara Try)
- 5/Port Hacking advanced enamelling to be arranged.
- 6/Bathurst advanced Enamelling to be arranged.
- 7/ Illawarra carving course in something like soapstone – soft material of carving quality to be sourced – Kathy.
- 8/ Illawarra Jewellery course specifically to do Claw Setting – Bob McLean to be approached
- 9/ Hawksbury faceting course 3-4 people

**Mail Person:** Printing \$31.40, postage \$30.00, ink cartridge \$90.50

Hawksbury delegate Peter Beckwith supplied letter of conflict and left the room at 1.34pm

**State Gem & Mineral Show (Gemkhana)**

**STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

- 1/ Traders contracts<sup>1</sup> are coming in.
- 2/ Cost per metre to increase by \$5.00 due to cost of table hire etc.
- 3/ Dealers with findings- coming
- 4/ Advertising where and what type - Tony Offord explained
- 5/ Signage –disabled parking –speed limit- traders in main hall Tony explained ideas
- 6/ Second batch of brochures done many thanks to Ray Powel
- 7/ Clubs to be offered free tables but will be asked for help at show end to pack up
- 8/ Suggested soft serve & donut van or other ideas
- 9/ Mick to book banner pole

**Social Media:**

- 1/ Advertising for State Gem & Mineral Show (Gemkhana) underway.
- 2/ Tony Offord to chase traders who have put their contracts in for advertising material

**GEMBOREE**

- 1/ Parkes Showground was visited on 23<sup>rd</sup> of March and appears to be a suitable venue more info to follow.
- 2/ Trophies we have four ideas for material, secretary to follow up on material availability.

Reports to be accepted **moved** Blue Mountains **Seconded:** Fairfield

At this point Mr Beckwith was asked to return. 2.05pm

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- 1/ Orange requests 2 booklets - received
- 2/ Western Suburbs needs 10
- 3/ Parramatta/Holroyd needs 10
- 4/ Fairfield received 5
- 5/ Paul to do faceting part of Tassie schedule.
- 6/ Tassie schedule being done by TLMA
- 7/ Exec have permission to talk to a person about the taxation office “Your self-review reporting obligation” for all not-for-profit organisations.

General Business **Moved:** Orange, **Seconded:** Northern Districts

Meeting closed 2.10pm

Next meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> June, at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

**Meeting dates for 2024:** 24<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup>, October, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11 December & AGM.



**STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5pm & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 9am - 4pm September 2024

Update to all Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW affiliated clubs.

All is progressing well for the State Gem & Mineral Show (formerly known as the GEMKHANA ) at the Hawkesbury showground ( see attached flyer )

Your club is strongly encouraged to take up the offer of a free table in the Indoor Hall with all the Indoor Traders. ( six clubs took up the offer last year )

It is extremely important for each and every club to get behind the G & L Council, a not-for-profit organization, by having a table to showcase your club, to sell your club items and to support the show with a good attendance. Flyers have been posted to all clubs in NSW. If your club needs any more, please feel free to contact me by email or by phone.

This show is all about supporting all affiliated G & L Council clubs by providing traders for you to buy material, equipment and items for your personal and club use.

The State Gem & Mineral show is unique, in that you can see all the items entered in the Gemkhana Competition for judging, in a wide range of sections.

As you would know, many of the items submitted to the competition are the equal or in many cases better than, what you will see elsewhere.

As always, there will be many Traders selling high end minerals, faceted stones, jewellery, etc that would be valuable to add to your collection or that would make ideal Christmas presents for the discerning buyer, many of which are made by or found, by the traders.

This show has it all.

We need a good attendance from clubs.

You will be able to track the Show on Facebook and Instagram.

Tony Offord

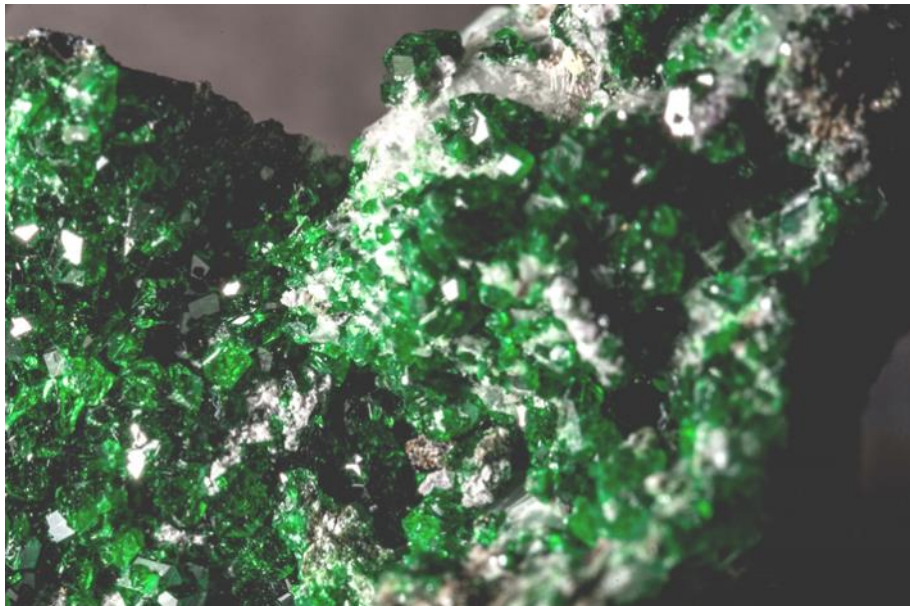
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**Garnet var Uvarovite**

$\text{Ca}_2\text{MgCr}_2(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_7)(\text{SiO}_4)(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

**Specimen Locality:** Saranovskii Mine, Sarany, Gorozavodskii Dist., Perm Krai, Russia,  
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**Crystal System:** Isometric

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**Vesuvianite var Manganooan**

$\text{Ca}_{19}(\text{Al}, \text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_{13}\text{Si}_{18}\text{O}_{68}(\text{O}, \text{OH}, \text{F})_{10}$

**Specimen Locality:** Jeffrey Mine, Val-Des-Sources, Estrie, Quebec, Canada 20mm x 12mm x 12mm

**Crystal System:** Tetragonal



# STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW GEMKHAHA COMPETITION 2023 COMPETITION ENTRIES

## IMPORTANT PLEASE SEE GEMKHANA 2024—COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/GEMKHANA-2024-FULL-SCHEDULE-with-diagrams-2024-01-18.pdf>

**NOTE:** Submit your Entries + Entry Form + All fees to the Competition Committee.

**This can either be: -**

***By Express post to :***

GEMKHANA 2024 Committee  
P.O. Box 188  
Orange NSW 2800

**They must be received by Friday 23rd August 2024**

***By hand delivery to:***

Kathy Selwood,  
At Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club,  
Fullagar Rd,  
Wentworthville

**Between 12 noon and 2.00pm on Wednesday 28 th August 2024** NOTE that late entries will not be eligible for competition and will be returned.

**Please:** refer to the Competition Schedule and conditions for exact detail for your entries.

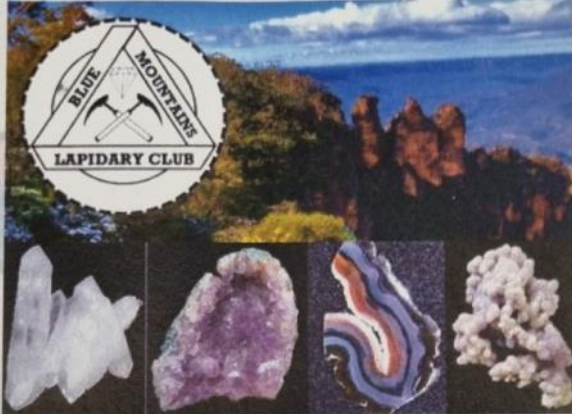


So get working on those  
entries



# GEM SHOW

Blue Mountains Lapidary Club



**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

Saturday 9am-4pm

Sunday 9am-3pm

***Gemstone and Mineral  
Dealers  
Jewellery  
Slabs ~ Fossils  
Lucky Dips ~ Raffles  
Gold & Sapphire Panning  
Plus more***

**Bullaburra Progress Hall**

Cnr Noble Street &  
Great Western Highway  
Bullaburra NSW 2784

Entry fee \$5

Children under 16 free



Campbelltown and District's  
Lapidary club

## Annual Exhibition

13/14 July 2024

At the Greg Percival Community  
Centre

Saturday 9:30am-5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am-4:00pm

Market stalls of Rocks,  
Crystals, Gemstones, Fossils  
and Handcrafted Jewellery

Food and Drinks are available  
Chance to win our lucky door  
prize

\$10 Entry - Under 14's free with  
paying adult

# 2024 STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 9am - 5pm  
SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 9am - 4pm



**FREE PARKING AND  
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STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GEMKHANA RUN BY THE GEM AND LAPIDARY COUNCIL OF NSW

**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/>

- ◇ **1 June 2024** Nambucca Macleay Gem and Mineral Club, Annual Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Auction, Macksville Showgrounds. 9am viewing for 10 am start
- ◇ **13-14 July 2024**, 44th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition, Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club, Greg Percival Centre, Ingleburn
- ◇ **20-21 July 2024**, Blue Mountains Lapidary Club, Gem Show, Bullaburra Progress Hall, Cnr Noble St & Great Western HWY, Bullaburra
- ◇ **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. <https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/state-gem-and-mineral-show/>
- ◇ **11-13 October 2024**, Gem & Craft Show, Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc. McIlveen St Inverell. Info Ross (02) 6721 4563.
- ◇ **2-3 November 2024** Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc. – 62nd Anniversary, At Heining 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, [nmena-due@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nmena-due@optusnet.com.au)
- ◇ **8-10 November 2024** Club Exhibition 2024, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club.
- ◇ **24 November 2024** “Open Day” Christmas Market – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna. You can find us at our website <https://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au> or like and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraLC>