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Social Media Officer	Kim Cooke
AFLACA J&R delegates	Barbara Try (voting) and Kathy Selwood (non-voting)
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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: July 24, 2024**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

July newsletter finds us in Yowah Queensland for the warm weather? Its been mid teens till yesterday 26, today 28 and tomorrow 18.

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**

There has been a change to the GEMBOREE 2025 schedule, it is on the AFLACA website.

The correction is for the **Free Forms**. Section O 3.5; AA should read Any Material – 15 mm – also remove the trophy AT – 14 as this does not apply.

The arrangements for the State Gem and Mineral show are in full swing and I would like to remind Clubs that there is the option to have a table inside to sell or promote their Club wares. We request that, if possible, help would be given to the council at the close of the show in dismantling the table and chairs.

There has been several Clubs approached by the ATO regarding self-assessments for not-for-profit organisations and the Gem Council has been asked on how they should do this. As each club is different the council cannot tell you how to do this. Our only advice is to seek the assistance of a tax accountant.

All judges have been allocated to the Club shows and the GEMKHANA. Please read the upcoming events to find out what Clubs have shows on in the near future.

Barbara J Try OAM

President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 26 June 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), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil).

**Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Illawarra (Joan Zealy), Fairfield (Karen and Jim Waghorn), Hawksbury (Peter Beckwith), Bathurst (Robert Porter). **Visitors:** Nepean (Terry Vanhoff). **Moved:** Central Coast **seconded** AFG that apologies be accepted.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 22 May 2024

**Amendment:** Hawkesbury delegate, Peter Beckwith, supplied a letter covering his Duty of Disclosure. This letter was demanded to be supplied by the President, Barbara Try, at the April meeting, in accordance with the Associations Incorporated Act 2009 no7. He was asked to leave the room at 1:34pm for the duration of State Gem & Mineral Show discussions. **Moved** Parramatta/Holroyd **seconded**, Blue Mountain that minutes be accepted with amendment.

### Business Arising from last minutes:

- 1/ Insurance - Blaxland to investigate value for money, gave a report which was very much appreciated.
- 2/ Orange requests 2 GEMBOREE booklets - received
- 3/ Western Suburbs [requested 10 GEMBOREE Booklets - received](#)
- 4/ Parramatta/Holroyd requested 10 GEMBOREE Booklets - received
- 5/ Paul to do faceting part of Tassie schedule, any changers yet to be approved by board.
- 6/ Tassie schedule being done by TLMA
- 7/ Executives have permission to talk to a person about the taxation office "Your self-review reporting obligation" for all not-for-profit organisations.
- 8/ Fairfield received 5 GEMBOREE booklets

**Correspondence:** See attached list

### Business arising from correspondence.

- 1/ Lismore re self – review reporting obligation for taxation email
- 2/ Byron email
- 3/ AFLACA – Draft Agenda for 30 June discussed on how to vote

**Moved** Orange **seconded** Goulburn that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed, and business arising be approved.

**Treasurer's Report::** **Moved** Orange **seconded** Blaxland that the report be accepted and accounts for payment be paid.

### J&R Report:

- 1/ Central Coast judging – August 4 Sunday
- 2/ Judging for GEMKHANA 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- 3/ NDLC judging 5 October
- 4/ Parramatta judging 12 October
- 5/ Illawarra judging 20 October
- 6/ Colin Wright retiring from Judging

### GEMBOREE booklet Amendment:

- O.8.B1 – specific size 8mm to be added to diagram
- O.3.5 – free form Opal cannot be AA. Change to any material 15mm delete trophy AT14

### GEMKHANA Competition:

- 1/ 2024 schedule on web
- 2/ Entries are being 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) (Kathy Selwood)
- 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 – Ainsley Flynn is willing to assist with this course
- 9/ Hawksbury faceting course 3-4 people – No details as yet

**Mail Person:**

**Visitor:** Nepean (Terry Vanhoff) left the room at 1.40pm

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

- 1/ Traders contracts are coming in.
- 2/ Advertising - Tony Offord explained
- 3/ Signage Tony given approval to purchase
- 4/ 5 Clubs have taken up the offered of free tables
- 5/ Mick has booked banner pole 17 Sept
- 6/ Test & tag of leads 7 July or at show
- 7/ Coffee van, Lions Club and others

**Social Media:**

- 1/Advertising for State Gem & Mineral Show (Gemkhana) discussed.
- 2/ Traders are starting to put their advertising material in.

**GEMBOREE**

- 1/Parkes Showground appears to be a suitable venue more info to follow.
- 2/ Trophies, secretary has chased 1 of the 4 ideas, & was displayed at meeting

Reports to be accepted **moved** Western Suburbs **Seconded:** Port Hacking

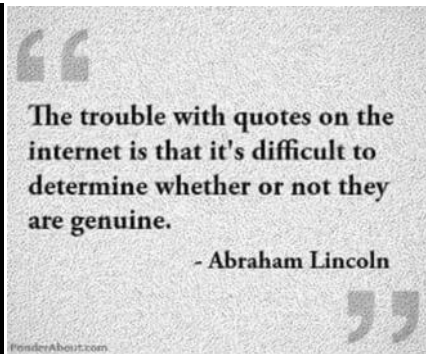
At this point Visitor Nepean (Terry Vanhoff) was asked to return. 2.05pm

**GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil**

Meeting closed 2.12pm

Next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> July, at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

**Meeting dates for 2024:** 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November, 11 December & AGM.



# 2024 STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

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



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- STONE CARVING
- MINERALS & FOSSILS
- CRYSTALS

**CONTACT:  
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**<https://www.facebook.com/gemlapidarycouncilsw/>**

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



**Wendwilsonite**

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**Specimen Locality:** Aghbar Mine, Aghbar, Tansifte Caidat, Agdz Cercle, Zagora Prov., Draa-Tafilalet Region, Morocco 77mm x 52mm x 26mm

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### FRACTURE:

Conchoidal – most common – sea shell markings – quartz, beryl, glass, corundum, obsidian



Fibrous – nephrite, chrysotile



Hackly – jadeite, copper– shape, irregular



Even/uneven – prehnite, rhodonite

### CLEAVAGE:

The tendency of a mineral crystal to split along certain planes which are parallel to actual or possible crystal faces, yielding more or less smooth, flat surfaces. Appearance – flat shining planes or fine steps.

One Plane- Basal or pinacoidal cleavage – Mica, topaz(faceting)



Two planes - Prismatic cleavage – feldspars



Three planes - Galena (cubic), Calcite (rhombohedral)



Four planes - Diamond, Fluorite (octahedral)



Six planes - Dodecahedral cleavage – Sphalerite



# 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>

**PLEASE NOTE:** A correction for the **Free Forms**

**Section O 3.5** AA should read Any Material – 15 mm – also remove the trophy AT – 14 as this does not apply.

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



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Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 9am-4pm**

**VENUE**

**Mingara Events Centre**  
Wyong Rd, Tumbi Umbi NSW 2261

Adults \$5 entry fee  
Children under 18 FREE

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**20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**  
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# Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club 44th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition 2024

Saturday 13th July 9.30am - 5.00pm  
Sunday 14th July 9.30am - 4.00pm

at

Greg Percival Community Centre  
Oxford Road, Ingleburn NSW

Enjoy a fun day out discovering  
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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/>

- ◇ **13-14 July 2024**, 44th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition, Campbelltown and Districts Lapidary Club, Greg Percival Centre, Oxford Rd, Ingleburn. [facebook/Campbelltownlapidary](https://www.facebook.com/Campbelltownlapidary) , [ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com](mailto:ctownlapidaryclub@bigpond.com)
- ◇ **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. <https://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au>
- ◇ **28-29 September 2024** State Gem and Mineral Show—(Gemkarna Competition), Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground. <https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/state-gem-and-mineral-show/>
- ◇ **19–20 October 2024** Central Coast Lapidary, Crystal, Gem & Jewellery Show, Mingara Events Centre, Wyong Rd, Tumby Umbi, NSW. Phone: 02 4362 2246, Email: [secretarycclc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycclc@gmail.com) , [facebook.com/centralcoastlapidaryclub](https://www.facebook.com/centralcoastlapidaryclub)
- ◇ **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** Cavalcade of Colour 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/llawarraLC>