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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: August 28, 2024**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

As with the July newsletter, the August Newsletter still finds us in Yowah Queensland, we are still waiting for the warmer weather though.

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

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**Online edition of the newsletter is in colour.**

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**Meeting rooms:** Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,  
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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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## ADVERTISING RATES

per **G&L News** edition

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### **Message from the President**



The offer to Clubs to have a table inside to sell or promote their Club wares is no longer available as all the space in the hall has been used. If your Club would still like to participate at the State Gem and Mineral Show, please ring Tony Offord for arrangements to be made for an outside site.

Nepean District Lapidary Club has been approved by the Committee to join the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW Inc. We look forward to having them join us in all aspects of lapidary and the allied crafts.

We are now approaching the busy time of the year with lots of Clubs holding their events - the GEMKHANA Competition and the State Gem and Minerals Show just to name a few. Please read the upcoming events to find out what Clubs have shows on in the near future and where they are.

Barbara J Try OAM

President

**Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 24 July 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), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Ainsley Flynn) Orange (Kathy Selwood), Goulburn (Sue & Joe O'Neil), **Apologies:** Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), Illawarra (Joan Zealy), Bathurst (Robert Porter), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Blaxland (Robert Kneale), **Moved:** Parramatta/Holroyd seconded Western Suburbs that apologies be accepted.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 26 June 2024. Moved** Goulburn seconded, AFG that minutes be accepted with amendment.

**Business Arising** from last minutes:

- 1/ Exec to talk to a person about the taxation office "Your self-review reporting obligation" for all not-for-profit organisations.

**Correspondence:** See attached list

**Business arising from correspondence.**

- 1/ State Gem & Mineral show issuing of receipts to check with Tony O
- 2/ Nepean nomination for membership voted - passed

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

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

**Reports:****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

**GEMKHANA Competition:**

- 1/ Entries slowly coming in.

**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 - completed
- 4/Lismore jewellery course delayed till next year
- 5/Port Hacking advanced enamelling to be arranged.
- 6/Bathurst advanced Enamelling to be arranged.
- 7/ Illawarra carving course Kathy to chase up.
- 8/ Illawarra Jewellery course specifically to do Claw Setting – Ainsley Flynn
- 9/ Hawksbury faceting course 3-4 people – No detail yet

**Mail Person:** \$92.40 Balance \$134.95

**STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW**

- 1/ Traders contracts are coming in.
- 2/ Signage to purchase Tony
- 4/ Booked banner pole 17 Sept, payment when picking up keys in cash
- 5/ Receipts to traders
- 6/ Test & tag of leads 7 July or at show

- 7/ Lions Club booked in
- 8/ PA system quote to be obtained
- 9/ Tap & go ordered from bank
- 10/ Trailer key Tony O & Barb

**Social Media:**

- 1/ Traders are starting to put their advertising material in.

**GEMBOREE**

- 1/ Parkes Showground, secretary to contact and see how pavilion is going.
  - 2/ Trophies, secretary has chased the other 3 ideas
- Reports to be accepted moved Goulburn Seconded: Parramatta/Holroyd

**GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil**

Meeting closed 1.50pm

Next meeting: 28th August at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

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



**Yttrifluorite**

$[Ca(1-X)YX] F_{2+X}$

**Specimen Locality:** Dachang Sb Ore Field, Qinglong Co., Qianxinan, Guizhou, China. 20mm x 12mm x 6mm,

**Crystal System:** Isometric

# 2024 STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

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



**FREE PARKING AND  
ATM ON SITE**

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- STONE CARVING
- MINERALS & FOSSILS
- CRYSTALS

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

**Note:** The Katoomba Family Hotel is donating a meal for two and overnight accommodation for one evening for our Raffle at the Show. We thank them very much. The Gem Council appreciates the support we receive from The Katoomba Family Hotel



**Zircon**

**Specimen Locality:** Lovozero Massif, Kola Peninsular, Murmansk Oblast, Russia  
38mm x 30mm x 32mm

**Crystal System:** Tetragonal

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**Free Entry**  
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**Gems Minerals Jewellery For Sale**

**CAVALCADE OF COLOUR**  
PARRAMATTA-HOLROYD LAPIDARY CLUB INC  
2024

**Where:**  
8th - 10th November  
73 Fullagar Road  
Wentworthville

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Childrens Craft  
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Lucky Dip  
Refreshments  
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**Lismore Carving Course:** Fine, Sunny & warm made the tutor very happy 8 deg beats minus 2 any day. With this in mind, the carving lessons began. Some had carved before, and some had not. All took to it like ducks to water. Testing memory on how to use a rotary tool or using theirs for the first time. First lesson was a cross over NZ pendent and they went very well. Second was turtles and we soon had a nice little group completed. I know they all had fun, as they invited me back.



# 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.



**Your entries have to be  
in this month so send  
them in. See above**



**Campbelltown Silver Smithing Course:** Campbelltown was windy, with the club members eager to learn. Introducing participation to “please melt the silver” was a fun way to settle the class in. Everyone handled the jewellers saw well. Yes, slow and steady gets you there, & having patients gets you further, well done all. Sunday was ring making and the class excelled at it. I think some of their club equipment will start getting a new lease on its usage. Have fun Campbelltown and remember to keep soldering, as practice makes perfect.





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LAPIDARY,  
CRYSTAL, GEM  
& JEWELLERY  
SHOW**

Exhibitors and sellers of crystals,  
gemstones, minerals, fossils,  
jewellery, beads and more.

**DATES**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 9am-5pm  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 9am-4pm

**VENUE**

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

Adults \$5 entry fee  
Children under 18 FREE

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**Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club  
Annual Gem Show 2024**

**Sat & Sun 17-18 August  
8:30am - 4pm Daily**

**Glenbrook Cinema Hall,  
Ross Street, Glenbrook.  
(Adjoining Glenbrook Theatre)**

**Displays and Sales of  
Lapidary work, gems,  
rocks, minerals, opals  
and jewelry.**

**Entry: Adults \$3 Children \$1  
Family \$5**

Scan for details of Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club  
New members welcome.



**ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC**

**OPEN DAY – CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2024**  
At Club House 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna  
**9am—2pm**

**Stalls selling** – Gemstones, crystals,  
fossils, rough, minerals, handcrafted  
jewellery and books

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& goodies

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drinks available

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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/>

- ◇ **17-18 August 2024** Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Annual Gem Show  
8:30am -4:00pm at the Glenbrook Theatre Hall, Glenbrook.  
bgamcnsw@gmail.com
- ◇ **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.
- ◇ **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)
- ◇ **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/IllawarraLC>
- ◇ **18-21 April 2025**. Gemboree, Ballarat, St Helens Campus of the Federation University, Victoria