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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 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 27 May 2026 - 1.00 pm start

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hope you enjoy the May Newsletter.

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

ADDRESSES

for the **Gem & Lapidary Council NSW**

Website : <http://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/>

The website has links to the **secretary, editor & webmaster**

Online edition of the newsletter is in colour.

Post : Gem & Lapidary Council NSW, PO Box 188, Orange NSW, 2800

Meeting rooms: Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club,
73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

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

(NB: printed in black & white)

Full page - \$40 1/2 page - \$25 1/4 page - \$20

Please send payment with advertising booking and copy

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Message from the President

Congratulations to Western Suburbs for winning "Champion Club" for the 18th year in a row at the GEMBOREE at Nambour. I would also congratulate all the members of the NSW Clubs who were successful at the GEMBOREE 2026.

The State Gem and Mineral Show preparations are in full swing. The flyer is being distributed to as many clubs as we can. We will be sending all the Clubs a soft version of the flyer for them to include in their newsletters.

The Traders Hall is now full to the brim and only outsider traders' spaces are available.

GEMBOREE 2028 venue is finalized and another visit to Wagga Wagga, which is planned for mid-May. The Schedule for the 2028 GEMBOREE was approved at the AFLACA Meeting in Nambour.

Still looking for any cabochon cutters that would like to become a judge, please contact me for further information.

Barbara J Try OAM
President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 29 April 2026**Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville**

The meeting was opened at 12:55 pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane), AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Ainslie Flynn) Parramatta/Holroyd (Martin Stoeckl), Blaxland (Robert Neale), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Bathurst (Robert Porter), Port Hacking (Tony Offord), Nepean (Nick Mecserv). **Apologies:** Goulburn (Sue & Joe O Neil), Blue Mountains (Kim Cooke), **Apologies Moved:** Central Coast seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that apologies be accepted **Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 25 March 2026;** Moved Blue Mountain seconded AFG that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from minutes: none

Correspondence: See attached list.

Business Arising from correspondence

1/ Trailer Registration

Moved Western Suburbs seconded Bathurst that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Account for payment Moved Central Coast seconded Bathurst

J&R Report:

- 1/ new judging manual club numbers needed they will cost \$8.00 per copy available email secretary
- 2/ Hawkesbury Show – judging date 20 April - completed
- 3/ QLD was interesting

Webmaster: New judging sheets are now up on the web. Please update your copies.

G&L NEWS Editor: No Report

Social media: digital copy of flyer to be sent

Mail Person: printing \$30.95 stamps \$61.00 total \$81.95 balance \$408.48

Education Report:

- 1/ Orange minerals – Barb to ask mineral judge
- 2/ Illawarra cabbng course 16 & 17 May
- 3/ Jewellery judging course 6 & 7 June at Central Coast club 4 people
- 4/ Blue Mountains bone carving TBA

GEMKHANA Competition:

- 1/ GEMKHANA medallions quotes done waiting on supply

STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW

- 1/ Printing of this year's flyer received.
- 2/ 104 signage to be updated with new dates 2 big corflute sign for Blue Mts area
- 3/ Banner pole to be booked
- 4/ Indoor traders are full we have 35 traders, only outdoor sites available. 11 so far
- 5/ Flyer sent to Multimedia

GEMBOREE 2028

- 1/ 2028 is Wagga Wagga 7 – 10 April 2028
- 2/ Wagga Wagga Showground meeting 19 May
- 3/ Table & Chair hire to be contacted
- 4/ Banner for Tasmania. Paul & Phillip
- 5/ Schedule was approved by J&R state committees.
- 6/ Wagga Wagga Council & info centre meeting 19 May
- 7/ Wagga Wagga Lapidary Club meeting after 5pm 19 May
- 8/ Invoice Wagga Wagga showground for deposit – paid

- 9/ Food vans to be contacted
- 10/ Dave is drafting GEMBOREE booklet.
- 11/ Burtons medallions
- 12/ AFG international competition
- 13/ Bob to be sent dimensions of Wagga's main hall
- 14/ Paul needs scale diagram of Wagga showground for camping sites
- 15/ light blue shirts for Tassie

Reports to be accepted moved Blaxland Seconded Nepean

GENERAL BUSINESS

Report on AFLACA president is now Paul Sabolta, & AFLACA's collection to be arranged for cataloguing and storage at Victoria's archives.

Meeting closed 1.41pm

Next meeting: 27th May, at Parramatta/Holroyd rooms Fullagar Rd Wentworthville.

Meeting dates for 2026 24th June, 22nd July, 26th August ,23th September at GEMKHANA show, 28th October, 25th November, 16th December & AGM.

NSW State Gem and Mineral Show

GEMKHANA 2026

26-27 September



The State Gem and Mineral Show, GEMKHANA 2026, will be held on **Saturday 26th September and Sunday 27th** September 2026 at Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground, Clarendon. The show will feature handcrafted jewellery, faceted stones, polished stones (cabochons), stone carving, minerals, fossils and crystals. Traders will be on site selling jewellery, crystals, cut stones, lapidary equipment, faceting and slabs.

Schedule: [GEMKHANA 2026 Full Schedule With Diagrams](#)

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NSW State Gem and Mineral Show GEMKHANA 2026

The State Gem and Mineral Show, GEMKHANA 2026, will be held on Saturday **26th September and Sunday 27th September 2026** at Hawkesbury

District Agricultural Showground, Clarendon.



GEMKHANA 2026 – COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS



1. This is a Level 3 Competition and will be judged in accordance with the rules and definitions of the Competitor & Judging Manual for Lapidary and Allied Competitions Issue no. 9, April 2026. (referred to in this Schedule as the Manual), unless otherwise stated in this Schedule.
2. All competitors are advised to familiarise themselves with all the “Conditions for Competitors” in the Manual (particularly pages 5 to 13)
3. Competitors should be aware of, or check their eligibility to enter a Novice or Intermediate Division either by: - • Reading Section B4 of the manual (pages 6 & 7) relating to Competition Divisions, or by • checking the updated results list on the AFLACA website (<http://aflaca.org.au>)
4. Enquiries, correspondence and ALL POSTAL ENTRIES relating to this Competition should be directed to:

Kathy Selwood

P.O. Box 188, Orange NSW 2800

Phone enquiries to Kathy Selwood: 0437 917 074 or Barbara Try 0417 676 435

Emails kathrynselwood@bigpond.com or twotrys@bigpond.net.au

5. Maximum number of entries allowed is two (2) per person per section except for Showcase Sections where only one entry per person is allowed.
6. It is the Competitor’s responsibility to ensure that their entries are entered in the correct section and that the sections are correctly marked on the Entry Form. If in doubt ring the Competition Committee.
However, the Competition Committee may transfer an entry into another section if they are of the opinion that it has obviously been entered into the incorrect section.

7. Entry Fees: - \$1.00 per entry for the first 10 entries, thereafter free. (Payable by cheque or money order to Gem & Lapidary Council of NSWInc)
8. All entries not being collected in person at the GEMKHANA must be accompanied by the **cost of return post or pre-paid post bag** included with the entry form (see Page 13). Please ensure sufficient funds to cover additional paperwork and possible medallions.
9. While every care will be taken, the GEMKHANA 2026 Committee will not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of any entries or exhibits that may occur in transit or whilst in the possession of the GEMKHANA 2026 committee.
10. Competitors and exhibitors are responsible for the insurance of their entries or exhibits while in transit, and whilst in the possession of the GEMKHANA 2026 Committee.
11. How to enter the Competition – Sections 1 to 4, 8 to 13 and 18 to 26
- Package up your entries to cushion them from damage whilst in transit – also see SC3.
 - Fill out an official entry form – see page 13 of this Schedule.
 - If you want acknowledgement of receipt of your entries, please provide a valid email address. If there is no email, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
 - Organise a cheque or money order payable to the Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW Inc for the entry fees (and return express postage if you are not collecting the entries in person at the GEMKHANA.
 - Submit your Entries + Entry Form + All fees to the Competition Committee. This can either be: -

By Express post to

Kathy Selwood

P.O. Box 188 Orange NSW 2800

If you are sending your entries by mail, please send an email to Kathy or Barbara so that we are aware that a parcel is coming.

**They must be received by Friday 21st August 2026 or
by hand at the Gem and Lapidary Council meeting**

26th August 2026 at Parramatta/Holroyd Lapidary Club by 2pm.

NOTE that late entries will not be eligible for competition and will be returned

12. How to Enter the Competition – Sections 16, 17, 29, 32, 34 and showcases
- Send your Entry Form and All Entry Fees to **arrive by Friday 21st August 2026** to:- **Kathy Selwood P.O. Box 188, Orange NSW 2800**
 - Hand deliver the entries to the Competition committee in the Competition Hall **at the GEMKHANA 2026 VENUE between 1pm and 5pm on Friday 25th September 2026**
 - Note that entries in Sections 29, 32 & 34 must be set up and ready in the Exhibition Hall by **5.00pm Friday 25th September 2026**

13. Judging, Judging Sheets and Entry Pickup

- a. Entries in Sections 1 to 5, 8 to 13, 18 to 26 will be judged prior to the GEMKHANA.
- b. Entries in Sections 16, 17, 29, 32, and 34 will be judged at the GEMKHANA.
- c. Judging Sheets may be collected from the Competition Office between 10am and 12 noon on Sunday 27th September 2026
- d. Entries may be collected between 6pm and 7pm on Sunday 27th September 2026
- e. Entries not collected will be returned to the competitor in the manner specified on the entry form together with the applicable judging sheets .

14 SPECIAL CONDITIONS (SC)**SCI – Sizes and Tolerances**

Where an entry does not conform to the size conditions in this Schedule or the Manual it will be ruled ineligible and not judged. Refer to section definitions in the Schedule and the Manual for allowable tolerances.

SC2 – Carving (Section 5)

Each entry must have a label which best describes the exhibit for the viewer's interest including the material used. These labels will not be judged.

SC3 - Facet Entries (Section 8 to 11)

- a. All chosen designs have either been previously used in competitions or have been successfully test cut using instructions given
- b. ALL Facets are FLAT, any entry with Concave or Curved facets (except Section 8A continuous girdle) will be disqualified and will NOT be judged.
- c. Minimum size is 6mm measured across shortest axis of outline shape at the girdle, or as indicated on design sheet.
- d. Each faceted stone must be entered in a display box and this box must contain a label which contains only the following details:
 - Section Number
 - Material used
 - Colour of material
 - Size

SC4 – Tumbled Stones (Section 12A)

Please read page 19 (D2.2) and page 55 (D12.1) of the Manual for definition of this section.

SC5 – Jewellery (Sections 18 – 26)

Competitors should carefully read Part E of the Manual in relation to all Jewellery Sections.

Please note there has been a change to the faceting design page 19 of the Schedule Section: O-11.1 Ying - Yang Frost

Step 10 on the Crown should read index 10 - 58

2026 State Gem & Mineral Show



**FREE
PARKING**

ATM On Site

Adults \$10

**Children Under
16 FREE**

Camping Sites Available

**Traders will be offering
Jewellery, Crystals,
Cut Stones, Lapidary
Equipment, Slabs,
Faceting Demonstrations**

Saturday 26th September 9am – 5pm

Sunday 27th September 9am – 4pm

**Hawkesbury Agricultural Showgrounds
40 Racecourse Rd. Clarendon NSW 2756**

**Contact Secretary:
secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au**

[Facebook.com/GemLapidaryCouncilNSW](https://www.facebook.com/GemLapidaryCouncilNSW)

**State Gem & Mineral Show
Formerly Known As The Gemkhana Run By The Gem & Lapidary Council of NSW**

Section Results - GEMBOREE®**Award Winners - NSW**

0.1A.1	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	196	94.25	
1.1A.2	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	716	95.30	
2nd	David Hastings	Illawarra	515	94.80	
N.1A.3	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	886	92.50	
2nd	Desmond Chung	Northern Districts	928	90.50	
0.1A.5	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	198	99.25	
1.1A.6	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	717	92.43	
3rd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	718	92.00	
N.1A.7	Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	166	90.50	
0.1B.1	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	201	99.50	
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	200	99.00	
1.1B.2	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	719	62.50	
N.1B.3	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	855	97.50	
2nd	Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	887	94.50	
0.1B.5	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Honway Louie	Northern Districts	391	98.50	
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	257	97.65	
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	258	97.00	
1.1B.6	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	721	82.63	
=2nd	David Hastings	Illawarra	516	76.25	
=2nd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	722	76.25	
N.1B.7	Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Desmond Chung	Northern Districts	931	87.00	
0.2A.1	Double Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Honway Louie	Northern Districts	392	98.70	
1.2A.2	Double Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	723	98.50	
3rd	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	724	97.00	
N.2A.3	Double Standard Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	725	97.00	
2nd	Colin Pflaum	Northern Districts	934	96.00	
3rd	Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	858	95.50	
0.2B.1	Double Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	262	90.35	
N.2B.3	Double Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	726	87.00	
0.2B.4	Double Fancy Cabochon				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Alice Zheng	Northern Districts	342	98.58	
0.3.1	Free Form				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	204	100.00	

I.3.2	Free Form				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	727	94.50	
N.3.3	Free Form				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st	Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	889	99.50	
3rd	Kathy Whitford	Northern Districts	355	96.00	
0.3.5	Free Form				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Barbara Try	Northern Districts	357	96.90	
2nd	Kevin Crouch	NSW	250	96.00	
=3rd	Honway Louie	Northern Districts	399	94.00	
I.3.6	Free Form				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	730	88.00	
0.4A.1	Opal doublet				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	206	98.90	
0.5A.2	Fully 3				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	271	88.50	
0.5B.1	Carving in relief				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Kathy Selwood	Orange	4	99.05	
3rd	Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	273	82.75	
0.5C.1	Cameo				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C	Kathy Selwood	Orange	5	86.75	
0.6.1	Scrimshaw				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C	Kathy Selwood	Orange	6	92.00	
H/C	Kathy Selwood	Orange	7	91.75	
0.8A.1	Standard Round Brilliant Continuous Girdle Min Size 6				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	207	94.39	
1.8A.2	Standard Round Brilliant Continuous Girdle Min Size 6				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	144	94.59	
3rd	John Wiltshire	Illawarra	578	85.75	
0.8B.1	Standard Round Brilliant Faceted Girdle Min Size 6m				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	209	94.93	
3rd	Cavan O'Meally	Lismore	987	93.91	
1.8B.2	Standard Round Brilliant Faceted Girdle Min Size 6m				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	146	91.50	
N.8B.3	Standard Round Brilliant Faceted Girdle Min Size 6m				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	John Lumb	Port Hacking	1045	93.46	
2nd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	147	78.02	
3rd	Robert Castle	Illawarra	961	71.02	
0.9A.1	Oblong Step cut with cut corners				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	211	96.13	
3rd	Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	600	94.54	
1.9A.2	Oblong Step cut with cut corners				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Milan Supa	Nepean	185	99.17	
2nd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	148	95.25	
N.9A.3	Oblong Step cut with cut corners				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
S/A	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	898	99.12	
H/C	Robert Castle	Illawarra	960	92.22	
0.9B.1	Standard Square Step cut with cut corners				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	897	99.60	
3rd	Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	213	99.49	
1.9B.2	Standard Square Step cut with cut corners				
	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st	Milan Supa	Nepean	182	97.00	
2nd	John Wiltshire	Illawarra	577	91.34	
3rd	Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	154	75.40	

Section Results - GEMBOREE®**Award Winners - NSW**

N.9B.3 Standard Square Step cut with cut corners				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st John Lumb	Port Hacking	1046	95.61	
O.10.1 Sailboat Min Size 10 mm				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Bob McLean	Port Hacking	1024	88.17	
=2nd Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	604	87.67	
=2nd Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	603	87.67	
I.10.2 Zircon Cut a1 Min Size 6 mm				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd Julie Schoonderbeek	Orange	151	80.90	
N.10.3 Gamma Brilliant Min Size 8 mm				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st John Lumb	Port Hacking	1047	90.56	
2nd Robert Castle	Illawarra	963	89.23	
O.11.1 Owl Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Paul Sabolta	Parramatta	216	93.49	
2nd Ray Maunder	AFG (NSW)	605	90.77	
N.11.3 Aphex				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Tony Neal	Port Hacking	237	93.79	
2nd Kayla Russell	Port Hacking	559	86.76	
O.12A.1 Pre-Form Group of 3				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	276	99.15	
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	277	98.78	
3rd Reetta Tahka	Northern Districts	1033	98.31	
I.12A.2 Pre-Form Group of 3				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	731	96.42	
3rd Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	732	96.33	
N.12A.3 Pre-Form Group of 3				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	860	97.27	
2nd Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	172	97.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	861	96.33	
O.12B.1 Natural Shape Group of 3				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Reetta Tahka	Northern Districts	1035	96.16	
2nd Jorma Rehka	Northern Districts	1043	95.06	
3rd Reetta Tahka	Northern Districts	1036	94.92	
N.12B.2 Natural Shape Group of 3				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	734	79.17	
2nd Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	175	77.75	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	862	76.79	
O.13.1 Polished Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	280	99.10	
I.13.2 Polished Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	749	96.00	
H/C Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	750	92.00	
N.13.3 Polished Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Alice Zheng	Northern Districts	346	91.50	
2nd Alice Zheng	Northern Districts	345	84.00	
3rd Helen Colman	Orange	953	76.50	
O.14.1 Polished Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	283	99.00	
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	282	97.50	
N.14.2 Polished Face				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C Helen Colman	Orange	954	93.00	
O.16.1 Single TREE				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	736	94.00	
2nd Raymond Smith	Parramatta	1051	93.50	

N.16.2 Single TREE				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	894	93.25	
2nd Averyll Enoka	Western Suburbs	161	67.00	
3rd Averyll Enoka	Western Suburbs	162	52.50	
O.17.1 Novelty Gemcraft				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	334	93.75	
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	335	92.25	
O.17B.1 Picture Stone portrays a picture that can be observed.				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=2nd Eileen Smillie	Goulburn	1028	89.00	
O.18A.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery not intended to include				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	784	96.00	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	783	92.50	
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	288	91.50	
O.18B.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with lapidary item/s cut an				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd Honway Louie	Northern Districts	404	93.05	
O.18B.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with lapidary item				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	293	89.25	
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	292	88.75	
O.18B.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with Lapidary item (Opal) c				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	758	89.75	
3rd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	759	88.45	
I.18B.4 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with Lapidary item/s				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	880	87.50	
3rd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	881	87.00	
O.18C.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with natural Mineral/fossil				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	752	87.60	
O.18D.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery with commercial Lapidary				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	298	93.38	
O.18E.1 Wire wrapped jewellery with lapidary items/ cut				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Andrew Yeo	Ulladulla	98	94.88	
3rd Andrew Yeo	Ulladulla	99	92.75	
N.18E.2 Wire wrapped jewellery with lapidary items/ cut				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	737	85.85	
O.19A.1 Cast Jewellery not intended to include Lapidary,				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	763	93.75	
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	303	86.63	
N.19A.2 Cast Jewellery not intended to include Lapidary,				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	883	84.50	
3rd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	882	80.50	
O.19E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery not intended to include Lapidary,				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	770	94.88	
2nd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	364	82.25	
=3rd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	771	81.50	
=3rd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	365	81.50	
O.19F.1 Metal Clay Jewellery with Lapidary items cut and set				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	304	88.50	
O.19G.1 Metal Clay Jewellery with Commercial Lapidary items				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Sue Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	625	96.90	
2nd Sue Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	626	95.20	
3rd Averyll Enoka	Western Suburbs	156	87.30	
O.20A.1 Cast Jewellery using natural objects as patterns,				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	776	97.05	
2nd Peter Zaccaria	Western Suburbs	885	93.65	

Section Results - GEMBOREE®

Award Winners - NSW

O.21A.1 Cast Jewellery not intended to include Lapidary, Fossil				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	482	93.50	
3rd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	756	93.25	
N.21A.2 Cast Jewellery not intended to include Lapidary, Fossil				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Averyll Enoka	Western Suburbs	157	89.50	
2nd Averyll Enoka	Western Suburbs	158	89.25	
3rd Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	891	84.50	
O.23B.1 Combined Jewellery with Lapidary items cut and set				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	774	94.50	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	775	93.50	
O.24A.1 Enamelled Jewellery in hand-fabricated setting				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	475	92.50	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	767	92.45	
3rd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	474	92.00	
N.24A.2 Enamelled Jewellery in hand-fabricated setting				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd Sue Ellen Douglass	Western Suburbs	633	86.48	
O.25.1 Commercial Mount Jewellery Pendant with Lapidary it				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	311	96.80	
2nd Honway Louie	Northern Districts	409	96.55	
3rd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	372	96.50	
I.25.2 Commercial Mount Jewellery Pendant with Lapidary it				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	739	91.25	
N.25.3 Commercial Mount Jewellery with Lapidary items/				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Alexeya Howat	Western Suburbs	890	92.75	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	865	92.38	
O.26A.1 Enamelled Jewellery in Commercial Mount				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	476	97.03	
2nd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	374	97.00	
3rd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	477	96.70	
O.26B.1 Enamelled Jewellery without Mount				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	479	92.88	
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	478	90.00	
3rd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	315	87.03	
O.26C.1 Enamelled Non-Jewellery				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	481	93.20	
2nd Jimmy Lim	Illawarra	480	91.83	
3rd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	378	91.00	
O.27A.1 General Metalcraft, not intended to include Lapidary,				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	754	80.30	
2nd Ainslie Flynn	Western Suburbs	755	77.55	
O.28A.1 Bas Relief or Impressed Pattern				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	319	92.00	
H/C Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	320	90.00	
O.32A.1 Fossil Non-Display				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	321	98.00	
=1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	322	98.00	
=1st Barbara Try	Northern Districts	379	98.00	
N.32A.2 Fossil Non-Display				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	177	99.00	
2nd Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	176	94.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	866	90.00	

O.32A.3 Fossil Non-Display				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	324	98.00	
2nd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	381	96.00	
3rd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	382	95.00	
N.32A.4 Fossil Non-Display				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	868	98.00	
=2nd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	869	97.00	
N.32B.2 Fossil Non-Display				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	180	99.33	
2nd Isabel De Oliveira	Western Suburbs	181	94.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	871	88.67	
O.34A.1 Single Australian Specimen, Cabinet size				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Barbara Try	Northern Districts	383	85.00	
=2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	326	83.00	
N.34A.2 Single Australian Specimen, Cabinet size				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	741	88.00	
2nd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	873	80.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	872	75.00	
O.34A.4 Single specimen, Cabinet size				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
3rd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	384	81.00	
N.34A.5 Single specimen, Cabinet size				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
=1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	743	87.00	
=1st Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	874	87.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	875	84.00	
O.34B.1 Group of 4 miniatures				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
2nd Barbara Try	Northern Districts	385	93.13	
N.34B.2 Group of 4 miniatures				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
H/C Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	745	86.00	
O.34B.4 Group of 3 Thumbnail Quartz Cluster				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	332	88.00	
2nd Marcia Hill	Western Suburbs	331	86.67	
N.34B.5 Group of 3 Any location Thumbnail				
Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:	
1st Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	747	79.00	
2nd Elizabeth Raciti	Western Suburbs	748	77.00	
3rd Paul Battams	Western Suburbs	879	73.67	



Trophy Results - GEMBOREE® - NSW

PT-01 Tom Jenkins Trophy

Open - Champion Lapidary

Winner: Paul Sabolta - Parramatta

PT-03 Norm Patison Trophy

Novice - Champion Lapidary

Winner: Alexeya Howat - Western Suburbs

PT-04 Ray Powell Trophy

Champion Club

Winner: Western Suburbs

AT-02 Far Out Crystals Gem & Minerals Trophy

Open - Hand Fab Jewellery with no Lapidary Items/s

Winner: Ainslie Flynn - Western Suburbs

AT-05 Val Annear Trophy

Open - Enamelling - Non Jewellery

Winner: Jimmy Lim - Illawarra

AT-07 Harry Miller Trophy

Open - Standard Cabachon/AA

Winner: Paul Sabolta - Parramatta

AT-08 Earth Stones Trophy

Best Fossil of Show

Winner: Paul Battams - Western Suburbs

AT-09 George Lude Trophy

Open - 3 Australian Crystal Clusters

Winner: Marcia Hill - Western Suburbs

AT-12 Jim Johnson Trophy

Novice - Champion Mineral Entrant

Winner: Elizabeth Raciti - Western Suburbs

AT-14 Ted Koller Trophy

Open - Solid Opal Cut

Winner: Barbara Try - Northern District

AT-16 Peter Collins Trophy

Open - Champion Facetor

Winner: Paul Sabolta - Parramatta

AT-18 Boris Novic Trophy

Open - Double Standard Cabachon/C

Winner: Honway Louie - Northern District

AT-22 Jack Bushby Trophy

Novice - Champion Facetor

Winner: Robert Castle - Illawarra

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Open - Cast Jewellery

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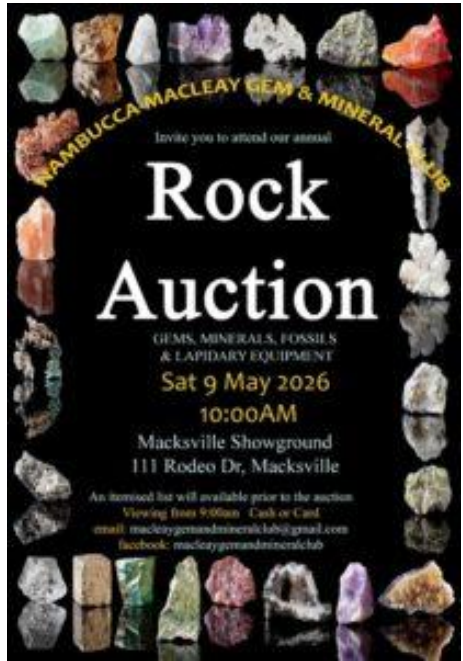
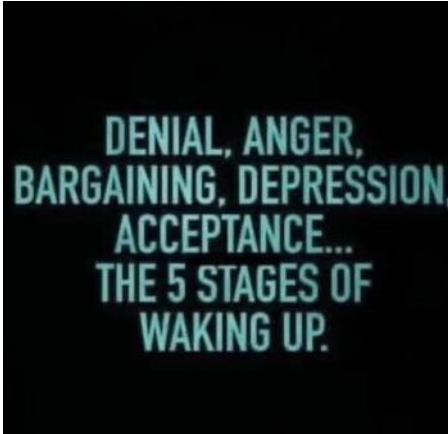
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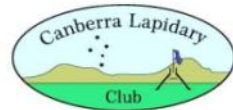
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Winter Gem Show (Mallee Pavilion, EPIC)	30 - 31 May Sat - Sun	29 - 30 May Sat - Sun	27 - 28 May Sat - Sun
Spring Gem Show (Mallee Pavilion, EPIC)	17 - 18 October Sat - Sun	30 - 31 October Sat - Sun	28 - 29 October Sat - Sun

Note :

Rock Swap is an Open Air event only (EPIC Parrot Park)
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EVENTS

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- ◇ **9 May 2026** - Annual Rock Auction, Nambucca-Macleay Gem & Mineral Club, Macksville Showground 111 Rodeo Drive Macksville NSW, Viewing from 9:00 am. Auction commences 10:00 am. Cash or Card Contact/enquiries: 0407 457042 email macleaygemandmineralclub@gmail.com
- ◇ **16-17 May 2026** - 34th Annual Show - Lismore GEMFEST, Lismore Showground, Lismore NSW, <http://www.gemclublismore.org.au>
- ◇ **30-31 May 2026** Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Show, Mallee Pavilion EPIC, Mitchell, ACT. Contact canberralapidary@gmail.com- Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6631
- ◇ **18-19 July 2026**– 46th Annual Gem Show & Exhibition, Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club Inc, Greg Percival Community Centre, Oxford Road Ingleburn
- ◇ **19 July 2026-“Open Day” Christmas in July Market – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc**, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna – 9am to 2pm – FREE ENTRY
- ◇ **26-27 September 2026**-The State Gem and Mineral Show, GEMKHANA 2026- at Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showground, Clarendon.
- ◇ **9-14 October 2026** - Gem & Craft Show, Inverell & District Lapidary Club Inc. Ross—(02) 6721 4563
- ◇ **17-18 October 2026** Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Show, Mallee Pavilion EPIC, Mitchell, ACT. contact: canberralapidary@gmail.com- Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6631
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