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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: 28 October 2026 - 1.00 pm start

EDITOR'S NOTES

Hope you enjoy the October Newsletter.

The State Show is over for another year. I hope everyone had a good time.

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**

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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.

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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

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Message from the President

The State Gem and Mineral Show is over, and we had a roller coaster ride with the weather. From 33 degrees on Saturday to 16 degrees and raining most of the day on Sunday. With all the above the show was a wonderful success and there were many happy faces as the they left the show.

Congratulations to Northern District Lapidary Club on winning the most successful Club at the GEMKHANA Competition and Honway Louie being the most successful entrant and winning the Frank Lander Trophy for the first time.

It was wonderful to see the camaraderie with the Clubs in the APEX building to my knowledge everyone had a good time.

A huge thank you to the G & L Council Committee who worked tirelessly to pull this show together it was a great effort.

Barbara J Try OAM
President

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 23 September 2026
Held at State Gem & Mineral Show. 40 Racecourse Rd

The meeting was opened at 1:05pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: AFG (Paul Sabolta), Western Suburbs (Marcia Hill & Ainsley Flynn), Blaxland (Robert Neale), Parramatta/Holroyd (Martin Stoeckle), Orange (Kathy Selwood), Bathurst (Robert Porter), Illawarra (Joan Zealey), Port Hacking (Bob McLean); **Apologies**: Goulburn (Sue & Joe O Neil, Blue Mountain (Mick Lane); **Moved**: Western Suburbs seconded Illawarra that apologies be accepted

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 26 August 2026

Moved Blaxland, *seconded* Bathurst that minutes be accepted.

Business Arising:

1/ Central Coast Container – roof quotes needed.

Correspondence: See attached list.

Business Arising from correspondence: Nil

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Moved Orange seconded Parramatta/Holroyd that the report be accepted

J&R Report:

1/ CC 19 September judging for show cancelled
2/ Illawarra 18 Oct judging for show
3/ Northern Districts 10 October judging for show
4/ State Gem show 5 September completed
5/Parramatta /Holroyd Judging will be done at home and delivered by Paul Sabolta.

Webmaster: No Report.

G&L NEWS Editor: No Report

Social Media: Response 1582, 824 directly from advertising. Campaign delivery 166,551, people reached 69,728. Carolyn very happy

Mail Person: Goulpress Printers – Newsletters - $28.70, Minutes - $4.20, Postage Stamps - $67.75

Education Report:

1/ Orange Minerals Delayed - TBA
2/ Grafton Cabbing course 15th&16th August completed
3/Blue Mountains bone carving date – 21 & 22 November to be confirmed

Gemkhana – Competition

1/ need to push how important judging book is but cut to schedule first.

State Gem & Mineral Show

1/ Only outdoor sites so far 33 outside traders & 9 clubs.
2/ Clubs to be given signs for show to be put out, Nepean & Hawkesbury done
3/ Manning Valley & Rooty Hill wants 2 extra tables (pay for) yes, $10.00 each. Invoice to be sent
4/ Electronic sign Monday to Sunday, done
5/ Caters all contracted done, waiting on sighting working with food & insurance
6/ Raffle prizes, Katoomba Family Hotel thankyou email sent
7/ Robert Neale to look after money at Show.

GEMBOREE 2028:

1/ Wagga Wagga **14 to 17 April 2028**
2/ Wagga Wagga Showground inside main hall measured – thankyou Tony O
3/Table & Chair hire, waiting on table numbers to be calculated
4/ Banner for Tasmania very nice

5/ Schedule is ready to go
6/ Wagga Wagga Council & info centre to be contacted for updates information
7/ Wagga Wagga Lapidary Clubs – all go with BBQ, outdoor free site, showcases & fossicking
8/ Food vans to be contacted re electric pricing $55 single phase $110 for 3 phase per lead.
9/ Dave is compiling GEMBOREE booklet.
10/ Burtons medallions waiting for quote
11/ AFG international competition? Will know by November meeting
12/ Bob layout number 1 for main hall with Tony O inside figures
13/ light blue shirts for Tassie – GEMBOREE on back G & L logo front -numbers and sizes needed
14/ Albury Lapidary Club no answer
15/ NSW clubs afford free Gazebo 3m x 3m space – must have own gazebo, tables, chairs etc at show

Reports to be accepted moved AFG Seconded Blaxland

GENERAL BUSINESS

1/ Blaxland beginners enamelling course
2/ Parking 2 people needed to direct traffic Robert & Bob,
3/ Martin can help on Sunday
4/ Barriers on far side of road to stop cars going into bouncing castle group

That general Business be accepted Moved: Bathurst seconded: Port Hacking
Meeting closed 1.35pm
Next meeting: Wednesday 28 October Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville
Meeting dates for 2026: 25th November 16th December & AGM.

NSW State Gem and Mineral Show GEMKHANA 2026 26-27 September

Club Stalls

Main Hall

Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2026 (All Competitors)

O-1A.1 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	98	99.50
=2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	141	99.00
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3rd	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	52	97.75
H/C	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	133	96.75
	Susan Porter	Bathurst	99	
	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	161	
	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	70	
	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	69	
	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	61	
	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	132	
	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	125	

I-1A.2 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
H/C	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	124	61.00
	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	127	
Display Only!	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	123	

N-1A.3 Std Cabochon - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Lesley Sandilant	Port Hacking	95	91.55
2nd	Josephine Ng	Nth Dist NSW	160	91.10
3rd	Lesley Sandilant	Port Hacking	96	82.95
H/C	Piper Boulter	Bathurst	116	76.10

O-1A.5 Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	53	98.00
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	142	96.75
3rd	Susan Porter	Bathurst	100	94.50
H/C	Susan Porter	Bathurst	101	93.00
	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	134	

O-1B.1 Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	143	100.00
2nd	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	54	99.50
3rd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	144	99.00
H/C	Susan Porter	Bathurst	103	98.50
	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	42	
	Susan Porter	Bathurst	102	
	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	136	
	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	71	
	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	135	
	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	162	
	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	62	
	Eileen Smillie	Goulburn	34	

I-1B.2 Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	John Lumb	Port Hacking	13	98.20

N-1B.3 Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Felix Waugh	Blue Mtns	130	90.50
2nd	Lesley Sandilant	Port Hacking	97	74.50

O-1B.5 Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	145	96.20
2nd	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	55	92.25
3rd	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	63	84.25
H/C	Susan Porter	Bathurst	104	76.98
	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	64	

I-1B.6 Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	126	

N-1B.7 Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Piper Boulter	Bathurst	117	95.15

O-2A.1 Double Std Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	146	97.00
2nd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	163	96.50
3rd	Susan Porter	Bathurst	105	92.75

O-2B.1 Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	165	
Display Only!	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	164	

I-2B.2 Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	128	

O-3.1 Free Form - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta/Holroyd	120	97.50
2nd	Martin Stoeckl	Parramatta/Holroyd	121	97.25
3rd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	166	96.50
H/C	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	147	95.50
	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	167	
	James McCarthy	Port Hacking	65	

N-3.3 Free Form - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Susan Porter	Bathurst	106	94.90
2nd	Susan Porter	Bathurst	107	92.45
3rd	Amanda Choudhury	Port Hacking	72	91.00
H/C	Afnan Sheikh	Lapidary Club of NSW	122	86.50

Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2026 (All Competitors)

O-3.5 Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	168	97.60
=1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	149	97.60
2nd	Kevin Crouch	No Club (NSW)	118	96.70
3rd	Kevin Crouch	No Club (NSW)	119	93.00
H/C	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	148	91.30

N-3.6 Free Form - Solid Opal - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	137	93.00
	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	138	
Display Only!	Jill Chapman	Lapidary Club of NSW	129	

O-4A Opal Doublet - Flat Top - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	151	87.05
	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	150	

O-4B Opal Doublet - Domed Top - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	153	96.45
	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	152	

O-5A.1 Carving - Fully 3-Dimensional - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	78	99.66

O-5B.1 Carving - In Relief - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	79	97.33

O-5E.1 Carving not otherwise specified - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Kathy Selwood	Orange	80	98.21
Display Only!	Michael Burgess	No Club (NSW)	60	

O-8B.1 Std Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	57	99.84
	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	56	

N-8B.3 Standard Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob Castle I	Ilawarra	6	71.75

O-9B.1 Standard Square Step Cut - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	58	97.83
2nd	Milan Supa	Nepean	66	88.90
3rd	Warren Rayner	Port Hacking	12	85.73

N-9B.3 Standard Square Step Cut - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Christine Sutter	Port Hacking	5	82.97
2nd	Bob Castle	Illawarra	7	74.28

O-10.1 Mod.Std. Cut - Ultrabrilliant Cushion (Aust) - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Bob McLean	Port Hacking	59	98.74

I-10.2 Mod. Std. Cut - Smithsonian Bar Pixel - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Kayla Russell	Port Hacking	68	95.75

N-10.3 Mod. Std Cut - Emergent Phenomenon - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Emmanuel Stathis	Port Hacking	10	95.00
2nd	Bob Castle	Illawarra	8	73.29

I-11.2 Fancy Cut - Exotic Cross Rose Hybrid - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Milan Supa	Nepean	67	92.24

N-11.3 Fancy Cut - Commercial Rose Hybrid - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Emmanuel Stathis	Port Hacking	11	98.59
2nd	Bob Castle	Illawarra	9	76.87
3rd	Craig Spink	Bathurst	115	75.02

N-12A.2 Tumbled Stones - Preformed Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Helen Colman	Orange	73	88.51

O-12B.1 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Helen Colman	Orange	74	89.50
	Helen Colman	Orange	75	

N-12B.2 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Helen Colman	Orange	77	91.27
	Helen Colman	Orange	76	

O-13.1 Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	82	98.15
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	81	96.90
3rd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	169	96.25
H/C	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	43	95.90
	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	170	
	Helen Colman	Orange	24	

Section Results - GEMKHANA® 2026 (All Competitors)

N-13.2 Polished Face - Flat Surface - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Robert Porter	Bathurst	112	97.50
	Robert Porter	Bathurst	111	

N-14.2 Polished Face - Curved Surface - A/Appeal - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Helen Colman	Orange	25	92.15
2nd	Suzanne O'Neil	Goulburn	37	90.43
3rd	Eileen Smillie	Goulburn	35	89.73

O-16.1 Gem Trees - Single - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Sigrun Smith	Parramatta/Holroyd	1	90.75
2nd	Raymond Smith	Parramatta/Holroyd	3	89.00
3rd	Raymond Smith	Parramatta/Holroyd	4	85.00
H/C	Sigrun Smith	Parramatta/Holroyd	2	84.00

N-18A.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Nilo Zabalo	Bankstown	16	91.50
	Nilo Zabalo	Bankstown	17	
Display Only!	Nilo Zabalo	Bankstown	18	

O-18B.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	154	91.13
	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	155	

I-18B.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	John Lumb	Port Hacking	14	88.88
	John Lumb	Port Hacking	15	

N-18B.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Elle Umbers	Blue Mtns	131	88.00

O-18E.1 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	156	91.38
2nd	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	157	90.00
3rd	Suzanne O'Neil	Goulburn	39	88.00
H/C	Christine Avery	Blue Mtns	139	86.88
	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	44	
	Suzanne O'Neil	Goulburn	38	

N-18E.2 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Fay Cooper	Bankstown	23	

O-19E.1 Metal Clay Jewellery - Entrant Pattern - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	83	84.50

O-20A.1 Cast Jewellery - Natural Pattern - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	84	93.25

O-21A.1 Cast Jewellery - Commercial Pattern - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	86	92.15
	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	85	

O-24A.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	88	93.58
2nd	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	45	92.38
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	87	90.28
	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	46	

O-25.1 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=1st	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	171	97.88
=1st	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	158	97.88
2nd	Alice Zheng	Nth Dist NSW	172	97.00
Display Only!	Honway Louie	Nth Dist NSW	159	

N-25.3 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Susan Porter	Bathurst	108	89.50

O-26A.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	89	94.63
2nd	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	48	91.03
3rd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	90	88.65
Display Only!	Victoria Sotelo	Bankstown	19	
Display Only!	Victoria Sotelo	Bankstown	20	
Display Only!	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	47	

O-26B.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	92	94.45
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	91	92.33
3rd	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	49	89.28
H/C	Lynda Kremer	Goulburn	29	83.25
	Lynda Kremer	Goulburn	30	
	Victoria Sotelo	Bankstown	21	
Display Only!	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	50	

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N-26B.2 Enamelled Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Helen Kowalski	Bathurst	113	80.25
2nd	Suzanne O'Neil	Goulburn	41	75.50
3rd	Laura Smillie	Goulburn	33	73.50
H/C	Gavin French	Goulburn	28	73.00
	Jane French	Goulburn	31	
	Suzanne O'Neil	Goulburn	40	
	Eileen Smillie	Goulburn	36	
	Gavin French	Goulburn	27	
	Jane French	Goulburn	32	
	Helen Kowalski	Bathurst	114	
	Richard Medway	Goulburn	26	

O-26C.1 Enamelling - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	93	90.13
2nd	Barbara Try	Nth Dist NSW	94	89.80
3rd	Jimmy Lim	Bankstown	51	84.00
H/C	Victoria Sotelo	Bankstown	22	83.00

N-26C.2 Enamelling - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
S/A	Susan Porter	Bathurst	110	76.75
Display Only!	Susan Porter	Bathurst	109	

[End of Report]

Entries verified with AFLACA Winners list dated 25/04/2026

A Message

From the Competition Committee!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our Competitors and our Judges for their continued efforts to ensure that this competition remains a success.

Trophy Results - GEMKHANA® 2026

AT-1a ***Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy***
Novice - Standard Cabochon
Winner: Lesley Sandilant — Port Hacking

AT-2a ***Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy***
Open - Polished Face - Flat Surface
Winner: Barbara Try — Nth Dist NSW

AT-3a ***Gem & Lapidary Council NSW Trophy***
Novice - Cast Jewellery No Lapidary Fossil Mineral
Winner: (No Entries) .

AT-4a ***Joan Ball Trophy (Enamelled Jewllery)***
Open - Enamelled Jewellery without Mount
Winner: Barbara Try — Nth Dist NSW

AT-5a ***Joan Ball Trophy (Novelty Gemcraft)***
Open - Novelty Gemcraft
Winner: (No Entries) .

AT-6a ***The Alan Coulton Trophy***
Open - Cast Jewellery using Natural Objects
Winner: Barbara Try — Nth Dist NSW

PT-1a ***The Boris Novic Trophy***
Open - Double Standard Cabochon C/S
Winner: Honway Louie — Nth Dist NSW

PT-2a ***The Dick Moppett Trophy (Novice)***
Novice - Champion Facetor
Winner: Bob Castle — Illawarra

PT-3a ***The Dick Moppett Trophy (Open)***
Open - Champion Facetor
Winner: Bob McLean — Port Hacking

PT-4a ***The Arthur Roffey Trophy***
Best Mineral in Show
Winner: (No Entries) .

PT-5a ***The Frank Lander Trophy***
Most Successful Competitor
Winner: Honway Louie — Nth Dist NSW

PT-6a ***The Frank Hall Trophy***
Most Successful Club
Winner: Nth Dist NSW — Nth Dist NSW

[End of Report]
Entries verified with AFLACA Winners list dated 25/04/2026

STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW – 2026

Raffle results

1st Prize	One night Accommodation and Dinner for two at the Family Hotel Katoomba. Won by Deborah King
2nd Prize	Larimar Pendant - made & donated by Kathy Selwood from the Orange Lapidary Club Won by Tess from the Blue Mtns Lapidary Club
3rd Prize	Fine Silver Enamelled Pendant made & donated by Barbara Try from the Northern Districts Lapidary Club Won by Lydia Polochacz – from Glenhaven
4th Prize	Larimar Pendant and Earrings - made & donated by Kathy Selwood from the Orange Lapidary Club Won by Jamey Wilson from the Northern Districts Lapidary Club
5th Prize	Stibnite Mineral Specimen Won by Hailey
6th Prize	Fine Silver Enamelled Pendant made & donated by Barbara Try from the Northern Districts Lapidary Club Won by Garry from the Hawkesbury Lapidary Club
7th Prize	Bone – Double Twist – Pikorua, Earrings Won by Q. Safi from Hinchinbrook
8th Prize	Bone – Kori, Pendant Won by Anika
9th Prize	Gem Display Case – donated by Wendy from Bergamin Beads Won by Carol from the Illawarra Lapidary Club

Vale

Tony Try

Tony passed away the morning of Monday 21 September 2026.

Tony has held numerous position on the Council Committee

and will be missed by all.

Our thoughts are with Barbara and family at this difficult time.

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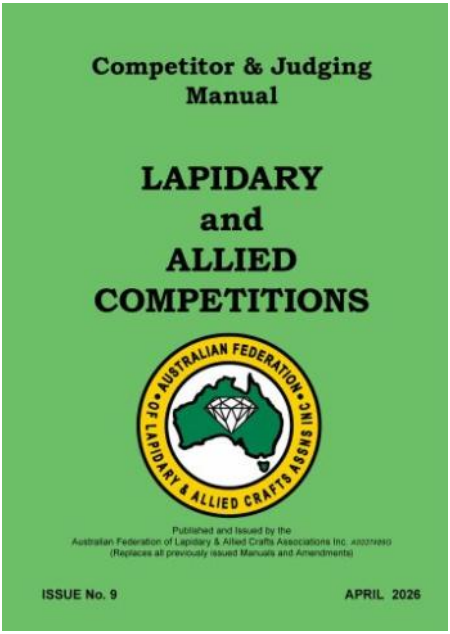

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2026 to 2028

Canberra Lapidary Club

Open Days

Event	2026	2027	2028
Rock Swap *(Parrot Park, EPIC)*	21 - 22 March *Sat - Sun*	13 - 14 March *Sat - Sun*	1 - 2 April *Sat - Sun*
Winter Gem Show *(Mellee Pavilion, EPIC)*	30 - 31 May *Sat - Sun*	29 - 30 May *Sat - Sun*	27 - 28 May *Sat - Sun*
Spring Gem Show *(Mellee 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)*
Trader/Campers start arriving from Tue before the weekend
Open to the Public Sat & Sun only

Winter & Spring Gem Shows are indoor only
Sat : 10am to 5pm
Sun : 10am to 4pm

INVERELL & DISTRICT LAPIDARY CLUB INC.
Est 1961

Gem & Craft Show
October 2026

ENTRY
Gold Coin Donation

Main Show Dates
Fri 9th & Sat 10th
Sun 11th

Stalls Open
8:30am - 4:00pm
8:30am - 3:00pm

Club House Open
Friday 9th - Wednesday 14th

Open Hours
8:30am – 4:00pm

Annette's Rock Kitchen
9:30am – 3:00pm
Tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes, slices, scones, sandwiches

Fossicking Tours
Sun – Wed
$10 per person
(7:30am at Clubhouse to register)

On-Site Gem Auction
Friday 8:00pm

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Northern Districts Lapidary Club

Gem and mineral show

Selling mineral specimens, crystals, slabs, fossils, cabochons, gems, jewellery and lapidary equipment, books, plants, & knick knacks

Watch live demonstrations of stone cutting
Buy a thunder egg and crack it open
See displays of club members' work
Tea, coffee, cakes, and raffles

Entry $5
Kids under 16 free

Beecroft Community Centre
Cnr Beecroft & Copeland Rds

Come and tour our clubhouse and enquire about membership

Saturday 24 October - 9am to 5pm
Sunday 25 October - 9am to 3pm

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The Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc
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SAT 7 November – 9am to 4pm
SUN 8 November – 9am to 3pm
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Parramatta Holdroyd
Gem & Mineral
Show
PARRAMATTA-HOLROYD LAPIDARY CLUB INC
13th & 14th November
9am - 4pm
73 Fullagar Road Wentworthville
Demonstrations, Childrens Craft
Novelty, Lucky Dip
Refreshments, BBQ
Market Stalls
Free Entry
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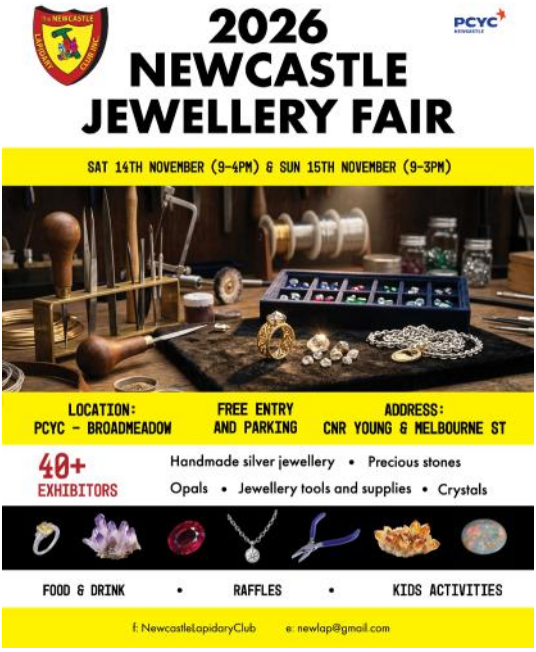
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PCYC
SAT 14TH NOVEMBER (9-4PM) & SUN 15TH NOVEMBER (9-3PM)
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ILLAWARRA LAPIDARY CLUB INC
OPEN DAY – CHRISTMAS MARKET
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2026
At Club House 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna
9am—2pm
Stalls selling – Gemstones, crystals, fossils, rough, minerals, handcrafted jewellery and books
Morning Tea – Home made cakes & goodies
Lunch – Lunch and drinks available

The Tasmanian Lapidary & Mineral Association present

The 63rd National GEMBOREE

To be held at:

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137 Rooke Street
DEVONPORT TAS 7310

Under the auspices of the AFLACA
Sponsored by Burnie District Gemstones Club Inc
The Mineralogical Society of Tasmania and
The Lapidary Club of Tasmania

26th – 29th March 2027

Major Event Partners –

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IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS

to GEMBOREE 2027 SCHEDULE

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NOT ONLINE BOOKLET

The GEMBOREE Booklet on the AFLACA Website has been amended to show these corrections. *(Please note that the online booklet has different page numbers to that your hard copy)*

If you have a **printed hard copy** of the GEMBOREE 2027 Booklet you will need to update your copy.

A few small errors have been found in the GEMBOREE 2027 Schedule they are; listed below:

Page 18 O.10.1 - line two **minimum size 10mm** should be deleted.

Page 21 O.26C.2 should read **N**.26C.2

Page 41 PT-03 - N.9B.3 Description should read **"Square Step Cut"**

Page 44 AT-22 - N.9A.2 This should be **"N.9A.3"**

Page 44 AT-23 - N.18E.2 This should be **"N.18E.3"**

Also, please note that Opalised wood **will not** be accepted in place of Petrified Wood.

GEMBOREE 2027

Competition Committee

NOTE:

Entries must be in by the 15 January 2027

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/

- ◊ **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
- ◊ **24-25 October 2026-**Biennial Exhibition – Northern Districts Lapidary Club at the Beecroft Community Centre, Copeland Road Beecroft
- ◊ **7-8 November 2026**—Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc, At Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto. You can find us at our website www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au or like and follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/IllawarraLC or Instagram https://www.instagram.com/illawarralc/
- ◊ **13-14 November 2026**—Parramatta Holdroyd Gem & Mineral Show, 73 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville—Free entry
- ◊ **14 –15 November 2026 -** Newcastle Lapidary Club Gem and Jewellery Fair. Newcastle Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), corner Young and Melbourne Roads Broadmeadow (an easy walk from Broadmeadow Station). Phone 02 49529611 (Tuesdays and Saturdays), Email: newlap@gmail.com
  Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Newcastle-Lapidary-Club-616736661717997/
- ◊ **29 November 2026**-"Open Day" Christmas Market – Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc, 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna 2518 NSW