

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

AUGUST 2017

CLUB CLOSURE

OPEN SATURDAY in SEPTEMBER

The club house will be closed on the 3rd Saturday of September.

The Kindergarten will be holding their Fete and they take over the park.

This session has been re-scheduled to the 5th Saturday of the month 30th of September.

FOSSICKING COMMITTEE

All members interested in helping on the fossicking committee please step up.

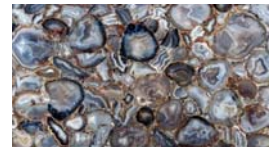
The current members are finding with outside commitments that help is needed in the organizing and administration of these trips to enable them to continue on a monthly basis.

Those interested please contact Michael Siwek or Louise Fieldhouse.



GEORGE IS COMING

28th October



For our new Members who do not know who George is

George is the go to for rock, slabs and faceting rough who visits the club usually twice yearly.

George brings a large display of rock, slabs and faceting rough for you to purchase at your convenience.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date has been set for our Christmas Function. It will be held on the 2nd of December at the club house.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The final session at the club will be open Saturday 16th December and re open on Monday the 9th January.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The main Christmas raffle has been donated by Joe Nezmah and Ann Chang and is on display in the club house.

Tickets are available at the club house. Winner will be drawn at the Christmas Party on Saturday 2nd December.

“This facility has been sponsored by the Queensland Office of Arts and Cultural Development “

Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

Hi

The Commercial display cases that have been installed for our Sales Cupboards and especially for our Mineral displays has had a very positive response and appear to make the club house look bigger. With new display units comes new paint work to this area. A big thank you must go to Trevor, Jasper and Mike Wang for the paint work while David and myself ran to keep up with removing and replacing all the fittings as they went. Another day should see it finished.

Many thanks to the good fairies who have been keeping the club house clean in the absence of our cleaner they are doing an awesome job. I hope we can resolve this soon.

I would like to bring to the attention of all Members that the club rules have been formalized and updated. It is the responsibility of each Member to read the rules and make sure they understand them. They were emailed out with the last Newsletter and there are copies at the front desk for those who think they have not received them.

It has been stated that we are putting new rules in all the time. However a lot of the "**New Rules**" are rules that have been understood in the club and as the Membership has increased the newer members may not be aware of their existence.

At the last meeting discussion took place on the definition of the sessions and which sessions were mixed sessions.

Cabbing only sessions unless pre-organised with another instructor such as silver or casting are: Monday Night, Tuesday Night, Wednesday Morning, Friday Morning, Friday Night.

Silver only sessions unless pre-organised with another instructor such as cabbing or casting are: Tuesday Morning, Thursday Nights.

Faceting session are pre-organised with the Faceting instructor as per appointment book.

Open Saturday and Sunday sessions are cabbing sessions and other crafts are only available if pre-organised with the relevant instructors.

There has been reports from instructors that some of our equipment is being used for inappropriate functions and not producing quality work.

Please make sure you know how to use the equipment and seek advice from an instructor.

Just because you can make a piece of equipment perform a function, it does not mean that it will not damage that piece of equipment for appropriate use in the future.

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Management Committee

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Sue Ericksson

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Trevor Lewis



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Tina Horton

Stewards:Sue Erricksson,
Katherine Parsons,
Trevor Lewis**Gem Show****Convener**

Fabian Bracco

QLACCA**Representative**

Tina Horton

Housekeeper

Contracted

Silver Committee

To be formed

Life MembersJohn Brady
Val Cugola
Sue Ericksson
Bob Kelly
Helen Petterson
Albert Taylor
Joan Taylor
Laurel Viogt
Kevin Voigt**LIBRARY****BORROWING**Members may borrow
up to two books at a
time.Please return all bor-
rowed books within
2 weeks of borrowing
them.Please sign out all
books being bor-
rowed from the
library.There is a register for
this purpose on or in
the desk in the library.**Joe Nezmah**

The Members and the Management Committee would like to say a big thank you to Joe Nezmah for his years of service as Faceting Instructor to the Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society.

Joe has resigned from this position, and will remain an active part of the club. Joe will only be too happy to assist or give advice to any Members requesting information from him.

Joe has prepared for retirement by training two capable instructors to assist Bob Kelly and Mal England in continuing the Faceting program going forward. **Thank You Joe.**

16 August 2017

Chief Instructor Report**Cabbing**

More care is being taken with the wheels in the cabbing room. Well done to all Club members for respecting the machinery / facilities.

You can start your entries for the 2018 show. If you would like a copy of the Schedule please talk to a Duty Instructor or one of the Committee members.

Please remember to switch off the machines and water taps above the machines when you are finished working with them. Several club members are still leaving machines on after use.

Also, do not skip wheels in the cabbing room.

Silver

Do not use the silver equipment if you do not know how to. If in doubt, please ask an instructor before use.

If there is no silver Dusty Instructor present or organised prior to the time you would like to do silver you cannot work on your silver.

Linda's Thursday night silver class is nearly finished and Richard's Tuesday class is progressing well.

Faceting

All is going well in the faceting room.

Peter will now be taking Thursday night classes in the faceting room.

SHOW SCHEDULE for 2018

[Now available on the website and at the front desk of the clubrooms.](#)

FACETING ROOM RULES (still under review)

Peter Bennett has now been elected to visit, discuss and assess the rules of other clubs in order to formulate an appropriate set of rules for faceting.

These rules will be based around the philosophy of the club and the use of the equipment. In addition they will encourage course members to present their stones for an internal assessment by Bob Kelly.

LIBRARY REPORT**AUGUST 2017**

Our new library is a step closer to completion. The shelving has been measured and ordered. Thanks to Man England we will have new look library as soon as our Mineral displays are back in their new places.

Remember the books are there for the enjoyment of all our members and make sure they are returned for the use of others. If you find any that may have been forgotten at home please return them.

NEW EQUIPMENT.

Further new display cupboards minerals, sales and display of Members work.

NEW MEMBERS

This month the Management Committee welcomes: Alan Carter and Michael Sun Yuweilong. If you see these members at the club Introduce yourself to them and make them welcome

Nomination for Committee Positions AGM 2017

The Secretary

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society Inc.

PO Box 150, Mt Gravatt 4122

WE wish to nominate (Name)_____ for the position indicated below. (Please circle one option only, per nomination)			
PROPOSER		SECONDER	
Signature_____		Signature_____	
Name_____ Date_____		Name_____ Date_____	
President	Chief Instructor	Show Convenor	Publicity Officer
Vice President	Assist Chief Instuctor	Museum Curator	Librarian
Secretary	Maintenance Officer 1	Maintenance Officer 2	Maintenance Officer 3
Assist Secretary	Providor	Field Trip Officer	QLACCA Delegate
Membership Secretary	Silver Committee 1	Silver Committee 2	Silver Committee 3
Treasurer	Chief Steward		
Assist Treasurer			

Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chief instructor must be received by 1st November 2017 (the cut off). The Nominations will be posted on the Office Notice Board by the 8th November 2017. Late nominations for these positions are treated the same as nominations from the floor of the meeting. Nominations from the floor will not be considered if a nomination is received before the cut off date.

Nominations for other positions can be accepted at any time before voting on that position.

I accept the nomination

(Nominee Signature)_____ Date_____

The nominee must be a financial member of the society and must accept the nomination by signing above.

FOR SALE

KIMBERLEY KAMPER 2005 ESCAPE Hard Floor Off road Camper Trailer.

Very good condition. One Owner. \$17,000 (negotiable)

Kimberley is arguably the best Camper Trailer on the market. It is built to go anywhere your 4 wheel drive can go & follows in your vehicle's footprint.

It has all the quality features associated with Kimberley. eg pullout stainless steel kitchen & stove drawers, 3x20 litre container racks, huge front storage box, treg towing hitch with extras: rear swing gate with 20 litre rack + extra spare tyre (included), extended draw bar, kwik awning which can be left in place when trailer folded, full sized awning with one end, CTEK battery charger, heavy duty wiring to trailer with 120ah Full River battery, queen sized bed with new inner spring mattress. Full information/inspection available.

Contact PETER 0407176051



AUGUST BIRTHSTONE

PERIDOT



Though peridot is widely recognized by its brilliant lime green glow, the origin of this gem's name is unclear. Most scholars agree that the word "peridot" is derived from the Arabic *faridat* which means "gem," but some believe it's rooted in the Greek word *peridona*, meaning "giving plenty." Perhaps that's why peridot is associated with prosperity and good fortune.

Peridot is the rare gem-quality variety of the common mineral olivine, which forms deep inside the earth's mantle and is brought to the surface by volcanoes. In Hawaii, peridot symbolizes the tears of Pele, the volcano goddess of fire who controls the flow of lava.

Rarely, peridot is also found inside meteorites.

Peridot's signature green color comes from the composition of the mineral itself—rather than from trace impurities, as with many gems. That's why this is one of few stones that only comes in one color, though shades may vary from yellowish-green to olive to brownish-green, depending how much iron is present. Most of the world's peridot supply comes from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. Other sources are China, Myanmar, Pakistan and Africa.

Peridot only measures 6.5 to 7 on the Mohs scale, so while the raw crystal is prone to cracking during cutting, the finished gemstones are fairly robust and easy to wear.

Also known as "the Evening Emerald" because its sparkling green hue looks brilliant any time of day, peridot is said to possess healing properties that protect against nightmares and evil, ensuring peace and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

DATES TO REMEMBER

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

2nd Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Show. Silkstone
State Primary School

2nd—3rd AFG Seminar Casino

9th-10th QLACCA AGM—Bribie Island Gem Festival
191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach Bribie Island

23rd—24th Caloundra Gem Show, Caloundra State School
George Street

OCTOBER

7th QLACCA Management Meeting, Beenleigh Show

7th Beenleigh Gem Festival, Beenleigh Showgrounds

14th Nambour Gemfest, Nambour Showgrounds

21-22nd Toowoomba Gemfest, Centenary Heights High
School, Ramsay Street, Toowoomba

NOVEMBER

4TH QLACCA Christmas Dinner

4-5TH Bundaberg Gem Fair

15th ***MGLS AGM***

18th QLACCA General Meeting

DECEMBER

MGLS CHRISTMAS PARTY

If undelivered please return to

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Club meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. All Members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Club Opening Hours

Mon 7.30—9.30 pm

Tues 7.30—9.30 pm

Wed 9.00—12 noon

Fri 9.00—12 noon

Fri 7.30—9.30pm

Closed public holidays

Open Saturday

Open Sunday

Silver Classes

Tue 9.00—12 noon

Thur 7.00—9.30

Mineral Society

Last Wednesday of the month at

7.00 pm

3rd Saturday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

JOINING FEES

Adult Members - \$70 - Comprising \$30 joining fee, \$30 annual subscription and \$10 badge.

Junior Members (between 10 and 16 years) - \$25 - Comprising \$5 joining fee, \$10 annual Subscription and \$10 badge.

NEWSLETTER LEVY for posted Newsletters \$15.00 per year. Newsletters collected from the Club are free

Newsletters are posted to Life Members free of charge

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