

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

JULY 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.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

All Members are reminded that:

- 1 **"The First Rule of the Club is that the INSTRUCTOR is in-charge at ALL times".**
- 2 **Review of the rules will be conducted on a regular basis and it is the responsibility of the Members to read the Newsletter and signs in the clubhouse to keep yourself up to date.**

The club rules are handed to you on the back of your joining form. They are read to you when you join and are available in several places in the building. All changes and reviews are published in the newsletter which goes to all members electronically or in hard copy.

If any Member has an issue with the rules please contact the Management Committee or put it in writing to the Committee asking for the rules be reviewed at the next meeting.

Our meetings are the third Wednesday Evening every month at 7.30pm and you can always attend and assist in the review and changes made to the club.

New Cab-room Saw-room and Silver-room rules are in attached email.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The main Christmas raffle has been donated by Joe Nezma 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 in late November.

SHOW SCHEDULE for 2018

Now available on the website and at the front desk of the clubrooms.

DESPERATELY NEEDED

The club is in desperate need of Cuttle bone for the Cuttle bone casting. If we do not get donations the club will have to purchase the cuttlefish bone and this will markedly increase the cost of our courses.

If you are going to the beach for holidays don't forget we are in great need.

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Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

President Report

JULY 2017

Hi

Most Members will note that there are changes happening in the clubrooms. We have been given the opportunity to obtain commercial jewellery shop cabinets at a very reasonable price to replace the display cabinets that have sadly had their day and falling apart.

This has been a lot of work for a few people. A big thank you must go to Sue and Phil Erickson for packing up and storing all the specimens (at short notice) until they are ready to be displayed.

As the new cupboards are all glass, after removing the old cupboards it was apparent that the walls behind them would have to be painted, so it will be a little while before the specimens can be returned.

The Novelty Gem Craft Course was successful and I would like to thank Zelda for all the effort she put into it. Hopefully she will run another one for those who could not attend.

I think that some of the members of the club may not be aware or do not remember that this club is run and manned by volunteers and without their dedication this club would not function.

A lot of the volunteers are working people and cannot always just do what is requested of them immediately, be patient and they will get to it.

At the last Meeting we had submission to the Committee that the rules for some work be reviewed. The Silver, Cabbage and Saw room rules have been reviewed and a draft is here for the meeting to approve this evening.

Peter Bennet has emailed me as he cannot attend this meeting with a draft for discussion on the faceting room rules.

Also last meeting it was brought to the attention of the Committee that there has been several Members arguing with the instructors over miss use of the equipment and the club rules.

I would like to remind all Members that:

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It is very good to see that the diligent work of the instructors has paid off on the soft wheels and the of the Nova wheels appear to be lasting as they should.

Jim



19 July 2017

Chief Instructor Report

Firstly, I would like to remind all Club members that the Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society is run by volunteers. We do this because we love the community that the Club has created as well as the hobby in general. Many of us work full-time as well as volunteer so please be patient with us. We will prioritise and complete tasks when the time is available.

Continued.....

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Silver Committee

To be formed

Life Members

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Sue Ericksson
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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.

Cabbing

- The new Nova wheels are being installed and it is good to see members using and looking after them.
- You may have noticed that the sintered wheels are now experiencing less shakiness and are quieter. This is due to recent maintenance: aligning of the motors, change of bearings and belts.
- It is great to see so many members getting a head start working on their 2018 competition entries.
- It looks like the "Memorial Trophy" set shape is going to be a strong section next year with many members already completing their entries. If you would like to buy a piece of ribbon-stone to cut for this competition section please see Trevor.

Silver

- Linda's beginners have started their silver class and are enjoying the experience.
- Richard will be starting his class in August so if you are on the list please expect a phone call from Louise.
- Just a reminder that to secure your place, all payments for the silver course need to be paid 2 weeks prior to commencing.
- This rule has been introduced due to a number of people not showing up on the day for the course which, in turn, increases the waiting time for others.
- Pre-paid also makes it easier on the instructors who don't have to waste valuable teaching time on administrative processes.
- If you haven't seen a copy of the 2018 schedule, it might be worth taking a look as we have introduced several new sections.

The first is "metalcraft" which is any item made of metal that is not jewellery e.g. a spoon or a milk jug. There are two new "metalcraft" sections; the first with commercial lapidary and the second without lapidary.

The other section that will be of great interest to many is the new section "jewellery with organic material". Organic material is classified as leather, hide, seeds, pods, wood, skin etc.

If you have interest in these sections please make sure you enter them next year.

Faceting

- All is going well in the faceting room.
- If you are keen to learn how to facet please make sure your name is on the list at the front of the clubroom.

Lastly, I would like to mention that all areas will have a review of rules which will be available after the meeting. Many of these rules have been in place, however, have never been formalised in writing. The decision to formalise rules for each area has occurred due to a few Club members insisting on arguing with the Duty Instructors. These rules are in place to ensure the safety of the members, that all members have fair use of the equipment and to ensure that the Club equipment is not misused. Please ensure that you have read the rules and know what is expected of you in each craft of the clubroom. Ignorance is not an excuse.

CABBING and SAW ROOM RULES (completed and passed)

The cabbing room rules have been reviewed and we have attached these as part of your email if you get your Newsletter electronically. A copy will be at the front desk for those who receive a printed copy of the Newsletter.

NEW SILVER ROOM RULES (completed and passed)

Silver room rules have been formulated and we have attached these as part of your email if you get your Newsletter electronically. A copy will be at the front desk for those who receive a printed copy of the Newsletter.

FACETING ROOM RULES (still under review)

Further discussion at this meeting has taken into consideration the two submissions for review presented at the June Meeting and a possible solution submitted after that meeting. The changes in the rules are to be formulated and presented at the August meeting.

This most like will assess the student on competencies' on how to use the equipment as part one and part two will be on the ability to cut a competition quality stone.

LIBRARY REPORT

JULY 2017

I would like to remind all members that when looking for ideas we have an extensive range of books. Many of these are new from donations recently. I am open to suggestions if there are special books you would like to see added to the library.

Sue Horton

Museum Report

Over the last few weeks we have packed up three quarters of the museum specimens which will be in storage until the new cabinets are lockable, keyed alike and the walls behind the cupboards have been painted.

The cabinets are being purchased as they become available. The display will be greatly improved when the process is completed. A big thanks to Jim and Sue Horton for their tireless efforts in finding, purchasing and collecting the cabinets.

Each cabinet has Led lighting and this will make viewing our collection a good experience. It will be a slow process but worthwhile in the end.

Sue Ericksson

NEW EQUIPMENT

Three third hands New torches in case of emergencies.

New display cupboards minerals, sales and display of Members work

FOSSICKERS REPORT

Field Trip 23 July 2017

Black Duck Creek and Black Fellows Creek south west of Gatton

Met at Gatton IGA Car Park and left at 9.10 am total of 32 people from MGLS and another 10 from Toowoomba Lapidary Club who held a Tag along FT with us meant we had quite a convoy happening as we drove off

First stop was a park with a Toilet near the Junction of Black Duck and Black Fellows Creek where we could safely park the large number of cars in our party and have a short stroll down to the creek bed where the fun began.

Finds included Petrified wood , Opalised wood, Chalcedony and Jasper of various colours we had a large area to fossick in but the finds in this area showed that others had been here before us so we had a quick bit to eat and headed to the next spot

Next spot was about 1 km north along the road here we found better quality and more numerous finds after spending a bit more than an hour there we drove up to Glen Rock National Park for lunch under the trees

After lunch we drove out of the Park and headed back to the Black Fellows creek for more fossicking it was great to see a number of younger members from both clubs making some good finds there with their sharp young eyes but we slightly more mature members also did really well with the biggest find of the day having to be winched out of the creek and 3 men to lift it in the back of the ute.

Day finished up at 3 pm when we all headed for home



NEW MEMBERS

This month the Management Committee welcomes:

Philip Chang, Jo Jensen, Jim Jiang, Julie Maynard, Colin Nivison-Smith, Gill Pyke, Amy Robertson, Sumanth and Irene Y Huang.

If you see these members at the club Introduce yourself to them and make them welcome.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR CLUB

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society has a new website if you would like more information on the Society and it's facilities please visit

www.mgslapidary.com.au

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DATES TO REMEMBER

25-26th Cairns Gem Festival, Club Rooms
129 Mulgrave Road, Cairns

AUGUST

5th QLACCA Meeting Gonyah Club Rooms 10am.
5th Innisfail Gem Show, Club Rooms 6 River Drive
6th Atherton Show, Club House, Racecourse
Road, Toga
11-13th Anakie Gemfest, Anakie Central
19-20th Rockhampton Gem Show
26th Waterloo Bay Gem Show, Hemmant Community Hall Brand and Ramsay Street, Hemmant

SEPTEMBER

2nd Ipswich and District Lapidary Club Show, Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone, Ipswich
2-3 AFG Seminar, Casino
3rd Fathers' Day

SEPTEMBER

9th QLACCA AGM—Bribie Island Gem Festival
9-10th Bribie Island Gem Festival 191 Sunderland Drive
Banksia Beach, Bribie Island.
23-24th Caloundra Gem Show, Caloundra State School,
George Street

OCTOBER

2nd Queens Birthday
7th QLACCA Meeting Beenleigh Show
7th Beenleigh Gem Festival, Beenleigh Show
grounds
14th Nambour Gemfest, Nambour Showgrounds
21-22nd Toowoomba Gemfest, Centenary Heights High
School

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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 3rd Saturday of the month

Open Sunday 4th Sunday of the month

Silver Classes

Tue 9.00—12 noon

Thur 7.00—9.30

Mineral Society

Last Wednesday of the month at

7.00 pm

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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