

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

JULY 2015



ROCK AUCTION



Our annual fund raising AUCTION is on again on the 26th September.

Funds will go to the Flying Doctor and to the building fund for the new extension to the club.

*** DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED ARE NEEDED URGENTLY ***

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting will be held on the 18th November 2015.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club will celebrate with a Christmas Party on the 29th November.

CORRECTION from July issue:

Thank you Joan Taylor for pointing out the error in the article on Free Form Cabochons.

It is not correct that "Free Forms" do not have a bevel.

The J&R issue states: ***"While entries with bevels are permitted in Free Form, entries that, but for having no Back Bevel, would be eligible for Standard Cabochons or Fancy Cabochons, are not eligible in Free Form, nor are Double Cabochons that are too high"*** J&R page 32, Part D, Group 3, D 6.1.4

SAW FEES

All members are reminded that there is a fee for cutting rocks in our saws. The trim saw (used only for trimming around the cabochon shape) is free all other rock cutting is **50cents** Per square inch.

TOOLS (all members are required to have their own tools)

It is the policy of the club that all members once they have done their beginners course and wish to continue the crafts **MUST** purchase their own tools and equipment. Some of these tools are available from the club, others may have to be purchased at gem shows or from lapidary and jewelry supply stores. If you have problems ask one of the Committee Members.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi,

We have started to incorporate the items obtained with the grant from the Community Gambling Fund. The two new Fasetron machines are now installed in the Faceting-room. A big thanks to Bob, Mal, Joe and Wilma for the work they have put into the faceting room to allow this instillation of these machines so quickly.

The earthworks have been completed to allow for the concrete slab to go down for the lockers.

Preliminary discussions took place with some members with building experience this month. The results being that Dave Terlich will do basic drawings for a site layout plan to allow a meeting go to ahead the Council prior to applying for building approval.

Thank you Dave T for cutting the concrete at the back door to enable it to be replaced when the slab work is done. This is part of the Council annual audit last year. We are committed through the Council lease to spending \$7,000 per year on maintenance.

The drainage of the sink in the Cabbing workroom has been diverted inside to allow the lockers to go flush to the wall. During this process it was assessed that the particle-board under bench was collapsing and will need replacement at the same time as the 2" drainage from the machines is replaced.

The cabbing machines have been reconfigured, putting all the sintered wheels together in one area and those machines have all been done up above bench and are being fitted with directional focus LED lighting a continuation of the trial started last November.

Jim Horton

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

You may have noticed some work going on in the cabbing room. There is a fair amount of timber needing to be replaced due to age and general wear and tear. This has come about from the repairs and modifications for the new slab and lockers outside. Hopefully there won't be any major disruptions.

For the silversmiths, the anvil is now good to go and a new vice has been fitted to the workbench. It is a swivel type with magnetic soft jaws which can be removed if not required. Please place them back on the vice when finished.

The beginners silver classes are moving along nicely with several members proving to very competent learners. Thanks also to the instructors who have taken on the challenge with not a lot of notice. Thank you to Richard, Linda, David, Anthony and Geoff. To help them along we are in the process of setting up course standards including costs, materials and projects.

Two of the new faceting machines have arrived with the instructors setting them up for use. I'm looking forward to hearing how they are going. Many thanks to Joe, Mal and Bob.

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To be appointed

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QLACCA**Representative**

To be advised

Housekeeper

Contracted

Silver Committee

To be formed

Life Members

John Brady

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Sue Eriksson

Bob Kelly

Helen Petterson

Albert Taylor

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LIBRARY**BORROWING**

Members may borrow up to two books at a time.

Please return all borrowed books within 2 weeks of borrowing them.

Please sign out all books being borrowed from the library.

There is a register for this purpose on or in the desk in the library.

LIBRARY REPORT

AUGUST 2015

The draft policy was accepted at the July Meeting to be reviewed when a locked cupboard is available for the Library. We have purchased a DVD/Book on Ted Elliot's Mineral Collection "TerrEstrial" this can be found in the Mineral Section. Also purchased after requests, two books on Montana Agate "The River Runs North" and "How To's of Cabbing and Carving Montana Agate and Chalcedony" by Tom and Jim Harmon.

MUSEUM REPORT**Thank you Ted**

Thanks to Ted Barker for the large donation of Thelma's Mineral Collection now on display in the clubhouse.

For members that may not have known Ted and Thelma: they joined the club in 1970 when they became interested in fossicking because of their son's interest in lapidary through high-school. He was always asking them to take him to go and find Thunder Eggs at Mt Tamborine. (From interview done for Rockbottom in 2000's)

Thelma was a life member and passed away last year, Ted remains a member of the club.

1994 Rockbottom News Reported: "Thelma and Ted during 1971 helped excavate which is now the storeroom and workroom. This was all done by pick, shovel and wheelbarrow. (*not the current clubhouse. The current club was not built until 90's*)

Thelma was an instructor for many years, Secretary for three years and Assistant Secretary many times. Thelma worked on many sub-committees and has been on the show committee for more years than anyone can remember. She has helped put together a countless number of displays at various locations, including the week long Hobby Tempo Exhibition during the 1970's, and the mammoth task of collecting and cataloging display material for the QLACCA Gemboree in Canberra in 1988. Thelma has been a tireless worker for the club staff at the show during the years. She was co-author for the club history book "OUR FIRST 25 YEARS", spending many long hours on research for the book. Thelma could always be relied upon to supply large quantities of display material for the many shows our club attended."

Both Ted and Thelma remained active members of the club until age and ill health in recent years had prevented their attendance.



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The Storage Lockers

Work has commenced on the Western Side of the building to enable the construction in the next few weeks. The earthworks are complete and the concrete will be poured in the next week. Once completed Michael will go ahead with construction.

Faceting Room

The faceting room is looking great. Thanks goes out to Bob Mal Joe and Wilma for the effort they have put into the refurbishment so far of the faceting room. This has allowed the placement of 2 new machines, to commence work on immediately, until the other two machines are available and the complete reshuffle takes place.

The Cabbing Room

Long overdue maintenance and machine refurbishment has commenced. The drainage from the machines and the sink is underway at the same time the very tired particle-board is being removed and replaced with a water resistant plywood. Thank you David and Jim. This is continuing slowly, to enable sessions to continue while this is in progress. The motors are then to be remounted. Once this has all been completed we will be looking for painters.

The Silver Room

The bench tops are being covered with stainless steel to make them more durable and to stop items slipping off. The Durston mill has been adjusted and a new Bench Vice is being installed.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE CHANGES

There is now a new form in place as a letter of introduction for members to take if they are going to another club. Introducing the member and indicating their competencies if they want to work at another club.

The new Code of Conduct has been passed and is now in the clubhouse.

The new disputes and grievance policy has been passed and is in the clubhouse.

EQUIPMENT

Two new Facetron Faceting machines and all the associated laps dob sticks etc

New Vice in silver room

New lights in the cabbing room

NEW MEMBERS

This month the Management Committee welcomes many new members. If you see someone new at the club, Introduce yourself to them and make them welcome.

FACEBOOK

The club now has its own Facebook page up and running with likers joining everyday.

Linda Fountain mglspublicity@gmail.com and Louise Fieldhouse mglsecretary@gmail.com are the administrators of the page. Have a look and keep up to date with what is going on at the club, especially if you are away or unable to attend for an extended period.

What is Lapidary?

Lapidary is the craft of collecting, cutting & polishing of precious, semi-precious & other attractive stones for the purpose of display, ornamentation or for jewellery.

History Lapidary has its origins when Stone Age man first needed tools and weapons and began selecting stones and shaping them for this purpose, tens of thousands of years ago. Through the ages special stones also became symbols of worship, jewellery and adornments. The early Egyptians subsequently developed techniques for cutting and polishing stones as hard as quartz and amethyst as can be seen in the items found in the Egyptian Tombs.

Our modern day lapidary hobbyists are the present day custodians of these ancient lapidary skills.

STOP AND THINK

Joan Taylor gives you “Something to think about”:

20 Things to tell you are getting older!

- 1 You think LIBIDO is an Italian exotic pasta dish.
- 2 The tooth fairy has more teeth than you
- 3 You wake up with a hangover even though you didn't do anything the night before to deserve it.
- 4 You learn to like prunes.
- 5 You object to the ridiculous new trend of making car seats too low.
- 6 Your joints make more noise than rice bubbles.
- 7 Your Doctor's receptionist call you by your first name
- 8 Your car battery goes dead because you leave your boot open for two weeks.
- 9 Mowing the lawn has become a major event in your life.
- 10 When you are sitting in the park a boy scout helps you get up.
- 11 You think of your caravan as a home away from home.
- 12 Conversation with friends turns into dueling ailments.
- 13 Your sex drive suddenly shifts into park.
- 14 You think a quickie is having a nap at the traffic lights.
- 15 Your back goes out more than you do.
- 16 Many of your co-workers were born the year you started work.
- 17 You play bingo and really enjoy it.
- 18 You light the candles on your birthday cake and the smoke alarm goes off.
- 19 You spend a lot of time trying to remember what you are looking for.
- 20 You find this list insensitive and tasteless.

SILVER SMITHING SAW BLADES

I have heard so many people at the club talking about one saw blade looking the same as the next and that they are using far too many blades.

This is a little table to help you with choosing the right blade next time you need to saw silver. Yes the numbers have a meaning and different blades do make a difference, try it for yourself.

Blade size	Teeth/inch	Gauge	Thick/mm	Drill size piercing
8/0	89	up to 26	0.40	60
7/0	84	24 – 26	0.51 – 0.40	80
6/0	76	24	0.51	79
5/0	71	22 – 24	0.64 – 0.51	78
4/0	66	22	0.64	77
3/0	61	22	0.64	76
2/0	56	20 – 22	0.81 – 0.64	73
1/0	53.5	18 – 22	1.0 – 0.64	73
1	51	18 – 20	1.0 – 0.81	71
2	43	16 – 18	1.29 – 1.0	70
3	40.5	16 – 18	1.29 – 1.0	68
4	38	16 – 18	1.29 – 1.0	67
5	35.5	16	1.29	65
6	33	14	1.6	58
7	30.5	12	2.05	57
8	28	12	2.05	55

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

5—6	AFG Seminar, Glen Innes
6	Fathers Day
12—13	Bribie Island Gem Festival, 191 Sunderland Drive, Bribie Island
19	QLACCA AGM—Gonyah Club House
26	Caloundra Gem Show, Caloundra State School George Street, Caloundra

OCTOBER

3	QLACCA Management Meeting, Beenleigh Show grounds
4	Beenleigh Gem Festival, Beenleigh Show Grounds
5	Labour Day
TBA	Nambour Gemfest, Showgrounds
24—25	Toowoomba Gemfest, Centenary Heights High School, Ramsay Street, Toowoomba

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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 - \$50 - Comprising \$20 joining fee, \$20 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

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