

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

February 2016

CLUB MEETINGS

The third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm

We have 250 Members and yet only 13 including Management Committee members are turning up to meetings to make all the decisions for the whole club.

To endeavor to provide what the wider club community would like to incorporate in the facility more people need to be part of the decision making. If you do not attend Meetings, where the decisions are made, you can't complain if you don't like what happens or where the club is going.

It was voted that New Members, after paying their Membership, will be required to attend their first meeting to be able to become a full member and get their badge.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BEFORE THE 31st MARCH

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID BY THIS DATE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE CLUB FACILITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO ASSIST OUR VOLUNTEERS

- Can you help with the upcoming show in any way, please see any of our Management Team.
- If you want Social's, giving existing volunteers a helping hand would also be appreciated.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We have just had our monthly meeting and the question was raised that we need a social committee. This is a great idea but we need members to realize that when we have a social event, those who organize and give of their free time would like to see more members support them. If there are members who wish to give of their time to help in any way contact the management. It is also time to let every member know that volunteers do the day to day running of the club and show these people the support they deserve. **Wilma Nezmah**

*** SHOW TIME ***

Competition

- It is time to start to prepare for our show in May.
- All members including the Juniors and New Members should be studying the schedule (at the front desk) thinking about what they are going to enter and preparing to get their competition entries started and underway.
- New members should not be intimidated, last year only one person entered in novice silver and won a substantial prize with no competition.

Show Volunteers

- This is one of the only times we expect our members to step up and volunteer their time and expertise for the good of the club and to raise money for the club. It is the only big fund raiser the club has annually.
- MEMBERS need to step up and take the positions of:

Kitchen organizer.	Kitchen helpers
Set up on the day (5am start)	BBQ chiefs and helpers
Traffic Controllers	Parking attendants
Raffle sellers	Entry ticket sellers

Continued overleaf

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

Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

Remember this is a club run by the Members with an elected Management Committee to coordinate and organize the voluntary workforce. They are not put in these positions to do all the work. There is a very small number of Members who are diligent putting their hand up every time but they are carrying the other 230 Members who just want to reap the benefits that the club offers.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

The club needs at least 4 raffle prizes for our Annual Show Jewellery Raffle.

This Raffle is our major fund raiser for the year and we are calling for our Members to donate pieces of hand crafted jewellery as raffle prizes.

Please see Trevor Lewis or Tina Horton.

Presidents Report

Hi

The last month has passed very quickly but has been a productive month for the club. Our 52nd Birthday was a success although many members missed out on a lot of fun and trivial laughs. The continuous raffle was a great success however many said it was rigged as two members I won't say who seemed to win more than their share. **Thank you SUE E and Wilma N** for organizing this for us.

The silversmithers should be happy, they have acquired a new Hammers and mandrels. The club now has a very good variety of chain and new silver profiles that are proving very popular.

If there are types of silver products you would like to try, ask Tina or leave a note and she will endeavor to get them in for you to try.

Many thanks go to Karen and Rocko who were at the clubhouse on the 30th January (Karen Lillian Tools) showing the range of tools they have to offer at very reasonable prices.

The Members who attended went away very happy with purchases they have made.

The club has purchased some hammers for sale they are priced in our sale cupboard. We can place orders form them online or they will be attending our show. They donated a mandrel to the club as thanks for having them for the day.

We have slowed the upgrades over this month, I have been away and we are waiting on products before we get the electrician in to complete the saw-room ready for the saws to move in.

The Hall's man has stated only another two weeks but we will see.

The cab room was slowed because we had an indication that the grant was coming in from the Federal Community Project through Ross Vasa. This will allow us to do a much more thorough job and really complete a full upgrade. This agreement came through last week however the money is not in the bank yet.

Jim

PROGRESS REPORT ON PROJECTS FOR GRANTS

In September 2015 Dave Terlich emailed through a newsletter from Ross Vasta inviting Community organisations to apply for grants through the Federal Government for equipment and facility improvements. SCP (Stronger Communities Program) We applied.

We have been forward the agreement and it has been signed, no money in the bank yet.

This grant is for a new Cab-king cabbng machine, new motors for all the cabbng machines, improvements to our work areas and a new computer for the treasurer.

It will enable us to paint the cab-room and upgade the benches and shelving, recondition all the machines. As well as supply the new machine with specialized wheels to enable us to phase out the silicon carbide wheels and advanced members still get their tight turns and specialty cabbng designs .

This Grant is to be completed by December 2016

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Assistant Treasurer:

Andrea Horton

Assistant Secretary:

Trevor Lewis

Maintenance:

1 Jim Horton
2 David Buhmann
3 Brad Thompson

Librarian

Sue Horton

Museum Curator

Sue Ericksson

Field Trip Officer

To be appointed

Providore

Trevor Lewis
Jim Horton

Chief Steward

Tina Horton

Stewards:

Trevor Lewis

Andrea Horton

QLACCA**Representative**

Tina Horton

Housekeeper

Contracted

Silver Committee

To be formed

Life Members

John Brady

Val Cugola

Sue Eriksson

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 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.

The GCBG (Gambling Community Benefit Grant) is to be completed by the 1st July 2016.

We are currently waiting on Faceting Machines from the Hall manufacturer in Cairns.

The new Saw-room is progressing and the saws should be moved in in the near future, allowing the faceting room to be extended into the old saw-room. This will see the completion of this grant.

The SCP (Security Crime Prevention) Grant, implementation of cameras and lighting, will be commenced shortly and is to be completed by the end of December 2016.

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

Tuesday nights are busy at the moment with quite a few beginners having started recently. This is probably a good time to remind the regulars to give way to the beginners. While learning, they need to have continuous access to the machines. There has been an improvement on how the cabbing wheels are being used, but it's being noticed that the whole wheel is not being used by some.

The faceting room is getting a good workout at the moment which is good to see. All three beginner sessions are running well, with a few extra classes being added in at other times. For those members who are interested in learning the art, please put your name in the book at the front desk. Just be aware, it does take a few months to make it to the top of the list and there are others waiting, so please use a valid phone number.

The new silver classes are under way and seem to be going well. The new setup for class fees and silver purchases is showing signs of working well.

Silver Course

The next silver course will commence Tuesday 29th March 8am start and Thursday the 31st March 6.30pm start 2016.

Persons participating must be Members, having had orientation and safety instruction, and will be required to pay for tuition and kit two weeks prior to commencement date.

The first day of the course you will be required to be at the club 30 minutes before the course starts to receive the kit and meet the instructor.

Tuition for the course is \$40

Kit for the course is \$45 (this varies from course to course due to the fluctuation in silver prices)

NEW MEMBERS

The Club Continues to grow with more new Members. Say hello and introduce yourself to:

Marya Atmeh, Chrissy Bamkin, Luke Bamkin, Brendan Bazzo, James Blake, Elijah Boyd, Nathan Boyd, Morris Carter, Alison Charpentier, Tessa Dux, Luke Kelly, Nigel Kelly, Jenny McNulty, Roberto Piambo, Maya Siwek

FACEBOOK

The club now has its own Facebook page up and running with likers joining everyday. Linda Fountain mglspublicity@gmail.com, Louise Fieldhouse mglsecretary@gmail.com and Viv Sakrzewski 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.

ADVERTISING

The Newsletter is offering advertising space. Pricing schedule :

Business Card size \$15.00 per issue	A6 (1/4 page) \$30.00 per issue
A5 (1/2 page) \$60.00 per issue	A4 (full page) \$120.00 per issue.

Advertising will assist in reducing the cost to our Club in providing this newsletter. If you would like to advertise your business, a "for sale" item, an upcoming event, contact Linda Fountain either at the Club or via email at mglspublicity@gmail.com

OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS

Our club celebrated another birthday with a social function and advertised this fact on the front page of the November newsletter with a reminder in the January edition. Whilst I realize that over the Christmas period everybody was busy and may have overlooked the 6th February as a date to place in their diary it was a disappointment to the organisers to have so few of our members attend.

On Saturday the 6th Sue Ericksson organized a Trivia afternoon preceded by a barbecue. Members who did come were in high spirits and enjoyed themselves immensely.

It is a fact that in a lot of volunteer organisations like ours most of the work is done by a small group of people who are always ready to lend a hand. Therefore it was a disappointment to our organisers of this social event to see so few arrive even though some members have complained in the past that there are not enough social gatherings. It is to these members that I ask – **where were you the last few times we had a function?**

Another social is being planned and will be in the newsletter in the near future as well as on the club's noticeboard (**which by the way, should be the first thing you look at once you sign in**). Once the function is arranged please show your support by attending.

The same goes for our monthly meeting. It is the only way you have a real say in how the club is run. If you have any issues talk it out at a meeting, which is the best way to go about having any issues you may have resolved.

Wilma Nezmah

QLACCA REPORT

Currently QLACCA is calling for all the clubs insurance payments which are paid through them for Accident and Incident insurance annually. Last years show results are being analyzed to enable the presentation of the QLACCA trophies for last year.

LIBRARY REPORT

I want to emphasize that REFERENCE BOOKS do not leave the premises. It is still happening.

Please when you do use the books make sure they all go back in their designated areas. They are colour coded it is not hard.

Surely all our members can count from 1 to 101. Then why can't they put the books back numerical order.

Volunteers are not here to serve you. The club is organized and run by the Members as a whole. One member is not here to clean up and run after all other members.

Sue Horton

MUSEUM REPORT

Cataloguing of the Thelma and Ted Barker donation is in the process and once this is completed the display units will be re arranged.

NEW EQUIPMENT

- Ring mandrels.
- Texturing hammer
- Steel bench block
- Oval bezel mandrel
- Hexagonal bezel mandrel
- Bolder Opal Saw

Cutting double sided cabochons:

by Joan Taylor (previous magazine c.2004)

“Cutting double sided cabs is no harder than cutting single sided cabs, and many people prefer it because there is no need to polish the back on glass.

Start your first one with a thicker than normal slab, perhaps 10 or 12mm thick. While it is possible to cut thinner slabs it is more difficult so start with a thicker slab. Mark the outline shape of the cab, trim it with the trim saw and then grind the shape making sure you keep the edges straight.

Now mark the stone for cutting. Mark the usual three rows on the top and then turn the stone so that the side is facing you. Now is the time to decide on the proportions of the stone. Do you want the same size curve on each side, or do you want the top high and the bottom flatter? When you have made your decision, mark around the side of the stone to establish the girdle line. Now mark a second line 1mm or 2mm above the girdle line, and a second mark 1mm or 2mm below.

Now go back to the grinding wheels and shape the stone making sure you do not go beyond the line you have marked. If preferred you can work one side at a time.

Continue sanding with frequent checks with your ten times loupe until you reach the 280 wheel. Now take the side down to the girdle line, being careful to keep it straight, and check carefully for flat spots and nasties. When you are happy it is ready complete the polishing and admire your efforts.

Now take the stone off the dop and redop onto the polished side. This will not harm the polish. Work the second side the same way, being careful not to touch the girdle until you have nearly completed the sanding, and then finishing the stone as before making sure the girdle line is straight.

Congratulations! That wasn't too difficult, was it? Clean both sides thoroughly to remove all traces of wax.

Double sided fancy cabs are cut the same way, but are more challenging if inside curves are used.

If you are cutting the stone to be set in a rub over setting, leave the girdle a little thicker than normal. If you are cutting to enter a competition consult the J&R Manual as to what is acceptable.”(*J&R reference is page 28 - D5 GROUP 2*)

FANCY CABOCHONS

DEFINITION: Is a stone cut from a single piece of Natural Lapidary material not laminated in any form, polished on all surfaces, and entirely hand-worked, not machine faceted in any way or with the use of any device, or attachment which allows the competitor to cut a better stone than purely by hand or with a traditional dop stick. Grinding and sanding shall be done on FLAT faced laps, wheels or drums. The grinding/sanding face must be flat, with no curves or contours that assist the cutter in forming (domed) shapes

Stone must have a curved domed top, flat back, back bevel and girdle line

NOTE: manmade lapidary materials and natural organic materials are NOT PERMITTED in this section.

A fancy cabochon is not circular or oval when viewed from the top. May be of geometrical, symmetrical or irregular outline shape, having a domed curved top when viewed at any cross section, with no deliberate flat areas, ridges or concave surfaces. There is no maximum height restriction for Fancy Cabochon.

NOTE: Shape Points will be awarded according to the outline shape of the stone. Tear drop shapes must not be confused with pear shapes. Pear shapes have two Inside curves and gain 4 Shape Points. Inside curves must be obvious to the judge to gain Shape Points.

SHAPE: The under mentioned shapes will earn Shape Points as follows:

- Tear drop-----1 point
- One sided curve or angle-----3 points
- Two sided curves or angles-----4 points
- Three or more inside curves or angles or heart-----5 points

Rectangular, square and other straight or convex sided geometric shapes

-----2 points

For the other marks see J&R No 8 page 26 D4 GROUP 1 This is the sheet the judges mark you by.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH		APRIL	
5th	QLACCA General Meeting at North Bris Gem and Jewel fest	2nd	QLACCA Management Meeting, Gunyah Club Rooms
5th-6th	NorthBris, Gem and Jewel Fest, Bracken Ridge State High School, Barfoot St, Bracken Ridge	16th	Open Saturday
16th	MGLS Monthly Meeting 7.30pm	20th	MGLS Monthly Meeting 7.30pm
19th	Open Saturday	24th	Open Sunday
25-28th	52nd GEMBOREE, National Gem and Mineral Show, Ulverstone, Tas	25th	ANZAC DAY
25-27th	Warwick Rocks, Antiques & Collectables Fair Warwick Showgrounds	30TH	QLACCA General Meeting at Redcliffe Show
25-29th	Club Closed	30th	Redcliffe Gem and Mineral, Jewellery and Craft Show

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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 - \$60 - 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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