

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

February 2017

SHOW TIME — PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We have change the date the entries are due for our competition:

SECTION 1—28 are due on **SUNDAY** the 9th of APRIL

between **1PM AND 4PM**

TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR SHOW ENTRIES

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 .

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

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.



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Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

Hi

This month has been a challenging month I hope you have all survived the extreme heat. As many of you know Sue had extensive surgery and is now slowly recovering.

Last year we hosted the Judging Course for Cabbings and I am pleased that two of our members both did the course and both passed. Congratulations David Buhmann and Tina Horton.

This year's Committee is working towards improving the ratio of instructors to students and are working towards increasing the number of instructors.

If you would like to be an instructor or have a skill that you would like to share and with other members approach the Committee and discuss it.

The Gambling Community Benefit Grant for a Solar System with battery backup for the club house has been finalized and submitted. If we are successful, this will reduce our electricity costs.

As this grant was for equipment we added micro motors for the Silver room.

Brisbane City Council invited Mt Gravatt to apply for the Brisbane City Council Stronger Community Grant 2017 due on 6th February.

The grant was for repairs and upgrades to the facilities.

We applied in this grant for new vinyl flooring through-out. Commercial vinyl in the main areas and non-slip vinyl in the wet areas. We also applied for new Kitchen cupboards as these have been flagged for replacement because of the kickboard deterioration and the laying of the new flooring would be influenced by them.

This week we have had notification that The Brisbane City Council SCP Grant 2016 finalized in January has been acquitted.

The surface of the wheels in the cab room are being damaged and the instructors meeting highlighted some of the problems leading to miss use and unnecessary damage. Thus, rules, have been drawn up for the cab room, they are up for discussion at this meeting.

Definite outcomes:

Metal dop sticks eg. nails are not permitted in the cab room. Bamboo skewers or chop-sticks are to be used for small stones.

All stones are to be dopped when using soft wheels unless special permission for the duty instructor.

New wheels and belts are on order and when they all arrive the configuration of the wheel set up in the cab room will be changed slightly to allow a smoother work flow and prevent bottlenecks, especially on Tuesday nights.

Maintenance has been carried out on the guillotine. Members are reminded that only certain metals can be used on the guillotine and the mill. Please read the signs.

Jim



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

or if you would like to contact the Society our new email is

mgslapidary@gmail.com

Alternatively check us out on Facebook or instagram to know what is happening around your clubhouse

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Instagram: @mtgravattlapidary

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Sue Ericksson

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Darrell Bennett, Michael Siwek, Paul Opitz and Peter Lansbury

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Tina Horton

Stewards:
Sue Erricksson, Katherine Parsons, Trevor Lewis

Gem Show Convener
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QLACCA Representative
Tina Horton

Housekeeper
Contracted

Silver Committee
To be formed

Life Members
John 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 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.

CLUB BIRTHDAY

On Sunday the 5th February Wilmah Nezmah organised presentation on O'Briens Creek followed by afternoon tea for our celebration. Members who came were in high spirits and enjoyed themselves immensely.

This social function was advertised on the front page of the November newsletter with a reminder in the January edition.

Whilst we realize that over the Christmas period everybody was busy and may have overlooked the 5th February as a date to place in their diary it was a disappointing to have so few of our members attend.

Some members have complained in the past that there are not enough social gatherings. It is to these members that we ask – **where were you the last few times we had a function?**

Our social functions are organized by volunteers and the committee appreciates any Member who is willing to organize a function that is of interest to other Members. Who is willing to put up their hand.

Chief Instructor Report February 2017

Tuesday night beginner's classes are going well with plenty of new students keeping Trevor busy! We also welcome a new Duty Instructor – Mike. Mike has extensive experience working with precious opal and chrysoprase and is an excellent interpreter for international beginners. Welcome to the team!

An instructors meeting was held on 5 February 2017 where duty instructors could raise any issues or concerns they had to the Committee. It is hoped that these meetings occur quarterly so that issues can be dealt with as they are identified. If you as a member have any concerns, suggestions or issues please feel free to approach a Duty Instructor, myself or a member of the Committee. Below provides a summary of some of the areas discussed during the meeting.

Cabbing

Bottleneck at 280 wheels at present – new 220, 360 and four 280 wheels proposed as solution

Continued introduction of expandable wheels – increased cost effectiveness for Club
Issues with members not using whole of wheels or sharp / smaller stones, resulting in damage

Members to use 360 wheel prior to going on 280 and other polishing wheels
Smaller stones to be dopped on wood dopsticks prior to use on wheels
Signage to be placed around the club to inform members.

If you have any questions regarding the changes to dop stick use and / or stone size please do not hesitate to chat to your Duty Instructor.

Faceting

New discs have been ordered for faceting which should make performing stones faster
Two new Duty Instructors for faceting – Michael Siwek and Peter Bennett will allow for more beginners to take classes

Reminder to those that are faceting to submit their stones for assessment – this is integral to being allowed to work independently in the faceting room (with a Duty Instructor present)
Please notify your Duty Instructor in advance if you are unable to attend your faceting session.

Silver

A grant has been placed for 6 top of the line micromotors
New silver pricing system is working well with increased silver sales
Please remember to anneal your silver prior to running it through the mill
Potential to run casting classes on open Saturdays by experienced casting instructors – stay tuned.

General business

Please remember to wear your name badge at all times in the Clubhouse
If you have not paid your membership fees by 1 April 2017 you are unable to attend sessions
If you have paid for membership but have not yet received a badge, please carry your receipt on you until you receive a badge.

I hope you have a happy and creative month!

RULES FOR THE CABGING ROOM

These rules (see below) are for comment by the Members for the next month and will be reviewed and a decision made at the next monthly meeting.

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NEW/ADDITIONAL CABGING ROOM RULES

Following recent changes in/to the Cabbing Room, it has become apparent to Instructors that additional procedures should be established in order to improve personal safety and minimise damage to equipment. Accordingly, the following rules are to be implemented:

SAFETY PROCEDURES WITH 'SOFT' WHEELS

In addition to the 'Novas', and the usual range of grit sizes which these cover eg. 280, 600, 1200 and 40 000), 'soft' wheels now include the expandable rubber type with replaceable belts. These belts can be quite sharp on the exposed edges and care needs to be exercised to avoid injury (cuts to fingers, etc). In addition to usual safety precautions for using wheels;

STARTING UP AND BELT ALIGNMENT

When first starting up, and after adjustment. Make sure the wheel is switched off and not still turning.

Align (centre) the belt on the wheel by hand.

After alignment switch on and check that the adjustment is correct.

If not, switch off and realign.

NOTE 1: Belts are more prone to overheating and drying out than Nova type soft wheels. Dry belts overheating cause damage to the adhesive holding the grit surface and can also result in scratches on the stone. Members should make sure that sufficient water is passing over the complete face of the wheel during use.

USE OF DOP STICKS

Whenever the use of 'soft' wheels is necessary, in order to keep hands away from the wheel and belts, all stones are to be correctly dopped.

NOTE 1: In some instances larger stones may be unusually shaped and not intended or suited for cabochons. Instructors are to be approached and they then will determine whether this rule may be relaxed.

2 Nails are not to be used as dop sticks.

3 Whilst members are advised to wear eye protection, stones and other sharp object are hazardous to eyes and limb when loosed. The use of dop sticks on all stones reduces this risk.

MINIMISING SOFT WHEEL DAMAGE

In order to prevent undue wear presently occurring to soft wheels, and the premature replacement of wheels and belts due to accidental damage, the following rule is also to be implemented.

Before proceeding to any soft wheel, all stones being processed are to be finished of scratches on the 320/360 grit hard wheels.

NOTE 1: Hand held stones are responsible for almost all of the damage to soft wheel surfaces, whenever members lose grip on the stone and the wheel/belt tears it from their grasp. The use of dops on all stones being cabochoned on soft wheels will reduce this hazard to members from projectiles and minimise accidental tears to the wheel/belt fabric.

2 Some freeform shapes consist of sharp bends which cannot be processed on any soft wheel without causing undue damage to the outside edges. Frayed edges and loose ends are signs of this. Where any doubt occurs whether shapes should be finished with carving tools such as Dremel or Foredom drives, or the soft wheels, the Instructor will be consulted and will determine accordingly

QLACCA REPORT

FEBRUARY 2017

At the January QLACCA Meeting the judges for the 2017 shows have been appointed.

The QLACCA Management Committee have requested that Mt Gravatt take lead to run and organize the 2023 Gemboree.

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LIBRARY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2017

As many will know, I have been on leave and I would like to thank all members for using the Library responsibly and assisting with keeping the books in order. Keep up the good work.

I would like to thank Jill Madden on behalf of all the Members, for the large donation of Jewellery books to our Library this month. These books cover a large variety of techniques and design that will interest all our members. These books can be found in the Jewellery section J113 to J122 as well as a double up on some of our more popular books.

NEW EQUIPMENT

Bezel setting Kit

NEW MEMBERS

This month the Management Committee welcomes:

Greg Bergel, Sheryl Bergel, Robyn Cross, Steven Farquhar, Sharon Hung, Patrick Kenny, Li Li, Roger Maslen, Di-anne Meiklejohn, Julia Niemann, Gary Poole, Bonnie Scholz, Leonard Van Lille.

If you see these members 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 every day. Viv Sakrzewski, Linda Fountain mglspubli-city@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.

INSTAGRAM

The club now has an Instagram account. If you would like to follow us and keep up with the club activities, it is the account is [@mtgravattlapidary](https://www.instagram.com/mtgravattlapidary)

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

4-5th North Brisbane, Bracken Ridge High School
15th MGLS Monthly Meeting
18th Open Saturday
26th Open Sunday

APRIL

14th—17th The 53rd National Gem & Mineral Show, GEMBOREE 2017 will be held in : Tony Luchetti Showground Lithgow, NSW

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.

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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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