

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

January 2015

It is our 50th Annual Show !! Lets make it a good one.

Lets make the 50th Show the best one yet.

SATURDAY 30TH MAY 8.00am—4.00pm

MESSAGE to ALL MEMBERS. We have sections in our competitions for all levels Junior, Novice and Open, don't be frightened to enter. All eligible entries are judged. Your marks are not made public but all judges give constructive criticism and will advise where you can improve on the sheet they return with your entry.

SHOW COMPETITION ENTRIES

Section 1 – 28 competition entries for our Annual Gem Show are due in on or before Saturday 11 April 2015 between 9am - 12 noon. Entries will be accepted by arrangement by Trevor Lewis or Tina Horton leading up to the 11th of April

RAFFLE PRIZES

We are currently looking for donations of handmade jewelry or faceted stones for our 50th Annual Gem Show raffle. This raffle is our major raffle fundraiser for the year. If you would like to donate a prize please contact Jim Horton on 0418 885180 or leave it at the club house

GEORGE IS COMING BACK

George Tsahmakis will be back at the club on Saturday ???(speak to Brad) April with high quality and rare slabs, rocks and faceting rough for sale. 9am – 12noon Visitors welcome

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

Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

MISSING

ROUND DRAW PLATE

We are requesting all members check their tool boxes incase in a clean up at some time this item has got into a members tool box. It is a piece of steel plate approx. 200mm long and 40mm wide with varying sized round holes through it.

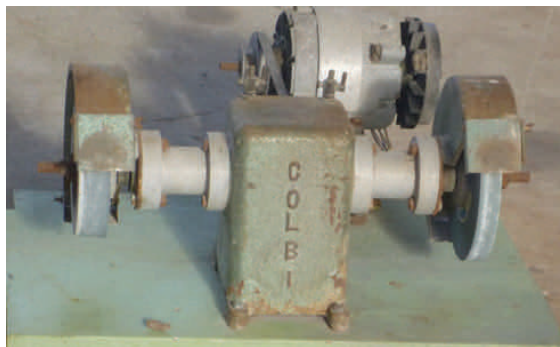
LIBRARY BOOKS

An Audit has just been completed and there area large number of books missing and overdue. Please check at home and return any you have. If found please leave missing items in the office.

ANIMALS AND BIRDS

A reminder to all members: Animals and birds are not allowed in the clubhouse during sessions.

DONATED EQUIPMENT for Tender



These items are up for tender by the club. All tenders are to be submitted desperately. A decision will be made at the March Meeting and all tenders should be at the club by 5pm on the 17/3/2015.

The items can be viewed at the clubhouse after the 3/3/015.

Management Committee

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Andrea Horton

Assistant Secretary:
Trevor Lewis

Maintenance:
As determined by the management committee

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
To be advised

Housekeeper
Contracted

Silver Committee
To be formed

Life Members
John Brady
Val Cugola
Helen Petterson
Albert Taylor
Joan Taylor
Laurel Viogt
Kevin Voigt
Sue Ericksson
Bob Kelly

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 borrowed
from the library.

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

BOOK EXCHANGE
Richard Newlands has
set up a book ex-
change on the display
cabinet beside the
grinder room for mem-
bers wishing to swap
books.

AGENDA FOR MEETINGS

At the February meeting it was passed by all members to post the agenda for the next meeting at the club 7days prior to the meeting date.

The items for the Agenda must be to the secretary 10 days prior to the meeting.

If the secretary does not receive the item 10 days prior to the meeting the item will be held over to the following month.

Items for the secretary's attention can be put in the safe or email to
mglsecretary@gmail.com

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANT

When discussions took place with the Liaison Officer of the Brisbane City Council over the external storage and the need for the extension of areas within the clubhouse, it was suggested that the Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society should apply for the GCBF grant. The Brisbane City Council has supported this application with a letter of support. The current grant closes on the 28th February and is for building and equipment. The application has been completed and submitted for external storage and faceting machines. If successful we will be notified within 6 months.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The club has outgrown the last membership dater base and in 2015 there will be a new database and with it a new receipt book will be introduced.

All members will be required to complete this format and the secretary will receipt your membership when she is in next and you will receive a copy.

If the Secretary is not in when you pay, please pick up your receipt when next you are there. It will be in an envelope with your name on it. The forms and money posted in will have receipts posted out.

FIRST AID STATION

The First Aid Station has now been set up in the Kitchen near running water. There is another First Aid Kit in the office and a band aid box in the cabbng room, if you take a band aid please write your name and date in the book this is to prevent you filling out an incident form.

New emergency numbers and relevant details have been placed beside each phone and at the station.

ACCIDENT and INCIDENT FORMS

All members are reminded that the folder is in the office and that forms should be filled out for all accidents and incidents. This is to cover you if the injury or incident is more serious than you anticipated at the time or if other parties become involved..

COMMUNICATION BOOK

A communication book has been supplied to communicate with instructors, manage-
ment committee and positions like the librarian.

It will be at the front desk allowing instructors or members to communicate missing items, items that may be needed (eg. mops), book repairs etc.

For Tender MINSOC Equipment

Queensland Mineral Society have a filing cabinet and steel cupboard for tender . Both items are up for tender .
You need to put your

offer for either one (or both) in writing . . Please send you offer to the Treasurer – PhilipEricksson either in writing (PO Box 6263

Upper Mount Gravatt 4122) or email him at ps.ericksson@gmail.com . Tenders close at 12 midday March 25th and will be

announced that night at the meeting . The letterbox will be emptied on the 25th for the last bids to be received .
Emails received after
midday WILL NOT be considered .



900mm long x 450mm deep x 1000mm high Cabinet



Standard Lockable Office Filing

Presidents Report

February 2015

Hi

The last month has passed very quickly but has been a productive month for the club with changes happening in many areas. Our 51st Birthday was a success although many members missed out on a lot of fun and trivial laughs. **Thank you SUE E** for organizing this for us.

The silversmithers should be happy, they have acquired a new Anvil to enable them to use the new stakes donated last month and a new Bonny Doon patterned plate has been purchased for use on the Durston Milling machine to pattern silver plate. We now have Sterling Silver Filigree wire in stock

We have replaced the water fire extinguisher at the cabling room door with a dry powder extinguisher and had all the signs updated.

The roof space has been ventilated with whirly birds and vents. The manholes have been put in place and only have to have the trimmings finished **Thanks to Brad, Mark and David.**

Members have commented on how much easier it is to mop up the cabling room after sessions, this is due to the diligence and great work by David. **Thanks David.**

The First Aid Kit has been purchased and placed in the areas agreed on at the last meeting. Flip charts for some First Aid procedures have been laminated and positioned beside the Kitchen First Aid Box if needed.

I attended the Morton Bay Facetors Guild Meeting this month and they are very interested in fostering new members from our club. They have offered to come to our show, demonstrate and talk to any of the members about the Guild and what they have to offer.

I would like to put a reminder out to all members that your entries for the show are due in on the 11 April before noon. Come on all you new members You Can be part of the competition.

Jim Horton

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

It's good to see sessions filling up as we move towards the show. I hope some of the members are working on show material! For those beginners who aren't sure what to do, please ask your instructors for a little advise.

As we draw closer to the show, we will have a working bee to clean up around the club. I hope this will be attended as well as previous years: Many hands make light work. I may even be convinced to bring a cheesecake.

Silver beginner classes have started again with a good turnout. For anyone who is entering the club competition, don't forget to polish the backs of any cab going into an open backed setting.

Thanks to Libby and Jim for sorting out the anvil, now available for use in the clubrooms. It has some forming stakes as well. Just ask the instructors how to use them. Gordon will be holding a cuttlefish casting session on the open Saturday in March, while Tina will be running a general casting session on the open Sunday. Don't forget to collect all your scrap.

And finally, remember to use the sink in the capping room for washing up, not the kitchen sink.

LIBRARY REPORT

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I have done an audit on the books in our library over the last month and it is disappointing to see the number of books MISSING and overdue. I would ask all members to check at home and make sure they do not have any of the MGLS books. The majority of the books missing are mineral carving and new books. If not found they will be a great loss to the club. At the request of an anonymous person the book "Silversmithing and Art Metal" has been replaced at a cost of \$63.

Yesterday I received two boxes of books donated by Fiona Walker, these will be catalogued and put into the library system over the next month.

Sue Horton

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Annual Subscriptions

Please complete and return this form when paying your membership dues.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE _____

PHONE (S): _____

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE NEWSLETTER: _____

A/A Please tick or number. If you have more than one member in the household, the first member pays \$25 and each additional member pays \$20 - only 1 Newsletter is delivered per household.

\$25 - Annual Subscription (\$20) with newsletter (\$5)

\$20 - Annual Subscription without the newsletter

It's that time of year folks - annual subs and newsletter payments are due in March. Please tear off this form and return it with your money (of course).

New Members who have joined (and paid) since 1 January are financial until 31 March next year, you do not need to pay again this year.

NOTICE - Termination of Membership for Arrears

Please note, the club pays insurance and QLACCA fees based on membership and can not afford to carry large numbers of non-financial members. If you can not pay your dues on time, please contact the Management Committee to make other arrangements.

If your memberships fees are not paid by **1 June** and you have not made alternative arrangements, we may reluctantly terminate your membership.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

7-8 Nth Brisbane Gem and Jewel Fest, Bracken Ridge SHS

14 Gatton Gem Show, Shire Hall, North Street

APRIL

3-6th 51st Gemboree, National Gem and Mineral Show,

Wimmera Events Centre, Horsham Vic.

3-5th Warwick, Rocks, Antiques and Collectables Fair

Warwick Showgrounds

MAY

2-3rd Redcliffe Gem and Mineral, Jewelry and Craft Show-
Southern Cross Catholic College, Kippa-Ring

16-17 Lismore Gemfest, Lismore Show Grounds

30th Mt Gravatt Gem Show, Mt Gravatt Club House

30-31st Gunyah Club Lapidary Display,

Mt Coot-tha Gardens Auditorium

JUNE

27th Gold Coast Gem and Craft Show, 80 Pacific Avenue,
Pizzey Park, Miami

If undelivered please return to

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society Inc

PO Box 150

Mount Gravatt Qld 4122

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society Details

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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

Closed public holidays

Silver Classes

Tue 9.00—12 noon

Thur 7.00—9.30

Mineral Society

Last Wednesday of the month at

7.00 pm

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

JOINING FEES

Adult Members - \$50 - Comprising \$20 joining fee, \$20 annual subscription and \$10 badge.

Junior Members (between 12 and 16 years) - \$25 - Comprising \$5 joining fee, \$10 annual Subscription and \$10 badge.

NEWSLETTER LEVY

There is an additional charge of \$5 per family per year to cover some of the cost of printing and distribution of the newsletter.

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