

# ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

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June 2015

## Our Gem Show

The Annual Gem Show is over for another year. Thanks to all the members who helped in so many ways. Congratulations to all those members who won prizes and I hope those who didn't, the judges have given really good pointers as to where you can improve and enter next year and win.

## TROPHY WINNERS

**Best in show** – Zelda Welland

**Arthur Mullans** - David Buhmann

**Don Wilkinson** – Tina Horton

**Fossickers Cup** – Julie Waters

**Show Champion** – Tina Horton

**Lionel Whitby** – Zelda Welland

**Laurie & Val Saint** – Katherine Pa



## QLACCA TROPHIES

These Trophies were presented by Graham McLean (treasurer of QLACCA and President of AFLACA and the J&R)

- 1 Mt Gravatt for the Club of the year
- 2 Tina Horton for Lapidary of the year (combined overall lapidary)
- 3 Sue Ericksson for Lapidary of the year (Minerals)



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## Presidents Report

June 2015

Our show was a great success again this year and we were very blessed with the weather. The beautiful day encouraged more tailgaters than the last few years and hence more people were there to buy.

Our overall takings were much the same as the last two years but the Treasure will have a more detailed account of that side of things.

Councilor Krista Adams very kindly presented our trophies again this year after spending some time at the show talking with members and purchasing bargains from our stallholders

My special thanks goes out to all those members who helped to make the day a great success, spending long hours on their feet running around to make sure the day run smoothly and the doors, raffle and BBQ was manned at all times.

A special mention must go to the members who entered the competition, those members who gave extra time to do displays in our large cabinets, so visitors can see just what is produced in this club with time and many hours of patience. Thank you Helen, Linda, Zelda and Less, Richard, Bernie, Bill, Viv, David, Peter.

Another big thank you should go to the members who spent their day demonstrating their skills for all to gain tips and knowledge of the different crafts. We are seeing new members joining our ranks. Thank you Libby, Gordon, Richard, Robert, Mal and Graham Kinsela from the Australian Facetors Guild.

The demonstrations at the show have renewed interest in all the crafts and the club has gained quiet a few new members. Welcome to all those new members who have already joined.

The interest in carving is one of the big areas and we are now trying to obtain soapstone and equipment for Robert Ross to be able to schedule a course. Hopefully this should be underway in the next month Roberts time permitting.

Now the show is over we will be picking up the maintenance in order to meet the BCC audit program for the next 3 years.

Jim Horton

## CONDOLENCES

All members of the club extend their condolences to Viv and family for the loss of "Terry" on the 22/5/2015.

## CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

Well, the Gem show has now gone for another year. Thanks to all those that entered in the competition itself, those that supplied displays and also those who showed visitors how to make what we make.

Congratulations also go to all those who entered the 2014 club competitions. At our Gem show we were presented with Lapidary Club of the year as well as Tina taking out the individual award. Well done!

Thanks also to Jim and David for fixing the bench under the cabbings wheels which was suffering a little from terminal rust. The next project on that bench will be fixing the drains and resetting the motors.

The parts that went missing from the Demel drill stand have now been replaced and should be fitted shortly.

I believe there have been a few issues cutting straight lines when using the guillotine. If anyone would like help using it, please let me know. I would be only too happy to demonstrate.

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## *Committee Officers*

### **Assistant Treasurer:**

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

Viv Dadow

Sue Ericksson

Bob Kelly

Jim Norris

Helen Patterson

Albert Taylor

Joan Taylor

Laurel Vioght

Kevin Voight

**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.

**Gem Show Thanks**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to tell you that the 2015 Mt Gravatt Lapidary Gem Show & Competition was a raging success! Once again our major fundraising effort for the year has produced profits to see the club advance for another year.

This event would not have been possible without the hard work of many members, I apologise now if I leave anyone out.

Firstly I would like to thank Trevor Lewis & Andrea Horton for stepping into the role as show stewards. Assististing with the stewarding duties were Louise Fieldhouse, Sue & Phil Ericksson and Sue Horton. I could not have run the competition without any of you but especially Sue Ericksson once again for your guidance, advice on the "grey areas" of the J&R and moral support (all of which was appreciated!). Thanks to all those who entered our competition, the display from the novice was a little disappointing however the rivalry & competition from the open members was a real lift for the club. Remember the competition and displays are a great way to show the community what we can teach them to do.

Thanks to the members who took the time to display their work. This year's display made me proud to be a member of the club. This display really showcased the numerous crafts, styles of work and knowledge our members have. Big Thanks to Bernie Dobson, Les & Zelda Welland and Viv Sakrzewski for their Novelty Gem Craft Display, Bill Dahlar for his petrified wood & polished face display, Helen Walker, Richard Nuttall, David Buhmann, Linda Fountain & Peter Lee for the Silver work displays, Sue Ericksson for her carving display. All your hard work and time was much appreciated.

Our raffle generated great interest due in part to the high quality of prizes, which were donated to the club. I would like to thank the following members for the donation of raffle prizes; Linda Fountain, Sam Manis, Joe & Wilma Nezmah, Bob Kelly & Dennis Bourne.

Thanks to Peter Lee for the donation of the bracelet, which was given to Councillor Krista Adams for the presentation of the trophies.

Big thanks to those who got out of bed before dawn to finish the setup and organise the tailgaters.

Thanks to our assistant Treasurer & the assistant to the assistant treasurer (Sue Horton) for running the finances like a well oiled machine. You did a fantastic job of ensuring that the moneys from the clubs fundraising efforts were well taken care of, counted and banked promptly.

Thanks to all the members who donated their time to demonstrate their skills on the day of the show; Gordon Perkins, Libby Savage, Richard Nuttall, Mal England and Robert Ross. I huge thank you to Graham Kinsella president of the AFG for donating his time and expertise in faceting., Mal even said he learned a lot from him!

I would like to thank Louise Fieldhouse, Brad Thomson, David Buhmann, Max Walsh, Jan & Bill Saunders and Jim Horton for their work and support in the lead up to the show. I would like to make mention of a couple of new members who put their hand up and did whatever was asked of them; Fabian Bracco, Katherine Pearson, Alfonso & Gilda Tudu.

Lastly I would like to thank every member who donated his or her time and support to help ensure that this year's gem show was a huge success. I could not have done it without each and every one of you.

Tina Horton

## ICECREAM CONTAINERS

We are still asking all our members if they have ice-cream containers sitting at home gathering dust. If you have please think of the club! We are desperate. We would like lids if this is possible

## DISPUTES, GRIEVANCES AND EQUIPMENT ABUSE

It is to be made clear that the Instructor is in charge of the building, equipment, and security of the premises and the personal safety of ALL MEMBERS. The instructor is not just there to instruct in the craft that is in session at the time.

New policy and procedure has been formulated to give the instructors guidelines for expectations and handling of these situations. This is accompanied by the Code of Ethics of the Society under which this document falls. Both are at the Clubhouse to view.

## WISH LIST

Thanks go to Linda Fountain and other participants in silver sessions for the information for the last grant.

The Management Committee are requesting that members and particularly instructors discuss at the sessions the equipment and the needs of the club to meet the changing trends in the crafts practiced or new crafts that could be incorporated. Please fill out the form with suggestions and items needed on the wish list, the folder and forms provided in the office.

This form needs details and some research by the persons making suggestions.

## EQUIPMENT

Two new gas cylinders have been purchased for the BBQ's, the old ones were out of date.

New 3/8 Copper lap for the cabbing room

The wall fans are still to be installed.

The new toilets are still to be installed to fulfill part of the requirements of the BCC audit.

New waterproof aprons are available for sale at the Club.

## FACEBOOK

The club now has its own Facebook page up and running with likers joining everyday. Linda Fountain [mglspublicity@gmail.com](mailto:mglspublicity@gmail.com) and Louise Fieldhouse [mglsecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

It was passed at the June Meeting that the Club will now admit junior members from 10 years of age. **HOWEVER**, between the ages of 10 and 12 years, junior members' parents/guardians must remain at the Clubhouse at every session.

## SHOW RESULTS

For those Members wishing to see the 2015 Show Results, they are available at the Club House.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Blue	B 54	Gary Doraw
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Black	A94	Linda Fountain
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Green	F12	Sue Horton
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Orange	E9	Ted Samson
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Black	F80	Ken Boxall
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Orange	C66	Paul Amos



## LIBRARY REPORT

This month very little has happened in the library except for tidying the books and keeping them in order and cleaning up for the show. There were much more pressing duties to do to keep the show preparation on track.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Management Committee and Members of MGLS wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new Members.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

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

### JULY

**11th** Caboolture Gem Fest, Caboolture Historical Village Beerburum Road, Caboolture

**11—12th** Hervey Bay Festival of Gems, Star of the Sea Catholic School, 39 Hughes Road

**18—19th** Townsville Gem and Mineral Show, Club Rooms, 86 Mooney Street, Gulliver

**25—26th** Cairns Gem Festival, Club Rooms, Mulgrave Road, Cairns

### AUGUST

**1st** Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Show, Ipswich Show Grounds, Warwick Road Ipswich

**1st** Innisfail Club Gem Show, Club Rooms, River Avenue

**2nd** Atherton Show, Club House, Racecourse Road, Toga

**TBA** Anakie Gemfest, Anakie Central Qld.

**29th** Waterloo Bay Gem Show, Hemmant Community Hall, Brand and Ramsay Street, Hemmant

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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