

# ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4<sup>th</sup> February 1964

March 2015

*It is our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show !! Lets make it a good one.*

**Lets make the 50<sup>th</sup> Show the best one yet.**

**SATURDAY 30TH MAY 8.00am—4.00pm**



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 \* **Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society has won the 2014 QLACCA club of the year!** \*  
 \* **CONGRATULATIONS MT GRAVATT** \*  
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### FIELD TRIP

**Hau** Mai has organized a field trip to Glenn Innis and Inverell for the 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>st</sup> of April. If you are interested check the details at the club or email Hau on [malctm@hotmail.com](mailto:malctm@hotmail.com) Remember if your name is not on the official club Field Trip Register at the club before the start of the field trip you will not be covered by the clubs insurance. For more information regarding the field trip please **see page 4 note about insurance**

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> of April . All other entries are due 28<sup>th</sup> May between 9am – 12 noon.

### GEORGE IS COMING BACK

George Tsahmakis will be back at the club on Saturday 18th April with high quality and rare slabs, rocks and faceting rough for sale. 9am – 12noon Visitors welcome

### CLUBHOUSE CLEANING AFTER SESSIONS

One of the club rules is that all members who attend a session must stay and help clean up at the end of the session. If you would like to leave a session early please see the duty instructor and they may allow this however be aware you will be asked to complete other cleaning tasks within the clubhouse before you leave

## ANNUAL SHOW 2015

**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 sent away and judged anonymously by QLACCA approved judges. Only the scores for the prize winners are made public, therefore if your entry does not place your score is kept private. All judges give constructive criticism and will advise where you can improve on the sheet they return with your entry.

### QLACCA TROPHY'S

QLACCA has changed the structure of there trophies this year. There is still Lapidary Club of the Year and the Lapidary category now has 5 trophies based on the sections of the J&R.



### Top Ten Placings for Lapidary of the Year 2014

1	Tina Horton	Mt Gravatt	53
2	John Campbell	Caboolture	43
3	Paul Futcher	Caboolture	40
4	David Buhmann	Mt Gravatt	32
5	Lyrian Hughes	Beenleigh	27
6	Max Walsh	Mt Gravatt	24
6	Suzanna Ericksson	Mt Gravatt	24
7	Gayle Perkins	Mt Gravatt	17
7	Les Creed	Caboolture	17
8	Iris Downey	Caboolture	16
9	Katty Lawrence	Caboolture	14
10	Michael Waller	Caboolture	12

### Lapidary Club of the Year 2014

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society	150
The Caboolture Gem Club	130
Beenleigh Lapidary Club	35

Lapidary of the Year 2014 for Groups 1 to 4,7,12 to 17

Paul Futcher

Lapidary of the Year 2014 for Groups 8 to 11

John Campbell

Lapidary of the Year 2014 for Groups 18 to 28

Lyrian Hughes

Lapidary of the Year 2014 for Groups 5, 29 to 38

Suzanna Ericksson

Congratulations to all members who placed in the top 10 of QLACCA lapidist of the year.

Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

### *Management Committee*

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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 Eriksson

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.

**BOOK EXCHANGE**

Richard Newlands

has set up a book exchange on the display cabinet beside the grinder room for members wishing to swap books.

**Presidents Report**

March 2015

Hi,

This month has been very proud one for the Club and I would like to congratulate all those members who participated towards Mt Gravatt becoming **QLACCA Lapidary Club of the Year for 2014**.

QLACCA for the first time has split the Lapidary Prizes of the year for members into 5 sections to reflect better what crafts are represented and encourage more participation. Mt Gravatt won 2 out of the 5 sections.

We can boast that we have **QLACCA Lapidrist of the Year for 2014** (highest number of points encompassing all sections) and winner of the **Lapidary of the year 2014 for Group 5**, (Mineral/Casting section) as well as another 4 members in the top 10. Congratulations go to all Members. The announcement of the winners was made at North Brisbane Show on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and our trophies will be donated at the annual show in May.

Thank you must go to Graham Kinsela for visiting our members on the 17/3/2015 giving an informative discussion on the Australian Faceters Guild and faceting in general. He was sorry about the short notice and has promised to return again. He has also agreed to demonstrate at the annual show. Minsoc have agreed to display at the show and to Robert Ross has agreed to demonstrate at the show many thanks to them. An invitation has been sent to Krista Adams asking her to present the trophies at the show.

We have replaced the 60/80 Sinted wheel this week because it had been abused and sent out of round by certain members exerting too much pressure in certain places on the wheel. We ask that all members are diligent in the proper use of the wheels and in reporting problems to the instructors and the instructors are diligent in reprimanding the people responsible. Wheels are a major cost to the club.

The BCC has extended the lease on the existing land for another 4 years and have approved in principle to the application for another 485 square meters of land (the same area as the existing lease) paperwork is still to be done and signed sealed and delivered.

We have been fortunate to have had three donations of rock in this month with some very nice specimens and an old faceting machine that will go up for tender at a later date. Thanks to Max and David for their assistance in sorting the rock. It will be put on sale in the club gradually when it is slabbed sorted and priced.

Thank you to Max and David all the water taps in the Cabbing room have been replaced and refurbished. The external drains have all been cleaned and unblocked.

Jim Horton

**LIBRARY REPORT****March 2015**

The library books have been rearranged and the older magazines before 2000 are being archived for possible sale in the future. This will allow shelf room for more up to date books and magazines.

The large number of books donated by Fiona Walker, have been catalogued and put into the library system for member use. Please make sure you sign the books out and return them on time so other members have the chance to use the books as well.

Two other small donations of books and magazines have yet to be assessed.

Sue Horton

Quote from a male member for the month "Ask not what the Club can do for you, but what you can do for the Club"

## **Chief Instructors Report**

Well, this is probably the last chance I'll have to annoy you about your show entries! Keep working on them. There's lots of categories for you to choose from. I've seen some interesting work being done in the clubrooms. If you aren't sure if it's suitable, just ask.

George will be back at the club on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Although it's too late for our competition, he always has a good selection of faceting and cabbing material. He's also bringing a new selection of agate from overseas this time.

Things are moving along in the faceting room too with several beginners currently being taught. While on the subject of the faceting room, there have been several examples of misuse of the machines. The following should be adhered to:

**No repairs.** Find the duty instructor and report it.

Also, the faceting machines are not to be used for fixing the backs of cabs, sharpening aluminium pencils or sanding silver.

## **QLACCA REPRESENTATIVE**

Tina Horton has been asked to be QLACCA representative for our club.

## **ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT INSURANCE**

There has been some concern in the club in regard to the age that is covered by this insurance. The policy has come in from QLACCA and Members from 8 to 95 are all now covered by this insurance. Apparently some years in the past this has not been the case hence the confusion.

## **INSURANCE FOR FIELD TRIPS**

Only Members are covered by the club's ACCIDENT & INCIDENT cover arranged by QLACCA. When your name is registered you must also register the registration number of the vehicle the member is travelling in.

Friends and family members are welcome but they are not covered by the club insurance.

## **COMPUTER**

The club office computer has had problems for some time. The meeting made the decision to purchase a computer for the Secretary and have the office computer stripped out and rebuilt. Please be aware that while the office computer is being repaired it will not be available at the clubhouse.

## **EQUIPMENT**

There are new templates in the cabbing rooms this month.

The VJ faceting machine has returned from being serviced.

## **SINTERED WHEELS**

The 60 Sintered wheel was replaced this week. It is clear that this wheel had been abused!!! This abuse has shortened the life of this wheel by up to 6 months. Instructors will now be watching member carefully on all equipment including the sintered wheels. Any member who is abusing the wheels will be cautioned and if this abuse continues maybe asked to leave the session. Abuse of this wheel includes pressing too hard, working on the side of the wheel and only working in the middle of the wheel.

Each sintered wheel costs the club \$370.

## **AGENDA FOR MEETINGS**

The Agenda will be posted on the club notice board 7 days prior to a meeting. Members are reminded Agenda items must be to the Secretary 10 days prior to the meeting. If an item arrives late it 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](mailto:mglsecretary@gmail.com)**

## LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO OTHER CLUBS

There had been a request that we look at a letter of introduction to other Lapidary clubs for people who travel and would like to inter-react with other clubs while traveling.

At the March meeting it was decided that a letter of introduction be formulated for this purpose and that it should have tick boxes for competencies and be signed off by the Chief Instructor and the President. This letter will be available on request.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is a reminder that all memberships are due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Please remember to wear your new membership badge to the club for every session. If members do not have on the current badge after the 31<sup>st</sup> March they will be reminder of that their membership is overdue!

Club rules are now found on the back of all membership receipts please take the time to familiarize yourself with these rules.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Thank you to all members who have returned books. However there are still a large number of books missing. Please check at home and return any you have may find. If found please leave missing items in the office.

\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE AND NEED TO BE PAID BY THE  
END OF MARCH

Date: / /

**Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society Inc**  
Membership Application/Renewal  
Please write clearly

**Membership Details**

Name..... Gender .....

Address .....

Suburb..... Postcode .....

Phone..... Mobile .....

Email.....

Date of Birth / /

**Junior** (12 to 16 years of age)  
 Yes  No

Guardian Signature .....

**Emergency Contact Details**

Name.....

Phone .....

**Membership** Please tick the appropriate box only!

\$ 50 - Adult Full Membership

\$40 - Adult Half Yearly Membership

\$25 - Junior Full Membership

\$20 - Junior Half Yearly Membership

\$10 - Temp VET Membership (6 weeks only)

**Renewal** Please tick the appropriate box only!

\$20 - Adult Renewal

\$10 - Junior Renewal

Newsletter Please tick the appropriate box/s and pay appropriate fees!

\$5 - Print Newsletter  FREE - Electronic Newsletter

Office Use Only

Total Paid \$ .....

Club Representatives Signature .....

All those joining between 1<sup>st</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> December pay only half subscriptions. Those joining between 1<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> March membership will be current until the end of March the following year.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

**3-6th** 51st Gemboree, National Gem and Mineral Show,  
Wimmera Events Centre, Horsham Vic.

**3-5th** Warwick, Rocks, Antques and Collectables Fair  
Warwick Showgrounds

### MAY

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

**16-17th** 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  
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## 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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