

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

May 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



 * Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society has won the 2014 QLACCA club of the year! *
 * **CONGRATULATIONS MT GRAVATT** *
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Our Gem Show

Preparation for the Gem Show is in full swing all members should try to participate in some way.

WE STILL NEED HELP!!!!

KITCHEN: -The kitchen needs helpers, there is only one person stepped forward stating they will assist. How hard is it to give half an hour to cutting up cake and sandwiches and serve drinks

BBQ: - The response to the BBQ has been positive, however more hands the merrier as one person does not want to sit there all day and two persons at a time are needed, one to take the orders and money and the other to prepare and cook.

PARKING: - Appears covered pretty well

FRONT DOOR and BACK GATE: - (collect entry fees) Needs more volunteers Does not start till 8.30am

RAFFLE TICKET : -sellers are always needed

DONATIONS OF FOOD ON THE DAY

We need donations of sandwiches savories to compliment the BBQ,, cakes and sweets to serve with coffee delivered to the club on the morning of the show. A list will be up in the club house so that you can add your name and donation hopefully to gives a variety of goods.

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

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J&R--- AFLACCA has made changes to the J&R which will not come into effect for us until the 2016 Gem Show. Graham McLean the president of AFLACCA arranged an information session in the clubrooms on the 23rd May.

ROUND DRAW PLATE

A big thanks goes to all the members that checked their toolboxes. The round draw plate has returned to the silver cupboard. This shows just how easy it is to pick up club equipment. I hope that all members will be more diligent and check their boxes regularly

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 2015

Hi,

Many thanks go to all the club members who attended the **Working Bee**. The saws and saw room are now sparkling, the windows have been cleaned , the industrial waste emptied, cupboards and display cases polished, lawns and gardens tended to show our club house to its best advantage for the show. It would be nice to see some of our newer members stepping up to help at these events including the show, we know due to work commitments this is not possible through the week hence we have some of these events on weekends.

Meetings have taken place with the BCC, Management Committee and the surveyors. They have gone away to draw up the extended lease. The next step will be planning. The BCC is very supportive and have got many ideas ready to get us started. The members now need to form a design and building committee for this project to move forward.

The BCC invited us to a Grants in Sport and Recreation information evening last week which was very informative and given us some idea as to how to go about starting to get money together from where for the purpose of our building project and for equipment.

As many of the regular members can attest to we have had an ordeal with the sewerage problems and the odors that have penetrated the clubhouse over the last month. After many discussions on site and on the phone with Urban Utilities it appears the problem has been solved

Would all members and instructors put their heads together and come up with items for the wish list. Some of these grants come up quickly and we do not have time to come to a meeting and ask what people see as a need in the club. The one we have just applied for only had 2 weeks notice so limited people had input.

In this grant we applied for a CNC router to make templates, molds and engrave with limited carving, along with stamps and punches.

As show convenor things are starting to fall into place and everything appears to be on track. Tailgaters are slowly coming in and at this stage numbers look as if they will be down on other years. Our raffle tickets appear to be down but it is only early days yet for the raffle. It would be nice to have a few more members step forward to volunteer and help.

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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

Jim Norris

Helen Patterson

Albert Taylor

Joan Taylor

Laurel Vioght

Kevin Voight

Sue Eriksson

Bob Kelly

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.

Chief Instructor's Report

Well it's nearly show day again! All the early entries have been judged and returned. Only a few groups are still to be judged nearer to the day. These include Novelty Gem Craft, Carving, Fossickers cup and show cases. Have a look around the house and see what you have that's eligible.

Work has already started on next years' schedule so you should be able to start cutting soon after the show.

Many thanks to those who helped on the working bee. All the saws were given a (badly needed) clean. It's been a while and there was heaps of sediment in them. Also the burnishers were cleaned properly which takes about an hour to do as the silver oxide sticks to the shot badly and needs 2 or 3 rinses with 20 minutes running between. I have downloaded the operating instructions for the small machine which is now in the manuals book. The silicon carbide bench is in need of repairs to the legs and the machine will be removed from service for a while; details are on the notice board.

LIBRARY REPORT**May 2015**

There are now new Faceting books in the Reference Library which are kept in the Faceting room.

There are still donated books and magazines to be cataloged and will be once the show is over, it takes priority at this time of year.

The colour coding of the different sections of the library is on going.

Sue Horton

FIELD TRIPS**MGLS Fossicking Trip to Inverell and Glen Innes 2015**

It had been a long time in waiting for a big field trip and within days before it even began it looked like this year's event would be a wash out. It may have bucketed down on the first day there, but mother nature was on our side for the rest of the week and it all played out very well for us all with great weather. It also ensured that we had clean water in all the creeks and also made rock surfaces nice and clean to see.

Beginning of the week started at the Tingha Sand mine. We were all well rewarded with lots of smoky and clear quartz off the conveyor. It came in such abundance that you just had to hold out a shovel and it would just plop right onto it or roll right up to your feet, much to the amusement of everyone standing around. Those who did do a bit of digging also found a few hidden gems.

Spending the next day at a jelly bean dump turned up a lot of great quartz, in all sorts of shapes and sizes, with much fun had by all. At the end of the day, everyone had their hand full of tumbled quartz and some very nice small perfect crystals.

Not to miss out on getting great cabbing material, one of the days was spent fossicking for rhodonite and jasper. We took what we could carry and lamented on what we left behind as some of those boulders were just too big to move.

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We all dreamed of finding the big sapphire, topaz and diamonds. But it seemed that the creeks were empty and you had a better chance of it turning up in a bag of dirt sold at the information center than out in nature. Emma-ville rock museum also proved to be a worth while stop over. Which provided hours of oodling time, meandering through all the rock and gem displays, and items of yester year.

The countryside was beautiful and we caught a glimpse of a lot of native animals while driving along those long open roads with breathtaking sunsets. Visited many historic locations lost to time and the bush, came away with a few broken picks to show for our trip and had a great time over all.

Hau Mai

Tina's Field Trip to northern NSW unfortunately had to be cancelled due to bad weather and flooded creeks. This trip may be scheduled again latter.



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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

GRANTS

On the 8th May we applied for another small grant . The council notified us and we only had 2 weeks to apply. This does not give us time to take this to a monthly meeting. Because members had not discussed their ideas and put them forward in the WISH LIST limited people we could talk to at sessions were the only people who had input.

We will know the outcome of the grant in July and if successful will concentrate on patterning, stamping, punching and engraving silver. The bonus is the engraver is also a router which enables members to make molds and templates.

WISH LIST

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 put suggestions and items needed on the wish list in the folder provided in the office.

EQUIPMENT

The 5kg Rumbler from the wish list is now in the silver room.

Another set of 60 & 100 sintered wheels has been purchased along with new silicone carbide wheels.

There are more new very different templates in the cabbing room.

A new copper lap is in the faceting room.

The large new glass fronted display cupboard has been fitted with glass shelves and mirrored back, Sue will now be able to have at least one relatively dust proof cupboard for her minerals.

The rubbers have been replaced around the bowls of the cabbing machines.

The wall fans are here to be installed.

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

EQUIPMENT ABUSE

There is zero tolerance on equipment abuse. Instructors are watching closely and if this behavior is repetitive members will be asked to leave.

REMEMBER one stone at a time and move on to allow all members a fair go.

CLUB HISTORY - *LIONEL WHITBY MEMORIAL TROPHY*

This trophy is for Creative Lapidary and was first awarded in 1980 and became a memorial trophy after his death.

Lionel spent many years at the club and was at various times President and Chief Instructor and other varying positions. He was an energetic and successful leader who was the driving force, inspiring the club to get involved in the excitement of the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games.

In September 1982 to co-inside with the Games in Brisbane the club presented a major exhibition of Lapidary and Minerals in Mineral House under the guidance of Lionel.

Lionel was a skilled craftsman in creative lapidary designs and his clock made of 109 stones and church constructed of 306 stones were in the club house for many years.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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 Gonyah 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

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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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