

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

April 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

***** ANNUAL SHOW 2015 *****

The Annual Gem Show is our major fundraiser for the year and all members should participate in some way if possible.

WE NEED HELP!!!!

Due to many reasons several of our regular **Faithful Few** helpers are unable to participate this year.

KITCHEN

BBQ The catering of these two are our major concerns. Who in our midst has skills and catering ability to help us out!!!

COLLECTORS to take the money at the entrances

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

PARKING ATTENDANTS

MASTER of CEROMANIES

Lists will go up in the clubhouse so that members can add their names and what they are willing to do.

DONATIONS OF FOOD ON THE DAY

We need donations of sandwiches savories to compliment the BBQ, scones, 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.

TAILGATERS

Members and others intending to tail gate at this years show need to book the site pay and provide information re insurance. Tailgater's Registration Form is on the website. NO insurance NO tailgating. The club will arrange insurance for those who do not carry their own insurance. However we need to have payment and notification before the 14th May. Insurance cost is \$20.

SHOW COMPETITION ENTRIES

Sections 29 to 40 These entries are due 28th May between 9am – 12 noon. Come on Novices and Juniors your entries were down in the last round. Your work is good enough!

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Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems

Presidents Report

April 2015

Hi,

We have had a very productive month with a lot of our members preparing for the Annual Gem Show. This has slowed some of our non-essential maintenance so that entries can be completed before that crucial deadline.

However the manhole surrounds have been completed. We have put a light over a capping machine for a trial. This was requested by Viv and now that it is in place has had many favorable comments and will in time be over other machines.

BCC has sent confirmation in writing of the extension of the current lease and has approved in principle the 485sq meters extension to the lease with some conditions eg. No trees to be cut down, need plans, need development approval and we are responsible to source relevant and suitable grants to fund the building. We are to meet with the BCC and the Surveyors on the 4th May.

Sue and I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Birthday of the Gold Coast Lapidary Club on the Saturday the 11th. Allan Frenz welcomed us and apologized for the President, he could not attend due to family illness. The Members reminisced and quoted many funny incidences of years gone by.

We were taken on a tour of inspection of their renovated Capping area. It was designed after some of the members visited Mt Gravatt late last year.

The machines are now the size of ours and are all around the walls leaving much more open space in the room. They gave recognition to the fact that they had designed it on Mt Gravatt.

At the Facetors Guild meeting on the 12th a representative of the North Brisbane Lapidary Club was in attendance and once the meeting had closed, was very interested in our Capping Room. He asked if he could take some measurement etc in order to incorporate some of our ideas in the renovation of their Capping area. The builders of our Club looked into the future and obviously did a very good job of our Capping area.

As Show Convener the preparation is progressing. The response for raffle prizes has been very good. Our Members are all stepping up and doing displays, to show the standard and variety of the work that Mt Gravatt really does produce. The mail-out of raffle tickets and brochures is being put together and will be out in the next week. Our trophies and sponsors for same will be next.

Jim Horton

LIBRARY REPORT

April 2015

The Rock and Gem Magazine subscription has been extended for another 3 years.

I have ordered two more copies of "Cutting Gemstones" by John Broadfoot and Peter Collins, one will remain in the Faceting Room and the other will go into the Library.

The two other small donations of books are being catalogued and will go into the Library in the next month.

The different sections of the library have been colour coded to make it easier to maintain the books in the right area,

We are still missing books from the January audit PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CHECKED AT HOME.

Sue Horton

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Andrea Horton

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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**
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 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.

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS' REPORT

Hello to all. It's less than a month to go until Show day now. We had a good turn out for the Show entry day with 138 individual items brought in. Now we turn towards being prepared for the big day. We will be looking for helpers for several jobs prior as well as during the show. These are listed below:

Purchasing,

Preparation of food for Show day,

Barbeque (both for cooking and assembly) and

Silver demonstrators.

There are lots of other jobs around as well, so if you can contribute, please let someone know.

Also, there will be a working bee on the 16th of May to make sure the clubrooms are spick and span, inside and out. Trevor and David are already fighting over the rake, so that jobs taken. There'll be a sausage sizzle after for all helpers.

The cabbing wheels are clearly being abused!!!

This abuse shortens the life of the wheels and equipment and penalizes other mem-
bers. There has been \$1500 spent on wheels for a three month period.

Instructors will be watching members much more carefully on all equipment including the wheels and pulling them up if they are seen to be doing the wrong thing.

Any member who is abusing the wheels and equipment will be cautioned and if this abuse continues will be asked to leave the session and disciplinary action will taken if the behavior continues. Abuse of these wheels includes pressing too hard, working on the side of the wheel and only working in the middle of the wheel.

REMEMBER:

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

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..

ICECREAM CONTAINERS

We are 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.

TUMBLED STONES

The Tarragindi kindergarten has asked the club if we can supply them with tumbled stones for a fossicking experience in their sand pit for the toddlers at their fete in early June. Would any member that can donate stones for our kids to practice fossicking please leave them in a container in the office or notify Brad Thomson

RAFFLE

Many thanks go to the members who have supplied beautiful jewelry and stones, Joe Nezmah, Bob Kelly, Linda Fountain Sam Manis and Denis Bourne. The jewelry is on show at the clubhouse Amethysts, Opals, Sapphires and Topaz, six prizes in all.

Our mail-out of raffle tickets and show information with photos of the jewelry will be out to all members before the end of April

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

This is a reminder to all member that your subscriptions have expired and the instructors will be informing you that you cannot participate in sessions because you are not covered by insurance and if they let you work, they are not covered.

There is a new form this year please make sure you fill it in. We need extra information for the new data base and insurance purposes.

Reminder to all Members you no work at the club if no financial 2015 membership.

DISPUTES, GRIEVANCES AND EQUIPMENT ABUSE

Policy and procedures along with processes are to be brought to the next meeting for discussion, and to enable Duty Instructors to have guidelines as to how to deal with these problems that are happening from time to time in the club.

It is to be made clear that the Instructor is in charge of the building, equipment, 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

FIELD TRIP

Tina has organized a field trip to northern New South Wales for the Sunday 3rd of May. If you are interested check the details at the club or email Tina on mglstreasurer@gmail.com. Remember if your name is not on the official club Field Trip Register at the club 24hours prior to the start of the field trip you will not be covered by the clubs insurance.

Members are covered by the club's insurance however are and are welcome to attend at their own risk.

J & R

AFLACCA has made changes to the J&R which will not come into effect until the 2016 Gem Show as the schedule was written under the old J&R. Graham McLean the president of AFLACCA will be holding an information session at Mt Gravatt on 23rd May at 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Those interested watch out for notices at the club.

EQUIPMENT

New computer for the Secretary

There are more new templates and soft wheels in the cabbing room.

Trial lighting in the Cabbing Room.

The copper laps in the faceting room have been resurfaced.

The anvil is away for resurfacing

Replacement crucible bowls

Step platform for use in maintenance

Large new glass fronted display cupboard donated to the club.

On a disappointing note, it is unfortunate that we need to remind members that bullying, derogatory language and verbal abuse, directly or indirectly is not welcome at this club. If there is an issue of any kind, please contact us before the issue escalates and it is quite often the case that it can be a misunderstanding which can be easily rectified.

Please be aware that the management committee are all volunteers who donate their time to the running of your club. Most of us work full time and have other commitments and are also willing to put substantial amounts of time into working for the club. We are doing our best to continue to work for you and also make improvements to the running of the club.

Please feel free to contact us at any time.

MGLS Management Committee

ARTHUR MULLAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy was first awarded in 1976 to be contested by Mount Gravatt club members only. It is still a very popularly contested trophy today.

Arthur joined the club in March 1968 and remained an active member until his death in 1974. He was a self-taught facetor and loved making difficult freeform cabochons – or as now defined as fancy cabs – and won many major prizes.

From “Our First 25 Years”

The Trophy reads:

The Arthur Mullan Memorial Trophy for Cabochons was first awarded in 1975 to Don Everingham who was a junior member when Arthur was an Assistant Instructor.

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1975	Don Everingham	2001	Ces Lusted
1976	Thelma Barker	2002	Ces Lusted
1977	Evelyn Skeahan	2003	Ces Lusted
1978	Greg Cunningham	2004	Bernie Dobson
1979	Greg Cunningham	2005	Jim Mazitelli
1980	Gwen Whitehead	2006	Jim Mazitelli
1981	Don Wilkinson	2007	Greg Web
1982	Gwen Whitehead	2008	Albert Taylor
1983	Don Wilkinson	2009	Brad Thomson
1984	Don Wilkinson	2010	Brad Thomson
1985	Gwen Whitehead	2011	Max Walsh
1986	Gwen Whitehead/Kevin Voigt	2012	Brad Thomson
1987	Richard Nuttall	2013	Tina Horton
1988	Felice Harrison	2014	Mick Joyce
1989	Felice Harrison		
1990	Ted Barker		
1991	Felice Harrison		
1992	Ted Barker		
1993	Ted Barker		
1994	Ted Barker		
1995	Thelma Barker		
1996	Ted Barker		
1997	Ted Barker		
1998	John Hughes		
2000	Eric Nedobity		

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

2nd QLACCA General Meeting at Redcliffe Show
 2—3 Redcliffe Gem and Mineral, Jewellery and Craft S Show, Southern Cross Catholic College, Kippa Ring
 16—17 Lismore Gemfest, Lismore Showgrounds
 20 **Monthly General Meeting**
 30 **Mt Gravatt Gem Show, Mt Gravatt Club House
 183 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt**
 30—31 Gunyah Club Lapidary Display, Mt Coot-tha Gardens Auditorium

JUNE

8 Queens Birthday
 17 **Monthly General Meeting**
 27 Gold Coast Gem and Craft Show, Pizzey Park, 80 Pacific Ave, Miami

JULY

11 QLACCA General Meeting, Caboolture Show
 12 Caboolture Gem Fest, Caboolture Historical Village Beerburum Road, Caboolture
 11—12 Hervey Bay Festival of Gems, Star of the Sea Catholic School 39 Hughes Rd. Hervey Bay
 15 **Monthly General Meeting**
 18—19 Townsville Gem and Mineral Show, Club Rooms, 96 Mooney Street, Gulliver
 25—26 Cairns Gem Festival, Club Rooms ,129 Mulgrave Rd, Cairns

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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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