

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

Established 4th February 1964

January 2015

WELCOME to 2015!

The clubhouse had a spruce up and spring clean over the Christmas/New Year closure. With lots more storage in the main room, silver and faceting rooms, most of our equipment and supplies now have a space to be put away. Keys will be distributed to Instructors shortly.

IT'S OUR 51st BIRTHDAY!!!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th 11.00am—12 noon

It's all BYO Bring some nibbles, a snag or chop or two.

Soft drinks available from the Club

Members with surnames A – K please bring a salad

Members with surnames L– Z please bring a dessert

????? Stay for the fun of a Trivia Afternoon ??????

Hosted by the amazing Suzy E

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

At the January Meeting, Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Sue Ericksson and Bob Kelly for services rendered to the club.

Congratulations go to both Members



NEWSLETTER The club is moving to electronic newsletters! The recent increases in postage and the club no longer having free printing means the cost for newsletters has increased to over \$13 per person per year. At the January meeting it was decided to keep the newsletter fee at \$5 for the next membership year to give members time to move over to receiving their newsletter by email. When you fill out your membership renewal, an email address will be requested and the newsletter will be sent to that email address. Those who do not have email or wish to continue receiving a printed copy can request one be posted to them. From 2016, a much higher fee will be charged for receiving a printed newsletter.

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 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.

FACETING

Hi Facet cutters!

As one of three instructors at the present, I was shocked along with my colleagues to see some of wax dopping and transfer attempts at the club. So it might be time to do a demo and lesson for one **Saturday morning 9am—11am 21st February**. All those interested in wax dopping and transferring along with epoxy dopping and the use of super glue and how to repair a situation of the stone coming off the dop.

The fees for faceting course will be going up in price from the 1st April. This was \$20 for 6 weeks or more and \$10 for rough which has not changed since the courses started back in 1999. The new price will be \$40 including the rough, and for each new course like the Emerald cut or any other cut to learn \$40 will be charge for that course. This is due to the price of mate-rials and tools going up in price.

The club has recently purchased more 50,000# diamond spray polish and will be kept locked away, see an instructor if run out. Also a small trim saw is set up in the facet room to slice [small] facet rough only, larger sizes will be done on the larger saw in the saw room. The V.J. machine has been away over the holidays getting maintained and bought back to new and should be back in the club any day now.

If you have any faceting questions you can reach me BOB KELLY ON 07 2733531 or 0410885367.

LIBRARY REPORT

I have been asked to fill in in the roll of Librarian due to the resignation of Fiona Webb at the AGM. As no other member has put their hand up, I will fill the roll until we can find a more per-manent replacement.

Fiona has kindly stated that she will train anyone who is interested.

Over the Christmas break we have reorganized the area of the Library slightly and replaced the large corner desk with a smaller one to allow more floor space for the silversmithers to move around allowing just as much room for the library and access to the books.

I would like to remind all those members who have books out that there is a time limit to ena-ble other members to have access, particularly to the more popular books.

Sue Horton

SILVER CLASSES

The next beginners silver classes wil commence on Tuesday 10 February (morning class) and Thursday 12 February (evening class).

INSTRUCTORS There is a key in the key box to all the cupboards except the Management Cupboard and the large cupboards in the external exit way. If you do not have a key to the key box please see Tina or Jim Horton. KEY BOX is to be LOCKED at the END of EACH SESSION

Brad Thomson will be calling an Instructors meeting in February, he will send letters out informing the date.

ANIMALS and BIRDS At the January meeting it was passed there would be no birds or animals in the clubhouse during sessions.

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 will receive a copy to take home.

DONATED EQUIPMENT The club has received donated equipment that will be photo-graphed and put up for tender at the next meeting. Photos will be in February Rock-bottom News.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members

It was good to see so many of our member attend our Christmas party, I think you all agree it was a great success and all had a good time and many laughs.

We did have an OH&S problem with one of the members being burnt badly, hence the Committee decision to install a hot water system and a mixer tap over the kitchen sink.

We ask that when making tea or coffee you are aware that other people are also using the sink. Cups can be filled by placing the cup on the drainer and using the boiling water and filled that way.

The club is most appreciative of the large donation of silver equipment and books Fiona Walker (through Juliette O'Brien) has donated to our members.

Over the Christmas period several members have participated in the start of the renovations of the fixtures and fittings within the existing clubhouse. Many thanks go to the massive effort they put in to achieve the amount of work in such a limited time.

The kitchen cupboards have been relocated within the kitchen space.

New cupboards have been purchased and installed on the left hand wall as you exit the back door. Creating a badly needed large storage area for club showcases, stock and archives.

The large Library Desk in the silver room has been replaced with a more compact smaller one to allow more room for the silversmiths, until further renovations are considered as per the proposal sent out in October.

There is now a lockable cupboard in the silver room to be used for silver, casting and carving.

Minsoc now have one of the new locked cupboards in the walkway and will soon exit the faceting room, allowing a locked cupboard to go into this room for the factors use.

There is a lockable cupboard in the faceting room to enable them to secure items for storage.

The office has been rearranged and an upright cupboard dedicated to membership/stationary and office paper. There will be a locked cupboard in the office for the exclusive use of the Committee to be able to lock up records and items they wish to secure.

The Cabbng room has had a good clean, in and out, the cupboards machines and sink.

The epoxy floors have been scrubbed with commercial machinery to allow a fresh start to the New Year.

A submission has been sent to the Brisbane City Council for an extension of the land hold lease with the view to extending the clubhouse in the near future. We are awaiting a reply. Sam Reyes BCC has acknowledged receipt of this submission.

Jim H

PETTERSON, Frank James Late of Mt. Gravatt Passed away peacefully, 22nd November, 2014. Aged 93 Years Loving Husband of Helen. Beloved Father of Stephen and Glenys. Proud Grandfather to his four Grandsons. (*except from the funeral notice*)

The condolences of all club members go out to Helen (one of our life members) and her family on the recent death of her husband.

Frank was a member of the club, he was a qualified electrician, as an active member in the club kept things running in the early days around the time of the shift from Tarrigindi to Mt Gravatt.

The condolences of all club members go out to the family of Geoff Aslett, who has been a member of our club for over 4 years.

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David Buhmann Officer 2

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Sue Horton

Museum Curator
Sue Ericksson

Field Trip Officer
To be appointed

Providore
Trevor Lewis
Jim Horton

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE - GARNET

Garnet is known as the birthstone for January. Garnet is from the Latin word “granatus” arising from a similarity small red garnet stones to the dark red seeds of the pomegranate fruit. Even today most people only think of the typical rich red colour of “Bohemian Garnet” but if you dig a little deeper, you will be amazed by the wide variety of colour – some very rare with a price tag to match.

.Mythology and lore: Garnets have been used as gemstones for many thousands of years and in ancient times were known as “carbuncles”. Legend has it that Noah used a lantern from garnet to safely steer the Ark through the night. Garnets are found in jewelry from ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman eras – the presence of garnet jewelry in burial sites indicates that they were valued as protection in the afterlife.

Further information can be found on the IGS (International Gem Society) site.

THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF OUR CLUB

(for more in-depth information refer to the booklet “**Our First 25 Years**”)

The Mount Gravatt Lapidary Society started as “The Lithophilic Society – Mt Gravatt Branch” on the 4th February 1964 at a meeting convened by Viv Daddow and Stan Deem at 31 Frost Street Mt. Gravatt in the residence of Ian Namara.

Meetings were held in members homes and in August 1964 it was decided to change the name to the Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society.

The first Lapidary competition and display was held at the invitation of the Mt Gravatt AH&I Society at the Show grounds on 24th and 25th July 1964 as part of the Mt Gravatt Show.

The first diamond saw was built by club member Frank St Johns and by November 1964 the club rooms were functional in the garage club rooms at 1409 Logan Road behind the ANZ bank, with 4 grinding wheels and 6 sanding discs. All Members contributed 2 shillings at every meeting towards new equipment.

In November 1964 the membership had reached 70 with a waiting list.

The second phase of the clubs development began on the 31 March 1966 when it moved to new clubrooms at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds and was officially opened 17th September.

The first Executive Committee Meeting was held to draw up the Constitution on 27th April 1966. This Constitution was replaced and a new one was drawn up when the club successfully applied to the Justice Department for incorporation in 1984.

The club badge was designed in November 1967 and first issued in March 1968.

The club library was started in 1967 and the club started producing its own schedules for show, up to this date the schedule had been part of the AH&I Society program.

The first Rock Bottom News was published in April 1968 by John McLeod and Ron Amess.

The third phase in the club was the move to the Tarragindi RSL Hall on the 4th July 1971 with a 10year lease and a further 10 year lease in 1984. The official opening was held 8th September 1971.

The first competition independent of the AH&I was held on 24th July 1971 at the Tarragindi club rooms moving to the St Matthew’s Church Hall at Holland Park in 1976. Then from 1978 to 1982 the show was held at Holland Park State High School where it became a 2day show and in 1983 returned to the Tarragindi Club rooms where it remained until the move to the current location in 1996.

A competition was held in 1971 to find a club motto “ **Friendliness and Fellowship our most precious Gems** ” this was won by Margaret Everingham.

1975 Classes in silver jewelry commenced on an occasional basis and increased to permanent classes by 1980’s.

1981 – 82 Silicon Carbide wheels were replaced by diamond cutting wheels.

The club was always a very social club with social life and field trips coming a close second to the crafts.

The growth of the membership in the early years climbed steadily from 70 in late 1964 to 195 in 1966 and a peak of 250 and 200 juniors in October 1967 which must have meant long queues to get access to the equipment.

As a new member I found this information very interesting. On the celebration of our 51st Birthday perhaps some of the older members could get together and write the second 50 years of the club history. I am sure we all would be most interested in what has those 25 years has brought to the club.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

For those who don't know, I am back in the Chief Instructors shoes again. I have noticed some changes over the last few years, the main one being a lot more diversity in what is being done and especially in the silver area. Well done to all. Keep having a go and if you would like some help with your ideas, just ask around; someone will help you along.

While on the subject of help, we are always looking for new instructors and we would be more than willing to train and help anyone who would like to become an instructor. If you feel you have something to offer, just let me know.

The new sintered wheels are working very well and it's good to see them being used properly. Also, thanks to everyone's efforts, our soft wheels don't seem to be taking the beating they used to. Recent replacements show 2 wheels were changed after 6 months of use and a 14000 was put on the machine in July 2012!

Last but not least, keep working on those competition entries..... It's not that far away. Brad

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

7 MGLS Birthday BBQ 11.00am

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 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

we have introduced electronic newsletters free but there is an additional \$5 per year for posted newsletters.

Friendship and Fellowship – our precious gems