

Rockgrinders Gazette

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club Inc.

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General Meetings are held on the
1st Saturday each month except January
Commencing at 9.30am



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Mon 9-2pm Wed 9-2pm Fri 6-9pm Sat 10-1pm

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Club Report

We hope you all had a good rest & enjoyed your Christmas break & are looking forward to getting stuck into some Lapidary fun.

OH&S (Occupation Health & Safety) is being discussed at the moment by the Lapidary Council & I am sure that we will hear more about this in the future. Try & be aware of your safety & other members safety while at the club.

This year it has been decided not to have a stall at Ingleburn Alive on the 17th March as it is the week before our Club Open Day & Sausage Sizzle & we need to concentrate on our club function. We hope all members will help with the cleanup & preparation & attend on the 31st March with as many friends & relatives as they can. For new members the day is relaxed & it is a good time to meet other members and find out more about your club.

BINGARA FIELD TRIP: PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATES: This trip will be approx 5 days in Bingara from Sunday 15th April to Thursday 19th April 2012 when we leave for home. This is in the school holidays to allow for families to attend but it is after the Easter break (6th - 9th April). You will have to make your own bookings & way there. For Accommodation see the Bingara Riverside Caravan Park (run by the Gwydir Council) at this web site www.bingara.com.au

VALE

It is with great sadness that we advise of the passing of Harry Lyon at 0515 on Monday 16th January. His funeral was held at Tweed Heads. Harry & his wife Joan were made life members in 2002. Harry was a good worker in the club & always saw to it that the club was clean & tidy. *Goodbye Harry*

Membership

Are you a paid up member?

Single	\$15.00	Family	\$20.00	
Pensioner Family	\$15.00			renew each July
Pensioners/Single/Student	\$10.00			
Insurance	\$3.00			

NOTE: You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery and cutting implements. Members must not use machinery prior to training.

Workshops

Commence at 9.30 on the fourth Saturday of the month unless otherwise notified. If you wish to use precious metals for larger items (eg bracelet) please book & pay a non-refundable deposit of \$30 towards the purchase of your materials. The final cost will be calculated on the day.

Workshop activities require *member only* use of mechanical tools including the kiln.

Jewellery Workshop Calendar

February 25th	Silver Bezel
March	Due to Open Day no workshop

SILVER CASTING: Casting has had a short recess while Barry recovered from surgery and although he has to take it easy he is feeling good. All going well our next investment will be the 10th February.

Good on ya Barry (can't keep a good man down)

Diary Dates

 Our main future events

- 31st March club open day & Sausage Sizzle
- 15th to 19th April Bingara Field Trip
- 21st to 22nd July Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition

NOTE: The GEMBOREE will be held on the 6th April in Bundaberg for those who would like an extended trip.

PLEASE: help to distribute our flyers for our open day when available

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

AMETHYST

Kathy Schlegl
John McKenzie
Brendon Thompson



NOTE: from the 1ST April Insurance will be \$3.50 per member

Smile awhile

Lucky

A man goes into the doctors feeling a little ill

The doctor checks him over and says, 'Sorry, I have some bad news,

You have "Yellow 24", a really nasty virus.

It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live.

There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth.'

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news.

Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35.

Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320

Then he gets the full house and wins \$1000.

Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$380,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says,

'Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card.

You must be the luckiest man on Earth!'

'Lucky?' he screamed. 'Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24.'

'Stuff me,' says the bingo caller. 'You've won the meat raffle as well!!'



Recipe

Drumsticks with Sweet Potato

¼ cup plain flour

8 (1kg) chicken drumsticks

1 ½ tblsp vegetable oil

1 onion, roughly chopped

1 red capsicum, roughly chopped

1 large (600g) orange sweet potato, peeled, cut into 4cm pieces

400g can diced tomatoes

2 tblsp tomato paste

Basil

1. Season flour with salt & pepper. Toss chicken drumsticks in seasoned flour. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large pan, add drumsticks & pan-fry until golden. Remove from pan.
2. Heat remaining oil in same pan, add onion & capsicum sauté for 2-3 minutes. Return drumsticks to pan, add sweet potato, tomatoes & tomato paste. Reduce heat & simmer covered for 30 minutes.
3. Remove lid, simmer uncovered for a further 20 – 30 minutes until chicken & sweet potato are tender & sauce has thickened. Stir in basil. Serve with steamed beans, if desired.

Serves 4. Can be cooked ahead of time & reheated.



HINT:

If you have any old talc that you don't want (or you are carving soapstone), sprinkle spare talc on your garden & mix it a little with the topsoil to get rid of unwanted snails. *They just don't like talc.*

Dates to Remember are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW. Contributions can be made via email or regular Post to the Editor. We are grateful for any submissions.

2012		
4 th February	Campbelltown General Meeting at Club Rooms	
7th Feb	OH&S Talk - all G&L Member Clubs invited 7.30 pm at Northern Districts Lapidary Club Beecroft RSVP please by 30/01/2012 to NDLC	Community Centre, Beecroft, secretary@ndlapiary.org.au
18 th -19th Feb	Blue Mountains Club Annual Show Corner Great Western Highway and Noble Street	Bullaburra.
Sun 26th Feb	Illawarra Club Annual Rock Swap	Stuart Park Wollongong
February 25 th – 29 th	Feeling Inspired, Novotel Rockford opens 9am each day	Little Pier Room17 Little Pier St Darling Harbour
3rd March	Central Coast Lapidary Club - Annual Rock Auction	
Sun 4th March	Newcastle Lapidary Club Rock Auction	
3rd & 4th March	Back From Tucson 9.30 - 5.00 52 MacPherson rd Londonderry NSW	02 9412333150 or 45725812
Sun 4th March	Lapidary Club of NSW Open Day & Activities	10am - 4pm Clubroom 136 Reservoir Road Surry Hills NSW
March 8 th – 11th	Craft & Sewing Show 10am – 4.30pm Free Parking	Rosehill Gardens Racecourse
9th 10th & 11th March	Minerama - Glen Innes This annual fossicking and gem show is held at Glen Innes & District Services Club following through the carpark into King George Oval. There will be field trips on the Friday and Saturday.	More information is available at www.minerama.com.au or you can contact Alison Wood on 02 67 32 1599
17 th March	Ingleburn Alive	Ingleburn
Sat 17 March	New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc 9am – 4pm Free Entry	Armidale Showground
31st March	Campbelltown Club Open Day & Sausage Sizzle Club	Bensley Rd Macquarie Fields
24 - 25 March	Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap www.canberralapidary.org.au/	EPIC (Exhibition Park off the Federal Highway, Canberra)
April 6 th	2012 GEMBOREE 6 April	QCGA Bundaberg
April 15th – 19th	Campbelltown 5 day Field Trip to Bingara (See notice board) Make your own Booking	Commencing at Bingara.
June 13 th – 17th	Craft & Quilt Fair	Darling Harbour
July 21st & 22nd 2012	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show & Exhibition Ingleburn Community Centre	Cnr Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd Ingleburn
September 7 th – 9th	Bead & Gem Show New Venue	Canterbury Racecourse

Dates to Remember	Generally come from the Gem and Lapidary Council web site, http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au , if mistakes please let us know as soon as possible so we can correct item, your submissions will be gratefully accepted. Please check this website yourself for late additions. Thank you <i>Margaret</i>	*All workshops may change due to unforeseen circumstances; deposits given may be transferred to another workshop.
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Extra bits

NOTE: The GEMBOREE will be held on the 6th April in Bundaberg Qld.

FOR SALE: I have a faceting machine that I need to sell for a deceased estate. I was wondering if you had any members who may be interested. It's an old machine but is in full working order and may suit someone just starting out. I can't find a brand on the machine but I have photos if anyone is interested.

The machine is in western Sydney and I am in Bathurst so anyone from Sydney would be able to pick up, and I would possibly be able to deliver between Parramatta and Bathurst.

If you are interested contact: Rose Hancock phone 0414 927 743 PO Box 9031 Bathurst NSW 2795

WELCOME: To all new members, we trust you will enjoy your experiences with us & if you have any questions just ask our members would love to help you if they can.

This is our club newsletter and it only exists for members to be kept up to date & for members to give other members ideas of where & what they can do & buy. So if you have anything you would like to pass on please let me know & I will do my best to put it into print for you.

