

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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Club Report

Our Club Open Day & Sausage Sizzle. We hope all attended on the 31st March enjoyed the day. A big thankyou to all those members who went out of their way to clean & tidy up the club before the event. And a big thank you to Eugenio for making a new set of shelves for the flat lap equipment. And a special thanks to Peter for looking after the BBQ on the day it is good to see new members getting involved. And of course our morning tea ladies & our stall workers who are very important to a successful day.

BINGARA FIELD TRIP: The time has arrived, this trip will be from 15th April to 19th April 2012 Remember you have to make your own bookings & way there. ENJOY. www.bingara.com.au Unfortunately Ron & Elaine will not be able to go due to Ron's recent operation; he is getting on top of it now but cannot hook up trailers etc Doctors orders. Susie & her family will be attending & have been on trips before so if you would like some help ask Susie.

Vale 

Unfortunately I have been advised that Elaine's mother has passed away in Dubbo a few days ago after a long illness. She lived a full 99 years, just a few weeks shy of her one-hundredth birthday.

Our thoughts are with Elaine & Ron at this time.

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

April 28th	Polymer Clay jewellery making
May 26th	Enamelling

SILVER CASTING:

Diary Dates Our main future events

- 15th to 19th April Bingara Field Trip
- 21st to 22nd July Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition

Exhibition

Our 2 day gem show & exhibition is on the 21ST & 22ND July 2012. We need to have a large selection of polished stones, jewellery & some nice raw pieces of stone for our club stall, so please make & donate what you can.

Please help by donating stones polished or unpolished, hand made jewellery & your time. Please let us know how you can help.

Special items for our club member's display are needed, please let Clarice know what items you have to be displayed.

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		\$3.50	per member	

NOTE: You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery, & cutting implements.
Members must not use machinery prior to training.
All visitors are welcome however only members can use machines or gas.

NOTE Insurance is now \$3.50 per member

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jai Simons
Jack Pakulski
Graeme Merchant
Brian Holmes

Kath O'Shannessy
Jo Lo Choon
Jenny Shay

DIAMOND

Maria Soldo
Alison Cordova
Carolina Cordova



Smile awhile

GETTING OLD

A Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things.

During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember .

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks. 'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?' 'Sure..'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it..'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?' He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.' 'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, The old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs.. She stares at the plate for a moment. 'Where's my toast ?'



WHY THEN??

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?' 'Yep'

'Do I know her?' 'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.' 'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?' 'Because she can still drive!'

Recipe

Coffee & Walnut Slice

BASE

125g (4oz) butter
¼ cup sugar
1 cup plain flour
¼ cup self-raising flour

FILLING

400g can sweetened condensed milk
30g (1oz) butter
2 tablespoons golden syrup
3 teaspoons instant coffee powder
1/3 cup finely chopped walnuts

TOPPING

cup plain flour
teaspoons cinnamon
1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
125g (4oz) butter

Base: Cream butter and sugar until just combined, stir in sifted flours in two lots, mix to a firm dough.

Press evenly over base of well-greased 30cm x 25cm (12in x 10in) swiss roll tin. Bake in moderate oven 10 minutes, spread with filling.

Grate topping evenly over surface, bake in moderate oven further 10 to 15 minutes, or until topping feels firm to touch. Stand 15 minutes before cutting; leave to cool in tin. Cut into bars or slices.

Filling: Combine condensed milk, butter, golden syrup and coffee in saucepan, stir over medium heat until mixture begins to Bubble on base of pan. Continue stirring briskly for about 3 minutes, or until mixture is thick and beginning to catch on base of pan; stir in walnuts.

Topping: Sift dry ingredients into basin, rub in butter. Mix to a firm dough, refrigerate 30 minutes before grating coarsely.

This recipe was one of the slices Elaine cooked for our Open Day & was requested by several members, so thank you Elaine & enjoy.



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		
April 6 th – 9 th	2012 GEMBOREE 6 April	QCGA Bundaberg
April 14 th	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting	Club Rooms
April 15 th	Annan Roma Food & Wine Festival 10am – 4pm Free The Australian Botanical Gardens	Mt. Annan
April 15 th – 19 th	Campbelltown 5 day Field Trip to Bingara (See notice board) Make your own Booking	Commencing at Bingara.
April 25 th	ANZAC DAY	Club Closed
May 5 th	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting	Club Rooms
May 13 th	MOTHERS DAY	
May 19 th – 20 th	Lismore GEMFEST	Lismore Showground
June 2 nd – 3 rd	Canberra Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show 10am – 5pm	Parkes Room, Exhibition Hall
June 13 th – 17 th	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 – 9 th	Bead & Gem Show New Venue	Canterbury Racecourse
Sept 29 th – 1 st Oct	GEMKHANA NSW State Gem Major Exhibition - Lapidary, Gems, Minerals & Artists at work.	Mudgee Showground
Oct 26 th – 28 th	Northern districts lapidary club - gem show Community Centre	Beecroft Rd Beecroft
November 3 rd – 4 th	Canberra Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show 10am – 5pm www.canberralapidary.org.au/	Parkes Room, Exhibition Park
MARCH 27, 2013	GEMBOREE South Australia	

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

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.

ANZAC DAY



On 25 April every year, Australians commemorate ANZAC Day. It commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. In 1917, the word ANZAC meant someone who fought at Gallipoli and later it came to mean any Australian or New Zealander who fought or served in the First World War. During the Second World War, ANZAC DAY became a day on which the lives of all Australians lost in war time were remembered. The spirit of ANZAC recognizes the qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice which were demonstrated at the Gallipoli landing.

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.

Margaret