

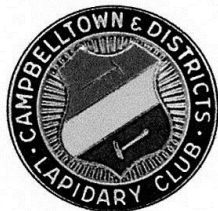
Rockgrinders Gazette

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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MAY 2012

Club Report

We are now preparing for our Annual Exhibition & Gem Show at Ingleburn in July. We have received several confirmations and payments already. If club members are interested in having a stall please talk to Steve our Secretary.

We have ordered some replacement wheels and they should be received & installed soon which will help our Lapidary skills improve.

Bingara Trip *Suzy's report:*

Three families went to Bingara in the term one holidays.

We went to Three Creeks Gold Mine where we learnt the correct way to pan for gold. We were also taught how to sieve garnets. It was an enjoyable day; we all brought home a few specks of gold and a small vial of garnets.

After spending a hard day digging into the side of the hill at Ruby hill for Garnets a few of us made a short 100 km trip to Moree to soak our sore and tired bodies in the hot pools. The pools are in the process of being renovated so the hot pools have been moved outdoors.

The final day of our trip we went to Inverell to try our luck for sapphires. The visitor's centre advised us to go to the Fraser Creek fossicking property. We were taught how to sieve for sapphires and were shown what a sapphire in the rough actually looks like. We enjoyed ourselves but found standing there in torrential rain sieving for sapphires is hard work. Even though it was cold and raining it still took a lot of persuasion to get Suzy to leave the fossicking area. We all brought home some small sapphires.

We managed to collect some red and green jaspers, serpentine and some Bingara marble as well. It was an enjoyable trip and well worth the time we spent there.

See pics on next page.....

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

May 26th	Enamelling
June 23 rd	Silver Inlay

SILVER CASTING: Our Last investment before winter sets in & Dorothy & Barry go north is 18th May & pour will be 25th May. Friday casting will then close until September.

Diary Dates Our main future events

- Wednesday 23rd May - **Biggest Morning Tea**, coin donation, bring a friend bring something yummy & most of all bring yourself.
- 21st to 22nd July Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition at Ingleburn

Exhibition

Our 2 day gem show & exhibition is on the 21ST & 22ND July 2012. We will be conducting "make a bracelet" workshops & will be making up kits to sell for it so if you have any findings or beads that may be suitable that you are willing to donate please see Lil or Clarice. 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. These display items will be returned after the exhibition.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nick Pastor
Linda Bosmans
Kyle Hokin
Suzy Brandstate

EMERALD



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.

Smile awhile

It's for the birds

Two special gentlemen were standing on top of a cliff with their arms outstretched.

One had some budgies lined up on each arm and the other had parrots lined up on his arms.

After a couple of minutes, they both leapt off the cliff and fell to the ground.

Laying next to each other in intensive care at the hospital, one gentleman says to the other, "I don't think much of this budgie jumping."

The other replies,
"Yeah, I'm not too keen on this paragliding either."

Did you clean your mug & put it away today?

BINGARA TRIP - PICS



Recipe

Coconut Currant Slice

BASE

125g (4oz) butter
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg
¾ cup plain flour
¾ cup self-raising flour
¼ cup milk

FILLING

½ cup jam
1 cup currants

TOPPING

60g (2oz) butter
¼ cup sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons self-raising flour
1½ cups coconut



Base:

Cream butter, sugar, vanilla and egg until light and creamy, stir in sifted flours and milk. Spread mixture evenly over base of well-greased 30cm x 25cm (12in x 10in) swiss roll tin.

Spread evenly with jam, sprinkle with currants. Use fork to spread topping evenly over currants. Bake in moderately hot oven for 10 minutes; reduce heat to moderate, bake further 10 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown.

Stand 10 minutes before cutting.

Cool pieces on wire rack.

Topping:

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add egg, beat until combined, stir in sifted flour then coconut in two lots.

(Another one of Elaine's Open Day Recipes)



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		
May 5 th	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting	Club Rooms
May 13 th	MOTHERS DAY	
May 19 th – 20 th	Lismore GEMFEST	Lismore Showground
May 23 rd	Biggest Morning Tea Wednesday Morning, coin donation, bring a friend	Club Rooms
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
June 16 th -17 th	Windsor Beading, Gem and Mineral Show Windsor Function Centre	Corner Dwight and Macquarie Streets, Windsor.
July 1 st	NAIDOC Family Fun Day 10am - 4pm	Picton Botanical Gardens
July 21st & 22nd 2012	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show & Exhibition Ingleburn Community Centre	Cnr Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd Ingleburn
August 18 th -19 th	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show Glenbrook Community Hall	Great Western Highway, Glenbrook
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.

Note: Our very own Jo, will be demonstrating spinning at the Craft & Quilt Fair on the 14th & 16th June.

Built in 1837 by architect John Verge, Wivenhoe Historic House is a mediterranean style villa situated close to both Cobbitty and Narellan. The property is of significance to our State and National Heritage and is situated right on our door step.

The next open day for Wivenhoe House is on 6 May, 2012 and for a \$5 donation, enjoy a guided tour of the property and its beautiful grounds. For more details and bookings phone (02) 4655 7057 or email wivenhoe@hotmail.net.au



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