

Rockgrinders Gazette

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Club rooms opening hours
Monday 9am till 1pm
Wednesday 9am till 1pm
Friday 5pm till 9pm
Saturday 9am till 1pm

October 2017 Tourmaline & Opal Edition

New members are welcome

Are you interested in: Lapidary, Fossils, Gems, Crystals, Beading, Silversmithing or Lost wax casting in a relaxed and friendly environment? Pop in and have a chat.

To all new members, we trust you will enjoy your experiences with us and benefit from our classes. If you have any questions there is a duty officer who will assist you. All members would also love to help you if they can.

Membership Fees

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Pensioner Family	\$15.00
Pensioner / Student	\$10.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00 per member
Workshop fees	\$ 2.00
Joining Fee	\$10.00

NOTE: You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery & cutting implements

All visitors are welcome, however, only members can use machines or gas.

Membership renewal is normally due on 1st July, however, on this occasion renewal has been extended until October 14, 2017 (our Open Day), without paying a new Joining Fee.

If you are not financial, you cannot use the equipment.

Remember: No pay, no play

Silver Classes

Silver Casting Classes commenced again on Friday 15th September. Casting is on from 5.00pm - 9.00pm Barry and Dorothy are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Editorial

I'm John Colless, and have taken over the newsletter Editor position from Suzy. I would like to thank Suzy for producing the newsletters previously. I will endeavour to produce a similar quality newsletter.

AGM

The Club's AGM was held on Saturday 2nd of September, 2017. Thank you to the 2016 Committee for all of their hard work.

The new Committee members are as follows:

President: Elizabeth Delcasse

Vice Presidents: Carolina Cordova
Suzy Brandstater

Secretary: John Colless

Treasurer: Margaret Bryant

Committee Members:

Eugenio Cordova, Bob Owens,
John Franks, Tim Twomey

Minute Secretary: John Colless

Publicity Officer: Suzy Brandstater

Newsletter: John Colless

Public Officer: Ray Jones

Patron: Bob Thomson

Duty Officers:

1st Saturday Eugenio Cordova

2nd Saturday Eugenio Cordova

3rd Saturday Bob Owens

4th Saturday Ray Jones

5th Saturday/Spare Suzy Brandstater

Friday Nights

Mondays

Wednesdays

Barry & Dorothy

Margaret (& spare week)

Bob

Thank you

- Campbelltown Council for repairing the Club House wall, which was damaged in the recent wind storm.
- Tim for stepping in as Duty Officer while Bob is away
- Tim for fitting the Perspex covers for the power switches.
- Bob for the table
- John for painting the panel on the wall.
- Jim and Lou Collett for their donation of a display cabinet, some rocks, books and jewellery findings.

Father's Day Raffle Winners

1 st Prize	Sapphire Wash	John Franks
2 nd Prize	Steak Knives	Karen Roach
3 rd Prize	Glossopteris Fossil	Steve Cohen

Beading Class

Below are photos of Lil and the Beading Class hard at work.



Wire Wrapping – Tree of Life

Thank you Suzy for running this workshop. A great and productive workshop of learning was had by all. I certainly found learning wire wrapping interesting and very different from anything I've done. An example of imagination and creativity below.



Workshop Practice

Please ensure you adhere to the following Workshop rules:

- Wash stones and hands (with soft soap) between moving to different grinding/polishing wheels.
- Turn OFF water tap when leaving a grinding/polishing wheel.
- Clean the machine when finished on it and before moving on to the next one.
- Wear Eye and Ear protection whilst working on the machines.

October (Tourmaline and Opal) Birthdays

Margaret Bryant	John Dom	John Lahiff
Christine Millar	Norma Castro Orellann	Giuliano Perrotta
Rita Raman	Chris Schlegl	

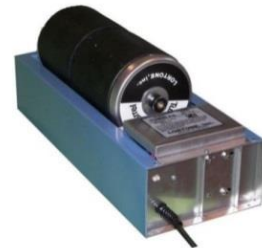


Open Day Saturday - 14th October – 9am-2pm

Our open day is fast approaching. On the white board is a list of jobs that need doing. Please put your name down to help out on the day. Carolina also needs more stock for club sales. We are quite depleted after the exhibition. Roughts, opals or handmade cabochons would be particularly helpful. Nevertheless, all donations are appreciated and gladly accepted. Please consider what you can do for the club on this day. Flyers are available from the Club Rooms. Please take and distribute some flyers. Our Open Day Club raffle will be drawn on the day. Setting up starts at 7am.

For Sale

Twin Barrel Lortone Rotary Rock Tumbler model 33B.
COMPLETE WITH WARRANTY & DETAILED INSTRUCTION MANUAL.
Used twice only. This tumbler is in its' original box and includes instruction booklets, manufacturer's warranty, Moulded Rubber Barrels, grit, polish & pellets.
Price \$250.00 Contact Maggie Aitken (02) 46461684



Note:

The Club rooms will be **closed** on **Monday 2nd October 2017** for the October long weekend. Please see the Notice Board for Public Holiday opening times.

Open Day Raffle

- 1st Prize - Clock on a Petrified Wood base.
 - 2nd Prize – Hand made Solid Stirling Silver necklace and pendant.
 - 3rd Prize – A Grape Agate specimen.
 - 4th Prize – An Australian Birds Telephone & Address Book, Family Organiser
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- **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5**
 - **Raffle will be drawn on the day.**



What's On

Events are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW

<http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events.html>

Other contributions or back issue requests may be made to ctownlapidaryclub.editor@gmail.com.

We are grateful for any and all submissions.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
24th September to 1 st October 2017	Lightning Ridge Field Trip	Contact Suzy for details <i>suzybrandstater@hotmail.com or text 0414574057</i>
Sat 30 Sep – Mon 2 Oct 2017	GEMKHANA 2017 The annual NSW state gem and lapidary show	Venue: Hawkesbury District Agricultural Showgrounds Clarendon NSW
Monday 2nd October 9am – 1pm	Closed for Public Holiday	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)</i>
Saturday 7th October 9am – 10am	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Management Meeting	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)</i>
Saturday 14th October 9am – 2pm	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day Gemstones, jewellery, rough Come into the club and have a look around Raffle drawn on the day. Sausage sizzle, cakes, slices and Greek delights on sale	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)</i>
Sat 28 – Sun 29 October 2017	Lapidary Club of NSW Inc Annual Show The Club's annual exhibition of members' lapidary work, with books, jewellery, mineral specimens, rough and polished gems, fossils and crystals available for sale.	At Lapidary House, 136 Reservoir St Surry Hills
Saturday 4th November 9am – 10am	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)</i>
Sat 4 – Sun 5 Nov 2017	Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc Jewellery, Gems & Minerals Festival Times: Saturday 9.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 9.00am to 2.30pm Raffle tickets available – 2nd Prize Silver Dinosaur Admission: \$3.00; children under 12 years free.	Venue: Heining House, Ribbonwood Centre, Princes Highway, Dapto, NSW 2530 (15km south of Wollongong),
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Nov 2017	Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft & Mineral Show Time : 10.00am to 5.00pm Cost : \$5 adults, \$10 family, \$2 children/concession Details : Gem, Mineral, Jewellery & Lapidary dealers.	Venue : Exhibition Park in Canberra – Mallee Pavilion (indoor) http://www.canberralapidary.org.au
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Nov 2017	Newcastle Lapidary Club Gem and Jewellery Fair Time : Saturday 9am to 4pm, Sunday 9am to 3pm Entry FREE, plenty of parking	Venue : Newcastle Basketball Stadium, 27 Young St Broadmeadow NSW (short walk from Broadmeadow railway station, new indoor venue.)
Saturday 2nd December 9am – 10am	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Management Meeting	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)</i>
Sat 2 – Sun 3 Dec 2017	Sydney Crystal Show 10am – 5pm daily	FREE ENTRY Venue: Paddo RSL, 220 Oxford Street, Paddington, Sydney. Browse to: www.sydneycrystalshow.com