

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

April 2018 Diamond Edition

New members are welcome

Are you interested in: Lapidary, Fossils, Gems, Crystals, Beading, Silver Smithing 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 each day, who will assist you. All members would also love to help you if they can.

New Members

Welcome to: Darrin Toohey
Gary Davies
Peter Dean
Orlando Williams

We hope you will enjoy yourself, make new friends and learn lots about Lapidary. Feel free to ask questions.

Open Day 24th March 2018

The Open Day was a great success and we were fortunate for a sunny day too. Thankyou to **ALL** members who helped setup, run the day and packup at the end. Thankyou to **ALL** stall holders for their participation and visitors on the day we hope you'll come again. See photo collage on page 2.

Open Day Raffle Winners



1 st Prize	Labradorite Sphere	Ian Browne
2 nd Prize	Amethyst Necklace	Joanne
3 rd Prize	Body Butter & Bracelet	John Franks

Membership Fees

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Pensioner Family	\$15.00
Pensioner / Student	\$10.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00 per member
Workshop/Day fee	\$ 3.00
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 due on 1st July each year.

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

Remember: No pay, no play

Silver Classes

Silver Casting Classes on Fridays 5pm-9pm.
Investment 3rd week of the month
Pouring 4th week of the month.
Decided upon by Barry and Dorothy.

Thankyou

- Margaret for co-ordinating the Open Day.
- Tim, John Franks and John C for maintenance of the grinding/polishing machines.
- Tim for filling in while Bob is away.
- Everyone who helped clean up the Club House and grounds to make our Club 'sparkle' for Open Day.

Field Trip - Glen Innes - 15/04/18 - 22/04/18

This year we will be basing ourselves in Glen Innes. I have booked into the Glen Rest Tourist Park 0267322413. They have plenty of easy drive through caravan sites, camping sites and some cabins.

I have organised some activities with Steve Cohen, a local geologist
We will be having a sausage sizzle and fossick at his Emerald Mine

He will be taking us to a good spot in Mt Torrington to fossick for topaz and smokey quartz clusters, then to a fossil site and fossick for Jelly bean quartz

We will visit the Emmerville Mineral Museum (this is quite spectacular)

We will also be looking for sapphires at Three Oaks Fossicking Park.

I will have further details available as we get closer to the trip.

If you have any queries or would like more information, please contact Suzy by email on suzybrandstater@hotmail.com or text to **0414 574 057**

Open Day Highlights



April Birthdays (Diamond)

Jacqui Barnes
Carolina Cordova
Jordan Gilmore
Richard Jones
Matteo Scalon

Jo Lo Choon
Elizabeth Delcasse
Gemma Hoare
Graeme Merchant

Alison Cordova
Andrej Drenoski
Caleb Jones
Kath O'Shannessy



Maggie's Kitchen

"Apple Cake Slice"

Ingredients:

- * 300ml sour cream.
- * 1x inexpensive pkt vanilla or butter cake mix. (Coles or Woolies brand)
- * 800g tin of Pie Apples.
- * 1x cup coconut.
- * 125g melted butter.
- * $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp finely grated lemon rind.
- * $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cinnamon.
- * 2x eggs.

Method:

- * Grease & line with baking paper a 20cm x 30cm tray (fairly deep)
 - * Mix coconut, butter & cake mix together.
 - * Press into cake tin & bake for 15 mins on mod oven (180°)
(only cook till lightly brown)
 - * Cool cake base slightly.
 - * When nearly cold, spread apples on top. Whisk sour cream, lemon rind & eggs in a bowl till smooth.
 - * Pour this mixture over the apples.
 - * Return to oven - Bake for 30x mins.
 - * Refrigerate till cool.
 - * Top with cinnamon, cut up & serve.
- Enjoy

"Moist Date Cake"

Ingredients:

- * 500g dates (chopped)
- * 1x cup water
- * $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bi-carb soda
- * 185g butter
- * $\frac{2}{3}$ cup castor sugar
- * 3x eggs
- * $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups SR Flour
- * $\frac{1}{4}$ cup Plain Flour

Method:

- * Combine dates, water & bi-carb soda in a bowl, cover & stand overnight.
 - * Grease a deep 19cm sq cake tin, line with baking paper & grease well.
 - * Cream butter & sugar in sm bowl with electric mixer till light & fluffy.
 - * Beat in eggs 1 at a time, beat till combined.
 - * Transfer mixture to large bowl, stir in half the sifted flours & half the undrained date mixture, stir in the remaining flours & date mixture.
 - * Spread into prepared tin.
 - * Bake in mod oven (180°) for about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Stand for 5x mins before turning cake onto a cake rack to cool.
- Keeps for about 1x week.

Requested by Lil.

Wanted

- Faceting machine, please contact Bob Owens on 0412 387 239.

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
15 th April – 22 nd April 2018	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Field Trip to Glen Innes/Inverell Area	Accommodation at Glen Rest Caravan Park, Glenn Innes. Details to be advised. Please contact Suzy on 0414 574 057 for more information.
Sat 21 – Sun 22 April 2018	Blue Mountains Lapidary Club Show Time: Sat 9 til 5; Sun 9 til 3	Venue: Progress Hall, Great Western Highway, Bullaburra Small entry fee
Sat 19 – Sun 20 May 2018	GEMFEST – Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club	Venue: Lismore Showground More information: PO Box 743, Lismore NSW 2480 Email: bruce.copper@bigpond.com
Sat 26 – Sun 27 May 2018	Canberra Lapidary Club Gemcraft & Mineral Show Gem, Mineral, Jewellery & Lapidary Dealers Time : Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm	Venue: EPIC – Mallee Pavilion Adults \$5, Family \$10, Children/Concession \$2 More information contact: www.canberrallapidaryclub.org.au email: canberrallapidaryh@gmail.com phone: 02 6260 5322
Sat 14-15 July 2018 9am – 4pm	Campbelltown Lapidary Club 40th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition Time : Sat 9:30am-5pm, Sun 9:30am-4pm	<i>Greg Percival Community Centre</i> Cnr Oxford Rd & Cumberland Rd, Ingleburn Contact Margaret on 02 9618 3206 during Club Opening times for more information.
Sat 18 - Sun 19 August 2018	Blaxland Gem & Mineral Club Gem Show Time : 8 am to 4 pm Daily.	Glenbrook Community Hall, Great Western Highway, Glenbrook, NSW Next to Glenbrook Theatre, just west of Information Centre. http://www.freewebs.com/blaxlandgemmineralclub/BGMCshow.htm Entry: Adults: \$3 Children \$1.
Sat 10 – Sun 11 Nov 2018	Canberra Lapidary Club Gemcraft & Mineral Show Gem, Mineral, Jewellery & Lapidary Dealers Time : Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm	Venue: EPIC – Mallee Pavilion Adults \$5, Family \$10, Children/Concession \$2 More information contact: www.canberrallapidaryclub.org.au email: canberrallapidaryh@gmail.com phone: 02 6260 5322