

# 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 2018 Opal / Tourmaline 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.

#### Membership Fees

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Pensioner Family	\$15.00
Pensioner /Junior/ 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 1<sup>st</sup> July each year.**

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

**Remember: No pay, no play**

### \* Membership Fees – Now Due \*

Membership Fees are now due. Please see the table of fees opposite.

- ✓ Remember **ONLY** financial members may use the equipment.
- ✓ Members who have **NOT** renewed their Membership before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, will be considered new members, and will need to pay the \$10 joining fee as well.
- ✓ Members who joined between our Open Day in March 2018 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are required to pay only the \$5 (per person) insurance fee.
- ✓ Payment methods:
  - Pay cash at the Club.
  - Bank Transfer

#### Bank Transfer Details

Bank: Commonwealth  
Branch: Campbelltown  
Acct Name: Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club  
BSB: 062 517  
Acct. No.: 00905282

**\* Please include "Renew" and your Surname in the receipt description. \***

### Silver Classes

Silver Casting Classes on Fridays 5pm-9pm.

Investment 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

Pouring 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month.

**Classes have now resumed**

## Attention

Margaret, the Club's current Event Co-Ordinator, has after many years in this position, decided to step down from the role. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Margaret for her attention to detail in this position and always willing to provide anyone who needed information about the Open Days and Exhibitions with that information. On behalf of the Club, **Thankyou** for organising smoothly run and enjoyable Exhibitions and Open Days.

**The Club now requires an Event Co-Ordinator**, which can be one or more people to manage the Events. Please know that Margaret has offered to assist the new Co-Ordinator(s) whilst they are learning what to do. Please feel free to ask Margaret for more information and what is involved as Co-Ordinator. We look forward to hearing from you.....

## Father's Day Raffle Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Brass Facet Disk Clock	Suzy Brandstater
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Leopard Skin Jasper	Suzy Brandstater
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Steak Knives	Elizabeth Delcasse

## Open Day Raffle - October 2018



1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Hand-made fine silver pendant
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Garnet Specimen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Glossopteris brownie (Dunedoo)
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Crystal Necklace

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Raffle will be drawn at Open Day, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

## AGM Results

Please be advised that follow members have been elected for the corresponding Committee position:

<i>President</i>	<i>To be Advised</i>
<i>Vice President(s)</i>	<i>Suzy Brandstater and Carolina Cordova</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>John Colless</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Margaret Bryant.</i>
<i>Committee Members:</i>	<i>Joshua Smith, Tim Twomey, Bob Owens, John Franks.</i>
<i>Publicity Officer</i>	<i>Ray Jones</i>
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	<i>John Colless</i>
<i>Public Officer</i>	<i>Ray Jones</i>
<i>Events Co-Ordinator</i>	<i>To be Advised</i>

Thankyou to the outgoing Committee Members for their hard work and a job well done. Congratulations to the new Committee Members for the forthcoming year.

## Thankyou

- Bob and Tim for straightening the outside garden shed, tidying up and reinforcing the “rock pile” wall.
- Kamila for thoroughly cleaning the dopping bench and equipment.

## Open Day 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Our open day is fast approaching. There is a list of jobs that need doing on the white board, please put your name down to help out on the day. Carolina requires more stock for the club sales. We are quite depleted after the exhibition. She is particularly after roughs, opals or handmade cabochons, but anything is good. Please consider what you can do for the club on this day.

## October Birthdays (Opal / Tourmaline)

Margaret Bryant  
Sarah Malis  
Chris Schlegl

Norma Castro-Orellann  
Giuliano Perrotta

John Dom  
Rita Raman



## Field Trip

### Lightning Ridge Field Trip - 30<sup>th</sup> September - 7<sup>th</sup> October

We will be spending the first two nights at the Grawin Opal Fields and will be staying at the Glengarry Hilton. Accommodation is quite basic and limited. If you intend to come, book ASAP. Accommodation may also be available at the ‘Sheep Yards’

We will be fossicking on the big mullock heaps and along the road (the roads are paved with opal dirt). I have found some nice stones beside the road.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be then going to Lightning Ridge

I have booked accommodation at the “Wallangulla”, but it was nearly full. There are a number of motels in town, plus a number of caravan parks. This is a very busy week in lightning Ridge, so book ASAP.

At the Ridge there are a number of interesting tourist activities if you are tired of fossicking.

We are planning to go with one of the local miners out to his mine on the Cookoran Opal fields. I will confirm this closer to the date.

The highlight at the Ridge is the free Bore Bath, a huge natural hot water pool. We tend to spend our evenings there, soaking our tired muscles after a hard day of fossicking.

If you are interested in coming on the trip contact me at [suzybrandstater@hotmail.com](mailto:suzybrandstater@hotmail.com) or 0414574057

If you are coming **BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION NOW**

## Resources / Links

The International Gem Society’s “Learning Centre” page has very interesting and enlightening articles

<https://www.gemsociety.org/jewelry-lapidary/>

How to Cab ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwoRjUoNwls>

How to Cab ... <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=AwM1dOsWsoo>

## What's On

Events are generally from the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW <http://www.gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

Other contributions or back issue requests may be made to [ctownlapidaryclub.editor@gmail.com](mailto:ctownlapidaryclub.editor@gmail.com).

We are grateful for any and all submissions.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
<i>Sun 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to Sun 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018</i>	<b>Campbelltown Lapidary Club Field Trip to Lightning Ridge</b>	<i>Please contact Suzy for more information by email <a href="mailto:suzybrandstater@hotmail.com">suzybrandstater@hotmail.com</a> or 0414574057</i>
<b>Sat 29 Sep – Mon 1 Oct 2018</b>	<b>Gemkhana.</b> Time: Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-5pm, Mon 9-12noon	<b>Venue:</b> Hawkesbury Agricultural Showground, Clarendon, NSW <b>Entry:</b> Adults \$5, Child \$3, Family \$12.
<b>Sat 13 – Sun 14 Oct 2018</b>	<b>Central Coast Lapidary Club Inc. Annual Gems Festival.</b> Time: Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm	<b>Venue:</b> Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive (off Wyong Rd), Tumbi Umbi NSW 2261 Entry: Free.
<b>Saturday 20 October 2018</b>	<b>Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day Gemstones, jewellery, rough Come into the club and have a look around at our displays and workshop. Sausage sizzle, cakes, and slices on sale.</b>	<i>Lot 1 Bensley Rd (Hazlett Oval), Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates) Contact Margaret on 02 9618 3206 during Club Opening times for more information</i>
<b>Fri 26 – Sun 28 Oct 2018</b>	<b>Northern Distircts Lapidary Club Exhibition Weekend</b> Time : Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-4pm	<b>Venue:</b> Beecroft Community Hall, Cnr Beecroft and Copeland Rd, Beecroft NSW Entry: Adults \$5, children under 16 years Free.
<b>Sat 27 – Sun 28 Oct 2018</b>	<b>Lapidary Club of NSW Exhibition Weekend</b> Time : Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm	<b>Venue:</b> 136 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills NSW Entry: Free.
<b>Sat 3 – Sun 4 Nov 2018</b>	<b>Illawarra Lapidary Club Jewellery, Gems &amp; Mineral Festival.</b> Time : Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm	<b>Venue:</b> Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto Entry: Adults \$3, children under 12 years free. Enquiries: John (02) 4267 5618 <a href="http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/">http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/</a>
<b>Sat 10 – Sun 11 Nov 2018</b>	<b>Canberra Lapidary Club Gemcraft &amp; Mineral Show Gem, Mineral, Jewellery &amp; Lapidary Dealers</b> Time : Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm	<b>Venue:</b> EPIC – Mallee Pavilion Adults \$5, Family \$10, Children/Concession \$2 More information contact: <a href="http://www.canberrallapidaryclub.org.au">www.canberrallapidaryclub.org.au</a> email: <a href="mailto:canberrallapidaryh@gmail.com">canberrallapidaryh@gmail.com</a> phone: 02 6260 5322
<b>Sat 10 – Sun 11 Nov 2018</b>	<b>Newcastle Lapidary Club Gem &amp; Jewellery Fair</b> Time: Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-3pm	<b>Venue:</b> Newcastle Basketball Stadium, 27 Young St, Broadmeadow NSW (a short walk from Broadmeadow Railway Station) Entry: Free, plenty of parking. Sales of Jewellery, gemstones, rocks, beads, tools and related items. Displays of club's activities and demonstrations of faceting & jewellery making. Full canteen facilities available.