

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

August 2019 - Peridot 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.

Silver Classes

Silver Casting Classes on Fridays 5pm-9pm.

Investment 3rd week of the month.
Pouring 4th week of the month.

**** Silver casting classes are *closed* during Winter. ****
Silver Casting classes are now *closed for winter* and will resume in September.

Welcome to New Members

We hope you find the Club interesting, learn new skills and have a great time.

A Gentle Reminder

**** Membership renewals are now due ****

Please remember to sign the Day Book after coming into the Club Rooms, and before starting work on your projects.
Please collect your membership card, which are located next to the day book.

Membership renewals are due by the 30th June 2019.

Please see the fee schedule opposite.

How to calculate your membership amount:

Membership Type + Insurance x Number of members

Eg. Single Membership type + 1 Member

$\$15 + \$5 \times 1 \text{ member} = \$15 + \$5 = \mathbf{\$20}$

Add \$10, if you are joining the Club for the first time, and submit it with your membership application form.

Please remember to pay for cutting your rocks on the Slab Saws. If unsure of how much the cutting may cost, please:

- ✓ Use the 'perspex grid' located near the kitchen.
- ✓ Place it on top of the slab.
- ✓ Count the squares covered by the slab.
- ✓ Multiply the number of squares by the cutting fee.
- ✓ Pay the amount & write it in the Day Book.

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 per session
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.

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. **

Membership renewal is due by 30th June each year.

Non-financial members are not covered by the Club's Insurance and therefore cannot use the equipment.

Remember: No pay, No play



Exhibition 2019

A great big thank you to all our wonderful enthusiastic members who worked hard to make our 41st Exhibition a success.

Donations from members for this event were exceptional. Special thanks to Lil who made up over 30 necklaces and also donated several items for our club stall. Carolina worked 2 whole weekends with Eugenio by her side to make sure the club stall had a great display.

Thank you to Leanne who again ensured the kitchen was supplied with food and items for the weekend, and to all Leanne's helpers who not only made all the sandwiches but were still able to serve with a smile. Thank you to Sarah and Maggie for taking the time to cook yummys for our dining room shop. Thank you to Marieta for organizing our beautiful flowers. A big thank you to Merle, for washing and ironing all our table covers and kitchen linen. One big crate full, and a large bag, also full.

The children's activity was a big hit again, thank you to Rita who worked both days and to her helpers. The children were able to make gem cards, a bracelet and we also had a lucky dip. This free activity is always extremely popular and it is great to see so many up and coming "rockies".

Thank you to all who took turns at the front desk, organising the front table with ticket sales, lucky door tickets, raffle and membership enquiries. A special thank you to Rachel for looking after our new Readers Room and to Jackie for organising the booking sheets etc and to Suzy for organising our readers.

Thank you, to all those who helped distribute flyers. Suzy, for organizing flyers, magazines, newspapers & Facebook ads and Ingleburn RSL for screen ad and Campbelltown City Council for hanging our banners in Queen Street & Oxford Road and Elizabeth, for radio interview. Thank you to Greg for organizing the digital sign at the local high school.

Many thanks to Joshua & Rob for placing all our street signs on Friday and collected them again on Sunday. Thank you to Alison, Tim & Danielle for placing and removing multiple posters in local shopping centres. Many thanks to Kathy for our web site ad, and to all those many people (some were not members, just good supporters) who promoted our event through Facebook & other areas. Thank you to Suzy and her helpers who set out all our electrical connections for our dealers and our exhibition cases. Our exhibition had a wonderful range of items this year with 9 cases many thanks to all who participated.

Thank you to Tim, Bob & Hans for providing transport to and from Ingleburn for all our stock & display cases etc. To all our helpers who packed and loaded at the club on Friday (and days before), unloaded at the hall and helped set up Friday, Thank You. They then turned up on Sunday to pack and take everything back to the club. Many thanks also to Joshua & Ron for standing outside in the cold in safety vests while vehicles were loaded on Sunday evening. Not forgotten, those who packed away items at the club the following week.

Danielle, one of our newer members organised our members table. This was our 3rd year with 13 members participating. We had a large assortment of amazing handmade items and lots of helpers. Tim & Bob organised & ran our faceting demonstrations and a display which was very well received.

Without all our volunteers who worked tirelessly, some for many months before the show, and without our wonderful supporting dealers, we would not be able to have a show and our club would not be able to provide the equipment needed throughout the year so a big thank you to everyone involved in this year's show. Thank you to our new dealers and to all dealers who come back year after year, to support our Exhibition, Peter & Deb win the stayers award again, as this was their 16th year with our club. Approximately 80 people worked for our show this year. Thank you also to Bob Thompson, our patron since 1991 for opening our show and to Steve our helpful hall caretaker and Campbelltown City Council for their continuing support.

All aspects of show preparation are important, but without good promotion people won't come, so we need all members to use the grape vine, and keep it growing for all our future events.

A great big THANK YOU to ALL our helpers. You know who you are who were not named above. We need you ALL, and thank you for your enthusiasm, smiles and dedication.

Let's make next year even better.

Many Thanks,
Margaret.

Exhibition Raffle – Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following patrons who won a prize from the Club's 2019 Exhibition Raffle.

☆ 1 st Prize	Agate Geode Unicorn	Gary Eather
☆ 2 nd Prize	Sterling Silver Earrings & Silver Amethyst Pendant	Tina Wills
☆ 3 rd Prize	Apophyllite Cluster	Rhonda
☆ 4 th Prize	Selenite Tower	John Franks

August Birthdays (Peridot)

Anita Allen	Marieta McNaught
John Colless	Rowaida Nasser
Robyn Gill	Barry Perkins
Jason Hedley	Susanne Scott
Jimmy Liu	Sinan Shamkhi



Annual General Meeting

Please be advised that the Lapidary Club's AGM will be held on 7th September 2019 in the Club Rooms commencing at 9:00am. A short meeting of the newly elected Management Committee will follow. The workshop, therefore, will not be available for use until approximately 11:00am

The current Club Management positions will be declared vacant and a new Management Committee elected.

If you are a financial member and would like to help with the management and running of the Club, please write your name alongside the appropriate position on the Nomination Form, which is attached to the white board in the Club's main room. Someone will need to nominate you for the position too.

Help Needed

Two items which were on the work table at the back of the main room appear to have been misplaced or put in a safe place (we all know about 'Safe Places'!).

One is a full bottle of Acetone, the other is a black cast metal "third hand" tool/stand.

If anyone has sighted either or both of these items, please inform the Duty Officer of the day. Your help is very much appreciated. Thankyou.

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.
 Alternately, download back issues from the Club's website.
 We are grateful for any and all submissions.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sat 7 th September 2019	Campbelltown Lapidary Club AGM Meeting Time : Sat 9:00am-10:00am	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates)
Sat 28 – Sun 29 Sept 2019	State Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Show GEMKHANA	Venue: Hawkesbury Agricultural Society Showground, Clarendon The GEMKHANA Coordinator is Bob McLean GEMKHANA@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au For more details, please visit: https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/gemkhana/
Sat 19 th October 2019	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day Time : Sat 9:00am-2pm,	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields (through the 'Abbotts-Ann' gates) Entry Free. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocks, Crystals, Gemstones, Fossils, Rough • Handcrafted Jewellery and market stalls • Family event – all ages welcome • Sausage Sizzle, and homemade cakes and slices • Hot and cold drinks.
Sat 2 – Sun 3 Nov 2019	Illawarra Lapidary Club Jewellery, Gems & Mineral Festival. Time : Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 9am-2:30pm	Venue: Heining Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto Featuring: Gemstone Faceting, Cabochon Cutting, Silvercrafts, Jewellery Making & Valuations, Mineral Group displays, Club & Fossicking information, Refreshments, Raffle, Lucky Door Prizes & Kids' Games. Dealers selling: Lapidary Supplies, Minerals, Jewellery, Crystals, Finding, Fossils, Beads and Opals. Entry: Adults \$3, children under 12 years Free. Enquiries: John (02) 4267 5618 http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/