

Rockgrinders Gazette



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Club Rooms Opening Hours

Monday	9 am till 1 pm
Wednesday	9 am till 1 pm
Friday	5 pm till 9 pm
Saturday	9 am till 1 pm

November 2019 – Topaz Citrine Edition

Welcome to New Members

Elise Campbell	Norman Abboun
Leah Dickings	Glen Bannon
Amanda Hanson	Cliff Corton
Susanne Scott	Amanda Duncan

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 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.

Duty Officers' Roster

Days of month	Duty Officers
Monday	Margaret
Wednesday	Tim
Friday	Barry & Dorothy
1 st Saturday	Suzu
2 nd Saturday	Eugenio
3 rd Saturday	Kamilla
4 th Saturday	Ray
5 th Saturday	Suzu

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

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Silver Casting

Next investment day will be Friday 15 November, with casting the following Friday 22 November.

Note: This will be the last investment/casting opportunity for this year.

Silver casting will finish for the year on 6 December. Please see Dorothy if you are coming to the end of year dinner.

Dates for the first investment day in 2020 to be advised.

October Open Day at our Club

It was great to see our regular faces and lots of new faces, our Open Days are such a great opportunity for club members and visitors from other clubs, and locals who support our club to catch up, and chat about rocks and generally enjoy the day.

A big thank you to everyone who helped on clean-up day. It was so nice to know the club was looking its best for our visitors.

Thank you also to all our wonderful helpers who made our Open Day a success.: to Judy for shopping for our kitchen supplies and running the kitchen, and to all her helpers; to Ray for organising the BBQ, being Chef for the day, and his helpers; to Carolina and Eugenio for organizing our club stall and running it on to day;

to Joshua, Rob, Tim and Alison for placing our signs and posters, bringing them in when the day was over; to the many other helpers who set-up the tables chairs, buttered the bread, served tea/coffee to our stall holders and cleaned up at the end of the day. A special thanks to everyone who “spread the word” and circulated our flyers - without community support we have no event.

Our stall numbers increased this year, with some newbies and readers, which made our day more interesting. So thank you to all our stall holders who supported our club and gave some great donations for our raffles.

Mark your calendar now for our next fun day, 21 March 2020.

And remember to Rock On.
Margaret

Raffle winners:

- 1st prize = Leanne
- 2nd prize = Anita
- 3rd prize = Merle
- 4th prize = Joanne F

Some of the many interesting displays on offer at the Club’s Open Day on 19 October.






Club Christmas Party

The Club Christmas Party will be held on **14 December at 12.00 noon**. The Club will close at 11.00 am for clean up (machines, floors, etc) as this will also be the final Club day for the year.

If you intend attending, and for catering purposes, could you please write your name on the noticeboard sheet. Cost is \$5.00. Also, please bring a plate of food, eg salad or dessert. The club will provide a BBQ and lucky door prizes.

Club will reopen on Saturday 11 January 2020.

November Birthdays (Topaz/Citrine)

Pau	Malili	TOPAZ Topaz is a silicate mineral of aluminium and fluorine with the chemical formula $Al_2SiO_4(F, OH)_2$. Topaz crystallizes in the orthorhombic system, and its crystals are mostly prismatic terminated by pyramidal and other faces. It is one of the hardest naturally occurring minerals (Mohs hardness of 8) and is the hardest of any silicate mineral. This hardness combined with its usual transparency and variety of colours means that it has acquired wide use in jewellery as a cut gemstone as well as for intaglios and other gemstone carvings.[5] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topaz	 NOVEMBER TOPAZ CITRINE
Clarice	Stretch		
Patrick	Werne		
Ryan	Cichonski		
Michael	Jackson		
Ann	Thompson		
Eugenio	Cordova		
Brandon	Bourke		
Thomas	Spencer		

Healing properties of Topaz ♥ Communication ♥ Love ♥ Good fortune ♥ Good health ♥ Attraction

Topaz soothes, heals, stimulates, recharges, remotivates and aligns the meridians of the body – directing energy to where it is needed most. It promotes truth and forgiveness. Topaz brings joy, generosity, abundance and good health. It is known as a stone of love and good fortune. Releases tension, inducing relaxation. Topaz promotes openness and honesty, self-realisation and self-control. It aids problem-solving and assists in expressing ideas. Stabilises the emotions, making you receptive to love from all sources.

Topaz aids digestion and combats eating disorders, such as anorexia and bulimia. It fortifies the nerves and stimulates the metabolism. <https://www.charmsflight.com/topaz-healing-properties> *(continued over page)*

CITRINE: Citrine is a variety of quartz whose colour ranges from a pale yellow to brown due to ferric impurities. Natural citrines are rare; most commercial citrines are heat-treated amethysts or smoky quartzes. However, a heat-treated amethyst will have small lines in the crystal, as opposed to a natural citrine's cloudy or smokey appearance. It is nearly impossible to differentiate between cut citrine and yellow topaz visually, but they differ in hardness. Brazil is the leading producer of citrine, with much of its production coming from the state of Rio Grande do Sul. The name is derived from the Latin word *citrina* which means "yellow" and is also the origin of the word "citron". Sometimes citrine and amethyst can be found together in the same crystal, which is then referred to as ametrine.[18] Citrine has been referred to as the "merchant's stone" or "money stone", due to a superstition that it would bring prosperity.[19]

Citrine was first appreciated as a golden-yellow gemstone in Greece between 300 and 150 BC, during the Hellenistic Age. The yellow quartz was used prior to that to decorate jewelry and tools but it was not highly sought after.[20]

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartz#Citrine>

Healing properties of Citrine ♥ Happiness ♥ Prosperity ♥ Generosity ♥ Creativity ♥ Pleasure ♥ Protection ♥ Strength ♥ Alignment ♥ Confidence ♥ Stability ♥ Moderation ♥ Energy ♥ Comfort ♥ Success ♥ Truth ♥ Goodness ♥ Warmth ♥ Digestion ♥ Assimilation ♥ Enjoyment of life ♥ Spiritual growth

Citrine energises every level of life. It cleanses the chakras and opens the intuition. Citrine attracts wealth, prosperity and success. It imparts joy, wonder, delight and enthusiasm. Raises self-esteem and self-confidence. Stimulates the brain, strengthening the intellect. Citrine promotes motivation, activates creativity and encourages self-expression. Enhances concentration and revitalises the mind. It releases negative traits, depression, fears and phobias. Emotionally balancing.

Energising and recharging, Citrine also reverses degenerative disease and helps balance chemical imbalances in the body. Beneficial in the treatment of diabetes, it stimulates digestion, the spleen and pancreas. Negates kidney and bladder infections. Citrine helps eye problems, increases blood circulation, detoxifies the blood, activates the thymus and balances the thyroid. Relieves constipation and removes cellulite.

<https://www.charmsoflight.com/citrine-healing-properties>

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on Saturday 7 December, at 9.00 am.

All members are welcome.

The workshops will not be available until completion of the meeting, ie around 10.00 am.

Club Holiday Closure

Club will be closed for the Christmas Holiday break from Saturday 14 December 2019 until Saturday 11 January 2020.

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=GwoRiUoNwls>

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
<i>Postponed due to drought</i> <i>To be rescheduled next year</i>	CAMPBELLTOWN Lapidary Club Field Trip – Fossicking for Sapphires	Venue: "Grabben Gullen", Crookwell
Sat 9 – Sun 10 November 2019	NEWCASTLE Lapidary Club Gem And Jewellery Fair Time: Saturday 9 am To 4pm Sunday 9 am To 3 pm Entry: Free And Parking	Venue: Newcastle Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC), Young Road and Melbourne Road Broadmeadow NSW (short walk from Broadmeadow railway station) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales of jewellery, • gemstones, • rocks, • beads, • tools and related items. Displays of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • club activities and demonstrations of lapidary, • faceting & • jewellery making. Full canteen facilities available. Contact: Phone 02 4952 9611 (Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays) or email newlap@gmail.com .
Sun 24 Nov 2019	ILLAWARRA Lapidary Club Inc "Open Day" Christmas Market Time: 9 am - 2 pm Entry: Free	Venue: 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna 2518 Stalls selling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystals, • Minerals, • Fossils, • Lapidary Materials and • Jewellery. Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle Lunch available. Enquiries: John Ph: (02) 4267 5618
Sat 14 Dec 2019	CAMPBELLTOWN District Lapidary Club Christmas Party Time: 12.00 noon Cost: \$5.00	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Ingleburn Note: Please write your name on the noticeboard if attending, for catering purposes. Please also bring a plate of food , eg salad, desert. The club will be providing BBQ meat and lucky door prizes. Workshops will close at 11.00 am for cleaning up purposes, as this is the last day the Club will be open for the year.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
1 February 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting Time: 9.00 am to 10.00 am	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Ingleburn Workshops will not open until after the meeting.
Sun 23 Feb 2020	ILLAWARRA Lapidary Club Inc – Rock and Mineral Fair Time: 8 am - 2 pm (Kid's rock scramble 12 noon)	Venue: Stuart Park, North Wollongong Club members and others will be selling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewellery, • Gemstones, • Cabochons, • Minerals, • Opals, • Findings, • Beads & • Fossils and • maybe some Lapidary equipment. <p>The Rock Scramble is at 12 pm where children and young people can “bag” themselves a rock or two. Bring a bag! and maybe a picnic lunch!</p> <p>For more information contact John on 0242675618 http://www.illawarralapidaryclub.com.au/ or like us on Facebook</p>
21 March 2020	CAMPBELLTOWN Lapidary Club Open Day Time: 9 am - 3 pm Entry: Free	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Rd Hazlett Oval, Macquarie Fields Details to be advised. If you intend to hold a stall please write your name on the Noticeboard list by 22 February 2020. Phone: 9618 3206
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March 2020	CAMPBELLTOWN Lapidary Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Exhibition	Venue: Greg Percival Community Centre Cnr Oxford and Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn Details to be advised.