

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

March 2020 – Aquamarine

Welcome to New Member

Margaret Thomas.

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, to assist you (see the Duty Officers' Roster below). 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	Ray
1 st Saturday	Suzy
2 nd Saturday	Eugenio
3 rd Saturday	Kamilla
4 th Saturday	Ray
5 th Saturday	Suzy

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

The next investment night for Silver casting will take place on Friday 20 March. Silver casting will be happening the following Friday, 27 March.

Thank you to all Friday evening attendees

Thank you to all helpful attendees both at investment and casting nights during February. Your thoughtful efforts to help in the cleaning up stages afterwards was most appreciated. As the saying goes “many hands make light work”. Happy silver casting during March.

March Open Day

Campbelltown & Districts Lapidary Club

Open Day

9.00am -3.00pm Saturday 21st March 2020

- *Crystals, gemstones, fossils, rough, minerals
- *handcrafted jewellery and market stalls
- *Free family event - all ages welcome
- *Sausage sizzle and homemade cakes and slices
- *Hot and cold drinks

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Next to Hazlett Oval



Open Day – Volunteers urgently needed

As you all know, March Open day is almost upon us. Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help out with the organisation, and those holding stalls on the day.

However, we are still in **URGENT** need of volunteers to **help assist** with the following activities:

- Kitchen on the day
- Raffle on the day
- Preparation ‘Clean Up’ on Wednesday 19 March – please refer to sheet on Noticeboard

Open Day Raffle

Tickets \$2.00 Each OR 3 for \$5.00 available at the Club now, or on the day.

1st Prize – Quartz Crystal Cluster

2nd Prize – Rainbow Obsidian Sphere

3rd Prize – Sterling Silver Pendant

4th Prize – Moss Agate Pendant

Drawn on the Open Day 21st March 2020

Open Day – Promotion

Please continue to promote the Open Day within your neighbourhood, local community, and at work etc.

Flyers are still available at the Club, so please take some home to distribute in your local area.

Wire Weaving Workshop

Saturday 14 March 2020

Cost \$20

Tutor Suzy

Learn how to wire weave a setting for a cabochon. Tools, wire and cabochons are provided. If you have your own tools, please bring them. Bring your reading glasses or jewellery loupe as this workshop involves working with fine wires. The workshop may go later than 1.00 pm (Depending on how fast you work), so bring your lunch

Next meeting Dates

The next **General Meeting** will be held on 7 March. All members are welcome. The meeting commences at 9 am, and workshops will be available on completion of the meeting, around 10 am.

All remaining meeting dates for the year are as below: Kindly mark them on your calendar as a future reminder. **Note:** All members are encouraged to attend the meetings in the shaded rows.

Date	Meeting type
4 April	Management meeting
2 May	Management meeting
13 June	Management meeting
4 July	General meeting
1 August	Management meeting
5 September	General meeting
5 September	Annual General meeting
5 September	New Management meeting
10 October	General meeting
7 November	Management meeting
5 December	General meeting

Thank You to Weekend Helpers

A big thank you to Bob for organising the purchase and installation of three metal storage cabinets to replace the bookshelves at the back of the main Club room.

Thanks to Bob and Tim, who spent their own time over the weekend to install the cabinets, move the contents of the shelves into them, and dispose of the old shelves, outdated materials and screen.

Also many thanks to Ray for his time spent reconditioning the tumbler machine.

Their generous efforts are much appreciated.

Invitation to Batemans Bay Club

An invitation was sent to Batemans Bay Club members (whose Club facilities were damaged during the recent bushfires, and are now unavailable). The invitation offered their members use our facilities over two weekends: one on 29 February/1 March, and the other on 7 and 8 March. The offer included allowing the visitors to camp on the grounds. A letter was received from Batemans Bay Club expressing their heartfelt thanks for our concerns. They were able to save their equipment and have established a workshop at a private location. A copy of the letter was sent to all

their members, and we may receive some further enquiries from them.

A copy of their reply is on the Club noticeboard for your information.

New Equipment

The club now has the following new equipment:

- Rotary tool
- Three barrels for the reconditioned tumbler machine, to be used for silver only.

Should you need to use this equipment, please see the Duty Officer of the day to find out where it is stored, and for instructions on how to use it correctly.

Smile Time

Rock Jokes

Q: Where do pebbles grow up?

A: *In the rockery!*

Q: Where do rocks sleep?


A: *Bedrock.*

Q. Why did the aquamarine replace the bloodstone?

A. *People were tired of seeing all of those bloody spots.*

<https://owlcation.com/stem/Lapidary-Jokes-For-The-Discerning-Rockhound>

March Birthdays (Aquamarine)

<p>Smith Joshua</p> <p>Thomas Margaret</p> <p>Whiteacre Zara</p> <p>Taylor Dane</p> <p>Douangdar Lahoune (Leon)</p> <p>Hopson Tom</p> <p>Ridding Kylie</p>	<p>Aquamarine</p> <p>Aquamarine (from Latin: aqua marina, "sea water"[12]) is a blue or cyan variety of beryl. It occurs at most localities which yield ordinary beryl. The gem-gravel placer deposits of Sri Lanka contain aquamarine. Green-yellow beryl, such as that occurring in Brazil, is sometimes called chrysolite aquamarine.[13] The deep blue version of aquamarine is called maxixe. Maxixe is commonly found in the country of Madagascar. Its colour fades to white when exposed to sunlight or is subjected to heat treatment, though the colour returns with irradiation</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beryl#Aquamarine_and_maxixe</p>	
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Healing properties of Aquamarine ♥Cleansing ♥ Meditation ♥ Serenity ♥ Peace ♥ Prophecy ♥ Inspiration ♥ Tranquility ♥ Inner power strength ♥ Soothing ♥ Calming ♥ Safe travel on water

Aquamarine is a stone of courage. Its calming energies reduce stress and quiet the mind. Aquamarine has an affinity with sensitive people. It can invoke tolerance of others and overcomes judgmentalism, giving support to those overwhelmed by responsibility. Clarifies perception, sharpens the intellect and clears confusion. Useful for closure on all levels. Promotes self-expression. Soothes fears and increases sensitivity. Sharpens intuition and opens clairvoyance. Wonderful for meditation. Shields the aura and aligns the chakras. Highly protective during pregnancy, it helps to guard both mother and baby from harm. Discourages miscarriage. Aquamarine is helpful to sore throats, swollen glands and thyroid problems. It regulates hormones and growth. Boosts the immune system and alleviates overreactions, such as hayfever or allergies. Counteracts short- or long-sightedness.

<https://www.charmsflight.com/aquamarine-healing-properties>

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
7 March 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club General Meeting Time: 9 am – 10 am	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields All members welcome. Workshops will be open after the meeting.
14 March 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Wire Weaving Workshop Time: 9.00 for 9.30 start Cost: \$20.00	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields Refer to section above for details.
20 March 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Silver Investment Time: 6 – 9 pm	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields
21 March 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Open Day Time: 9 am - 3 pm Entry: Free	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocks, • Crystals, • Gemstones, • Fossils, • Rough, • Handcrafted Jewellery • Market stalls • Family event – all ages welcome • Sausage Sizzle, homemade cakes and slices, Hot and cold drinks.
27 March 2020	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Silver Casting: 6 – 9 pm	Venue: Lot 1 Bensley Road, Macquarie Fields
Sat 28 – Sun 29 March 2020	Canberra Lapidary Club Inc. Rock Swap	Venue: Exhibition Park (EPIC) Flyer http://www.canberralapidary.org.au/
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Sat 11 – Sun 12 July	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show	Venue: Greg Percival Community Centre Cnr Oxford and Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn BOOKINGS FOR STALLS NOW OPEN