

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

April 2020 – Diamond

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.

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

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

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Message from the President

Club Closures

It was a very hard decision to cancel the club Open Day. It was an event we were all looking forward to and much preparation had been done for it. The club floor was so clean, you could have eaten off it. Thanks to the team who cleaned the club in preparation for the open day.

But, we had to take the safety of our members and the public into consideration and the risk the Corona Virus posed was too great.

As the government brought stricter rules in for non-essential gatherings, we also came to the conclusion that the club could not be opened for workshops either. The health and safety of our members is of the highest importance. Our club is a big part of our lives and the social aspects of the club plays an important part in many of our lives, but physical health is our number one concern.

The club is closed until the 31st of May. Just prior to that we will re-evaluate the situation and make a decision about either re-opening or extending the closure.

We have not cancelled our annual exhibition. We will be making a decision about that closer to the date. At this point in time, the council has cancelled all bookings of its venues until the 30th June.

I hope everybody stays safe and healthy and I wish for a speedy end for the Corona Virus threat.

Suzy Brandstater

President

Silver Casting

Due to Coronavirus, all Silver workshops have been suspended until further notice.

Open Day Raffle Results

As you are all aware, the Club's Open Day was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, the raffle has been drawn. Results are as follows:

- 1st prize – Suzy
- 2nd prize – Josh
- 3rd prize – Jacqui
- 4th prize - Dieter

Mineral Collection Auction

As you may know, we received correspondence from the Parramatta/Holroyd Laidary Club regarding an Auction Sale of the late Arthur Roffey's mineral collection.

The auction was to be held on one day only, Saturday 4 April 2020. However, it is most likely the restrictions related to coronavirus have forced the cancellation of the auction.

Should you be interested in items from the Auction, you could try contacting Christine Roffey on 0402 263 634.

Next meeting Dates

Future meetings are cancelled for the moment and will be reviewed at the end of May.

Only Management Committee meetings will take place and they will be conducted remotely and electronically, perhaps by conference call, email or similar.



Wire Weaving Workshop

At our latest workshop Suzy taught club members how to make a woven wire setting for a cabochon using bare round copper wire. The advantage of using copper bare copper wire is that any tool marks can be buffed out. Also, it can be oxidised by using a Liver of Sulphate Patina.

It was a fairly long workshop as there was a lot of weaving to be done. But in the end, everyone finished and had a lovely pendant to take home with them.

This type of weaving takes quite a bit of patience.



April Birthdays (Diamond)

Richard	Jones	Diamond
Alison	Cordova	<p>Diamond is a solid form of the element carbon with its atoms arranged in a crystal structure called diamond cubic. At room temperature and pressure, another solid form of carbon known as graphite is the chemically stable form, but diamond almost never converts to it. Diamond has the highest hardness and thermal conductivity of any natural material, properties that are utilized in major industrial applications such as cutting and polishing tools. They are also the reason that diamond anvil cells can subject materials to pressures found deep in the Earth.</p>
Daniel	Weaver	
Carolina	Cordova	
Kath	O'Shannessy	
Jacqui	Barnes	
Elizabeth	Delcass	



Because the arrangement of atoms in diamond is extremely rigid, few types of impurity can contaminate it (two exceptions being boron and nitrogen). Small numbers of defects or impurities (about one per million of lattice atoms) color diamond blue (boron), yellow (nitrogen), brown (defects), green (radiation exposure), purple, pink, orange or red. Diamond also has relatively high optical dispersion (ability to disperse light of different colors).

Most natural diamonds have ages between 1 billion and 3.5 billion years.

Diamond is a 60th Anniversary gemstone and a precious gemstone.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond>

Healing properties of Diamond ♥ Purity ♥ Harmony ♥ Love ♥ Abundance ♥ Prosperity

symbol of purity, the Diamond's pure white light helps to bring our lives into a cohesive whole. It brings love and clarity into partnerships, bonding relationships. Diamond is a sign of commitment and fidelity, and instills trust to relationships and situations. It inspires the forces of accumulation, attracting the manifestation of abundance. Diamond is an energy amplifier. It is a stone that never requires recharging. It will bring strength and endurance to all energies and will enhance the power of other crystals. However, beware, as this means it will increase negative energy as well as positive! Excellent for blocking electromagnetic stress and for protection against cell phone emanations. Diamond imparts fearlessness, invincibility and fortitude. It clears emotional and mental pain, reducing fear and bringing about new beginnings. Stimulates creativity, inventiveness, imagination and ingenuity. It brings clarity of mind and aids enlightenment. Diamond allows the soul light to shine out. It aids spiritual evolution and reminds you of your soul's aspirations.

Diamond purifies and detoxifies all of the body's systems, rebalancing the metabolism, and building up stamina, strength and treating allergies and chronic conditions. It also helps glaucoma and clears sight. Diamond effectively treats dizziness and vertigo, and benefits the brain. Counteracts poisoning.

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

Smile Time

With thanks and credit to Toowoomba Lapidary Gazette.

20 years ago we had
Johnny Cash,
Bob Hope,
and Steve Jobs.

Now we have no Cash,
no Hope, and no Jobs.

- PLEASE -
DO NOT
let Kevin Bacon die.

Night 1 of no sports:
My wife and I just had
an hour long conversation.

She's really nice. Apparently
she works in the medical field.

Also TVs are black when
they are turned off.

CRITICAL ADVISORY

For those who work
online from home:

8pm is now the
official time to remove
your day pajamas
and to put on your
night pajamas.

We thought we'd
have flying cars
by 2020

But no, here we are
teaching people how
to wash their hands.

**PETROL IS FINALLY
AFFORDABLE
AND WE CAN'T
GO ANYWHERE!**

Our cleaning lady
just called and told
us she will be
working from home
and will send us
instructions on
what to do.

This is it. The day
your dogs have all
been waiting for.

The day they realise
their owners can't
leave the house and
they get you 24 / 7!

Dogs are rejoicing
everywhere.

Cats are in a panic.

Going outdoors
is not cancelled, listening
to music is not cancelled,
quality time with our
families is not cancelled,
reading a book is not
cancelled, sharing with
friends is not cancelled,
singing out loud is not
cancelled, laughing has
not been cancelled,
sharing **HOPE** with others
has not been cancelled.
Let's **EMBRACE** what
we have.



Keep well. Stay safe.

Wash your hands

Don't touch your face

Stay 1½-2 metres apart

**Wear masks if you start
having symptoms**

**Visit the drive-thru
testing clinic**

**Allow the elderly to shop
at the supermarket
early in the mornings**

Isolate for 14 days

Watch sport online

Cover coughs, sneezes

Stay at home!!

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
<u>Please note</u> all events are subject to cancellation depending on status of Coronavirus pandemic.		
Sat 11 – Sun 12 July	Campbelltown Lapidary Club Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewellery Show	Venue: Greg Percival Community Centre Cnr Oxford and Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn Enquiries: ctownlapidaryclub.secretary@gmail.com
Sat 26th and Sunday 27th September 2020	Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW GEMKHANA 2020	Enquiries Competition Schedule and more details on their GEMKHANA page
Saturday 7 November 2020	Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc Jewellery Gems and Minerals Festival Time: Sat – 9 am – 4 pm Sun – 9 am to 2.30 pm Entry: Adults \$3, children under 12 free	Venue: Heininger Hall, Ribbonwood Centre, 109 Princes Hwy, Dapto Enquiries: John (02) 42675618
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November 2020	Newcastle Lapidary Gem & Jewellery Fair Time: 9am to 3pm	Venue: PCYC Newcastle , Cnr of Young and Melbourne Streets, Broadmeadow NSW Enquiries and more info: Newcastle Lapidary Facebook page Phone: (02) 4952 9611
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November 2020	Canberra Lapidary Club Inc Gemcraft & Mineral Show	Venue: Exhibition Park (EPIC) – Mallee Pavilion For more information: Click on link to view Flyer Email: canberrallapidary@gmail.com or Phone: 02 6260 5322 (Workshop)