

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

August 2020 – Peridot

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Message from the President

I hope all of our club members are doing well during our enforced separation. We had been looking at trying to open the club in August. When the second wave of Covid 19 hit our community, our opening has had to be put back further. For the safety of our members, we cannot consider opening yet. The majority of our members are either in the vulnerable category, or have someone at home that is in the vulnerable category. The risk is too great to open up again yet.

We will be re-evaluating each month. Each day I listen to the statistics with greater concern. NSW was looking good until a single person brought the virus into our local community from Melbourne. We now have 5 new cases in Campbelltown over the weekend. Liverpool area is still a hotspot.

Due to the club not being able to be opened, we have received permission from Fair Trading to not have an AGM this year. We have asked Committee members to remain in their positions until such time as we can hold an AGM. I thank all Committee members for the work they are doing running the club, even though they

cannot come to the club to work with their rocks and silver.

If you have not renewed your membership, please support the club by renewing. We still have to pay rent, electricity, insurance, phone and internet. We do not have any incoming revenue from workshops and we have missed major fund raisers such as the Open Day and the Exhibition.

On a brighter note, I have started a Facebook Chat group called Campbelltown Lapidary Chat. We can chat to each other, show off our latest project, just a nice way to stay in touch with each other. Please join if you are interested.

Please stay safe, I hope to see everyone soon. I really miss playing with my rocks and the friendships within the club.

Suzy Brandstater
President

What's been happening at the Club?

Well, as you may have worked out by now (thanks to Covid-19), the Club house has been pretty much void of activity Or has it???

Bob and Tim, with a little help from Hans and Chris, and Bob's wife Jean, have been beaver away in a feat of tremendous effort, to bring you a sparkling refreshed, renewed Club House.

Over a period of 40+ days they have ingeniously and industriously: painted; sanded; lacquered tables; washed anything and everything; refreshed the silver table top; painted; mended; plastered; painted anything and everything possible; laundered; hemmed; plumbed; painted; replaced power points, light fittings,

and hoses; painted; added safety features in the grinding rooms; painted; designed, and repurposed existing materials, refitted and reorganised the faceting area; and painted again; bringing new life to the Club House. Can't wait to get back to try it all out.

A big thank you to all involved for your time, efforts, hard yakka, dedication and action ...

You can check out what the Club looks like when we are finally allowed back in (just when that might be is anyone's guess) **OR** ... You can check out the photos over the page. Your choice... I was lucky enough to get a sneak preview recently, and was amazed at the work done.

Thanks again Bob, Tim, Hans, Chris and Jean ... really giving us something more to look forward to!

Another thank you

Donations to the Club are well received and appreciated. This month we would like to thank Julie Trempp for her kind donation of stationery, which will be very useful. Also, Julie, your contribution to Smile Time this month is very welcome, and should evoke a quite few smiles ... chuckles even.

Next Meeting Dates

Refer to President's message above.

For Sale – Tumbling machine

If interested in purchasing the tumbling machine below, email to: Ctownlapidarytreas@gmail.com



Reminder from the Treasurer

For those with fees and insurance outstanding.

As the club is still closed please pay your Annual Fees by **direct deposit** (see details below) and **include the initial of your first name and your surname eg FSmith**, as your reference.

Note:

If you are unable to use direct debit please pay by cheque or money order to our Post Office Box:

Treasurer
Campbelltown Lapidary Club
PO Box 477
INGLEBURN NSW 1890

Membership Fees

Single	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Pensioner Family	\$15.00
Pensioner /Junior/ Student	\$10.00
Insurance	\$5.00 per member

NOTE: You must be an insured member over 12 years of age to use machinery & cutting implements

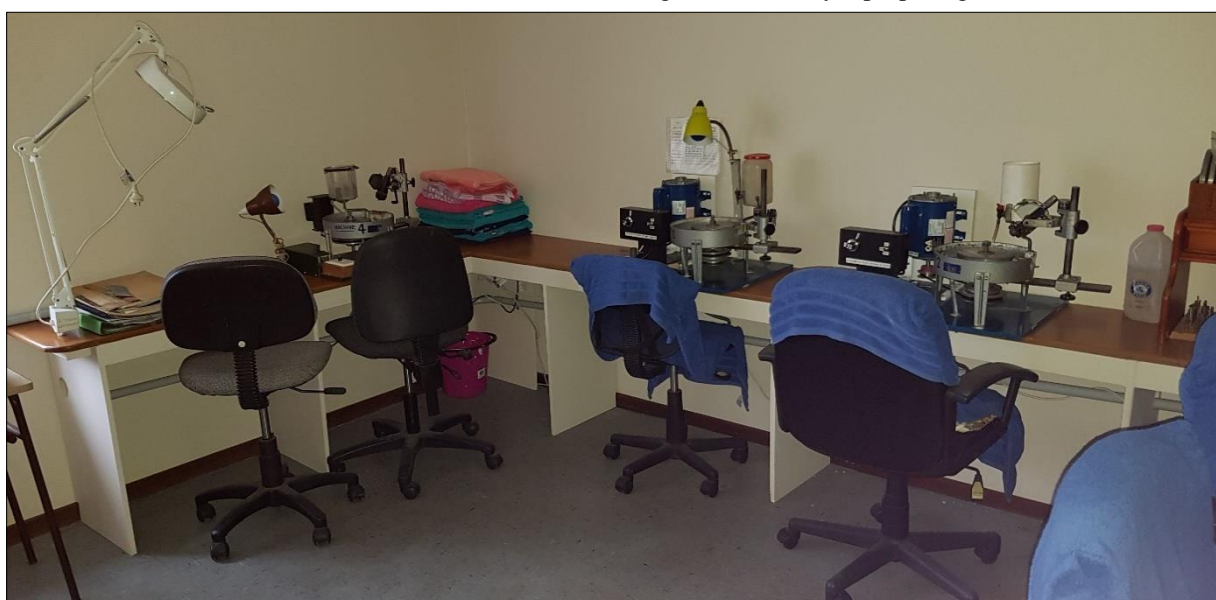
All visitors are welcome, however, only members can use machines or gas.

Bank Transfer Details

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

include the initial of your first name and your surname
eg FSmith, as your reference.

Photos of the Club House Revamp





The grinding rooms - bright and cheery with lots of light through the windows, and new safety features.





Smile Time

Many thanks to Julie Tremp for this month's "smiles" ...hopefully this will generate a chuckle or two as well.

Five Pearls

Five pearls go into a bank.

Pearls: "We need a loan please"

Bank: "Why?"

Pearls: "Because we are Baroque".

A Crook Look

A hooded robber burst into a crowded jewellery store and at gunpoint forced the staff to load jewellery and cash into a large black sack.

As the robber approached the door, one brave customer grabbed his hood and pulled it off, revealing the robber's face.

The robber quickly put his hood back on, and said to the interfering customer, "I'm going to have to shoot you."

He then looked around the store and demanded to know if anyone else had seen his face.

Everyone in the store stared down at the floor in silence.

The robber yelled, "Well, did anyone else see my face?"

After a few moments an elderly lady spoke up and said "Well, I believe my husband got a good look at you."

Exercise for People Over 50 (*particularly for use during times of stress*)

This may seem a little daunting to start with, but if you apply yourself you may find that it's not as difficult as you think.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5 kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.


Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 kg potato sacks.

The goal is to eventually get to use 20 kg sacks, and be able to hold your arms out straight for a full minute.

When you have achieved that goal, try putting a potato in each sack.

August Birthdays (Peridot)

Susanne Scott John Colless Marieta McNaught Zhimin (Jimmy) Liu Sinan Shamkhi Anita Allen Barry Perkins Elise Campbell	Peridot Peridot (sometimes called chrysolite) is gem-quality olivine and a silicate mineral with the formula of $(\text{Mg, Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$. As peridot is a magnesium -rich variety of olivine (forsterite), the formula approaches Mg_2SiO_4 . Its green colour is dependent on the iron contents within the structure of the gem. Peridot occurs in silica-deficient rocks such a volcanic basalt as well as in pallasitic meteorites . Peridot is one of only two gems observed to be formed not in the Earth's crust, but in molten rock of the upper mantle. Gem-quality peridot is rare to find on Earth's surface due to its susceptibility to weathering during transportation from deep within the mantle to the surface.	 AUGUST PERIDOT
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In the Middle Ages, the gemstone was considered a stone that could provide healing powers, curing depression and opening the heart. Peridot is the [birthstone](#) for the month of August and the 16 year [wedding anniversary gemstone](#). <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/peridot>

Healing properties of Peridot

♥ Healing ♥ Renewal ♥ Purification ♥ Rebirth ♥ Growth ♥ Relaxation ♥ Comfort ♥ Intuition

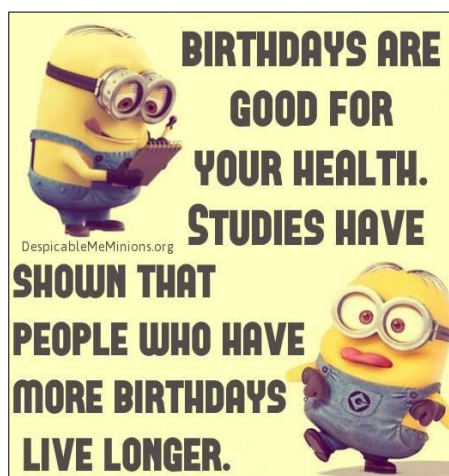
Peridot is a powerful cleanser. It releases and neutralises toxins on all levels. Alleviates jealousy, resentment, spite, bitterness, irritation, hatred and greed. Reduces stress, anger and guilt. Peridot opens our hearts to joy and new relationships. It enhances confidence and assertion, motivating growth and change. Sharpens and opens the mind to new levels of awareness. Banishes lethargy, apathy and exhaustion. Peridot enables you to take responsibility for your own life.

Peridot strengthens the immune system, metabolism and benefits the skin. It aids disorders of the heart, thymus, lungs, gallbladder, spleen and intestinal tract. Treats ulcer and strengthens eyes. Balances bipolar disorders and overcomes hypochondria.

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

Words of Wisdom

You can't help getting older but you don't have to get old. — **George Burns**



What's On Or Not ??

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 rules and restrictions relating to Covid-19 pandemic.		
31 October - 1 November 2020	Northern Districts Lapidary Club Biennial Exhibition Times: 9 am to 5 pm both days	Venue: Beecroft Community Centre, Cnr Copeland Road and Beecroft Road.
Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November 2020	Newcastle Lapidary Gem & Jewellery Fair Time: 9 am to 3 pm	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)
Sunday 29 November 2020	Illawarra Lapidary Club Inc – Open Day Christmas Market Time: 9 am to 2 pm Entry: Free	Venue: 51 Meadow Street, Tarrawanna 2518 Stalls selling Crystals, Minerals, Fossils, Lapidary Materials and Jewellery. Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle Lunch available. Enquiries: John Phone: (02)4267 5618
13 – 14 March 2021	Canberra 2021 Rock Swap	TBA
2 to 5 April 2021	Gemboree 2021	Venue: HOBART Show Grounds, Glenorchy Further details: https://aflaca.org.au/

Take care and stay safe.