

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

May 2020 – Emerald

Message from the President

These are difficult times we are still facing. Some of the social restrictions have been relaxed, but not enough to open the club yet. The virus curve has flattened, but it is not gone, it is still out there. Social gatherings are still not safe, particularly for elderly, immune challenged or fragile people.

I have had messages about when the club will be re-opening. But at this stage, we are not able to make that decision. The Campbelltown Council made the decision to close all venues until June. For those of you who may not be aware, our club house is owned by the council.

It is an ever changing situation that we are in, so at this stage, the club will not be open in May. Club executive will be discussing our options in early June. The club

being closed has left such a hole in so many of our lives. But members' safety is our number one priority.

On a more positive note, a big shout out to Bob and Tim. They've been painting the interior of the club, (while maintaining strict social distancing). I am very much looking forward to a fresh-looking club when we finally get to return. Also a thank you to Chris for donating some Fluorescent lights to the club.

Suzy Brandstater

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Vale Nick Pastor



During our lockdown, I was given the sad news. On the evening of Monday 13th April one of our long time members of the club Nick Pastor has passed away. Nick was a keen member of the Friday night silver class. Nick was a very keen silversmith, he designed rings with moons and stars on them. These rings were for the other hobby he was passionate about, his astronomy. Nick had travelled all over the

world to look at telescope and other Astronomy related items. One of the highlights of our open days was Nick with his Sunscope. He would patiently set it up, focussing on the sun and let people have a look at the sunspot activity.


Due to the Covid 19, we were unable to attend the funeral to say our farewells. But friends from the Macarthur Astronomy Club, went to the funeral and sat outside in their cars and gave him a rousing car horn sound off as the funeral procession passed by. Nick will be greatly missed by the club.

Our Condolences to his wife Gai and his family.

Suzy Brandstater



May Birthdays (Emerald)

Leah Nick Linda Judith Monica Kyle Ashleigh Suzy	Dickens Pastor Bosmans Ferris Weaver Hokin West Brandstater	Emerald Emerald is a gemstone and a variety of the mineral beryl ($\text{Be}_3\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_3)_6$) coloured green by trace amounts of chromium and sometimes vanadium.[2] Beryl has a hardness of 7.5–8 on the Mohs scale.[2] Most emeralds are highly included,[3] so their toughness (resistance to breakage) is classified as generally poor. Emerald is a cyclosilicate.	 MAY EMERALD
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Emeralds, like all coloured gemstones, are graded using four basic parameters—the four Cs of connoisseurship: colour, clarity, cut and carat weight. Normally, in the grading of coloured gemstones, colour is by far the most important criterion. However, in the grading of emeralds, clarity is considered a close second. A fine emerald must possess not only a pure verdant green hue as described below, but also a high degree of transparency to be considered a top gemstone.[5] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emerald>

Healing properties of Emerald ♥ Love ♥ Romance ♥ Joy ♥ Cleansing ♥ Intuition ♥ Clairvoyance ♥ Faith ♥ Serenity ♥ Intelligence ♥ Clear vision ♥ Truth ♥ Memory & Communication ♥ Physical & Emotional healing

Emerald is known as the “stone of successful love”. It brings loyalty and provides for domestic bliss. It enhances unconditional love, unity and promotes friendship. Keeps partnerships in balance and can signal unfaithfulness if it changes colour. Emerald stimulates the heart chakra, having a healing effect on the emotions as well as the physical heart. It ensures physical, emotional and mental equilibrium, bringing harmony to all areas of one’s life. Focusing intention and raising consciousness, it brings in positive actions, eliminating negativity and enhancing the ability to enjoy life to the fullest.

Emerald enhances psychic abilities, opens clairvoyance, and stimulates the use of greater mental capacity. It helps bring awareness of the unknown to conscious recognition, imparting reason and wisdom. Emerald assists in inciting activity and focus in ones actions. It strengthens memory and imparts clarity of thought. It inspires a deep inner knowing, promoting truth and discernment.

Emerald treats disorders of the heart, lungs, spine and muscular system. It aids in recovery after infectious illness, helps sinuses and soothes the eyes, improving vision. It has a detoxifying effect on the liver and alleviates diabetes and rheumatism . <https://www.charmsflight.com/Emerald-healing-properties>

What's On Who knows?

What the future holds is anybody's guess, however (apart from our very own Annual Gem Show) the events below are still being advertised on the Gem and Lapidary Council of NSW's website. As time goes by, and lockdown restrictions are eased, and so long as people abide by the rules associated with the easing, we can afford to be hopeful that events like these will go ahead.

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 relating to Covid-19 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 <u>GEMKHANA</u> 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)

Take care and stay safe.