

ROCKBOTTOM NEWS

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APRIL 2017



*******SHOW TIME*******



SHOW ENTRIES

Competition

All Members should be working on their showcases for the show. **These are due Sunday 21st May between 12 and 2pm.**

Club show cases are available for loan in the office. Please sign them out in the session sheet in the "other" (please Describe) column.

If you have any questions need assistance in what is needed in a display box ask Tina or Sue Horton

ROCK FOR TRAILER

We are asking for donations of rock or slabs to boost our supplies for the trailer of rock at the show. The trailer of discarded rock proved a great fund raiser for the club last year and we would like to have this 'fossickers' attraction again this year.

CATERING

Members donating baked goods to our stall.... This year we would like to simplify things by asking that you consider baking any of the following: Scones, Pikelets, Cheesecake or Chocolate/Mudcake

CLUB RAFFLE FOR THE SHOW

In previous year's raffle tickets and show flyers have been posted out to all the members. Due to postage cost it has been decided flyers and raffle tickets will this year be available at the club for pickup. If you are unable to pick these up at the club and would like to obtain them please contact the secretary on mglsssecetary@gmail.com or phone Jim Horton on 0418 885 180.



SHOW WORKING BEE

Working Bee clean up ready for the show is scheduled for

Saturday 20th May 9am to 12 Noon.



SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those members who have already come forward. There is now a book at the front desk for you to nominate the times you are available.

This is one of the only times we expect our members to step up and volunteer their time and expertise for the good of the club and to raise money for the club. It is the only big fund raiser the club has annually.

Volunteers still needed for later starts to relieve the early birds. There must be Members out there to cover these times. Please notify Fabian Bracco mglssshow@gmail.com or see a committee member at the Club.

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WE ARE SEEKING GOODS FOR OUR SHOW STALL

If you have items at home you do not know what to do with, donate them to raise money on our stall. Trash, Treasure, Plants, Rocks, Books and many other things you can think of.

Must be at the club-house by 23rd May.

FOSSICKING REPORT

Upcoming Fossicking Trips:

May - Oxenford/Tamborine Creek (Day Trip), June/July - Yowah (Week Trip)

Fossicking trip to Limpinwood

The trip was well attended with over 25 people, we even had some people join up on the day. We met up at MacDonald's at Murwillumbah, after a quick snack and chat we moved on in convoy. We saw some of the aftermath of the recent floods with much household rubbish and damaged bridges strewn for many kilometres. There was land falls and part road closures. The area had massive upheaval from recent rains with the causeway on the next farm having a 5 tonne rock thrown up on it from river.

We found some nice jasper, chalcedony and volcanic inclusions. Some pieces have some very nice green colours and should polish up well. Also a very good amount of specimen standard rocks found, which will add to everyone's collections.

At one of the bridges we crossed a 30 kg piece of chalcedony, was found - unfortunately not by one of us! The river where we fossicked had some large fish and yabbies and overall the day was great fun. Remember to check club facebook shortly for full list of pictures from the day.

The next trip will be to the jasper farm area at Oxenford, date to be advised. Look forward to seeing many of you there. Remember we will provide you with a list of what is needed for each field trip, example water shoes or shovels etc, just contact one of us on the fossicking committee if you have any questions.

HAPPY FOSSICKING

Darrell Bennett, Fossicking committee



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Trevor Lewis**Gem Show****Convener**

Fabian Bracco

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Contracted

Silver Committee

To be formed

Life MembersJohn Brady
Val Cugola
Sue Ericksson
Bob Kelly
Helen Petterson
Albert Taylor
Joan Taylor
Laurel Viogt
Kevin Voigt**LIBRARY****BORROWING**Members may borrow
up to two books at a
time.Please return all bor-
rowed books within
2 weeks of borrowing
them.Please sign out all
books being bor-
rowed from the
library.There is a register for
this purpose on or in
the desk in the library.**President Report****APRIL 2017**

Hi

CONGRATULATIONS to all Members at MGLS is Lapidary Club of the year again this year. We also have Lapidarist of the year in two sections and many of our Members are mentioned in the top ten.

This month has been a short month with the Public Holidays and much of the time has been spent in cleaning up after cyclone Debbie and preparing for the show.

It was pleasing to see so many of our novices entering this year their entries out-numbered the open entries the first time in many years. It is good to see other clubs joining in our competition.

In response to our media mail out for the gem show, we have had a request from Quest Newspapers for background information and history on the club with which they will write an article on the club. This feature will not only promote the Gem Show but will also promote the club. We will be hosting their photographer next week to take photos.

Our show is looming and this week our RAFFLE tickets are available to all Members. Due to Australia Post prices we are not posting out to all individual Members. If you would like yours posted out please contact the President by phoning 0418 885 180 or Secretary on mglsecretary@gmail.com. These tickets are available at the club house please pick your book up from there.

Our security system has been put to good use in the last month to solve some of the issues in the club that have been brought to the attention of the Committee.

Information talks have been conducted at sessions on the damage to the wheels and other issues, based on information brought to the attention of the Committee and proven through the security system.

There has been a good response from many Members after these sessions however there are some Members who continually need monitoring and I have made their Instructors aware of who they are, and that there is a need to keep an eye on them.

Our Membership is building steadily, with new faces every week and

I would like to put out a friendly reminder to all Members to sign in as they enter the building and pay their session fees. There have been several occasions recently where the session fees have been short.

The club relies on this money for insurances (personal, liability, building) and essential services, eg rates, water, electricity, telephone.

Jim



Faceting

The fast cutting laps have been a success with everyone happy with their use
Extra beginner faceting sessions have been planned and are going well
Joe picked two modified cuts for this year's Schedule for the show. It is good to see the number of entries
(not just in our Club but from other Clubs in SE QLD)
This will make for a great display on Show day. Don't forget to take a look!

Silver

Linda's beginner classes on Thursday night's has begun and is going well
Richards beginner classes are set to commence soon
Ring course is now fully booked
Beginners full kits are now locked in the beginners cupboard. These tools are only to be used by beginners.
Once the beginners silver course has been completed by a Club member they must bring their own tools
The Club has purchased stronger butane torches
One in the general silver tool cupboard
Two in the beginners cupboard
The Club will also be selling these for \$65 each.

Cabbing

It has been discovered that some of the older members of the Club are the ones causing major damage to
the soft wheels
Please do not skip wheels and ensure that there are no sharp corners prior to using the soft wheels
We will be monitoring the situation over the next few months to ensure that the wheels are being used
correctly
On a more positive note – for those of you who like the Nova wheels – we will be transitioning half of our soft
wheels over to Nova wheels. Stay tuned
It has been noticed that the quality of work being produced by our new members is of high standard. Well
done and keep up the good work!

There were approximately 133 entries submitted for sections 1-28 for the Show. It is great to see such strong
participation from the novices however, more open entries would be favourable. Sections 29-41 are due by
Sunday 21 May (or alternatively items can be dropped off on 23 May 2017 or by arrangement with the Chief
Steward). We are all looking forward to the Show!

DONATION TO BOWEL CANCER

In remembrance of **BRAD THOMSON** the club and its Members we have got a
substantial donation to send to Bowl Cancer.

LIBRARY REPORT

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It is disappointing that very few of our missing books have been returned in this month.
PLEASE LOOK AT THE AUDIT REPORT. The audit report is available in the library and at the front desk.
PLEASE CHECK AT HOME and make sure YOU DO NOT HAVE THESE MISSING BOOKS
Sue Horton

NEW EQUIPMENT

The belts on soft polishing wheels have been replaced with Nova Wheels.

NEW MEMBERS

This month the Management Committee welcomes: Alan and Hillary Black, Brian Boyce, Mike and Pat Henry, Miles Huang, Ming Jiang and Tari and Xiang Dong Zhu. If you see these members at the club Introduce yourself to them and make them welcome

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT OUR CLUB

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society has a new website if you would like more information on the Society and it's facilities please visit www.mgslapidary.com.au

For what's happening at the clubhouse please see our Facebook: www.facebook.com/mtgravattlapidary or Instagram: @mtgravattlapidary

*****CONGRATULATIONS*****

Mt Gravatt has regained its title as Lapidary Club of the Year, and Max Walsh and Tina Horton gained the most points in two groups to come home with trophies. See results below.

At the April Meeting David Buhmann and Tina Horton received their Cabochon Judging Badges. Congratulations to you both.



Top Ten Placings for Lapidary of the Year 2016	
1	Tina Horton
2	David Bulmaren
3	Max Walsh
4	Gayle Perkins
5	Michael Waller
6	Paul Fulcher
6	Linda Fountain
7	Chris Fedden
7	Gorden Perkins
8	Peter Lee
9	Jakobi King
9	Anita Morton
10	Trevor Lewis
10	Roman Haase
10	Phil Matthey

Lapidary Club of the Year 2016	
Mt Gravatt	81
Mt Gravatt	53
Mt Gravatt	46
Beenleigh	40
Caboolture	22
Caboolture	21
Mt Gravatt	21
Beenleigh	19
Beenleigh	19
Mt Gravatt	17
Mt Gravatt	16
Mt Gravatt	16
Mt Gravatt	15
Caboolture	15
Beenleigh	15

Lapidary of the Year 2016 Groups 1 to 4, 12 to 17	
Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society	218
Beenleigh Lapidary Club	102
The Caboolture Gem Club	84

Lapidary of the Year 2016 Groups 8 to 11	
Tina Horton	47, 12 to 17

Lapidary of the Year 2016 Groups 18 to 28	
Michael Waller	8 to 11

Lapidary of the Year 2016 Groups 5, 29 to 38	
Gayle Perkins	18 to 28
Max Walsh	5, 29 to 38



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CABOOLTURE

Those Members wishing to enter Caboolture Show the entries need to be at the club house to be sent away by the 30th April.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 1st Labour Day
6th—7th Redcliffe Gem & Mineral, Jewellery and Craft Show, Southern Cross Catholic College, Kippa Ring
14th Mothers Day
20—21st Lismore Gemfest, Lismore Showgrounds
27th **Mt Gravatt Gem Show, Mt Gravatt Clubhouse, 1873 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt**

JUNE

- 3rd—4th Gonyah Club Display, Mt Coot-tha Garden Auditorium

JULY

- 1st Gold Coast Gem & Craft Show, Miami State Primary School, 18 Oceanic Drive, Mermaid Waters
1st Caboolture Gem Fest, Caboolture Historical Village
8th—9th Hervey Bay Festival of Gems, Star of the Sea Catholic School, 39 Hughes Road

If undelivered please return to

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Club meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. All Members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Club Opening Hours

Mon 7.30—9.30 pm

Tues 7.30—9.30 pm

Wed 9.00—12 noon

Fri 9.00—12 noon

Fri 7.30—9.30pm

Closed public holidays

Open Saturday

Open Sunday

3rd Saturday of the month

4th Sunday of the month

Silver Classes

Tue 9.00—12 noon

Thur 7.00—9.30

Mineral Society

Last Wednesday of the month at

7.00 pm

JOINING FEES

Adult Members - \$70 - Comprising \$30 joining fee, \$30 annual subscription and \$10 badge.

Junior Members (between 10 and 16 years) - \$25 - Comprising \$5 joining fee, \$10 annual Subscription and \$10 badge.

NEWSLETTER LEVY for posted Newsletters \$15.00 per year. Newsletters collected from the Club are free

Newsletters are posted to Life Members free of charge

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