



CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

“Connecting Culture & Community”

9 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra – behind Information Centre

Meetings

18 Mar	Committee Meeting
20 May	General Meeting

Events

Warwick Rock, Antiques & Collectible Fair
14-16 April
Warwick Showgrounds

Redcliffe Gem Show
6-7 May
Southern Cross
Catholic College,
Kippa Ring

Lismore Gemfest
20-21 May
Lismore Showgrounds

Mt Gravatt Gem Show
27 May 2017
Club Rooms, 1873
Logan Rd

Gunyah Club Display Gem Show
3-4 June
Mt Cootha Garden
Auditorium

Gold Coast Gem and Craft Show
1 July
Miami State Primary
School, Mermaid
Waters

Caboolture Gemfest
1 July
Caboolture Historical
Village

February 2017

Hello Fellow Members

Looking ahead to another great year for everyone. Firstly a warm welcome to all our new members. Welcome aboard!

Some of you may or may not know that Eric Thomas has been in hospital. He is now on the mend and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Peter Dyson, Wendy Goulsbra and Barbara Connell who have been awarded Life Membership of the Club. Many thanks for all the work you have contributed to the Club over the many years.

There will be a garage sale on the **25th March**. It is a great opportunity for all members to showcase and sell their creations as well as other bric-a-brac you may have on hand. Please contact David Dowl on 0402 700 605 or dowlight@powerup.com.au for table bookings. As it is also the last Saturday of the month, the club has the Open Day and a lunch barbeque which will also be on offer to visitors and buyers.

Bunnings sausage sizzle is on in June. This is another opportunity for the club to gather funds. Volunteers needed.

Thanks to all instructors and other members who help each other - just one of the reasons that make the Club such a great place. A big thank you to Ian Hill for giving up his time to carrying out test and tag on the Club's electrical equipment.

Calling on members/volunteers to help in anyway in the coming year with the organizing of the Gem Show. This is a big event and takes a lot of willing hands to make it a success, so any contribution no matter how big or small is very welcome.

Finally, and I hope nothing has been overlooked, any club operates at its best with members attending sessions and helping when able to. Many hands make light work!

Looking forward to a great year!

Greg, Your President

Suggestion Box: You are welcome to put any written suggestions in the Suggestion Box on the display case in the Club that may be of benefit to the operation of the club and to its members

Club Merchandise: Club shirts are available for purchase and are available for the handsome sum of \$27.00. Contact the Treasurer if you would like to purchase. Club aprons (vinyl) are also available for \$18.00 each. They are excellent value and are heavy duty and come in a good length and can be cut to size. Loops available for \$62.00

Club Badge: These are standard issue for new members. Cost is included in the joint fee. If you require a new badge, record your request on the sign-in register (in the membership column), deposit \$11.00 in the cashbox and your badge will be ordered by the Treasurer



Around the Club

Opening Hours

Monday	9 am to 12 noon	Facing with instruction (John). Cabochons. Wire-wrapping (Roger). Faceting with instruction (Eric). Enameling (Peter & Wendy)
Tuesday	6 pm to 9 pm	Beginners (Greg)
Wednesday	9 am to 12 noon 6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons. Faceting for the Experienced. Silver with instruction (Dave & Edith)
Thursday	6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons with instruction. Carving With instruction. Faceting for the experienced
Friday	CLOSED	
Saturday Second and Last Saturday of the month	9 am to 12 noon 9 am to 4 pm	Cabochons with instruction (Doug). Silver with instruction if required.
Sunday	CLOSED	

New Members

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Lily Hu

Lynette Fisher

Celeste Egli-Cameron

Alix Johnson

Derk Van Diem

**Garage
Sale,
BBQ and
Open Day
25 March**

**Contact David
Dowl to book
your table.**



Faceting Report February 2017

Faceting classes are still going at full speed ahead. We have two new starters, Mark and Lilly. All spots are taken every Monday morning and more members have expressed interest in joining the class. It is very encouraging to see so much interest in faceting.

The machines are all in good working order with one of the VJ machines having had complete service. I have also added a dial gauge to one machine in place of a multi tester.

Kay has been cutting HUGE stones as usual and is very excited to have a pale Amethyst set in a ring. Tutu is still going strong with all the more complex designs I keep throwing at her. I wish her well in the competition. Terry Kingdom is cruising along nicely. Terry number 2 works away quietly in the corner on the Halls Machine hardly needing my advice. (I will have to find some more difficult designs for him). Lilly and Mark are the babies on the team and are both progressing well.

John Sandifort
Faceting Instructor
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DON'T FORGET

***GARAGE SALE, BBQ AND OPEN
DAY ON SATURDAY 25 MARCH***

CONTACT *DAVID DOWL* TO BOOK A TABLE

Silver Smith Report

Welcome to our new members. Again, it is good to see new members completing their projects with enthusiasm.

Members continue to produce some excellent jewellery using varying techniques and materials.



Please note the Club has purchased a new Foredom machine for your convenience.



When using the Foredom, please note the following:

- Protective glasses should be worn.
- Protective footwear should be worn.
- Hair should be tied back.
- Do not use excessive force when using the Foredom.
- As the new Foredom has a reversable switch – do not change from forward to reverse whilst the machine is running.
- Please do not bend the shaft at a tight angle – minimum is a 4 inch radius.

Enjoy using the new Foredom – however please use with care.

GOLD PLATING

Saturday
4th March



Procedure – please note re gas bottle and soldering torches.

When the class session is finishing – please bleed the gas from the hose before leaving.

This requires you to turn the gas bottle off – and – light the gas torch to burn off the gas in the hose.

The above procedure should help with maintaining the gas hoses in better condition.

Thanks in anticipation.

Gold Plating

There will be Gold Plating on Saturday 4th March.

Please ensure items you wish to be gold-plated are cleaned and polished – gold-plating does not cover scratches or poor finishing.

Remember – please leave your work areas the way you would like to find it when you start your work.

Enjoy your silverwork, your jewellery is limited only to your own imagination.

Cheers,
David Dowl.

Silversmith Instructor

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ROGUES GALLERY



Christmas Cheer





Gramps!



The Barrell Girl



Winners are Grinners