



CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

“Connecting Culture & Community”

9 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra – behind Information Centre

Meetings

16 Sept	Committee Meeting
19 Aug	General Meeting

Events

Waterloo Bay Gem Show

When: 26 August
Where: Hemmant
Community Hall Brand &
Ramsay Sts. Hemmant
Times: 9:00am – 3.00pm

Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Show

When: 2 September
Where: Silkstone State
Primary School
Prospect Street Silkstone
Times: 8.00am – 3.00pm

Bribie Island Gem Festival Lapidary Club Show

When: 9 – 10 September
Where: 191 Sunderland
Drive, Banksia Beach
Times: 8.30am – 4.00pm

Caloundra Gem Show

When: 23 September
2017
Where: Caloundra State
School, George Street
Times: 8.30am – 4.00pm

July 2017

Hello members

Half the year has now gone and we are travelling well with 81 members and most of us taking advantage of the club and enjoying the social aspect

Bunnings sausage sizzle was a great success achieving a profit of \$1076.50. Well done to all who contributed to the day. It was well worth the effort to keep helping to replenish the Club coffers.

A shout out to members for donations of consumable items such as rags , towels, wooden dowel to convert to doping sticks and any other items at home you don't have a use for anymore which you think may be utilized by the Club

Gem Show time is approaching. This is a reminder that assistance prior to and on the day will be needed and greatly appreciated. Please keep yourself available on Friday, 22 and Saturday, 23 September. This is the major fundraiser on the Club's calendar. Many hands make light work.

I delivered 4 buckets of tumbled rock to Opals Down Under giving a boost to the bank account of \$920.00 - a very worthwhile activity! If any member has any rubble hanging around, please bring it in to be added for tumbling material.

Greg is calling on beginners for a glass instruction class. 6 to 8 members only. So far we have two takers. The night will be free, so please let me know if you are interested and Greg can fix a date.

Emma Lamont is writing history of the club from information recorded in the museum and remembered by current members. Any members with information that may be suitable to add please contact Emma.

Rodger Tedmanson is setting up an email address in the name of Grants Officer Caloundra Lapidary Club to accept and prioritise grant submissions. A sign will be attached to the current suggestion box for members to make a suggestion for an item they think may be suitable for a grant submissions.

Thanks again to all for your help, signing off

Greg, Your President

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	



Faceting Report June 2017

Faceting Report

Classes are going well. Eric has started a Monday night session with four new starters - Greg Dell, Scott Sharp, Gunter Nolle and Rusty Baxter.

The Monday morning sessions are still well attended. I am putting out new challenges as they gain more experience and confidence. I have started to rotate VJ users to use the Halls machine to gain some insight and experience on a different style of Faceting machine.

John Sandifort
Faceting Instructor 0428848109

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

New Members

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Hannah Keenan

Corrina Latus

David Latus



Museum Report

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The Museum is having a facelift. All the display cabinets have been painted white on the interior and the walls have also been painted white - a much needed revival.

We are currently in the process of attracting a grant for lighting in the cabinets which should enhance the display and move to a more professional level. Many visitors are impressed with our display and improvements are continuously ongoing.

John Sandifort
Museum Curator



Silversmithing Report.

Welcome to our new silversmithing members.

It is pleasing to see members continuing to enjoy their challenges and to see their satisfaction on completion of their jewellery.

Thanks must go to Edith for her support to the Wednesday night classes whilst I was overseas.



Members should remember their inspirations are not limited and should look outside the the square.

Edith's pendant above, on the left, shows a cut-out on the back of the mounted cabochon. Well done!!

Australian Jewellery Supplies – INSTRUCTION/TRAINING/TRADE EVENING OR DAY.

AJS have again offered their services for an instruction/training day or evening in August which ever you as Members would be able to attend.

Please support this opportunity as there will also be opportunities to purchase “on the day specials” and standard AJS products at a special discount.

Please ensure you read the Club Notice Board for the updates regarding this event.



Annealing:

When metal is hammered, bent, stressed, or otherwise worked, the molecules of the metal are pressed more closely together, causing it to lose flexibility.

This is known as “work hardening”.

While we hammer our metal for jewellery, the metal will become progressively harder.

If we do not stop to soften or “**anneal**” the metal, it will crack or split. Stay aware of your metal, and “**anneal**” frequently when working.



Remember to “bleed” the gas torches at the end of each session. Please also remember to leave your work areas clean and safe.

Cheers,
David Dowl.- **Silversmith Instructor**

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