

# CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

“Connecting Culture & Community”  
9 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra – behind Information Centre

<b>Meetings</b>		<p><b>President’s Report</b></p> <p>Hello Fellow Members</p> <p>Pleased to report the Bunnings sausage sizzle was great a success and thanks to everyone for helping in the preparation for the day (including onions and sausages) plus the willing helpers on the day for the Barbie, inside the atrium and the loan of eskys. A stunning amount of \$1,076.00 raised - fantastic.</p> <p>The Gem Show is getting closer and the day before (Friday) and the Saturday help is needed for bumping in and bumping out. Please give your time - it will be needed and much appreciated. The more hands, the lighter the work load and like the sizzle, all money raised benefits us all.</p> <p>Solar was installed on the 20th April and kicked into gear on the 5th May. Cheaper power bills to follow. Yeah!</p> <p>Apart from a bit of paint work on the stainless steel bench the new motors are up and running. A special thanks goes to Eric for his input and hard work in installing the benches and new electric motors and all the other incidentals on this project. New wheels have been fitted and no doubt a few weeks later the comments will start that they are worn out (some things never change). Thanks to everyone for continued support and attendance for work sessions. This keeps the Club at its best.</p> <p>Gwen Blee one of the Clubs’ life members has donated a saw and tumbler to the club. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank her for this gesture.</p> <p>Also in the museum we have a new display case made for the club by Rhiannon Sedgewick as part of her year twelve assignment for one of her electives all who have seen it so far have commented on a fine job she has done and it will be used as a show piece for displays in the museum (well done! Rhiannon)</p>
	<p>Committee Meeting</p> <p>General Meeting</p>	
<b>Events</b>		<p>Greg Reynolds President</p>
<b>JULY</b>		
11-12	Hervey Bay Fest of Gems	
18-19	Townsville Gem Show	
25-26	Cairns Gem Show	
<b>AUG</b>		
1	Ipswich Show	
2	Innisfail Gem Show	
8	Atherton Show	
TBA	Anakie Gemfest	
29	Waterloo Bay	
<b>SEPT</b>		
8	Father’s Day	
12-13	Bribie Island	
26	Caloundra	

**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

<b>Monday</b>	9 am to 12 noon 6 pm to 9 pm	Facing with instruction (John). Cabochons Wire-wrapping (Roger). Faceting with instruction (Eric). Enameling (Peter & Wendy) Beginners (Greg)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6 pm to 9 pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 am to 12 noon 6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons. Faceting for the experienced Silver with instruction (Dave & Edith)
<b>Thursday</b>	6 pm to 9 pm	Cabochons with instruction. Carving with Instruction. Faceting for the experienced
<b>Friday</b>	CLOSED	
<b>Saturday</b> 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.
<b>Sunday</b>	CLOSED	

## Grants

No report this quarter. Eric enjoyed a little bit of fossicking and this spotted bower bird (knowing a good thing or two about bright things) took all his gems!!! So he says but I think he has a good stash!



**Eric Thomas**

## **New Members**

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Clare Tilyard  
Loranne Giles  
Jenny McKenzie  
Carli Hall  
Julie Currie  
Jeff Beattie  
Ryan Hidassy  
John Walker  
Emma Lamont  
Maria Elizabeth  
Zazzero  
Jeannette Danzey  
Wayne Skaley  
Craig Alexander  
Julia Keen Calitz  
Leon Calitz  
Willem Slykhuis

## **Junior Members**

Chris Sole  
Isabelle Hall  
Mitchell Alexander  
Maddie Alexander

## **Faceting Report June 2015**

We have two new starters. Tutu Joseph is currently cutting a round brilliant zircon this is her third stone. A new member John Walker has started on his first stone and he is cutting a CZ in a simplified round brilliant. All machines are being utilised on most days, which is great to see. The Halls 2000 has had some problems with the motor as it was running intermittently, stopping and starting, new brushes have rectified this problem. As I am going on a fossicking trip in July I have asked Gavin Weldon to take over Monday morning sessions - it is greatly appreciated.

**John Sandifort**  
Faceting Instructor

## **Museum Report June 2015**

The showcase/counter has had the top glass replaced as the old top was scratched badly. It has improved the showcase greatly showing off members' works and items for sale to the public in a more professional manner.

Open days have proved successful as numerous items have been bought by the public.

I am always looking at ways to improve our museum display and any suggestions from club members would be appreciated.

During the month of May we had a display of members' jewellery at the Kawana Library, firstly to promote our club and also the option for the public to purchase items on display. Enquiries had been made and some items were sold.

**John Sandifort**  
Curator

A story from Mick.....

There is a little story about four people name Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody though that Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

*Philosophical Mick*

## **Library Report**

1. A number of new books have been purchased particularly in the jewellery section.
2. Some very excellent books have been donated – Thanks go to all the people concerned.
3. A number of books have been set aside for sale in a basket adjacent to the main cabinet.
4. The magazine cabinet is being cleaned up and magazines no longer relevant to our needs are being removed.
5. Have had some excellent feedback on the new books purchased which is pleasing as I am always on the lookout for new and different books.
6. Am always interested in suggestions on any new books relevant to our hobby.
7. Money for books bought by members can be placed in same container as book borrowing money located in the main book cabinet.

**Gavin Wheldon**  
Librarian

## **Silver Smithing Report**

Welcome to our new Members. Numbers continue to increase, together with new and creative ideas, making our Silversmithing classes most enjoyable and I must say, entertaining.

Quality and inspirational jewellery is being made, new techniques with ideas outside the norm, continuing to produce some excellent jewellery.



### **Trade evening.**

The Australian Jewellery Supplies (AJS) Trade evening held in our Clubrooms was well attended by members, with twenty eight members receiving informative and instructional information from Mr Bill Hill.

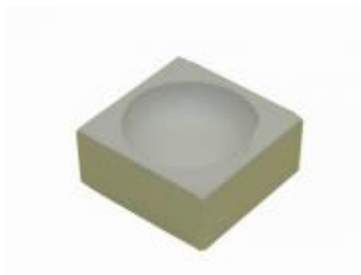
Members received additional discounts on products purchased on the night, thanks for those who attended.

### **Additional tools of trade.**

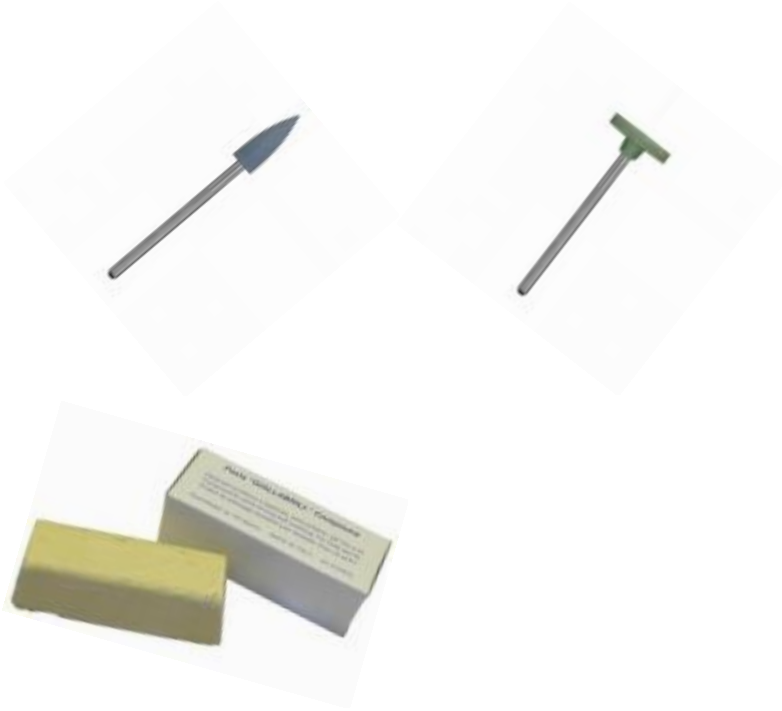
The following items are some of the new products purchased by the Club to help develop new techniques in silver smithing.



**Beading set** – set of 12 beaders, used for mounting faceted stones in silver work.



**Crucibles and crucible holder** - for use when casting precious metals.



**Silicon rubber polishers** and **Yellow Brill** polishing compound.  
Used for removing fine scratches from sterling silver and for pre – polish.



**Workshop Safety upgrade.**

Dust extraction hood with extractor fan has been installed above the polishing wheels. Used for dust collection whilst polishing metals.

**Face masks** have been purchased for Club members to use during polishing procedures when necessary.



**Reminder** – re work areas, please leave your work area the way you would like to find it.



Keep up the good work.  
Cheers, David

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### **Wirewrapping, Sculpting and Chain Maille**

Our chief wirewrapper is away enjoying himself but will be returning with us shortly and no doubt have lots of new ideas for his very happy class.

Roger Tedmanson  
MOB: 0416 119186

## GEM SHOW

A reminder to members that books of raffle tickets are now available for collection from the Club.

Prizes have been donated by

- Sunstate Jewellery, a silver and gold unisex ring valued at \$2500.
- Chrysochase & Amethyst drop earrings set in gold valued at \$1750
- Ammolite pendant set in silver by David Dowl valued at \$1750



## A Story from the Digger

### A Short Handled Round Mouth Shovel

Now when you're going Fossicking you always ask the experienced person what you need, what equipment, Picks, Shovels, Sieves, water containers etc.

So when my good friend and faceting companion Chips asked about a trip to Tomahawk Creek and said that as he was so busy & couldn't be out of Phone range for any-more than two days he and Feral might just about make a flying visit to the renowned gem field

He was instructed that what he would need to bring was some water, a pick and a Short handled round mouth shovel, and that he and his good wife could use the rest of my equipment, throw sieve, shaker sieve, willoughby etc.



So on the appointed day they arrive ON TIME at said Tomahawk Creek unloads the water, great, that will a big help and top up my supply, pulls out a Mattock with a blade about 5 inches wide and suggest that this would be good for digging the wash and Billy Boulders.

No thanks Chips.

So the next thing that appears out of this Immaculate Hi-Luxe 4 Door Ute is a LONG Handled round mouthed fencing shovel, being that I only have one shovel, Chips & Feral, will have to use this long handled fencing shovel. HOW COME THE HANDLES GROWN.

Now this new shiny shovel must have been the jewel in the eyes of Bunnings for many a day, nice long handle a couple of grips on the handle and as slippery as buggery, stand it up outside in the middle of a thunderstorm , WOW what a great lightning conductor, this thing is by no means small, & I don't know how you're going to operate this in Ferals hole( sapphire digging hole) now how are we going to control where all your rocks and gravel are going to land when it keeps on turning in your hands, and if you turn around unexpectedly you'll take out your working partner with a good whack in the tabernacle.

Now Chips being an ex-New Zealander, Silver Fern, Rugby Union fan and lover of a bit of Kava seems to have quite an affinity with Tomahawk Creek and his recommendation is that all NZ's coming to Australia should all spend at least the first three months of their stay at Tomahawk Creek, where they would learn all about the true Aussie way of Life.

No Sheep or Goats out here just the good old Aussie icons Kangaroos, Emus, Wallabies, Crows, Gala's Lorikeets, & Cockatoo's, learn about our native wild life and fauna, our trees and plants, and learning to camp in the great outback with a tent, a camp fire, an outdoor dunny and a solar shower hung from a tree, give them 3 months of this and they would become great Australian Citizens.

But we shouldn't digress, this Long Handled Shovel became quite the topic during the epic struggle to secure some big lumps of sapphire from the billy boulders, clay and gravel, and Chips lived up to his reputation had some other suggestions of where to put this long handle, shove it, stick it, use it for an colonoscopy etc., so he ended up using my short handled round mouth shovel and left this long handled monstrosity in the good hands of Feral

After digging numerous buckets of wash and loading all the sieved material into the vehicle we headed back to the camp to put this wash through the Willoughby, with Chips doing the jigga jigga to the tune of at least 50 jigga jiggas per sieve full to settle the heavy gem stones to the bottom and center them. Feral with her head nearly touching the table trying to identify the difference between a piece of Black Spinel and a beautiful SAPPHIRE, when most of the pieces of carborundum were just useless junk.

What's this --Junk

What's this ---flickerite

What's this --- chuckerite

What's this ---Crap

What's this ---leaverite

What's this ---O for god's sake get on with it or we'll be here all day (Chips)

O this is different

O this is a lovely colour

Look this is made out of lots of quartz

### **Feral I'll get the long handled shovel if you don't get a move on (Chips)**

Any way we eventually waded through all the wash and came out with 50 to 60 cts of carborundum so there might be a couple of Thai cutters in there, and Chips and Feral retired to the local Ruby Vale Pub for their evening repast leaving me heating the water on the camp fire to top up my Solar shower, cooking the evening meal, washing up, cutting wood, filling up the tucker bag for tomorrows morning tea, and having a quiet BEER.

**I THINK I COULD USE A GOOD LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR,---- IF I KNEW WHERE TO PUT IT**

**This story is fictional  
The characters in this story are fictional  
This story may change according to the numbers of beers consumed.**

**Signed DIGGER**

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