

# CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

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

## Meetings

15 Apr	Committee Meeting
18 May	General Meeting

## Events

<b>APR</b> 3-6	Gemboree Horsham Vic
3-5	Warwick Rocks Fair
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<b>MAY</b> 2-3	Redcliffe Gem & Jewellery
10	Mother's Day
16-17	Lismore Gemfest
30	Mt Gravatt Gem Show
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<b>JUNE</b> 8	Queen's Birthday
27	Gold Coast Gem Show
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<b>JULY</b> 11	Caboolture Gem Show
11-12	Hervey Bay Fest of Gems
18-19	Townsville Gem Show
25-26	Cairns Gem Show

## Presidents Year Report AGM February 21<sup>st</sup> 2015

All divisions of the club have been busy building up membership & teaching new members their skills, the club is lucky to have many talented people able to teach, all of them volunteers. When you add them all the skills, Cabbing, Faceting, Silver Smithing, Wire wrapping Enamelling, Gold Plating you must be proud of what you have achieved and the jewels you have made for friends, family and your BRAG BOX. Our Open days have been successful & monthly barbecues well supported

What a Year the club has experienced with increasing membership and many items updated. 2014 started with the club purchasing **2 Halls & 1 VJ faceting machines**, and moving on to the Drabich machines.

We installed the **air conditioner** with help from a council grant and new carpet throughout our club rooms.

After having a couple of break downs Graydon successfully obtained some finance from the council for the new **fridge & laptop**.

The **Jewellery & Gem show** was very successful with a perfect day and large number of members helping with setting up & pulling down, a good turnout of traders and being able to share funds with the school & chaplaincy.

The **Xmas luncheon and Club break** up under the Gazebos with excellent food & drinks were exceptionally well attended & made for very enjoyable get togethers where we have time to talk of other interests besides rocks & have family, friends and partners with us. The **Hamper and raffle** prizes included some lovely donations from generous members and were well received by all the winners. Thanks to Graydon who made 2 trips to Kallangur to collect a donation of rocks from Muriel Collins

This is my last report and I trust you will all give your continuing support to the new President and remember the more self-starters there are in the club it will make his job a lot easier.

I wish to thank all of you who have given your time & effort to keep the Club on an even keel & make my presidency an enjoyable & rewarding experience.

Thank you all  
Eric Thomas (Outgoing President)

*Thank you to Eric for his splendid contribution during his presidency and to all the other unsung heroes who work tirelessly for the Club and would also like to welcome the new President Greg Reynolds and his team. (The Editor)*

**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

Our Application for a **Grant from the Gambling Community benefit Fund for 17 electric motors** and solar panels was partially successful with \$5100 being granted for the motors.

### Eric Thomas

- NEWS**
- Free Form Sheet Metal have manufactured a 5.900 meter stainless steel work bench with splash back and drain for 5 sets of grinders in the capping room. Eric is currently installing the benches and the new electric motors.
  - The order for the 5kw solar power system to be installed on the clubhouse has been placed.
  - The clubs participation in the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle program has been set for Sunday 24th May 2015. At least 10 volunteers will be required

## **New Members**

We would like to welcome our new club members:

**Charlie Southwell,  
Paula Whittington  
Alex Schonefeld  
Emma-May Holden  
Shaun Hick  
Debbie Herrmann  
TutuJoseph  
Tegan Ufer  
Carolyn Ufer  
Hannah Savill  
Diane Bousfield  
Robert Pettinger  
Tricia Ronalds**



**Eric Thomas presented a Life Membership to Ken Dickson for the the work and and skills he has shared with members of the Club**

## **Faceting Report**

Faceting classes are usually filled every Monday morning, our newest pupil is Tutu, and she is going well.

Currently we have three VJ machines and three Halls. Faceting is a rewarding part of the Lapidary arena, anyone interested should contact myself, the only criteria is a commitment of at least six continues weeks tuition and lots of patience.

**John Sandifort**  
Faceting Instructor

## **Field Trips**

The only field trip this year so far, was to Little Yabba Creek fossicking for possible cabbng material. We had about thirty members taking part, with a picnic lunch afterwards; a good day was had by all.

Organising field trips, especially day trips are getting more difficult to find. I have just found out that the Prophet Gold Mine at Kilkivan has been closed to the public. Murgon area is still a good fossicking site, especially for a day trip. Agates can be found in the area. Winter time is the best time of the year as the grass is to long now, after all the rain that they have had.

If anyone has any ideas for day trips please let me know.

The Glenn Innes area is still a good area for fossicking, however it is only suitable for a week or more as it takes best part of a day to get there.

Keep our eye on the blackboard in the clubroom for the next field trip.

**John Sandifort - Convenor**

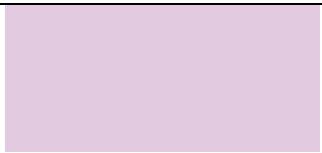
## **Silver Smithing Report**

Happy New Year to all our Club members.

It is encouraging to see that all the good work continues and members are seeking new challenges with new silverwork techniques and projects. Challenges are limited only to club member`s imagination.

Continued perseverance has seen some amazing pieces of jewellery completed already this year.





**Words of thanks to Graham Baker,** Diamond Mine Jewellers, Pelican Waters.

Graham gave his time freely to conduct several “hands on” instruction evenings for Club members late last year. Club members appreciated Graham’s approach to many different facets of jewellery making. Please, as Graham is also an ongoing Caloundra Gemshow sponsor, as club members show your support for local club supporters. Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas or jewellery and watch repairs – please remember, Diamond Mine Jewellers, Pelican Waters.

**Bunnings  
Sausage  
Sizzle**

**Volunteers  
required**

**Sunday  
24 May**



“All day Saturdays” are continuing to be popular with good attendances.

Remember, every second Saturday of the month and the last Saturday of the month, members can continue their skills til mid afternoon.

Thanks should also go to Michelle Spark who has organised the successful BBQ’s on the last Saturday of the month.

All day Saturday session.



A new Ultra – Sonic Cleaner has been purchased by the club. The Ultra – Sonic Cleaner can be used for cleaning jewellery such as rings, bracelets, pendants and cabachons. Please read and follow the instructions which are on the board adjacent to the cleaner. **Remember,** to clean and rinse the cleaner once you have finished.



#### **Freedom Flexible Drives.**

New Flexible Shafts and Sheaths have been fitted to the two Freedom Flexible Drives in the workshop.

Please note that the Shafts and Sheaths last much longer when they are **not used at sharp angles or loops**, since wear occurs at the points of greater friction.



#### **Reminders.**

Please remember to leave your work area the way you would like to find it.

Please use all equipment and tools with due care and caution, if in doubt please ask another member for assistance.



All images of Caloundra Lapidary Club members jewellery.

Cheers.

David.

Silversmith Instructor



## Wirewrapping, Sculpting and Chain Maille

These sessions are on each of the full Saturday session (the Second and Last Saturdays of the month). There are no tuition costs but wire consumables are at cost and, of course, club fees are payable.



A very industrious wire wrapping group

**Wire Wrapping** is typically a standard wrap initially but with confidence each student then branches out into their own favoured modifications of pendants, bracelets and rings.

**Wire Sculpting** uses cabochons or tumbled stones. This structure gives a quick and attractive pendant that can be modified to enhance the stone in various ways

**Chain Maille** students have learnt several different weaves and are now branching out onto the web to get online tutoring. 1:1. 2:1. 2:2. Byzantine, twisted bracelets to name a few and combining these weaves with various stones and beads.



Still hard at it

Many books and patterns are available on request for members to photocopy so they may continue to work on their own after the regular session.

I will be going on a trip in mid-April for three to six months and am looking for members who would like to further their skills and the skills of others in that time period.

All the best  
Roger Tedmanson  
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