



CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

“Connecting Culture & Community”

9 Caloundra Rd, Caloundra – behind Information Centre

Meetings



Events

Waterloo Bay Gem Show

27 August

Bribie Island Gem Show

10 - 11 September

Caloundra Gem Show

24 September

Beenleigh Gem Show

1 October

Nambour Gemfest

8 October

Toowoomba Gem show

22 - 23 October

Bundaberg Gem & Mineral Society show

5 - 6 November

Suncoast Gem show

19 November

Byron Bay Gem Rocks & Jewellery Show

10 - 11 December

August 2016

Hello Fellow Members

I have a few things for this report. Firstly the sausage sizzle was a success with a profit of \$897.00 and a great result on the cake stall adding an additional \$716.00. Well done to all who contributed towards the baking and helping with the barbie and stall inside on the day.

With more break-ins the club will be purchasing a container to house the tumbling, mower and tools.

September is upon us too quickly. With the show, all is on track thanks to the gem show committee. Advertising is being organized through newspapers and radio where possible. One of the best things is the sale of raffle tickets which raises funds plus creates interest and awareness from the public.

With the show could I remind members the Friday and Saturday of the show if all members can please put their hands up to help organize in any way possible please

Another lovely day at Dianne and Owen's on Sunday 24th July. Fun was had by all that attended and a big thank you to them both for opening their home and look forward to the next outing with the hope more members take the opportunity to join in.

On a sad note the club has lost a valued member in GRAYDON WILLCOX, loving husband father grandfather and great grandfather, a great man, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Finally session attendance is going very well and a hearty welcome to all new members

Greg
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	

Grants

Nothing to Report

Library Report

Not much to report this time. A thank you to Eric Thomas for donating books to our library and some for sale.

Also thanks to (President) Greg for a book which he has donated for our Christmas raffle – 2016

A thank you again to Brian Sparks for looking after our Library while I was away holidaying for 4 months.

Gavin Wheldon - Librarian

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:

Rosanne Eastmond

Kaye Liset

Julie Saffrey

Greg Dell

De'Anna Delaney

Adam Greig

Bill Berry

Ryley Delaney

Gunter Nolle

Gloria Instone

Geoffrey Jays

David Latus

Corrina Latus

Stacey Clarke

Annette Richardson

Lachlan Barnard



Faceting Report August 2016

The Faceting classes are still going strong.

We have a new starter Kay Liset. She is a keen beginner, having a go at every challenge even a difficult oval cut.

Our classes are usually full on the Monday mornings, however some of the faceters have been away on overseas trips etc. including myself and Edith. We have been away for seven weeks mainly in Bolivia, where incidentally I have acquired some nice faceting rough, Ametrine and amethyst. I couldn't obtain any Topaz much to my disappointment.

During my absence Graydon Wilcox and Gavin Weldon, were kind enough to fill in for me.

Anyone interested in learning the art of Faceting should talk to me or our President.

We do require a commitment from new beginners, a minimum of six weeks, preferably continuous. Also certain equipment is required. It's recommended that this equipment has been obtained ready to start at the first lesson. Contact myself as to the requirements.

John Sandifort

Faceting Instructor

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED
ON
FRIDAY 23rd AND SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
To help at our annual Gem Show**

Please contact the President, Greg Reynolds on 0408 397 755

GEMSHOW

2016

September 24th

Hosted by the Caloundra
Lapidary Club at:

**Caloundra State
School,
Queen Street,
Caloundra**

Gems, Jewellery, Fossils,
Crystals, Minerals,
Beading, Silverwork,
Stone & Bone Carving,
Rough & Cut Stones,
Faceting, Opals,
Sapphires, Lapidary
Equipment, Displays,
Workshops all held in a
covered and open venue,
something for all
members of the family,
Kids Corner, Raffle
prizes, grab yours and
win!

Admissions:

Adults \$4
Children (5 – 15) \$2
Under 5 FREE!

When

Saturday 24th 8:30am –
4pm

Silver Smithing Report

It is pleasing to see our silver classes continue to be well attended even during the “cold winter” nights we have all experienced. Our classes continue to increase with all new participants now under-taking the Introductory to Silverwork course which includes making the – Double twisted bow – tie link chain and the standard cabochon bezel.



“Hands on” – instruction from experienced Jeweller and Member, Graham Baker of Diamond Mine Jewellers, will be held during the month of August.

Instruction will include, how to mount a faceted stone in a claw setting and a chenier rub over setting for a cabochon. Graham will also give tips on preparation and for polishing sterling silver, together with any help on your current or future project. Keep your eyes on the Club notice board for dates for these sessions.



Many thanks to the members, wives and husbands who helped with organising and running of the initial "Cake Stall" in conjunction with the Bunnings BBQ.

All Club members were extremely appreciative of the funds raised from the Cake Stall.

Thank- you to Don Wilkie, for your donation of silver smithing tools, silver and niobium to the Club.

All silver workers appreciate your donation.

Remember, to leave your work stations as *you* would like to find them.

Please replace all tools on the shadow board or in the relevant cupboard when you have finished using them.

Keep up all the good innovative work, remember, your work is limited only by your own imagination.



All images of Club member`s silver work.

Cheers
David Dowl
Silversmith Instructor

Lessons in Electroplating

Copper plating is the process in which a layer of copper is deposited on the item to be plated by using an electric current



Carrol Gerrard and Emma Lamont attended an Electroplating Workshop run by Kimberly Mather of Joyero Jewellery. Electroplating in this form involves plating items such as gemstones, leaves, lace, shells and seed casings with copper to enable further plating with gold or silver. Taxidermy resin can be used to create interesting sculptural elements and jump rings can also be attached to the items. Once the pieces are ready to be plated the areas where the plating is required is coated in graphite paint and placed into a bath which includes Copper wire or plate, Copper Sulphate, Sulphuric Acid and distilled water. Pieces are placed onto an anode and a battery regulator used to ensure even plating. Plating can take up to 25 for each piece and as it not an exact science success is not always guaranteed!

Emma Lamont

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**CALLING FOR MEMBERS'
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER:**

- **STORIES**
- **EVENTS OR CLASSES YOU HAVE ATTENDED**
- **MASTER CLASSES THAT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED AT THE CLUB**
- **TECHNICAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS.**
- **PICTURES WOULD BE MOST WELCOME**

Just so we can give it a bit more life and interest to the Newsletter.

You can email me at any time at the following email address:

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