



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

April	
1	Warwick Rock Swap
May	
5-6	Redcliffe Gem & Mineral Show Kippa Ring
26	Mt Gravatt Gem Show
June	
2-3	Gunyah Club Display, Mt Coot-tha
30	Gold Coast Gem Show, Miami

March 2018

President's report

Hi everyone - yet another year is upon us! In fact, a quarter of the year has already gone! A big welcome to all our new members for 2018

The Club had a Bunnings sausage sizzle in February and cleared a profit of \$867 with \$238 being spent on two eskys purchased for future sizzles. Thank you to all those who helped to make the day a success. The Jewellery and Gem Show has been postponed for 2018. So we need alternative ways to raise money. Bunnings will offer the Club the opportunity for additional Sausage Sizzles and any help for these would be greatly appreciated. We will let you know when dates have been set.

Wire wrapping classes are available on Monday night if anyone would like to learn a new skill. Roger will be leading these classes.

Calling on members who would like to try faceting on a Monday night. We need at least three students to make it worth Gavin's time. Let me know if you would like to take up this opportunity.

Roger Tedmanson was able to acquire a grant for new work lights in the cab room and a LED light for the silver room. If anyone has suggestions for any equipment the club needs please speak up.

Carol Geard has proposed and offered to manager a Jewellery and Gem Event on the Club premises if she can obtain enough support from Club Members. It is proposed the Event will be held on our reserved Show date in September. Please contact Carol through the Club if you are interested in selling your wares.

I am looking at buying another 6 eskys and a pressure washer but should anyone propose something else that is more pressing, then it shall take preference. Next Committee Meeting is 21st April 2018

Have a good year and the more people that help the easier things become.



Greg, Your President

Around the Club

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

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 March 2018

The Monday morning faceting classes are being well attended, we usually have a full house. However due to the holiday period some days were a little light on. Sandra has finished her first stone and is steadily improving. Lily has been cutting some nice stones some Topaz step cuts. She is improving very well. John Moss has been challenged with a Sapphire but is now cutting a Cardinal. Kay is still cutting giant gems and is enjoying this immensely. Terry has also finished cutting a Sapphire and is improving all the time. Jim has also been cutting a Sapphire but has taken leave from the class for a while to retreat to his Sapphire Mine and hopefully bring back many good gems for cutting. Tutu Joseph is filling in the gap during Jim's absence and is taking on the challenge of cutting a large Sphere 230 facets out of a Blue Marble. Congratulations to Tutu for gaining First Prize in the Novice Section of the 2018 North Brisbane Faceting Competition.

New Members

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Kristy Lake

Darcy Lake Jnr

David Sleaford

Jane Brayley

Louise Edwards

I am handing over the Monday morning class to Gavin whilst I am tracking down South with the Caravan for a while.

The Monday evening class has been postponed for a while till further notice.

John Sandifort
Faceting Instructor
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Silver Smith Report – March 2018

Welcome to our new Members commencing the Beginners Silversmithing Course for this year.

The Silversmithing group continues to grow with Wednesday evening classes very well attended

- Quality of workmanship from existing members continues to impress and all should be proud of their finished jewellery.



Silver working area.

As Members, we are responsible to maintain our working areas in a clean and safe environment.

Please ensure all areas are cleaned and maintained in a way that is safe for both yourself and your fellow members.



OPALS

As members expand their desire to use more expensive stones, including opals in their projects, below are some helpful hints regarding opals.

Opal doublet. – doublets consist of two layers adhered together with glue.

Backing - A black backing which is made of vitrolite (similar to black glass), black potch or hard resin.

Opal – a thin slice of opal. The thickness of opal can vary, but is generally thicker opal than used in a triplet.

Looking at the side of opal, you can generally identify doublets – if the opal stone slice has been adhered to a backing you will be able to notice the join.

Generally doublets are better to set in jewellery and have a much more natural appearance than Triplets.

Triplets – triplets consist of the following three layers.

Backing – as above for doublets.

Opal – a thin slice of opal.

Clear glass, quartz, or plastic capping which is domed.

Triplets usually have a glassy appearance and may be identified by the lines where the layers are joined.

Cleaning. Doublets and Triplets may be wiped with a damp cloth and mild detergent, but should never be soaked or immersed. Avoid bleach, chemicals and ultrasonic cleaners.



Jewellery tip. - Polishing

Reading from a jewellery magazine – “ a jeweller should spend as much time polishing their finished item – as they

do – actually making the item”. !!!!

Keep up the good work.

Cheers,

David Dowl.

Silversmith Instructor



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