

CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

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

Meetings



Events

Xmas Party Sunday 29 November at the Bellvista Tavern

Break up Saturday 19 December commencing at 11.30 am



Hello to all members

Another year is coming to a close and a good year it has been. Firstly the gem show - many thanks to everyone for their participation in making it such a success and would like to ask members to make themselves available who can take on the role of convenor and other active positions to ensure continued growth as well as minor roles. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and enables the Club to upgrade existing equipment and purchase new equipment for the members' benefit which includes opening up new opportunities to advance techniques. Every small contribution helps. Come on board!

On the last Saturday of the month which is Open Day, maybe three or four times a year the Club could have market days with stalls displaying members work and general items for sale within the Club Grounds. A coordinator is needed for this (volunteers please) to organize advertising and the setup. Could be an opportunity for a small sub-committee in conjunction with the gem show to form. This may start off slowly but once established as a regular event could really develop. You could make then Events orientated such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, School holidays with a Children's day etc. All ideas are welcome.

A big thank you to the instructors for their guidance throughout the year and it is great to see members pass on ideas and help others during sessions. That helps the Club stay at its best.

Graydon has retired from the job of grounds man, even though I know he will be keeping a keen eye on how the job is carried out and with Lynda out and about the Club has new members taking on this roll. Thanks to Owen and Dianne Allison and Peter Dyson.

Christmas lunch is at Bellvista Tavern on Sunday 29th November, start time around 11-30. This is always so much fun. Break up day is the 19th December with the normal session in the morning then we all gather together bringing a plate of tucker to share, raffles and a great deal of talking and good fun for all of us.

Hope I didn't miss anything and thanks again to everyone. It has been a fantastic year.

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!
Greg Reynolds
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	

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

Grants

I have been in touch with Councillor Tim Dwyer regarding another 20ft container in which to store the mower and various equipment.

At long last we have received a reply which will be discussed at the next committee in November. He has intimated that he can help us, cost wise but there are conditions attached which may not suit our committee.

Will keep you posted.

Graydon Wilcox



New Members

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Leah Brindley

Graham Barnard

Lorraine Liddicoat

Kym Harris

Gillian Higgins

Marcello Patti

Edison Sole

Daniel Simpson

Don Duane

Haidee Schaezel



Library Report

A number of second hand books have been purchased on subjects we do not have copies of. Three books have been ordered to be used as prizes in the Christmas raffle. Trays containing small rock and mineral specimens have been sold which were taking room up in the book cabinet. This makes room for more new books as I am always looking for new books. Please let me know if any special books are required possibly dealing with SILVER WORK or any other subject. No one seems to be borrowing DVDs from the library there are some very interesting subjects covered there is a laminated list of all books and DVDs hung up on the right hand side of the book cabinet. Old and damaged and irrelevant magazines are progressively being removed from the magazine cabinet. Magazines from the magazine cabinet can be purchased for 10c per copy money in to the main book case jar. A two year subscription to Lapidary and Jewellery Magazine has been purchase. Still awaiting arrival of the first issue.

Gavin Wheldon

Librarian

Faceting Report

Faceting classes are going well, we have six machines used each session. Three new members have started, John Walker, Doug King and Charlie Southwell.

John has faceted a couple of stones and is improving with each stone, he has also purchased his own machine a "Patriot". Doug is cutting a step cut in pink CZ and Charlie has cut his first stone and I have started him on a round brilliant in Cristinite.

Tutu has a challenge on her hands, she is cutting a "Yin Yang" in Smoky Quartz.

Gavin Weldon has won his first competition, in North Brisbane, scored a second place, well done Gavin.

I have myself scored three first places in the North Queensland competition.

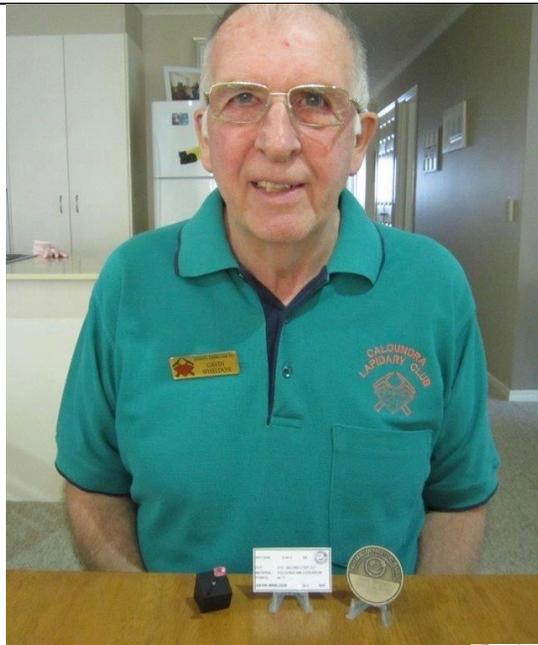
I encourage members to enter competitions no matter what level they are as it will encourage and improve your ability.

If any club member would like to try faceting, they should contact myself and I will discuss their requirements.

John Sandifort

Faceting Instructor

Happy
Holidays!



Museum Report

Nothing to report

John Sandifort
Museum Curator

Field Trips

Field Trip July/August

Our recent field trip saw myself Edith, Ray, Denise and Dave Parker meet at O'Briens Creek.

The campground was extremely dry and the creek only had a couple of small waterholes, still providing some comfort for a small solitary crocodile.

They had not had rain for nearly three years and the area did not give up many Topaz either. We spend about five days digging, leaving with only about twenty Topaz each.

Our next stop was Chudley Park. Ray and Denise stayed on a little bit longer. On the way we stopped off at Moonstone Hill, where we found lots of material it was easy digging. We continued onto Chudley Park, Ray and Denise joint us later and Dave stayed on at O'Briens Creek. We camped for a couple of nights. It was hard digging but we both got a number of good cutters. Ray and Denise had other commitments and went their own way.

We continued onto Cloncurry and went to Kuridala the next day for Amethyst, we found very little to boast about. It is extremely hard digging and deep, it would require more than one day of digging to turn up anything decent.

Our next fossicking site was at "Gem Tree" we spend four days there this was our most successful dig as we found lots of Zircons, we were most of the time by ourselves on the Zircon field. The weather had been kind to us. We finished our trip through Broken Hill and then headed home, the weather caught up with us at Narribri , black skies flooded roads and lightning, it was time to make a beeline for home as the forecast was for more of the same.

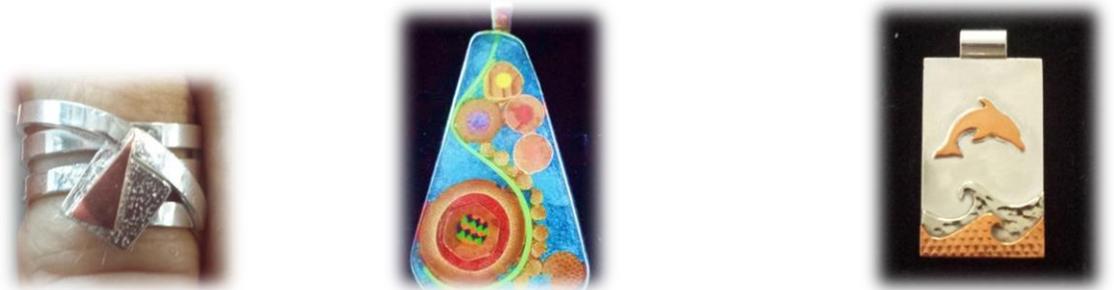
We had a very good trip with lots of sightseeing along the way, we ended up doing a round trip of 10,000 Km.

John Sandifort
Field Trip Officer

Silver Smithing Report

Our silver smithing classes continue to increase with additional new members, who are also generating new ideas and great concepts to our jewellery making sessions.

Members are using recycled jewellery and various forms of materials such as coloured pencils, copper and Japanese papers to create original pieces of inspirational jewellery.



Thank you, to club member Gavin Wheldon who donated a Slow Cooker for use as a container for heating our Pickle solution. Pickle solution is used for cleaning silver after the soldering and or annealing process.



Many thanks for the members who helped on the “Clean – up” day at the Club rooms.

Remember, after finishing your work session, please leave your work areas clean and tidy, just the way you would expect to find it.



Congratulations to the members who had a successful day and sold some of their fine jewellery at our Club Gemshow. Members should be proud of their range and quality of jewellery being made at our club.



Thanks to all the members participating in the silver smithing classes. Classes have been most enjoyable, informative and yes, we have had some fun times during the year. Christmas Cheers,

David.
Silversmith Instructor

Wirewrapping, Sculpting and Chain Maille

Hello members,

This year has been a very good year for both Wire Wrapping, Wire Sculpture and Chain maille however the last two training sessions have seen a drop in members requiring this training. After discussions with Greg it was decided to drop the regular training sessions until the New Year, and when we restart put a training request on the front table.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year
All the best
Roger Tedmanson
MOB: 0416 119186

A Letter From Eric (The editor takes no responsibility for this)

U-Haul Trailers

All was peace and quiet at Tomahawk Creek. I'd dried out after the rain and made an early start up to the field, set up the throw sieve, tore into it with the crow bar & picks pulling out Billy boulders, cleaning out the crevices with the Pelican pick, then using the short handled round mouth shovel to bombard the sieve with all the loosened material to separate the fines from the course gravels, then shaking these, screening through another set of sieves 1/2 inch & 1/4 inch to get the wash ready for the Willoughby. Morning tea with a nice cuppa, a big slice of Bet's fruit cake and a couple of very tasty Mandarins which were purchased in Gayndah on the way through along with a butternut Pumpkin to slice on the bbq. Had a visit from our friendly wallaby and some emus stroll casually by. Work through till about 12.30 when I'm thoroughly stuffed - not used to this hard yakka. Carried the screenings home to the camp to wash because of the lack of water on the field. Give each small sieve full at least 50 strokes of the handle then turn the sieve upside down on to the bag on the sorting table hoping to find an elusive sapphire. Alas just five small pieces maybe cut a STAR out of one. Then out of nowhere comes 2 two 4x4 towing U-HAUL trailers and seven kids and four adults, yahoing and running around, decided to camp next door. Now there's an ERECTION going on, one Gazebo, two bloody great tents, shower tents, toilet tents, compressors fired up pumping up mattresses, chainsaws howling into the evening cutting up all the local wood, generators fired up lights blaring, all the wild life`s gone, no kangaroos, no emus, the spotted bower bird disappears along with the kookaburras and lorakeets, magpies and butcherbirds. Now I wouldn't mind if they chased away the wild native pussies. Oh, for the peace and quiet of looking into the evening sky and seeing a New Moon and the first star appear and as the sky darkens the whole universe appears in a myriad of flickering lights



OFFICE BEARERS
Patron: Cr Tim Dwyer

Title	Name	Landline	Mobile	Email
President	Greg Reynolds	5499 7789	0408 397 755	hsp1957@live.com.au
Vice President	Peter Dyson			pnwdyson@bigpond.net.au
Secretary	Dave Yarrow		0468 774 917	yarrowdavid8@gmail.com
Assistant Secretary	TBA			
Treasurer	Bernie Partridge	54941871	0417 614 036	bernieis@westnet.com.au
Assistant Treasurer	David Parker		0432 069 147	parked17@yahoo.com.au
Committee Members	Michelle Spark John Sandifort David Dowl	5492 9753 5499 6764	0403 132 101 0428 848 109 0402 700 605	twospark@bigpond.net.au sandiforts@icloud.com dowlight@powerup.com.au
Chief Cabochon Instructor	Doug Richie	5491 9958	0405 704 355	
Cabochon Instructor	Greg Reynolds	5499 7789	0408 397 755	hsp1957@live.com.au
Faceting Instructor	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
Silver Instructor	David Dowl		0402 700 605	dowlight@powerup.com.au
Field Trips Officer				
Projects & Grants Convenors	Graydon Willcox, David Parker & Eric Thomas	5492 5219	0400 640 196 0432 069 147 0417 634 205	judeni420@bigpond.com parked17@yahoo.com.au eric.thomas2@outlook.com
Jewellery & Gem Show Committee	Eric Thomas Diane Allison John Sandifort Edith Sandifort Andria Zanki	5494 1768 5499 6764 5499 6764 5491 6061	0417 634 205 0404 490 184 0428 848 109 0428 848 109 0416 115 831	eric.thomas2@outlook.com dallison@iprimus.com.au sandiforts@icloud.com sandiforts@icloud.com andriz66@eftel.net.au
Museum Curator	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
Web Master	Andria Zanki	5491 6061	0416 115 831	andriz66@eftel.net.au
Newsletter Editor	Bernadette Neubecker	5437 2749	0468 356 437	bneubecker@vtown.com.au
Housekeeper	Edith Sandifort & 12 Volunteer Members	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com

Maintenance Officer	Greg Reynolds & Eric Thomas	5499 7789	0408 397 755 0417 634 205	hsp1957@live.com.au eric.thomas2@outlook.com
Groundskeepers	Lynda Rush & Warren Rossow	5492 8313 5492 2767		Lynda.rush@bigpond.com wrossow@bigpond.net.au
Librarian	Gavin Wheldon		0428 284 452	gewhel@bigpond.com
Social Secretary	Barbara Hill			
QLACCA Representative				
Membership Officer				
Fundraiser				
Auditor	Save on Tax			