



# CalCoastGem

The Official Newsletter of Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.

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

## Meetings



## Events

**Suncoast Gem show**  
19 November

**Byron Bay Gem  
Rocks & Jewellery  
Show**  
10 - 11 December

**Xmas Luncheon  
Power Boat Club**  
27 November

**Club Break Up**  
17 December – 12  
pm onwards



**Club re-opens on**  
9 January 2017

November 2016

Hello Fellow Members

Another year is fast coming to a close and it has been good as well as eventful.

A few improvements implemented through the year including the faceting room with the purchase of two machines. It is well equipped and being well utilized

The cabochon room with the addition of the new stainless steel benches and wheel troughs helps with cleaning. It is functional and will not need replacing. The room still needs a bit more attention including rubber flooring being the major job still to be worked out.

Silver class attendance is excellent with all members new and old taking advantage of a quality learning environment.

The eventful part of the year has definitely been the unwanted constant break-ins of the garden shed and rock bins. With the purchase of the container there should be no more tumbled rock stolen.

We are calling for assistance with the painting of the two containers. So if any member has the time to help with grinding rust, applying rust undercoat and top coat and ladders please let me know. A time will be organized .

On a lighter note, Greg Bendon's glass fusion class had little response. He will be running a series next year. Members who are interested let us know what day and time you are available to work out a schedule beneficial for all.

Gem show figures still to be finalized and I am taking this opportunity to thank Craig and all the Show Committee members for an excellent job. Well done to all.

This report is getting long winded so will finish with thanking everyone for helping throughout the year and let you know that our Xmas Luncheon will be at the Power Boat Club on the 27th November and break up day is the 17th December at the Club House and reopening on the 9th January 2017.

Stay well, keep cool and have a happy and joyous Festive Season

Greg, President





**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	Facing with instruction (John). Cabochons. Wire-wrapping (Roger). Faceting with instruction (Eric). Enameling (Peter & Wendy)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6 pm to 9 pm	Beginners (Greg)
<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	

### CLUB CLOSED

**From 19 December 2016 and reopening on 9 January 2017**

#### Library Report

Not much to report this time. Three books wrapped and ready for raffle prizes for Christmas end of year break up. This year we ordered a twelve month subscription the Jewelry Artist Magazine from the US. Subscription expires in March 17. Anyway to all members enjoy the coming season and a great year in 2007.

Gavin Wheldon  
 Librarian



### **New Members**

We would like to welcome our new club members:

Ray Crooks
Mandie Jee
Denise Gooderham
Lesley Cameron
Brian Brodie
Kim Maxwell
Allan Andriske
Andrew Lewis
Scott Sharp
Terry Kingdom
Gloria Shaw
Bonnie Emery
Suzanne Holden
Fiona McTavish
Fiona Alcorn
Shaun Hayward
Robyn Boston
Beate Cantzsch
Craig Connors



### **Faceting Report November 2016**

Faceting classes have been going extremely well. There has been a big increase and interest from our members wanting to learn faceting. We currently have six faceting machines and they are mostly occupied on Monday mornings during the teaching sessions. Machines are also being used on other club days which is very encouraging.

During the year I have been away on a couple of trips. Thankfully I have had assistance from Gavin Weldon taking on the class during my absence.

In the faceting class we have added a few new members since our last newsletter, They are Ray Crook, Gloria Shaw and Terry Thomsen. Tutu is very enthusiastically cutting a large Smokey Quartz for the Gemboree Competition. This is her first attempt at a competition and I wish her all the best, I trust she will do well. Gavin Weldon has also entered this Competition as well as myself. It will be a good promotion for our Club to see Caloundra on the competition sheets, whether anyone wins or not.

Some members will be starting faceting on a Monday night instructed by Eric. It is good to see so much interest in this fascinating art of Gem Faceting

John Sandifort  
Faceting Instructor

0428848109

**Xmas Luncheon  
Power Boat Club, Caloundra  
27 November 2016 – 12 pm onwards**





## Silver Smithing Report

Firstly, welcome to all of our new Members, hope you enjoy the following information as for your first newsletter.

It certainly encouraging to see the number of new Members commencing the Silver – Smith beginners course. Several Wednesday evenings there have been in excess of 16 Members including 2-3 beginners each commencing their course with very much enthusiasm.



New Members Scott and Annette – first cabochon with Sterling silver bezel.

Encouraging to see Members creating their own original items of silver-work. Utilising left – over scrap pieces of sterling silver and copper – Jeanette`s bracelet includes these scrap pieces and shows how jewellery is only limited to your own imagination and creativity.



Utilising new product which is available from Metalware suppliers, Sterling silver Gallery wire in several different designs including double sided bezel wire.

Wendy and Edith using Gallery wire with fused glass and cabochon pendants and earrings.



Members using their creative ideas for family presents and re – using family jewellery.

Rusty`s earrings and Jeanettes “recycled” wedding ring.



It is pleasing to see all active Club Members willing to help and pass on their ideas and experience to the new Club Members. Remember there are many ways to use Sterling silver and only you will make the final decision on which method you will use to create and make your projects.

**A BIG THANK YOU**, to Graham Baker of Diamond Mine Jewellers – Pelican Waters. Graham gave his valuable time on at least four Thursday evenings to show Members many “facets” of jewellery making.

These sessions, which were very much appreciated included, faceted stone setting, ring making, soldering techniques, polishing and etching. Graham gave valuable jewellery making information to all the Members who attended and all were very appreciative of his expertise.

**All Members – please support your Club Sponsors – Diamond Mine Jewellers – Pelican Waters.**





Clare`s bracelet made of Sterling silver rings which were textured with a hammer to give the final result.  
All Members of the Silver Smithing classes should be proud of the jewellery you are making – your perseverance is definitely paying off.

Well done!!!  
Cheers – Merry Christmas  
David Dowl  
Silversmith Instructor





## 2016 Caloundra Gemshow Report

Firstly a huge thank you to all club members who participated in setting up and packing down the show on the Friday and Saturday. As they say many hands make light work and that surely happened this year.

Thankfully we were once again blessed with a beautiful day (though some may say it was too nice a day and drove people to the beach rather than the show! ). Bernie has compiled a monetary report for the day and the numbers are very comparable to last year. Numbers through the gate were slightly down but the extra dollar on entrance fee kept this figure strong.

All traders commented on having not only a great trading day but just how enjoyable it is to attend our show because of the smoothness of setting up / packing down. More than anything though they all mention how relaxed we are as a team and that we make them feel welcome and wanted. So once again a massive pat on the back to everyone who helped.

The new owner of ATM2Go was most impressed as his figures were up on last years, the Coffee Cart had an outstanding day and they were a pleasure to deal with, the sound guy also added a new dimension to the show and I believe was worth every cent. Lastly we had a new trader in Baskin Robbins (thanks to Jannene and Cheryl) who wasn't expecting to much but had a sellout day and was over the moon – booking again for next year. The school canteen were also ecstatic as their turnover was also well up on last year. All fantastic feedback!

This year was the first transitional year from Eric to myself in convening the show (although he still had a massive input in helping me at several shows introducing me to stall holders etc although at times I think we exchanged nicknames – he became Chips and I became the Old Fart?

But the biggest thanks and one in which our club as a whole should be very grateful to is the team that carried this show off. Each and every member took on a variety of tasks and completed them with finesse and expertise. I am indebted to you all as without you we don't have a show.

In no particular order I would like to thank you individually for your effort: Jannene Flint – Raffle Tickets – many of you mightn't understand just how vital the sales of these tickets are to the success and bottom line of our show. Jannene drove the RT bus in the most coordinated way I have seen and this was reflected in the fact that over 95% of tickets were sold. Not only that we knew where all the tickets were and they were all accounted for – simply amazing!

Dave Dowl – Signage / Auditorium Layout – Dave took on the signage with gusto and every sign was updated and positioned on schedule, all the sign posts were out where they were supposed to be (many comments came back to say that the profile of the show via signposts was the best we have had – so well done Dave and team ). Dave also took control of the marking and layout of the Auditorium which again was completed in record time.

Eric – Stall holder coordination / Tailgater layout marking – As always I relied heavily on Eric's knowledge and generosity as he went beyond what was asked of him. I had the most fun with him setting out the tailgaters site (although at the time he was muttering and swearing at me which actually thought was hilarious because I had done the same thing to him the previous year!!). He also





travelled to several show with me to introduce me and sign up stall holders which was fantastic. He also helped markout the undercover area with me and many other tasks over the two days.

Natalie Albans –Marketing - Natalie took on the challenge of marketing for the show. This has always been an area we have struggled with because we don't have the funds necessary to spend to raise the profile. Natalie managed to get us on several radio stations, an article in the paper, a stall inside Bunnings to promote and sell raffle tickets and she also arranged for us to have a cake stall at Bunnings on the day we had the sausage sizzle which was a resounding success. Hopefully she looks back on it now and laughs?!

Emma Lamont – Community profile / Parking – Emma being a bit of a computer nerd started a Facebook page for the club which to date has generated enormous exposure. Her biggest claim to fame on the day was her extremely well run and coordinated car parking. Compared to last year when I had a hand in it and we had cars blocking the road Emma had it running beautifully.

Cheryl Johnstone – Secretary – The poor woman having to be my secretary when I didn't even know what I was doing! Cheryl produced detailed reports from each meeting with clear guidelines and job delegations so everyone knew what was happening and what they should be doing with the expected timeframe. Without her input I would have fallen in a terrible heap and things would not have run anywhere near as smoothly.



Dave Parker – Tailgaters Control – Dave I thank you so much because I did drop you in it a little on the Saturday morning as several things got turned around from the original plan in regards to the final layout with the tailgaters but to your credit you handled it fantastically! In what could have become an explosive situation you managed to placate people and locate them in places that kept everyone happy – some even more so than previous years – hats off to you!



John & Edith Sandifort – Club Stall / Afternoon Tea – Yet again you guys have gone above and beyond and I personally thank you! Edith did a great job of feeding the hordes on Friday afternoon and keeping John in line on Saturday which is no mean feat. John had the Club Stall under control and I believe those that were a part of it had a good time.

Greg Reynolds – Transport/Trestles – Greg had this running as smooth as clock work. He had it set up and packed down in record time with a team of very willing helpers. It was fantastic to know that I didn't have to worry about this part as it takes the stress out of things.

Andria – Club website – Andria worked quietly away behind the scenes updating the website and helping me with emails, passing on information to those when they required it and probably a lot of other things that I am not even aware of she is that quiet – a nerd ninja!

I hope I haven't missed anyone out. There were people helping on Friday and Saturday that I haven't met before – new and old club members and I thank you for your all that you did.



Craig Johnstone  
One knackered Convenor!!

## OFFICE BEARERS

### Patron : Cr Tim Dwyer

Title	Name	Landline	Mobile	Email
<b>President</b>	Greg Reynolds	5499 7789	0408 397 755	hsp1957@live.com.au
<b>Vice President</b>	David Dowl		0402 700 605	dowlight@powerup.com.au
<b>Secretary</b>	Eric Thomas		0417 634 205	eric.thomas2@outlook.com
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Dave Yarrow		0468 774 917	yarrowdavid8@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer</b>	Michelle Spark	5492 9753	0403 132 101	twospark@bigpond.net.au
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Bernie Partridge		0417 614 036	<a href="mailto:bernieis@westnet.com.au">bernieis@westnet.com.au</a>
<b>Committee Members</b>	David Parker		0432 069 147	parked17@yahoo.com.au
	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
<b>Chief Cabochon Instructor</b>	Doug Richie	5491 9958	0405 704 355	
<b>Cabochon Instructor</b>	Greg Reynolds	5499 7789	0408 397 755	hsp1957@live.com.au
<b>Faceting Instructor</b>	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
<b>Silver Instructor</b>	David Dowl	5499 6764	0402 700 605	dowlight@powerup.com.au
	Edith Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
<b>Field Trips Officer</b>	Vacant			
<b>Projects &amp; Grants Convenors</b>	Vacant			

<b>Jewellery &amp; Gem Show Committee</b>	Craig Johnstone (Convenor)	5492 7538	0428282626	<a href="mailto:craig@optipack.com.au">craig@optipack.com.au</a>
	Cheryl Johnstone (Secretary)	5492 7538	0428282626	<a href="mailto:cherylsemail@bigpond.com">cherylsemail@bigpond.com</a>
	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
	Edith Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
	Andria Zanki	5491 6061	0416 115 831	andriz66@eftel.net.au
	Natalie Albans	5491 1896		<a href="mailto:nalbans95@gmail.com">nalbans95@gmail.com</a>
	David Dowl		0402 700 605	dowlight@powerup.com.au
<b>Museum Curator</b>	John Sandifort	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
<b>Web Master</b>	Andria Zanki	5491 6061	0416 115 831	andriz66@eftel.net.au
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Bernadette Neubecker	5437 2749	0468 356 437	bneubecker@vtown.com.au
<b>Housekeeper</b>	Edith Sandifort & 12 Volunteer Members	5499 6764	0428 848 109	sandiforts@icloud.com
<b>Maintenance Officer</b>	Greg Reynolds	5499 7789	0408 397 755	hsp1957@live.com.au
	Eric Thomas		0417 634 205	eric.thomas2@outlook.com
<b>Groundskeepers</b>	Lynda Rush	5492 8313		Lynda.rush@bigpond.com
	Warren Rossow	5492 2767		wrossow@bigpond.net.au
	Zack Findlay	5492 8146		<a href="mailto:zackfindlay@hotmail.com">zackfindlay@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Librarian</b>	Gavin Wheldon		0428 284 452	gewhel@bigpond.com
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Vacant			
<b>QLACCA Representative</b>	Vacant			
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Vacant			
<b>Fundraiser</b>	Natalie Albans		0408 467 890	nalbans95@gmail.com

# A MERRY XMAS TO ALL

