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NORTH BRISBANE LAPIDARY CLUB Inc.

*Newsletter for April 2015*

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WORK SESSIONS	JOINING FEES	+	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
Monday 7.00pm-9.30pm	\$20.00 First member		\$30.00 First member
Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm	\$15.00 Second member		\$24.00 Second member
Wednesday 9.00am-12noon	\$15.00 Pensioner		\$60.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children 12-18 years)
Friday 7.00pm-9.30pm	\$40.00 Family (at same address)		\$20.00 Pensioner Under 70 Years & Junior members
Open other times by arrangement	\$15.00 Associate member		\$6.00 Annual postage required for Crystal Lines (members only)
	\$15.00 Junior member		

WORKSHOP FEES	OTHER FEES	CUTTING & TOOL FEES
\$3.00 Per work session	\$5.00 Badges members	\$1.50 per ½ Hour Diamond grinders or part thereof
	\$6.00 Badges non-members	50c per sq inch 24" saw
	\$35.00 Club T-shirts	14" saw
	Free Club bumper stickers	10/12" saw
	Silver sales available	50c per cab Trim saw
		\$15.00 per month Tumbler hire

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT LAPIDARY WORK (CABS)

- Waterproof apron
- 3 power head loupe, cost approx. \$30.00
- 10 power hand loupe
- Dop stick
- Slabbed stone of your choice

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT FOSSICKING

- Good maps of the area you intend to visit
- 1 x Aluminium sieve 305mm diameter by 3mm, mesh 1/8 inch
- 1 x Aluminium sieve 305mm diameter by 7mm, mesh ¼ inch
- 1 x Small sturdy shovel (not the fold up type)
- 1 x Plastic gold pan
- Footwear – Preferably boots to support ankles
- Headwear – Wide brimmed hat
- Transport – A 4x4 is nice, but a lot of areas can be accessed by conventional vehicles
- Accommodation – Hotels, motels, caravans or camping. This can lead to very enjoyable family bush weekends
- Communication – With the outside world is not necessary, but very handy to have. A mobile phone is useful in case of emergency and we strongly suggest a handheld UHF CB. These cost around \$50-\$100

The above are only the basic requirements to enable you to carry out this hobby. Extra equipment can be obtained at a later date if required. Enjoy yourselves; leave fossicking areas clean for others and some material behind for others – good luck and good fossicking!

**Our Newsletter is proudly printed by *Leanne Linard MP*, State Member for Nudgee.**

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## Club Reports & News

### ***Presidents Report*** (G. Gatfield as read at the AGM)

I must apologise in advance if I miss any major items in this report, as I have only been acting in the President's position for about 2 months. We had an unusual set of circumstances with our main office bearers this year, as we started with a different Secretary – Graham Kinsela, then due to circumstances Katarina Hayston assumed the position. The same applies to the role of President, we started with Barry Waller, and then he was succeeded by Steve Bell, who was succeeded by Graham Fox and then myself. Let's hope this coming year will see us with a stable committee.

Our recent annual Gemshow is already becoming a distant memory for some! But before I forget, let me congratulate our band of willing volunteers, all the hard work and preparation was worth the effort, as we achieved a record result. There were no major dramas with the new venue, but some minor problems are the parking issue, the bottom gate and at least 1 fall was observed on the uneven surfaces. The venue has been rebooked for next year.

There are so many members who helped out before, after and at the show, that it is difficult to name them all. Any members who contribute, and are not named, always feel slighted, so it is always a problem to name names.

But at the risk of doing so, I will acknowledge just some of the major contributors to the success of our show. However, before doing so, on behalf of the management committee, I extend to **ALL** members our appreciation for your help, in the preparation, conduct, and final clean up of the show.

Firstly, the show was largely organised by our capable show convenor – Ray Wilson, even though it was a new venue his sterling efforts helped us achieve our best ever result. Ray's show planning commenced a year in advance of the actual show dates, and continued throughout the year. Ray was capably assisted in this role by Scott Bell, in detailed show preparation for the whole year.

The canteen, which was overseen by Anne Bell, also achieved a record profit. It was noted by many members, what a harmonious atmosphere pervaded the kitchen. At times, it appeared that we almost had too many volunteers to work in the canteen. To all the members preparing food and serving customers, well done and thank-you.

The Bar-B-Q cooks, Tom, Doug, Lindsay, Gabe & Brian and any others I may have missed, the food was well cooked and delicious, particularly the burgers! Front of house volunteers dealt with the public, dealers and members in an efficient and friendly manner, and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Our canteen is one of our prime show assets and your conduct reflects this. Zelda & Audrey were able cashiers, in the kitchen Rita, Lorraine, Lee, Helen, Maree & Margaret were present for most of the weekend. My apologies now, as I know I have not mentioned all those who helped out in the canteen.

Our club stall was ably manned by Bev, Carol, Jai, Desli, Les, John and a few others who escape me at present, but thank you all for giving up your time and making our show stall such a success. Bev and Carol both spent many months preparing items for sale prior to the show.

Our traffic management team, of Barry, Ross, Scott, and others, their job in the hot sun, without much relief, was above and beyond the call of duty, a sincere thank-you. The team on the front door selling raffle tickets and taking entrance fees. The number of members who served in this role is just too numerous for me to remember, but I do know the job was well executed and as the prime source of our funds from the show, was one of the most important, a big thank-you. One, who I do remember, was Dawn Chapman, who alone, looked after the bottom gate, all weekend.

The Queensland Faceting Competition, is conducted by NBLC, in conjunction with the Australian Faceters Guild. We are fortunate to have such a prestigious Faceting competition run under our jurisdiction. The number of entrants was down this year, so in the coming year we need to promote this event more effectively. The results of this comp. were on display on stage for all to see and admire.

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The stage announcements and were ably conducted by Marilyn & Lola, also the Raffle Tickets, whilst Greg & Lorna manned the QLACCA display. Lorraine Power demonstrated Jewellery Making techniques up on stage, whilst Graham Kinsela & Laurie Stacey were on the Australian Facetors Guild stand. Thank you all, for the long hours you put in, manning the stage area.

The security staff, including the night shift of Peter, Paul, & Tiery are to be congratulated. Day security staff was Barry Kirkham, Pam Kinsela, and some others whose names escape me at present. A tribute to our success is, there was only 1 instance of theft reported, late Sunday afternoon.

Friday night before the show is always pizza night, and I'm not sure if it is simply the pizza or what, but now we always have a good turn out to help transport and set-up at the show. Many hands make light work and that is what the set-up has now become, with the many volunteers who attend. Clearing the hall, setting up the tables, preparing the canteen, running the power grid, marking out the dealer's spaces, all these important jobs now run smoothly thanks to your combined effort. Then on Sunday arvo. we do it all again in reverse, but doesn't that final cold drink go down well. It is a small token of appreciation for all your hard work over the entire weekend.

That is but a brief resume of the show for another year, except for a few final observations: Attendance was up on last year, few dealers complained about business, most were very happy, patrons were spending money, the new venue worked fairly well, and all our itemised profits were a new record – well done everyone.

Over the last year, members have been able to enjoy a wide range of club related activities. The major field trip to the Northern Territory last winter and to fossick and tour the N.T. was a highlight for those attending. Then, not long after returning, I conducted some field trips for the AFG around Glen Innes and also at one of our favourite camping spots – Copeton Dam. 6 diamonds were recovered by the lucky participants.

Lost Wax Casting has become one of our most popular work sessions, and all classes usually have maximum attendance. Members obviously enjoy this type of metalwork, and it is hoped this will continue into the future. Faceting and the training of new members is also another thing that our club is noted for, with some members now cutting at a very high standard in AFG competitions.

The benches for gold and silver work are always well occupied, particularly by new members with their enthusiasm for quick results. A bracelet or ring, under tuition from our skilled instructors Jeff, Pam, Peter or Carol, usually sees their first efforts well rewarded.

Enamelling classes have been well attended under the tutelage of Helen Morarity and Carol. I would now like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those members who have, in any way, assisted in the running of the club over the last year. I thank you all personally for your assistance and efforts. Our club is, a strictly voluntary organisation, and any input, no matter how small, is deserving of recognition. I encourage the new incoming team to take the reins, and guide this club positively into the future.

For her efforts as Secretary & Newsletter Editor, I particularly appreciate the assistance of Katarina Hayston, who in difficult personal circumstances last year, still managed with Graham's help, to keep the club running so smoothly. Tom Power for his continued maintenance work is to be deservedly commended. To all the cabbing instructors and duty officers, without your dedication the club would not function, so a big thank-you. Finally, morning tea on Wednesdays would not be the same without, Milton and Irene's help, not to mention Lola's cakes. If I have failed to name anyone in particular, please accept my personal acknowledgement now. Thank you, this concludes my report.

Garry Gatfield  
Acting/President NBLC Inc.  
22 March 2015

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## ***New Members***



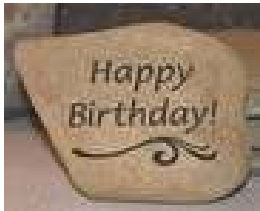
We are welcoming Chris Tredman-Jones, Marc Bonotto, Anna Markula, Desli Pomfret, Jakam Smyth, Marcus Friman, Gloria Tyacke, Belinda Rose Fisk, Louise Carseldine, Amelia Aprogremiotis, Eunice Lamont, Mareeka Trueman, Joan Trueman, Charles Wilkie and Merrick Ekins as new members to our club.

If you see these members at the club, please introduce yourself to them and make them welcome.

Following our successful Gem Show at our new venue there has been a steady flow of new members joining our club.

We also have a good renewal of our members joined for 2015.

## ***Birthdays***



Greg Gosden, Sonia Littlejohn, Audey Legget, Douglas Forbes, Janice Aitcheson, Scott Bell, Lance Wretham, Beryl Chambers, Ashley Olsen, Rod Leyden, Lea Fleming, Tracey Nguyen, Margaret Wang, Carol Money, Jason Summers, Bryan John Olley, Cecil Forbes, Lorraine Gregory, Gary Whelan, Mary Graham, Chris Blackmur, Steve Storer, Albert Tse and last but not least Amelia Apogrmiotis.

We wish all of you a very **Happy Birthday**. And if any of you despair of celebrating your birthday – just remember, it beats the alternative.

## ***Personal News***



To all that are ill or not well and those that suffer a personal loss that we are not aware off: We wish you all the best, speedy recovery and hope to see you back on your feet soon.

## ***Club News***

### ***Annual General Meeting***

We had 41 members attending on Sunday and 29 apologies.

Garry Gatfield as President took the chair, Katarina Hayston the minutes.

The AGM started at 10:35 and after welcoming all, we swiftly moved on to the agenda items.

1. The minutes of the last AGM were read and accepted.
2. There was no business arising from the minutes.
3. Garry Gatfield read his President Report
4. Tony Wheate presented the audit for the financial year 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2014. The meeting moved that the report was accepted. The motion was carried

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5. Tony presented the financial situation of the club including the outcome of the gem show. And by the numbers presented we can all proudly say that it was the most successful show ever.
6. The Management Committee retired from their positions
  - a. Garry Gatfield agreed to continue as chair of the meeting
  - b. Katarina Hayston agreed to continue as minute taker.
7. The election for the management committee resulted in following:
  - a. President                   Garry Gatfield
  - b. Vice President         Bevan Turner
  - c. Treasurer                 VACANT
  - d. Secretary                 Lorraine Gregory
  - e. Assistant Secretary Katarina Hayston
  - f. 5<sup>th</sup> Member             Barry Kirkham
8. Officer & Instructor positions – see list below
  - a. Some of the people helping in some positions had previously confirmed that they were willing to stay on. These positions were read out and confirmed as no objections were brought forward
  - b. The remaining positions were filled at the AGM

<b>Officers &amp; Instructors - GENERAL</b>			
Assitant Competition Organiser	Peter Smith	Maintenance Officer	Tom Power
Competition Organiser	Barry Kirkham	Membership Director	Linda Forbes
Field Trip Officer	Garry Gatfield	Ass. Membership Officer	Carol South
First Aid Officer	Carol Gatfield Carol South Jim Jeavons	Newsletter Editor	Katarina Hayston
Gem Show - Traders & Tailgaters	Scott Bell	Purchasing Officer	Milton Fox Tom Power Pam Kinsella
Gem Show Canteen Convenor	Ann Bell	QLACCA Delegate	Greg Gosden (until September 2015)
Gem Show Convenor	Ray Wilson	Relief Duty Officer	Peter Smith
Instructor - Faceting	Graham Kinsela	Safety Officer	Thierry Tomczak Dave Turkington
Instructor - Faceting	Tony Wheate	Web Administrator	Ray Wilson
Librarian	Linda Forbes		
<b>Officers &amp; Instructors - MONDAY</b>		<b>Officers &amp; Instructors - TUESDAY</b>	
Duty Officer	Laurie Stacey	Duty Officer	Wendy Olsen
Duty Officer - (Back up)	Greg Gosden	Duty Officer	Joyce Stanton
Instructor - Cabochon	Peter Smith	Instructor - Cabochon	Vacant
Instructor - Cabochon (Back up)	Ray Wilson	Instructor - Silver Smithing	Pam Kinsella

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Instructor - Silver Smithing	Carol Gatfield	Instructor - Silver Smithing	Jeff O'Dea
Instructor - Silver Smithing (Back up)	Peter Smith		
<b>Officers &amp; Instructors - WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>Officers &amp; Instructors - FRIDAY</b>	
Duty Officer	Graham Kinsela	Duty Officer - Friday	Katarina Hayston
Duty Officer (Back up)	Garry Gatfield	Duty Officer - Friday (Back up)	Greg Gosden
Instructor - Cabochon	Peter Smith	Instructor - Cabochon	Vacant
Instructor - Opal Cutting	John Fleming	Instructor - Silver Smithing	Vacant
Instructor - Silver Smithing	Pam Kinsella		
Instructor - Silver Smithing (Back up)	Lorraine Powers Carol Gatfield		
Instructor - Enamelling	Carol Gatfield		

Note 1: As Greg Gosden will be retiring in September, we would really like someone taking over this position to learn the ropes from him. To be a QLACCA delegate involves attending bi-monthly meetings (Saturdays) and being the liaison between the NBLC & QLACCA. If you are interested, please send an email to [katarina.hayston@gmail.com](mailto:katarina.hayston@gmail.com)

Note 2: I have taken on the position as Duty Officer at this point as there was no one else coming forward. Ideally we find another person so I can continue the trials for Saturday work sessions. So if you think you can and are willing to help out, please send an email to [katarina.hayston@gmail.com](mailto:katarina.hayston@gmail.com)

9. Leanne Linard had previously indicated that she would be willing to take over patronage of the NBLC and we gladly accepted.

10. NBLC is covered by insurances as required by legislation and constitution.

## 11. General Business

- a. NBLC will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in October 2016. To that effect we need a committee to look and organize the celebration. Thankfully the following members have volunteered:
- Garry Gatfield
  - Carol South
  - Desli Pomfret
  - Lorraine Power
  - Ann Bell
  - Greg Gosden

If you have any ideas towards our 'golden' celebration, why not drop me ([katarina.hayston@gmail.com](mailto:katarina.hayston@gmail.com)) a line and I will forward it to the committee.

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- b. After nearly 50 years existence it is time to review the current constitution and where possible / feasible and logical put suggestions forward to the AGM in 2016. To this effect a committee has formed with the following members:

- Garry Gatfield
- Ray Wilson
- Katarina Hayston

If you are interest in taking part of reviewing and maybe making changes to the constitution, please send me an email.

Or maybe your just have an area that you feel needs reviewing, if so, send me an email and I promise we will look into it.

## 12. Awards

As it is our tradition and pleasure, we had a few awards to hand-out:

Member of the Year:       **Carol South** for her contribution to the club stall and hard work sorting out the shed.  
                                      **Tom Powers** for his continuing effort in keeping our tools, machines running and turning out such great BBQ fare.

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### Jewelry Maker of the Year

Open Division       **Helen Moriarty**  
Novice               **John Richardson**

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### Faceter of the Year

Open Division       **Tony Wheate** – who was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Australian Division for the World Facting. He missed out by a cat's whisker on making it onto the team.  
Novice               Vicki Thomson

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Fossicker of the Year       Ann & Scott Bell for their massive effort on that geode

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### Membership Certificate for

10 years           D. Myers  
                          R. Thompson  
                          V. Thompson  
                          D. Forbes  
                          J O'Dea  
15 years           S & E Hindmarsh  
20 years           N. Roberts  
25 years           I. Clifton  
                          J. Fleming  
35 years           A. Hutchinson  
                          Y. Lea

And last but not least we are pleased to award **life membership** to

**Bev Wheatley** for her tireless work at the club stall and those beautiful gem trees she is making to be sold for the benefit of the club.

**Peter Smith** for his continuing work as cabbing & silverwork instructor but also his contributions to club as president and competition organizer.



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The AGM was followed by a BBQ to thank members for their continuing support and hard work. I think I can say that the food was great (thank you to Tom & Trevor at the grill), the company fantastic and the drinks cold.

## ***Gem Show Wrap-Up*** (by Ray Wilson)

The 2015 gem and jewellery festival at Bracken Ridge State High School can be formerly declared as the **best ever** show conducted by NBLC.

Best ever is a subjective term and not one I would have used at 6PM on Sunday evening as I was driving out the gate. However, with gate takings up, club stall takings, food and drink sales up and visitor numbers around 1,700, in terms of just numbers then I think we can be justified in saying it was the most successful show ever held by NBLC. The bottom line profit to the club was just more than \$2,000 better than our previous best profit.

The majority of the traders both inside and outside were happy with their results, with at least 2 inside traders telling me they had their best ever takings at a 2 day show. The biggest issue we had with traders was outside in getting vehicles in and out of the sites. This was an enormous logistical exercise which required a large additional amount of effort from previous shows.

Car parking was always going to be an issue and I underestimated how much effort that would be required to get cars in and out of generally marked parking. This again took a large volunteer effort that mostly was not planned for, but in the future will need to be addressed. An entry gate at the rear would stop some patrons who parked at the rear and didn't pay an entry fee. As well patrons who parked in the bottom car park on the grassed hill would be able to access the show via the outdoor stall area rather than have to walk up the hill to the main gate.

The canteen which always requires a big effort to prepare and cook food, take orders and serve, seemed to be a hive of activity whenever I looked in. At times there seemed to be too many volunteers, and this was after looking like we may not have enough volunteers up to about 3 days before the show. Hopefully we can address this in the future so that it is more orderly and controlled and takes some stress off of the convenors.

The club stall sales were better by a large margin on what had been done in previous years, but it was disappointing to see the small number of volunteers that we had to help out here, requiring the few who did help to put in long hours over the weekend.

In any organised event there will be people who do more than others, but at times I am overwhelmed by the amount of time and effort put into running the gem show by a lot of NBLC members. It is probably not safe for me to name individuals at the risk of omitting some meritorious efforts, but this year there were some simply outstanding efforts that should not be ignored. Most members have involvement in the gem show for 3-4 days once a year, but for Scott and Anne Bell they have been doing work towards the success of this show since April last year when we first identified Bracken Ridge State high as a venue. Scott has run up, I would think, several hundred kilometres in visiting gem shows from Nambour to Bribie to Redcliffe. Hours upon hours of effort in planning, measuring, designing site layouts and talking to all of the outdoor traders to get a "best fit" for the restrictions of the location. In addition, Scott has been helping Anne in getting all of the food and drinks together and again, to get the best deal for the club has travelled far and wide to source food at best prices. During the show both Anne and Scott were at the venue for over 5 hours on Friday and 12 hours each day on

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Saturday and Sunday. Anne, as her first time being responsible for the canteen, was simply superb and the feedback from people who worked there was that Anne ran a “happy ship”. As a club, we really need to do more to support both these areas of the show by having more assistance in the lead up to the show. A sincere, humble thank you to Scott and Anne for their work, on behalf of all members of the club.

Other members, to whom the gem show is not just a 2 day event, are Bev Wheatley and Carol South. Bev prepares for the gem show throughout the year by making gem trees and jewellery items for sale on the club stall. The display of gem trees this year showed Bev’s commitment over the past year. Carol South has also been working almost since last year’s show to wash and clean, tumble and polish gemstone or mineral specimens for the show. Carol also made individual mineral boxes for all of the minerals to make a very professional presentation that enhanced the value of the mineral specimens. Both ladies then spent 2 full days at the show selling their wares for the benefit of the club and its members. Bev and Carol’s efforts are reflected in the record takings of the club stall. Bev and Carol take a bow – fantastic work.

Of course no discussion of “early preparers” would be complete without mentioning Lola Tierney’s jam factory. After bringing in a batch of jams and spreads for members a week before the show, Lola had to make up more when that lot sold out in a couple of days. I think there was a couple of “pre sales” batches as well as a large batch that completely sold out at the show. In addition to all of her cooking Lola then spent 2 days at the show looking after announcements and managing the folding of all of the raffle tickets. Thank you, Lola for a very special effort.

And then there are those members who travel long distances to come to the show and help out. Dawn and Barry Chapman and Linsey and Helen Geck live at Hervey Bay and Maryborough but spent all weekend at Bracken Ridge working on behalf of the club. Having spent 3 hours in the sun yesterday directing traffic, I don’t know how Barry coped in the sun for 2 days with minimal breaks. So a big thank you to the long distance travellers for their help.

I have counted over 20 members who were in attendance from Friday to Sunday afternoon. This is a great effort from those members and their effort is very much appreciated. We would not have coped without that lengthy level of assistance.

For those members who were able to help out for a few hours, a half day or a day, thank you for doing your part and contributing to the financial well being of your club.

Things that worked well included the “free admission” rack cards. We distributed 750 and just over 100 came back. Hopefully these were 100 people who wouldn’t have come to the show. Our online advertising including internet sites, emails and SMS messages definitely worked. Our web site attracted on average 27 new visitors per day in January , 47 per day in February and over 100 per day in March leading up to the show. On the Saturday of the show 372 first time visitors clicked on our website.

The ATM was sourced by Scott Bell after the club decided against paying \$400 to an ATM supplier. The experience was quite positive with something like 10% of visitors using the facility. Next year this needs to be reconsidered as the vendor that attended does charge \$100 site fee. I believe this is something that NBLC should accept as a cost of running the show and promote this fact in our advertising.

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Street sign advertising did have some damages by vandals and some signs were removed, but it is a free resource and worth doing. In the future we need to examine locations that feed traffic from major roads to the venue. The electronic messaging board was not effective as it could not be seen until right on top of it, due to the camber of the road and the angle of the board to the traffic. A better location, preferably on or near a motorway need to be identified.

Signage at the school also needs improving. Car parking signs need to be at the front to direct patrons into the grounds. Disabled parking sites also need to be identified and sign posted. Signs need to be placed in the outdoor stall area to direct visitors to the toilets. Signs also need to be placed at the side hall door to direct patrons to the outdoor trading area. Several visitors mentioned that they did not know there were further stalls outside.

Table layout inside the hall reflected our first time use. There was some adjustment to the table run near the canteen, by the addition of an extra 1.2 metres. An extra 1.8 table could possibly be added to each island run, due to the large space in front of Gemcuts stall. However, I believe that the space left at the front door, in front of the canteen and across to the side door, made a good traffic through-flow area. The runs do need to be moved closer to the front door to allow more walking space at the stage end. My recommendation is to keep the current configuration. Although saleable space is lower than Aviation High our take was very similar due to a 10% increase to the traders and the use of school tables. The cost of tables was reduced by \$400 by using the school's tables.

There was only 1 medical incident that I was made aware of, which was professionally attended to by Carol Gatfield and Carol South. The "patient" told me later that she was very appreciative of the attention given to her by our first aid officers.

The school has not reported any issues with our use of the facilities and the business service manager has indicated that they will take another booking from us.

Ray Wilson  
2015 Gem Show Convenor.

## ***Library News***

As there has been a lot of new members learning silversmithing lately and a lot of more advanced members looking for inspiration in our library we have purchased a few new books on the subject of Jewellery. These being:

- Creative Soldered Jewelry and Accessories
- Copper Jewelry Collection
- Silversmithing for Jewellery Makers
- Metal Jewelry 101
- Jewellery Design

When they arrive in the library hopefully they will give some members new ideas. Also a new Jewelry Artist has arrived.

A 2 year subscription has been ordered for Age of Dinosaurs

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## Courses & Workshops

**Upcoming Meetings** – all meetings at clubhouse unless indicated otherwise

Next General Meeting:                      Date: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
Start: 7.30 pm

Next Annual General Meeting:      Date:                      Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (t.b.c.)  
Start:                      10:30 am

## Events Calendar

Date	Activity	Instructor	Cost	Comments
10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Lost Wax Casting	Ray Wilson	\$5 per flask +Materials +\$3 work fee	(1) Fri start 7 pm, max 12, suitable for beginners
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Free work Day	Peter Smith	No charge	Sun 9am – 3pm Free use of all workshop tools and facilities
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Faceting Course	Graham Kinsela	\$50 + extra	
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Faceting Course	Graham Kinsela	\$50 + extra	
28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Opal – Theory & cutting	John Fleming	\$5 course fee + \$20 opal package	8.30 am – 3.30 pm Limit of 8 John will include Opals from Lightning Ridge, Cooper Pedy & Yowah / Koroit in the package

\*(1) Attendees will sprue waxes, pour investment and cast in 9ct gold or silver. Waxes available from Ed Hindmash or supply your own.

\*(2) Extra's include Manual, Dop Sticks, Stones.

\*(3) Extra's Include Silver/ Copper Bases and Enamels.

As I agreed earlier to hold a trial on Saturdays I will continue so until the end of the trial. I will advise of the dates via email, sign on the club board and in the newsletter.

For April I will the club for a work session on the following Saturdays: 11<sup>th</sup> April (2-5pm)

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## Faceting Competition 2016

The details for the Faceting Completion are now available at the club rooms and online on the NBLC website.

It is a Level 2 competition conducted in 2 divisions: Novice & Open. Entries with the official form must be received no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 to Graham Kinsela.

For more detailed information please see the competition brochure. If you are interested in participating, contact Graham Kinsela or send me an email and I will send you the brochure.