

CRYSTAL LINES

NORTH BRISBANE LAPIDARY CLUB Inc.

Newsletter for August 2015

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Sorry, only a short one – and hardly
anything in it ☺



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WORK SESSIONS

Monday 7.00pm-9.30pm
Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am-12noon

Friday 7.00pm-9.30pm

Open other times by arrangement

JOINING FEES

\$20.00 First member
\$15.00 Second member
\$15.00 Pensioner
\$40.00 Family (at same address)
\$15.00 Associate member
\$15.00 Junior member

+ ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$30.00 First member
\$24.00 Second member
\$60.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children 12-18 years)
\$20.00 Pensioner Under 70 Years & Junior members
\$6.00 Annual postage required for Crystal Lines (members only)

WORKSHOP FEES

\$3.00 Per work session

OTHER FEES

\$5.00 Badges members
\$6.00 Badges non-members
\$35.00 Club T-shirts
Free Club bumper stickers
Silver sales available

CUTTING & TOOL FEES

\$1.50 per ½ Hour Diamond grinders or part thereof
50c per sq inch 24" saw
14" saw
10/12" saw
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!

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Club Reports & News

Presidents Report (G. Gatfield)

El Presidente is still on the road, but must have managed to get to a spot that has internet as I received his report on the 5th July:

I am sorry I was not able to do a Presidents Report sooner, but we had no signal whilst travelling around the Cape and whilst at the Palmer River.

I counted over 20 NBLC members at Graham Fox's recent funeral, it was pleasing to see such a large attendance to pay our respects to him and his family. Graham was my 1st cousin, and Milton's brother, he was a past President of this club as well as numerous others clubs and associations. He will be sorely missed by many, as his time had come way too soon. Under his leadership the current clubhouse was doubled in size and the debt repaid in a very short time. This expansion has lead us to the current favourable position of our growing membership and facilities. This was in large part due to Graham's endeavours, we are indebted to him. On behalf of the entire membership, I extend to Maree and family our most sincerest condolences.

The current field trip, notwithstanding a few changes, is proceeding as planned, although we are slightly ahead of schedule. Some gold was won from the Palmer, and we are now touring and fossicking around Chilligoe. Garry

The last message I received from Thursday Island on the 17th June was: "Graham fox rip yesterday"

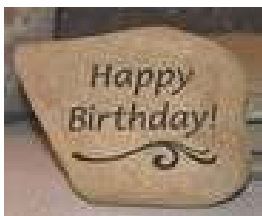
New Members



As there was no Committee Meeting the new members have not yet been ratified. Nevertheless, you are welcomed. Just a slight hitch and delay in the procedure that's all.

So if you see a face unknown to you, go over, say "Hello and introduce yourself.

Birthdays in July



A very **Happy Birthday** to Marco Bonotto, John Broadfoot, Kay Brown, Jessica Butler, Joan Coclough, Robert Daley, Daniel deMarco, Jane Eberhardt, John Fleming, Kim Gasson, Deborah Gee, Tim Gibson, Sandra Groeneveld, Jim Jeavons, Barry Kirkham, Michael Mahoney, Marguerite Mobbs, Suzanne Newcomb, Wendy Olsen, Margaret Paynter, Tony Perry, Joyce Peverill, Kenneth Root, Carla Sclosa, Judy Thompson, Judith William,

May your day be filled with joy, people you love and lots of laughter.

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.

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Club News

General Meeting

Lack of Committee members in town saw us cancel the July meeting.

Gem Show 2016

There is still heaps of work to be done. Help would really be appreciated so please get in contact with Ray or myself.

If you want to make a comment or suggest a change, please contact either myself via email (katarina.hayston@gmail.com) or Ray Wilson.

New Pickling Solution

As mentioned previously, we have exchanged the COLD pickle back to the old solution. Thierry has kindly offered to run a few tests at home with different solutions so we might go back to trial sometime in the future. This is not to p.... enough off but more out of concern for all of our health and wellbeing.

So while the trial is running, please be patient, try it and give feedback.

Club Facetting Competition (by B. Kirkham)

The results of the June club facetting competition were first Barry K, 2nd Vicki T 3rd Ross. What was very disappointing was the minimal number of entries submitted. I hope that I can encourage you to enter the August competition no matter how long you have been facetting or how good you think you are. Entering the competition provides you with feedback on most aspects of facetting and from that you are able to see the areas that you are going really well at and those that need a little more attention or coaching. Any of the tutors or qualified judges are happy to provide that to you. The whole aim of this particular competition is to help you along your facetting journey.

Diagrams are available at the club or can be emailed or posted to you. CZ is also available quite economically too. Entries must be received at the club by Wednesday 26 August 2015.

Come on, please have a go.

Barry Kirkham

Library News

Sorry Folks, no new books / magazines have been added to the library this month – except for those we subscribe to that is. If you have seen or heard about an interesting book and think it would make a great addition to our library, why not drop us a note an mention it. We are always happy to look into suggestions.

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Courses & Workshops

Upcoming Meetings – all meetings at clubhouse unless indicated otherwise

Next General Meeting: Date: Wednesday 26th August 2015
Start: 7.30 pm

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

Events Calendar

Date	Activity	Instructor	Cost	Comments
25 th July	Saturday Work Session		Work fee \$3	2 – 5 pm
1 st August	Saturday Work Session		Work fee \$3	2 – 5 pm
8 th August	Saturday Work Session		Work fee \$3	2 – 5 pm
29 th & 30 th August	Wax Work shop	Dan Cox		More details later – See board at club rooms
5&6 th March 2016	NBLC Gemshow			Location to be confirmed-currently applying for booking for Bracken Ridge State High School.

*(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.

Note: the Saturday Session on 4th July will be the last for the time being. We will assess at the following meeting if we should stay open on Saturdays. So if you are interested, please attend the sessions. The more the merrier.

Re: Courses

Well, we had the first 2 Opal course with John Fleming. Both were fully booked and everyone turned out. Unfortunately I missed out this round but I had good feedback from those who did attend. A big Thank you to John for making this course happening. And here is to hoping he can hold another one.

We also had the Stone Setting Course with Dan Cox. This was a weekend course and although I was unable to attend the Sunday session, I learnt heaps on Saturday. I can only hope that the Sunday was as good as the Saturday. And if you were considering attending the wax carving course, do so. Dan is very knowledgeable – as one would expect – but he is also very willing to pass on his little tips and tricks. And if you are looking at external courses you will see that you will be getting a bargain attending the course at the club.

Other News & information

Yowah Caravan Park

BREAKING NEWS:

Colin and Georgina have sold the Yowah opal field Caravan Park and it's accompanying businesses. I.E. Shop, The new Restaurant, Petrol pumps, the motel rooms(6), and the complete caravan park.

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The new owners took over last Wednesday 1st July. I don't know their names yet. We will be staying there shortly, at the beginning of August.
Colin has gone to Melbourne to have his knees operated on, Georgina has gone back to operating the Kaleidoscope tourist opal mine.
Thanks John, for keeping us posted.

Slow Cooker Wanted - still

We still need slow cookers – they need to have a porcelain bowl. So if you have one to spare, please hand to the club attn. Carol South.

Carol needs the slow cooker to clean up specimens for sale – both at the club stall and the new website. The acid used is not very good for the porcelain as you can imagine so she is going through a few of them.

Where are they now – Field trip news

Well, I don't know exactly where they are now, but I can tell you where they have been so far:



Mt Surprise to Georgetown to get Valda to Hospital – all the very Best Valda, hope you have recovered by now. On To Agata Creek and further to Gilberton

