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NORTH BRISBANE LAPIDARY CLUB Inc.

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Newsletter for March 2016

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In this Edition:

Lots of good stuff, you'll need to read it yourself as the new Editor is too lazy to fill in this section.

Since this is my first newsletter, please send all feedback on the back of a stamped, self addressed envelope.



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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
 \$10.00 Annual postage required for Crystal Lines (members only)

WORKSHOP FEES

\$3.00 Per work session

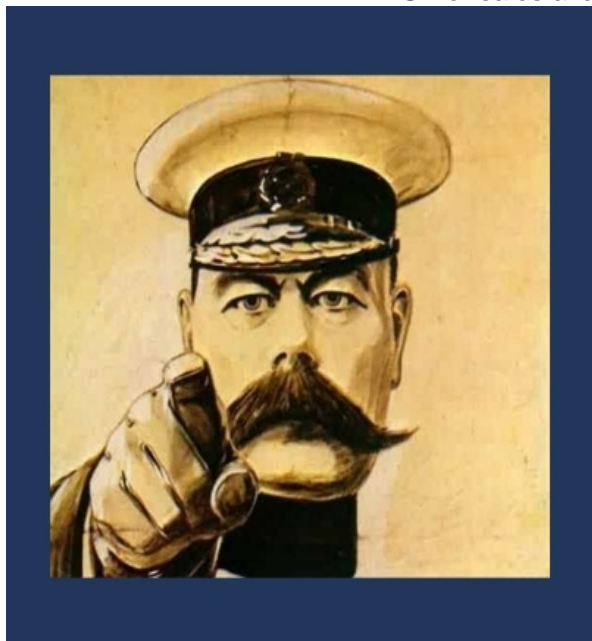
OTHER FEES

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

CUTTING & TOOL FEES

No cutting fees.

Silver sales available



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU.....

Even if you cannot donate your time to help at the Gem Show, you can still support your club by attending and bringing along your Family and friends.

There is plenty to keep the kids (grandkids-whatever) amused and educated; who knows you might even learn something yourself.

The Canteen ladies also do marvellous home baked cakes and jams. So why not come even just for Morning Tea and support your club.

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

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Gem Show 2016 News

Gem Show Report – February 2016.

All inside hall sites have now been allocated and traders advised. Scott is finalising outdoor sites, which due to the variation of sites and difficulties with access takes a lot of time and effort.

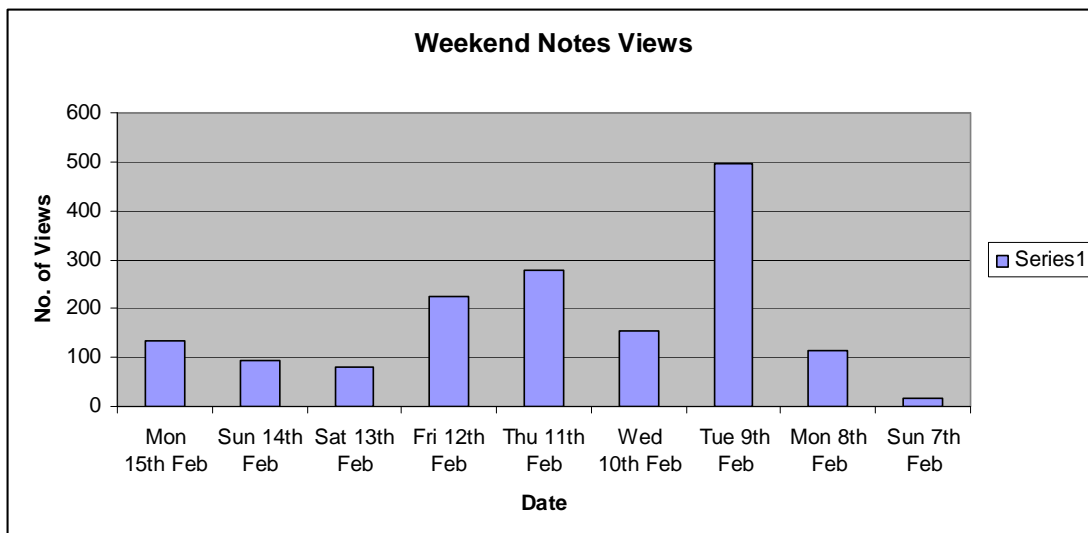
**We still need volunteers for various positions, If you can help contact Ray
rwilson12@bigpond.com**

There are still a lot of flyers for members to distribute as well as free entry rack cards. A suggestion for members is to hand flyers out on trains or buses when travelling to work.

The GAA is having a table on stage to promote their educational offerings, in exchange for a \$50 donation which will sponsor a prize for the competitions.

Norths Leagues Club has provided 2 club vouchers for \$50 each towards competition prizes.

Advertising has been a prime focus this month. A paid advert in the Bayside Star will appear for 2 weeks before the show. Free listings in Coffee News and the Sandgate Guide have been arranged. 50 free passes have been provided for readers of the Sandgate Guide. A web listing on Weekend Notes has commenced. This is an online promotion that pushes events to subscribers twice a week. Subscribers then choose which articles to view. Our gem show was featured last Tuesday and 496 people viewed our article. For the 9 days that the article has been live 1,596 people have viewed the article. This has also increased traffic to our web site with an average of 100 visitors per day over the last week.



The radio adverts have been scripted and approved and are currently being recorded. Emails will go out to past visitors to the show next week and SMS messages will be sent in the week before the show.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA

For the last three years, Lola has been baking wonderful cakes and biscuits at her own expense. Last week saw two members (Barry was one I think) bring along some goodies. How about pitching in once a year and bringing something, maybe we can give Lola a week off! A Woolies sponge with jam and cream is only \$5, so why not lash out.

Club Awarded Gambling Benefit Fund Grant

The Club has been successful in its application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for a Grant of \$12,999 to assist in refurbishing the entry to the Club. The works include improvements to the ramp and the construction of an awning. Work is expected to commence in a few weeks. Thanks to Bevan and Lorraine for driving this process.

Workplace Health and Safety

All Club Members are reminded that workplace health and safety is their responsibility. Be careful with naked flames, hot metals and acid. When needed use protective gear such as gloves, safety glasses, enclosed shoes and hearing protection. The Club has purchased some safety gear, including safety glasses: see the instructors if you are not sure where it is.

“FOR SALE GEMMASTA GFE3 FACETING MACHINE – only \$1800

Includes laps, dops, transfer jig, etc.
Motor has been refurbished, machine in running condition.
Contact Lorna Gosden on [0428 853 583](tel:0428853583).



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Club Reports & News

The AGM was held February 6th. If you weren't there you missed a wonderful BBQ and FREE beer afterwards.

The club is financially sound **BUT** remember the bulk of our earnings come from the Gem Show, so bring along Family and Friends, even if you just join us for morning tea.

Here is a list of everyone important:

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Position	
<u>Management Committee</u>	
President	Peter Smith
Vice President	Bevan Turner
Secretary	Lorraine Gregory
Assistant Secretary	Kerry Darton
Treasurer	Doug Forbes
Assistant Treasurer	Katarina Hayston Carol Money
5 th Committee Member	Barry Kirkham
<u>Officers & Instructors – General</u>	
Membership Director	Linda Forbes
Assistant Membership Officer	Carol South
Librarian	Linda Forbes
Field Trip Officer	Garry Gatfield
Competition Organiser	Barry Kirkham
Assistant Competition Organiser	Peter Smith
First Aid Officers	Carol Gatfield Carol South Jim Jeavons
Instructor – Faceting	Tony Wheate Laurie Stacey
Maintenance Officer	Tom Power
Newsletter Editor	Andrew Turkington
Instructor Enamelling	Carol Gatfield Helen Morriarty Kerry Darton
Purchasing Officers	Milton Fox (Morning tea etc) Tom Power (Maintenance) Kerry Darton (Silver, etc)
QLACCA Delegate	Ray Wilson
Relief Duty Officer	Peter Smith
Safety Officers	Thierry Tomczak
Web Administrator	Ray Wilson
<u>Gem Show - 2017</u>	
Convenor	Ray Wilson
Assistant Convenor	Barry Kirkham
Show Committee Member	Bevan Turner Peter Smith Kathy Walsh
Canteen Convenor	Ann Bell
Traders & Tailgaters	Scott Bell
<u>Officers & Instructors – Monday 7 to 9 pm</u>	
Duty Officer	Laurie Stacey
Duty Officer (back up)	Garry Gatfield
Instructor - Cabochon	Barry Waller
Instructor - Cabochon (back up)	Ray Wilson
Instructor – Silver Smithing	Carol Gatfield

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Instructor – Silver Smithing (back-up)	Paul Fulloon Mary Lancaster
Instructor – Opal Cutting	John Fleming
Officers & Instructors – Tuesday 7 to 9 pm	
Duty Officer	Wendy Olsen
Duty Officer (back up)	Ashley Olsen
Instructor – Silver Smithing	Pam Kinsela
Instructor – Silver Smithing (back-up)	Jeff O’Dea
Officers & Instructors – Wednesday 9 am to 12 noon	
Duty Officer	Garry Gatfield
Duty Officer (back up)	Kathy Walsh
Instructor - Cabochon	Barry Waller
Instructor – Opal Cutting	John Fleming
Instructor – Silver Smithing	Linda Forbes
Instructor – Silver Smithing (back-up)	Carol Gatfield Peter Smith
Officers & Instructors – Friday 7 to 9 pm	
Duty Officer	Laraine Power
Duty Officer (back up)	Katarina Hayston
Instructor - Cabochon	Tom Power Peter Smith
Instructor – silver Smithing	Carol Money
Instructor Silver Smithing (back up)	Peter Smith
Officers & Instructors – Saturday ??	
Duty Officer	Katarina Hayston
Duty Officer (back up)	Ben Deesy
Birthday Celebrations Committee	
Convenor	Garry Gatfield
Members	Laraine Powers Carol South Carol Gatfield Anne Bell Desli Pomfret
Review of Constitution Committee	
Convenor	Lorraine Gregory
Members	Katrina Hayston Bevan Turner Ray Wilson

New Members



We are welcoming.

Anne-Marie Foley
Thibaud Olivi
And Claudia Bird

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

Birthdays in February



A very **Happy Birthday** to Zelda Griffin, Laraine Power, Ross Richards, Colin James, Janet Hiley, Anne Bell, Cherry Hayes, Jenny McLaurie, Ross Beattie, Dawn Beattie, Kerry Darton, Linsey Geck, Klaus James Ruhe, Michelle Windsor, Damien Schneider, Teegan Olsen, Caroline Atkinson and Carolyn Stocker

This will be no more Birthday wishes, unless you are celebrating a particularly auspicious birthday and also let the editor know.

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Personal News



Our best wishes and warm thoughts go to everyone currently not well and recovering from an illness. Our thoughts also go to the families of all who go through a difficult time.

Club News

Membership 2016=====THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE=====

From 1st March onwards everyone wishing to remain with the NBLC will have to rejoin – which means paying the joining fee as well as the annual fee.

So if you have not yet paid, do so by Feb 29th please.

All members who have re-joined will either have their new badges. If you have not received your badge, please pick it up at the club. The badge is to be worn at all times when in the club. For one it is polite to display your name when you are in the club rooms, eliminating embarrassing moments of not remembering a name. Another reason is that it shows that you are in fact a current member of the NBLC.

Courses & Workshops

Events Calendar

Date	Activity	Instructor	Cost	Comments
5 & 6 th March 2016	NBLC Gemshow			Bracken Ridge State High School, Barfoot Street.

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NBLC turns 50 this year. A milestone worthy of recognition.

The date, for your diary, is October 15. The function will be in 2 parts; a gathering at the club in the late afternoon for casual drinks and nibbles and to meet up with dignitaries and members who may not visit the club as regularly as they did over past years. A memorabilia display will be available for viewing.

The celebrations will then move to Norths Devils for a 3 course meal commencing at 6.30pm. The cost of the function will be between \$30 -\$35 per head of which the club will subsidise attendees by 50%. (partners and spouses will also be subsidised)

Vibratory Tumbler For Sale by Tender

The club has a second hand vibratory tumbler for sale (TV-5 Tumble Vibe). The specs of the machine can be found here: http://www.raytechmetalfinishing.com/vibratory-tumblers/standard-models/raymf_vt_sm_tv5.php

The machine is ideal as a jewellery burnisher but can also be used to tumble rocks. The machine is bare of any metal shot or grit. It can be viewed at the club.

Anyone interested can forward their best offer to Bevan Turner at: bevanchris@live.com by 30 March. If equal high bids are received the earliest lodged bid will be successful.

