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Kirkham

No dog cartoon

A big 'hello' to the official
readership of 11!



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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 \$15.00 Junior member		\$10.00 Annual postage required for Crystal Lines (members only)

WORKSHOP FEES	OTHER FEES	CUTTING & TOOL FEES
\$3.00 Per work session	\$5.00 Badges members	No cutting fees.
0	\$6.00 Badges non-members	
	\$35.00 Club T-shirts	
	Free Club bumper stickers	
	Silver sales available	

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK,

Hi as most of you know I have been away relaxing, while the rest of you have had a busy two months here at the club. Now I'm back I will be pushing the same thing I do at this time every year our **competitions**.

I'm disappointed to find only one entry in the bi - monthly Facet competition. I believe this competition is an excellent way for inexperienced faceters to learn new cuts and improve their faceting skills.

During the next two or three weeks I will be upgrading the activities Program. I intend to program a number of courses designed to help members with their competition pieces. We have five (5) competitions between now and the end of the 2017 Gem Show.

The Christmas party jewellery Comp, and
The Four (4) competitions in the Presidents Challenge;
Jewellery /Cabochon/ Faceting and most appealing Gem Stone.

Notes on all the competitions are available at the Club.

I know we think they are a long way off, but time will get away from us we need to start on our pieces now.

I have scheduled a Working party on Sunday 17th July.

My aim is to clean out the saw room and service all the saws,

Clean and reorganize the facet room,

Clean and reorganize the main storage area and any other areas that need cleaning.

If you can help, please place your name on the list in the club.

The repair of unserviceable equipment in the club sometimes takes a lot longer than it should. To help rectify the problem a small white board is to be erected in the club so any member can report unserviceable equipment. If you find something that needs fixing write it on the board, then tell the Duty Officer. If it is a safety problem the Duty Officer will take steps to rectify the problem. If it is routine the maintenance member will fix it as soon as possible. If we all report things it will help.

Last but not Least

We expect a lot from the Duty Officer at the club. They have a lot to do and as a rule they do it very well. But some members don't make life easy for them. Play by the rules pay your work fees at your first opportunity, don't leave it thinking, 'I'll do it later.' Have the correct money if possible. Duty Officers should not have to chase you around to see who has not paid. A little bit of forethought can make the duty officers life a lot easier. On behalf of all members I thank the Duty Officers for their efforts.

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LIFE MEMBERS

An apology is due to Barry Kirkham. His name was inadvertently left of last month's list of Life Members. Thanks for your contribution to the club Barry.

GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Upgrade of the entry area.

Council approval has been received to undertake the works. Tuffbuild have been advised and we are now awaiting approval from the Building Certifier for the works to commence

Gem Cabinet

The meeting acknowledged the work being done by Sally Lyon and Barry Waller to sort out the Gem Cabinets. It was noted that many favourable comments were being received.

Gem testing equipment

Peter Smith also advised that equipment has been set up in the Gemmology Room to assist in the identification of stones. The equipment includes a device to measure specific gravity and, shortly, a polar-a-scope.

Swap of the Gemmology Room and the Office

Thank you to Carol South, Bevan Turner, Barry Kirkham, Linda Forbes, Gareth Gregory, Doug Forbes and Lorraine Gregory for their efforts to swap these rooms.

A sadder note

Concerns have been raised about bullying by some club members.

EDITORIAL

A short newsletter this month. I'll publish just about anything as we only have 11 actual readers!!!! Feel free to contribute. Feedback is always welcome, although often ignored.

Bullying-your opinion of me only matters if I respect you. If you don't like me please ignore me as I'm sure I won't like you.....