



QLACCA NEWS

Queensland Lapidary and Allied Craft Clubs Association Incorporated
Established 1982

May/June 2024

GEMBOREE 2024 QUEENSLAND TROPHY WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Ian Bell (Suncoast)



John Duff, Ron Tillack & Dave Radke
(Toowoomba)-



Denise Whitehead (MINSOC)



Anne Bradford (Caboolture)

QLACCA

*Management Meeting 8.30am to 9.30am followed
by General Delegates Meeting 10.00am*

13th July 2024

Gunyah Clubrooms

52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights QLD

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi Members,

Both Les & I are back from our travels to the GEMBOREE at Willunga SA, we enjoyed the time at Willunga especially catching up with many of our fellow gems friends. Well done SA team for a great show. We only got rain on the last day. We also travelled around SA going to Edithburgh, Goolwa, Victor Harbour and Renmark, We were again lucky with the rain. Rained in Goolwa but it didn't dampen us going out. We also went over to Geelong (VIC) to see my family. It was a great 3 weeks away.

Queensland members did very well at the GEMBOREE as you will see later in the newsletter.

We have put all the results for Queensland on the back pages for you to see. Queensland took home 9 of the top trophies, and various 1st, 2nd and 3rd medallions. Well done to all who put entries in for the GEMBOREE 2024.

Don't forget to check the calendar for all the up-and-coming Gem Shows.

We do have some changes these are listed further in Newsletter

PLEASE PASS ON THE NEWSLETTER TO YOUR MEMBERS BY EMAIL IF POSSIBLE

We will catch you around the fields

Cheers

Anne & Les

You can email Anne at:-

qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au



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“President’s Report”

Hi Rockhounds,

Well the 2024 GEMBOREE has come and gone and from all accounts South Australia has run a successful event with the weather gods being kind to them.

Anne and I made the trip to the south to attend the GEMBOREE and we met up with a lot of friends from the GEMBOREE at Dayboro.

The GEMBOREE booklet for 2025 at Ballarat, Victoria is now available with a copy being included with this newsletter, be sure to read all about it as some things are different to other GEMBOREE’S.

Ballarat is in that gold finding area so don’t forget your metal detectors.

You will be pleased to know that Queensland took home a bunch of awards from the competition with the Toowoomba Club members getting the top 3 awards for Champion Open, Champion Intermediate and Champion Novice. Well done Toowoomba Club.

I have to mention Anne Bradford who after being coaxed to enter for the first time collected a section medallion and an overall trophy for her wire wrapping. The smile on Anne’s face said it all. As I’ve said before **“You never know if you never try”**

Well done to all that entered and those who got an award or medallion.

In this newsletter you will see information regarding our next QLACCA training weekend and also a report on the first training weekend, which was well attended and from all reports, those that attended had a great informative weekend.

A big thank you to Kerry Myatt and Gary and Trish Campbell for their input and knowledge for their part of the weekend.

Over the last month QLACCA attended the Mt Gravatt Club show and had a visit to the North Brisbane Club. It is good to see the different club room set ups and the information that the clubs supply to both new and older members. The Club members’ workmanship we had seen on display was outstanding and me being a lover of knives, I was drawn to Viv Sakrzewski’s from Mt Gravatt clubs display of Gemstone handle knives. They were absolutely brilliant.

As we mentioned before QLACCA is looking to recognize those early club members that have had some input into the starting and running of QLACCA. You will see a mention of one of these members in this issue. Let us know of any member of your club that has made a contribution towards our hobby of lapidary or QLACCA.

Well, that’s all for now

Catch you at the fossicking fields!

Les Hathaway

President QLACCA Inc.

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QLACCA MEMBER CLUBS

Atherton Tablelands Mineral & Lapidary Club
Clubrooms: Racecourse Road, Tolga
P.O. Box 679, Tolga 4882

Beenleigh Lapidary Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: Gate 6, Beenleigh Showgrounds,
Kent Street, Beenleigh
P.O. Box 12, Beenleigh 4207

Bowen & Collinsville Lapidary Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: Mt Nutt Road, Queens Beach, Bowen
P.O. Box 780, Bowen 4805

Bribie Island Gem & Fossicking Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: 191 Sutherland Drive, Banksia Beach
P.O. Box 1166, Bongaree 4507

Burdekin Gem & Mineral Society Inc.,
86-88 Graham Street, Ayr 4807

The Caboolture Gem Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: Caboolture Historical Village,
280 Beerburum Road, Caboolture 4510

Cairns Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: 129 Mulgrave Road, Cairns
P.O. Box 389 Westcourt, Cairns 4870

Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: 9 Caloundra Road, Caloundra 4551

Chinchilla Lapidary & Gemstone Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: 3 Villiers Street, Chinchilla
P.O. Box 496, Chinchilla 4413

Community Lapidary Club Inc.,
Clubrooms: 14 Worongary Road, Mudgeeraba
P.O. Box 674, Runaway Bay 4216

Gemmological Association of Australia (QLD)
PO Box 91, Aspley 4034

Gatton Lapidary Club Inc.
Clubrooms: North Street, under Shire Hall,
PO Box 93, Gatton 4343

Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club Inc.
Clubrooms: Roy Day Park, Sapphire
PO Box 127, Sapphire 4207

Gold Coast Lapidary Club,
Clubrooms: 80 Pacific Avenue, Miami
PO Box 12 Nobby Beach 4218

Gonyah Lapidary Club Inc.
Clubrooms: 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights 4012

Innisfail & District Gem & Allied Crafts Club Inc.
Clubrooms: 6 River Avenue, Innisfail
PO Box 58, Innisfail 4860

Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Inc.
Clubrooms: 16 Thomas Street, Blackstone 4304
P.O. Box 58, Innisfail 4860

Mackay Gem & Craft Club,
3 Leisure Street, South Mackay 4720

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Clubrooms: 46 Fernydell Street, Ashgrove.
P.O. Box 181, Everton Park 4053

MINSOQ Inc.
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P.O. Box 150, Mt Gravatt 4122

Mt Gravatt Lapidary Society Inc.
Carson Lane, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt
PO Box 150 Mt Gravatt 4122

Mt Isa Lapidary Club Inc.
4 Issacson Road, Mount Isa 4825

North Brisbane Lapidary Club Inc.
Albert Bishop Park, Nudgee Rd,
PO Box 48, Northgate 4013

Roma & District Lapidary & Mineral Society Inc.,
17 McDowell Street, Roma
PO Box 40 Roma 4455

South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club Inc.
Shed 2, Enterprise Centre, 6 Cornish Street, Kingaroy
P.O. Box 574 Kingaroy 4610

South West Brisbane Lapidary Club
PO Box 172, Moorooka 4105

Suncoast Gem & Fossicking Club Inc.
Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim
PO Box 6083 Maroochydore BC 4558

Toowoomba Lapidary Club Inc.
4 William Street, Toowoomba.
PO Box 7858 Toowoomba South 4350

Townsville Gem & Mineral Club Inc.
96 Mooney Street, Gulliver 4812

Tully Gem Club Inc.
Clubrooms: Showgrounds, Butler Street, Tully
PO Box 1195 Tully 4854

Warwick & District Lapidary Club Inc.
Clubrooms: Barnes Park, 61 Horseman Road, Warwick
PO Box 123, Warwick 4378

Waterloo Bay Lapidary Club Inc.
Clubrooms: Cnr Brand & Ramsay Street, Hemmant
PO Box 114 Wynnum Central 4178

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Upcoming Important Dates 2024

Please advise us of any changes and updates

June 15th & 16th June

QLACCA Training/courses

Saturday 9.00am till 4.00pm

Gunnyah Clubrooms 52 Cressey St, Wavell Heights

Sunday 9.00am till 4.00pm

(See further information from your secretary and in newsletter)

June 29th

Gold Coast Lapidary Club Gem Show

Saturday 8.00am till 4.00pm

Pizzey Park, 80 Pacific Avenue, Miami

July 20th & 21st

Townsville Sports Precinct

Saturday 9.00am till 4.00pm

24 Burke St, North Ward

Sunday 9.00am till 2.00pm

(Please note:- new venue)

July 27th & 28th

Cairns Gemfest

Saturday 9.00am till 4.00pm

Cairns Youth Centre Grounds,

Sunday 9.00am till 3.00pm

129 Mulgrave Rd, Cairns

August 3rd

Caboolture Gemfest

Saturday 9.00am till 4.30pm

Caboolture Showgrounds, Beerburrum Road

Caboolture

(Please note :- new venue)

August 4th

Atherton Tablelands GEM FEST

Sunday 7.00am till 3.00pm

Racecourse Road, TOLGA ATHERTON

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All dates were correct at time of printing



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“A Special News Article”

Recognizing & applauding our early QLACCA Foundations

Over the next few months QLACCA will recognize some of the club member who have helped in the building of the association. It has long been said that a good association is only built on good foundations.

Those foundations reflect on the current committee of QLACCA who are aware of the countless hours of voluntary work that those early members did to establish QLACCA. One of those members is Lloyd Hosking from Mitchelton Gem Club. If you read in the booklet for GEMBOREE '25 the trophy AT-02 is now called the Lloyd Hosking trophy for hand fabricated jewellery. This trophy will be a yearly thing at all GEMBOREE's. Lloyd's list of involvement with QLACCA and lapidary is very long and to mention a couple of items, involvement in the commercial side of Lapidary, native land titles and fossicking grounds, gem mines in central Queensland, various committee positions at Mitchelton Gem Club, QLACCA and GEMBOREE'S.

When told about QLACCA nominating Lloyd for trophy naming, he asked for the following to be included in the newsletter.

Lloyd's Reply



“Not everyone who is passionate about their hobby is doing it for recognition, however when it comes along it certainly is appreciated, just recently I was nominated by Les & Anne representing QLACCA Inc to have my name included in the annual AFLACA Inc. trophy list for the annual lapidary competition held each year at the GEMBOREE.

These associations have over the years achieved a terrific amount of things relating to our hobby and it has been a privilege and a pleasure to be included in this aspect of our hobby, this is reflected in the things they have achieved in putting our hobby out there for not only the Lapidary (Gem) clubs in Australia, but for anyone interested in fossicking for and working on the treasure that are so abundant in this country.

Not to do anything by halves I have been possibly at times carried away with enthusiasm, however when I look back on the achievements that these organizations (comprised solely of volunteers from many lapidary (Gem) clubs all over Australia) I can only be thrilled to have helped contribute in a small part to our hobby.”

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“A Special News Article”

Continued

Over the years QLACCA has been invited to mediate in club activities on an advisory basis only and with the experience of certain members has been instrumental in helping these clubs. Over the years there has been a lot of delegates from many clubs that have put their expertise forward to help the Gem clubs of Queensland, in fact too many to list here however there was a few who went above the line to help.

Here is a small list of Gem Club members that warrant special mention, there are many more that have come forward to help make this hobby what it is and to all of them a special thanks.

Jim Harrison & Dave Radke -Toowoomba Club, Charlie Saddler- Redcliffe Club, Barry Waters & Clyde Egert-Beenleigh Club, John Nedwick & Errol Johnson-Mitchelton Club, Jack Taylor – Mt Gravatt Club, Gresh Godwin & Arthur (Arty) Keen- Gunyah Club, Len Witt & Greg Gosden- North Brisbane Club, Pat Gibson- Gold Coast Club, Graham McLean-Ipswich Club, Peter Thwaite- Gatton Club, and Bill Reece- Cairns Club.

These days the club delegates that form QLACCA Inc. would have to be the most professional committee I have ever had the pleasure to be part of.

The enthusiasm expresses by them in trying to help our hobby has never been higher, Les & Anne have excelled in their endeavour and this has been backed up from delegates out of such organizations as GAA and MINSOC, who have contributed greatly, there is renewed enthusiasm to promote our hobby and it is reflected in the number of new clubs joining up, lately we have had delegates from Cairns club to the Community Gem Club at Mudgeeraba attending the meetings with ideas to improve the hobby.

Just remember if you want to be part of this dedicated group of rockhounds you are most welcome, there is provision to reimburse delegates who have to travel that bit further to attend and put their ideas and enquires forward.

To All those delegates and member clubs.....”Thank-you”

Lloyd Hosking Mitchelton Gem Club



Chinchilla Field
trip 2023

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QLACCA TRAINING WORKSHOP

Saturday 15th June

At Gonyah Lapidary Club

53 Cressey St, Wavell Heights

OPAL and SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP

Dear Member Clubs,

The Queensland Lapidary & Allied Craft Clubs Assn Inc. will be providing a workshop on Opals and Silversmithing including demonstrations for club members interested in these fields of lapidary. Clubs are asked to nominate individual members wishing to attend this workshop. Depending on numbers and locality we will endeavour to accommodate all. The workshop will be held in SE Qld on Saturday 15th June 2024 at the Gonyah Lapidary Club, 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights commencing at 9am.

The workshop will be 1 day with candidates receiving a certificate. Candidates are asked to bring a copy of the Judging & Rules Manual, issue no. 8 (if you have one, each club should have a copy). Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. Proceeds from the GEMBOREE will contribute to workshop costs resulting in a nominal discounted fee of \$10.00 for each candidate, to be collected on the day.

WE DO HAVE LIMITED NUMBERS FOR THIS EVENT (10-15 people) SO GET IN EARLY

Clubs can nominate members below, scan and send to QLACCA Secretary – qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au or contact QLACCA J & R panel on 0405 948 162.

Opal & Silversmithing workshop

..... (Club Name), wishes to nominate the following members for the Opal & Silversmithing Workshop.

Candidate Name: Phone:

Location: SE Qld on 15/6/24 ☐ or nominate preferred location

Email:

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Location: SE Qld on 15/6/24 ☐ or nominate preferred location

Email:

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QLACCA TRAINING WORKSHOP

Sunday 16th June

At Gunyah Lapidary Club

53 Cressey St, Wavell Heights

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Dear Member Clubs,

The Queensland Lapidary & Allied Craft Clubs Assn Inc. will be providing General Instructor Training for current instructors and those members interested in being an instructor. Clubs are asked to nominate individual members wishing to undertake this training. Depending on numbers and locality we will endeavour to accommodate all. The initial Instructor training day will be held in SE Qld on Sunday 16th June 2024 at the Gunyah Lapidary Club, 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights commencing at 9am.

The Training will be 1 day with candidates receiving a certificate upon completion. Candidates are asked to bring a copy of the Judging & Rules Manual, issue no. 8 (if you have one, each club should have a copy), training notes will be provided. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. Proceeds from the GEMBOREE will contribute to training costs resulting in a nominal discounted fee of \$10.00 for each candidate to be collected on the day.

WE DO HAVE LIMITED NUMBERS FOR THIS EVENT (8 people) SO GET IN EARLY

Clubs can nominate members below, scan and send to QLACCA Secretary – qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au or contact QLACCA J & R panel on 0405 948 162.

Instructor Training

..... (Club Name), wishes to nominate the following members for the Instructor Training.

Candidate Name: Phone:

Location: SE Qld on 16/6/24 ☐ or nominate preferred location

Email:

Candidate Name: Phone:

Location: SE Qld on 16/6/24 ☐ nominate preferred location

Email:

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Story from Caloundra Lapidary Club



"A heartwarming story from the Caloundra Lapidary Club. For the last few years, we have had a member who has special needs learning how to create cabochons under the watchful eyes of our cabbing instructors. A few months ago, Ben decided he wanted to learn silversmithing, so in he came to the silver room very eager. What a gem he is to teach. He carefully memorised the various steps in making a twisted chain bracelet and over the last two sessions he has made himself a thumb ring – he was absolutely delighted with his achievements. I gave him some exercises to teach him to use the saw properly – he was a master from the start. Something that doesn't always come easy to a few of us. It is very rewarding as a teacher to see Ben flourish – go Ben! "

QLACCA Training Weekend April 20th & 21st

The first QLACCA Training weekend was a great success. It consisted of the Saturday sessions with Gary and Trish Campbell, and Sunday with Kerry Myatt.

Gary did a great job talking about cabbing and the judging of cabs, then Trish did a talk on carving and the way to getting a show winning item.

Then both Gary and Trish spoke about silversmithing and making show winning jewellery. All these talks were informative and interesting as both Gary and Trish are AFLACA & QLACCA level 4 judges and have been involved in lapidary for many years.

On Sunday we were trained in the way of how to steward a competition at both club level and state and national level. This training was done by Kerry Myatt from our J & R team who had put together a very good programme to achieve good results. This was followed by a written test to give you some experience in the workings of a show steward. The test was a good finish for the weekend with lots of laughs.

All participants over the weekend received a certificate of attendance.

Thank you so much to Kerry, Donna, Deb, Trish and Gary for all your help.

Don't forget the next training weekend on 15th & 16th June.



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"Interesting snippets from Clubs in The Australian Lapidary Magazine 1967"

GUNYAH LAPIDARY CLUB, QLD.

Members are now feverishly busy in the process of erecting our very glamorous new club rooms on the Wavell Heights Neighbourhood Society grounds. The Society has very kindly agreed to let us have the area for the erection of our club rooms, which are quite spacious.

The building is 40' x 20', double storey, with a ground floor being reserved for cutting and polishing work, and the upper floor eventually for jewellery work and general social activities.

The work is proceeding at a tremendous pace, and we should be able to move into the new building by the middle of October at the latest. All sorts of plans are now being "hatched" to increase interest by our members and to add to the spirit of goodwill.

All members of other clubs are invited to visit us, of course, by contacting the undersigned or our President, Mr. George King (phone 57-2323).

Our temporary club rooms were flooded out to a depth of about 3ft. during the big rains in June, but we soon had it straightened out and all the machinery working again.

Visitors from the south may not know how many locations there are around Brisbane. You are invited to contact us if you feel the urge to go "rocking", and we will be happy to give you some good good directions.

— A. L. Faulkner.

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TOWNSVILLE GEM & MINERAL CLUB, QLD.

The club's workshop has been busily compensating for the inactivity in July, when we were forced to find new premises. The "new" workshop is an old house which looks at least a century old and rattles furiously in tune to the machinery. However, club members have recovered from their first alarm at such antics, and the place now seems "homey".

School holidays gave many members the opportunity to go fossicking — some to Agate Creek and others to Lightning Ridge.

On September 7, the annual general meeting was held and office-bearers elected.

— S. Browne.

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BEENLEIGH LAPIDARY CLUB, QLD.

Here we are again after not being heard of for a few months. It is also quite a while since I have contributed to this column.

Our Publicity Officer and Treasurer, Joyce Moore, has been unable to attend the club lately as her husband Ernie has been very ill in hospital. Hope to see you up and about soon, Ernie!

For our last two field trips we have chartered a bus, an ideal way to travel, although I must admit fares did not add up to expenses, but we should be able to overcome this with larger attendances.

Gold Coast Lapidary Club members visited us for our September meeting. Two displays in close succession, one for the Beenleigh Show on September 16, and the other for the Cane Festival on October 7, showed what members have been doing. Really magnificent displays, especially the faceted stones, thanks to our Chief Instructor, Bob Salisbury.

Do any other clubs do faceting, or may we assume to be the only club in the country engaged in this line of work?

— Barry Waters.

TULLY & DISTRICT LAPIDARY CLUB, NORTH QLD.

...Following a free "Public Awareness of Lapidary" display which was staged in the Irish Club Hall, Tully, on Sunday, September 10, a meeting was held and a club was formed to cater for the needs of people in Tully's surrounding districts interested in Geology, Lapidary, Mineralogy, Gemology and Palaeontology.

The Display included collections from Townsville, Cairns and Mission Beach.

The club's next meeting will be a field day to the Ravenshoe District on Sunday, October 1.

The club has for exchange or sale very good quality North Queensland Green Opalite and Red Mahogany Jasper.

— L. E. Elliott.

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Stories from National Gem & Mineral Show GEMBOREE Willunga 2024

GEMBOREE® Champion Lapidary Trophies: Toowoomba takes all

Participation, patience and persistence has paid off for these three lapidaries who have been cutting for many years. Despite all three men having had a challenging and demanding year, they all resolved to prepare entries for the highest (Level 4) competition in Australia. They were spurred on with the possibility of capturing the top three trophies ... and they did it!!

This year was the 60th anniversary of GEMBOREE®, held at Willunga, near Adelaide from 29 March to 1 April 2024. The wide range of entries on display including gemstone cutting styles (eg cabochon and faceting), carving and jewellery making showed there are many aspects of lapidary that can be pursued.



John Duff (Novice), Ron Tillack (Intermediate), Dave Radke (Open)

OPEN Champion Lapidary winner of the Tom Jenkins Trophy is Dave Radke

This trophy is for the highest aggregate score in the **FIVE** specified Open Sections:

1. Standard Cabochon, Specified size, craftsmanship: 98.75%, 2nd place.
2. Double Fancy Cabochon, craftsmanship: 90.70%, 1st place.
3. Fancy Cabochon, craftsmanship: 89%, 10th place.
4. Opal Doublet – Flat Top, craftsmanship: 94.45%, 2nd place.
5. Standard Brilliant – Continuous Girdle: 96.10%, 5th place.

Dave Radke took out Open Champion Lapidary for the sixth time in eight years of entering in the Open Section of Australia's highest level of competition. That required cutting in three cabochon sections, an opal doublet, and a faceted stone. Over the eight years, a total of nine entries achieved top marks of 100%. Dave is a Life Member of the Toowoomba Lapidary Club, has provided Cabochon and Faceting training, and has volunteered time on several management positions since 1997. He is also a Cabochon Judge for Queensland-organised competitions, and a National Faceting Judge.

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INTERMEDIATE Champion Lapidary winner of the Harold Evans Trophy is Ron Tillack

This trophy is for the highest aggregate score of in **any THREE** of the FOUR nominated Intermediate Sections:

1. Standard Cabochon, craftsmanship: 92%, 2nd place.
2. Fancy Cabochon, craftsmanship: 89.50%, 1st place.
3. Commercial Mount Jewellery – Pendant: 90.75%, 3rd place.

Ron Tillack first tried his hand at cutting for this Level 4 competition by entering into the 2022 GEMBOREE®, and after achieving a few placings, tried again in 2023 ... and success! Ron was awarded the Norm Patison Trophy (Novice Champion Lapidary) for the highest aggregate score in four-out-of-five nominated Novice Sections. This year, Ron had to cut in Intermediate, and won outright. He also placed a further eleven entries in a number of other Sections with excellent results, scoring 2 x Gold, 3 x Silver and 3 x Bronze medallions. Ron is a Life Member of the Toowoomba Lapidary Club, is a Cabochon cutting instructor and looks after the gemstone cutting machinery as workshop manager. He has held several other management positions over the years since joining in 1988.

NOVICE Champion Lapidary winner of the Norm Patison Trophy is John Duff

This trophy is for the highest aggregate score in **any FOUR** of the FIVE nominated Novice Sections:

1. Standard Cabochon, craftsmanship: 92.90%, 1st place.
2. Fancy Cabochon, craftsmanship: 91.45%, 2nd place.
3. Double Standard Cabochon, craftsmanship: 92.00%, 1st place.
4. Standard Round Brilliant – Continuous girdle: 97.51%, 2nd place.

John Duff, after putting entries in other gemstone cutting competitions, with success, tried his hand at the highest level of cutting in Australia. This year, John placed entries in the Novice Section for the very first time. His results speak for themselves: achieving an extremely high standard of cutting. John is President of the Toowoomba Lapidary Club and has been teaching Cabochon cutting for a long time. He is also qualified as a Cabochon Judge for Queensland-organised competitions. John joined the Toowoomba Lapidary Club in 2005 and has been a willing and active volunteer, sharing this ancient craft of cutting with new members.



John Duff, President said:

“It makes me very proud to see these results.

“For a long time, our club has had a reputation and been recognised as providing a high level of instruction in both cabochon cutting and faceting.

“Hopefully these achievements inspire our next generation of volunteer tutors to keep up the good work.”

Written by and photographed by: Beverley Radke

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Gem show Flyers and other events

Gold Coast Lapidary Club Annual Show

Gems Craft and Jewellery Show

SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2024

8.00am to 4.00pm | 80 Pacific Avenue Miami

Competitions | Lucky Door Prizes | Sausage Sizzle

\$5 ENTRY
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GEMFEST 2024

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9am-4pm

Sun 28 July
9am - 3pm

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21st Sept. 2024

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Admission is free but any donation would be welcome.

TIME: 8 am to 4 pm

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If you have a flyer for your up-and-coming show, please send to me for inclusion in the newsletter

EMAIL:- glacca_sec@yahoo.com.au

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WILLINGA GEMBOREE 2024 QUEENSLAND RESULTS

There will be a full result list on our QLACCA Website

Trophy Results - GEMBOREE® 2024

PT-01 Tom Jenkins Trophy

Open - Champion Lapidary

Winner: Dave Radke Toowoomba

PT-02 Harold Evans Trophy

Intermediate - Champion Lapidary

Winner: Ron Tillack Toowoomba

PT-03 Norm Patison Trophy

Novice - Champion Lapidary

Winner: John Duff Toowoomba

PT-04 Ray Powell Trophy

Champion Club

Winner: Western Suburbs Western Suburbs

AT-01 Dorothy Caladine Trophy

Junior - Champion Lapidary

Winner: (Insufficient Entries) .

Insufficient Entries - Not awarded

AT-02 Far Out Crystals Gem & Minerals Trophy

Open - Hand Fab Jewellery with no Lapidary Items/s

Winner: Rosslyn Walker Enfield

AT-03 Dorothy Caladine Trophy

Junior - Carving

Winner: (No Entries) .

No Entries

AT-04 The Crystal Habit Trophy

Best Mineral of Show

Winner: Denise Whitehead Mineral Society QLD

AT-05 Val Annear Trophy

Open - Enamelling - Non Jewellery

Winner: Jimmy Lim Illawarra

AT-06 John S. Ryding Trophy

Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Fossil or Mineral

Winner: Marcia Hill Western Suburbs

AT-07 Harry Miller Trophy

Open - Standard Cabachon/AA

Winner: Bob McLean Port Hacking

AT-08 Earth Stones Trophy

Best Fossil of Show

Winner: Barbara Donati WA Lapidary

AT-09 George Lude Trophy

Open - 3 Australian Crystal Clusters

Winner: Denise Whitehead Mineral Society QLD

AT-10 Alex Amess Trophy

Open - Facet Cut

Winner: Ray Maunder AFG (NSW)

AT-11 Palloys Trophy

Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Lapidary Item/s

Winner: Hon Louie Nth Dist NSW

AT-12 Jim Johnson Trophy

Novice - Champion Mineral Entrant

Winner: Albert Kim Western Suburbs

AT-13 Broken Hill Centenary Trophy

Open - Champion Mineral Entrant

Winner: Denise Whitehead Mineral Society QLD

AT-14 Ted Koller Trophy

Open - Solid Opal Cut

Winner: Ian Bell Suncoast

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AT-15 Dazlyn Gems Trophy

Junior - Standard Cabachon/C

Winner: Eesa Amzar Essendon

AT-16 Peter Collins Trophy

Open - Champion Facetor

Winner: Lynne Webb Illawarra

AT-17 Arthur Roffey Trophy

Open - Showcase General - Lit

Winner: (No Award) .

No eligible entries

AT-18 Boris Novic Trophy

Open - Double Standard Cabachon/C

Winner: Ian Bell Suncoast

AT-19 Patrick C. Murphy Trophy

Junior - Champion Mineral Entrant

Winner: (No Entries) .

No eligible entries

AT-20 Cyril Kovac Trophy

Open - Mineral Showcase - Display - Lit

Winner: Marcia Hill Western Suburb

AT-21 Brian Bown Trophy

Open - Standard Cabachon/C

Winner: Hon Louie Nth Dist NSW

AT-22 Jack Bushby Trophy

Novice - Champion Facetor

Winner: Bob Castle Illawarra

AT-23 Dick Moppett Trophy

Open - Standard Facet Cuts

Winner: Lynne Webb Illawarra

AT-24 Chas Totterdell Trophy

Open - Hand Made Jewellery with Opal

Winner: Marcia Hill Western Suburb

AT-25 The Lapidary & Gem Clubs of Victoria Tr

Open - Carving

Winner: Marcia Hill Western Suburb

Michael Burgess No Club (NSW)

Kathy Selwood Orange

AT-26 Gold Coast School of Wirecraft Trophy

Wire Wrapped Jewellery

Winner: Anne Bradford Caboolture

AT-27 Tony Annear OAM Memorial Trophy Cham

All-Round Competitor

Winner: Marcia Hill Western Suburb

AT-28 Queensland Gem Clubs Association

Open - Cast Jewellery

Winner: Meryl Blundell Western Suburb

AT-29 Australian Facetors' Guild Trophy Interme

- Champion Facetor

Winner: Julie Schoonderbeek Orange

ST-03 Best Presented Trade Stand

Winner: Fluoromins Australia .

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O-1A.1/C Std Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	131	98.75
3rd	Ian Bell	Suncoast	407	98.35
	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	130	
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	264	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	273	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	274	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	152	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	151	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	438	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	439	

I-1A.2/C Std Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	138	92.00
3rd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	137	86.00
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	437	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	436	

N-1A.3/C Std Cabochon - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	John Duff	Toowoomba	240	92.90

O-1A.5/AA Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd	Ian Bell	Suncoast	408	96.30
	Ian Bell	Suncoast	409	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	275	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	276	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	425	

I-1A.6/AA Std Cabochon - A/Appeal - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	140	
	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	139	

O-1B.1/C Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	415	95.00
2nd	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	262	91.50
=3rd	Ian Bell	Suncoast	416	91.00
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	278	
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	263	
	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	132	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	277	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	158	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	442	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	441	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	157	

I-1B.2/C Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	142	89.50
2nd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	141	88.50
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	440	

N-1B.3/C Fancy Cabochon - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	John Duff	Toowoomba	242	91.45

O-1B.5/AA Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	418	97.15
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	267	
	Ian Bell	Suncoast	417	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	163	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	164	

I-1B.6/AA Fancy Cabochon - A/Appeal - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	144	93.50
2nd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	143	85.65

O-2A.1/C Double Std Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	421	98.40
=3rd	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	133	95.80
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	175	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	174	
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	265	

I-2A.2/C Double Std Cab - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	146	92.20
3rd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	145	89.50

N-2A.3/C Double Std Cab - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	John Duff	Toowoomba	241	92.00

O-2B.1/C Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	134	90.70
2nd	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	266	90.00
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	154	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	153	
Display Only!	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	279	
Display Only!	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	280	

I-2B.2/C Double Fancy Cab - Crafts - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	147	85.00
3rd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	148	64.50

O-3.1/C Free Form - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	419	97.75
	Ian Bell	Suncoast	420	
	Tomio Taguchi	Gold Coast	426	
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	268	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	155	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	156	

N-3.3/C Free Form - Crafts - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Glenn Markwell	Rockhampton	451	

O-3.5/C Free Form - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	413	100.00
=2nd	Ian Bell	Suncoast	414	99.50
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	269	

O-4A.1/C Opal Doublet- Flat Top - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	135	94.45
3rd	Ian Bell	Suncoast	411	93.00
	Ian Bell	Suncoast	412	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	271	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	272	

O-4B.1/C Opal Doublet - Domed Top - Crafts - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Ian Bell	Suncoast	410	97.50

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Q-7A.1/AA Sphere - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Russell Eadie	Rockhampton	428	89.75
2nd	Chloe Devenish	Rockhampton	446	85.50
3rd	Russell Eadie	Rockhampton	427	83.00
	Chloe Devenish	Rockhampton	447	
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	429	
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	430	

Q-8A.1 Standard Brilliant - Continuous Girdle - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	4	98.56
=2nd	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	5	97.75
	Dave Radke	Toowoomba	136	
	Steve Somerville	Caboolture	244	
	Steve Somerville	Caboolture	243	

I-8A.2 Standard Brilliant - Continuous Girdle - Inter

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	433	

N-8A.3 Std Round Brilliant - Continuous Girdle - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	John Duff	Toowoomba	239	97.51
=3rd	Glenn Markwell	Rockhampton	452	95.06
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	431	
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	432	
	Karen Berthelsen	Rockhampton	443	
	Karen Berthelsen	Rockhampton	444	

Q-8B.1 Std Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	8	
	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	9	
	Peter Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	281	

N-8B.3 Standard Round Brilliant - Faceted Girdle - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Leon Allen	Caboolture	403	

N-9A.3 Std Oblong Step Cut with Cut Corners - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Leon Allen	Caboolture	404	

N-10.3 JBCROSS - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Matthew Street	Caboolture	331	
	Domicella Meldere	Mount Gravatt	681	

Q-10.5 Montezuma Concavia - Concave Cut - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	10	93.82

Q-11.1 English Rose - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	7	96.00
	Frank Woodward	AFG (QLD)	6	

I-11.2 Vesper - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Steve Somerville	Caboolture	245	92.31

N-11.3 Petunia - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Glenn Markwell	Rockhampton	453	
	Matthew Street	Caboolture	330	
	Domicella Meldere	Mount Gravatt	682	

Q-12A.1 Tumbled Stones - Pre-Formed Shape - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	160	97.08
	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	391	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	159	
	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	392	

N-12A.2 Tumbled Stones - Pre-Formed Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	385	
	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	386	

Q-12B.1 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	161	94.08
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	162	
	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	393	
	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	394	

N-12B.2 Tumbled Stones - Natural Shape - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Leon Allen	Caboolture	402	
	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	388	
	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	387	

Q-13.1/AA Polished Face - Flat Surface - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	177	81.75
3rd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	176	78.75

Q-14.1/AA Polished Face - Curved Surface - A/Appeal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	168	89.50
Display Only!	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	169	

I-18A.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd	Donna Parker	Caboolture	229	96.00
	Donna Parker	Caboolture	228	

Q-18B.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Brian Boyce	Mitchelton	270	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	171	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	170	

I-18B.2 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Opal - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	395	90.55
3rd	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	396	81.00

N-18B.3 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
=2nd	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	397	90.75
=2nd	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	398	90.75

Q-18D.1 Hand Fabricated Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Donna Parker	Caboolture	231	
	Donna Parker	Caboolture	230	

Q-18E.1 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	173	88.25
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	172	
	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	434	
	Karen Berthelsen	Rockhampton	445	

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N-18E.2 Wire Wrapped Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	390	87.75
	Anne Bradford	Caboolture	389	

N-19B.2 Cast Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	400	
Display Only!	Les Hathaway	Caboolture	399	

O-25.1 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	184	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	183	

I-25.2 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Intermediate

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
3rd	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	150	90.75
	Ron Tillack	Toowoomba	149	

N-25.3 Commercial Mount Jewellery - Pendant - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Arthur Cleary	Rockhampton	435	93.15

O-26B.1 Enamelled Jewellery - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	167	
	Chloe Devenish	Rockhampton	450	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	166	

N-26B.2 Enamelled Jewellery - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Chloe Devenish	Rockhampton	449	75.50
2nd	Chloe Devenish	Rockhampton	448	74.75
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	165	

N-32A.2 Fossil - Non-Display - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	182	

O-34A.1 Mineral - Single Crystal - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
2nd	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	282	80.00
	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	283	

N-34A.2 Mineral - Single Specimen - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	186	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	185	

O-34A.4 Mineral - Crystal Cluster - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	286	93.00
3rd	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	287	81.00
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	180	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	181	

N-34A.5 Mineral - Crystal Cluster - Novice

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	179	
	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	178	

O-34B.4 Minerals - Group of 3, Thumbnail Clusters - Open

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
1st	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	284	85.32
3rd	Denise Whitehead	Mineral Society QLD	285	74.66

J-34B.6 Minerals - Group of 2, Thumbnail Clusters - Junior

	Name:	Club:	Entry:	Points:
Display Only!	Patricia Ward	Rockhampton	401	

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Entries verified with AFLACA Winners list dated 10-Dec-23

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place, this competition has been limited to "Judged before Show" Sections only! Therefore, any Sections listed in the Competition Schedule as "Judged at Show" will not appear in these Competition Results.

We would like to thank all of our Competitors and our Judges for their continued efforts to ensure that this competition remains a success.

