

CRYSTAL LINES

NORTH BRISBANE LAPIDARY CLUB Inc.

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WORK SESSIONS

Monday 7.30pm-9.30pm
Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am-12noon
Friday 7.30pm-9.30pm

Open other times by arrangement

WORKSHOP FEES

\$3.00 Per work session
\$5.00 Badges members
\$6.00 Badges non-members
\$30.00 Club T-shirts
Free Club bumper stickers

Silver sales @ \$1.30 per gram

JOINING FEES

\$15.00 First member
\$13.50 Second member
\$12.00 Pensioner
\$35.00 Family (at same address)
\$12.00 Associate member
\$12.00 Junior member

CUTTING FEES

Diamond grinders \$1.50 per ½ Hour or part thereof
24" saw 50c per sq inch
14" saw 50c per sq inch
10/12" saw 50c per sq inch
Trim saw 50c per cab
Tumbler hire \$15.00 per month

Annual postage required for *Crystal Lines* - \$6.00 (members only)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$26.00 First member
\$22.00 Second member
\$50.00 Family (2 adults & 2 children 12-18 years)
\$18.00 Pensioner Under 70 Years & Junior members

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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!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings All,

Time is passing quickly our May meeting is here. **ROCK-TOBER is GO**, so begins the preparation to make it a success, some input by members is needed to ensure this is both exciting and to show the public what you can achieve by joining our club. This is both a membership drive and a mini show. Ray will have a roster up in two weeks time, he is looking for volunteers for demonstrations and food preparation I know there will be plenty of volunteers.

The oversize trailer (for our garage) is still a problem (what to do with it) Ray also found time to buy a safe to protect our goodies and now is looking for a place to put. I received an email from Garry G. A progress report on the field trip. He says things are going O.K. Highlight so far **Barry & Dawn Chapman** found a 22 point diamond at **Copeton Dam**, there were plenty of jelly beans at **Stanifer** alas no sapphires or zircons. They stayed with **Pat & George** at **Lighting Ridge** and did ok noodling on the same dump as before. Ran into **Greg Godson** at **Glengarry** no luck noodling there. Also ran into **John & Hazel Broadfoot** at **Broken Hill** who travelled with the group to the **Flinders Ranges** were they stayed. **Gary** reported copper specimen from Blenman copper mine Flinders Ranges, next stop **Woomera & Andamooka**. I also talked to **Graham Kinsella** he was at **Golden Beach** 65 kms from Perth they met with **Wally & Audrey** in S.A. who were to meet the group and travel to **Alice Springs**.

Our in-house faceting competition had the second stone judged by **Tony Wheate**. There was a good improvement from the first stone with **Vicki Thompson** improving to 2nd place. **Well done Vicki**.

Pres. Steve

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the club **Harold Charles and Doreen McDougal**

June Birthdays.

Brian Brehmer, George Cross, Graham Fox, Milton Fox, Paul fulloon, Aileen Greensill, Ben Hope, Margaret James, Pam Kinsella, Maree Lindeberg, David Moad, Glen Spresser, Peter Stringfellow, David Venz, Patricia Windeyer.

Many Happy returns to you all.

Get Well:

To all those who are unwell or and complete recovery.

Oh gawd its nurse lcarol



injured please accept our best wishes for a speedy

Rock-tober Is coming

No I'm not losing my marbles. I have decided to repeat this in this month's edition to emphasize the importance of this new and exciting venture for us.

In this newsletter you will see an advertisement for Rock –tober, so I had better explain what it is. Rock-tober is a concept; it may work it may not. The intent is to promote the hobby of lapidary and the activities of North Brisbane Lapidary Club, by showcasing to the public, members participating in their hobby. A few guiding principles; it shouldn't be too onerous on anyone to organize, efforts of members on the day will be maximised on demonstrating lapidary and club activities and a minimum of effort on fund raising.

October was chosen as it is half way through the year between gem shows and there aren't any other gem shows in and around Brisbane at that time.

The structure for this year has been set. The date has been set as October 15. There will be about 15 outdoor stall sites and one dealer inside. All participants will be invited. A rolling program of demonstrations has been scheduled which can be seen on the advertisement. I expect that at those scheduled times at least there will be club members participating in those activities. There will be a roster published and volunteers will be called for but if we don't get sufficient volunteers, members will be allocated to tasks for 2-3 hours on the day. If members wish to spend more time using the club facilities to facet, cabochon or do silversmithing then all the better. We will need some volunteers for food and drink sales but again this will be limited to something simple like sausage and onion on bread, sliced cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Promotion of the event will commence with notification to all of the south east Queensland lapidary and associated clubs. Event promotion will also be through web sites and hopefully through free local newspapers. Given that it is something new we should be able to generate some editorial interest.

So what do I need of you? Firstly, put a date claimer for October 15 in your diaries or calendars, be prepared to put in a few hours on the day and if you have any ideas on getting the message out to the broader community then I would be happy to hear from you.

Ray Wilson.
Rock-tober

There is a poster/leaflet in PDF form on the website, for Rock-tober, for those that have a notice board they can pin it to.

The attachment is an article to answer questions about calibrated sizes etc.

Regards
Jim

Compilation of reports received from Gary Gatfield .

We just arrived in Pt Augusta, on schedule around lunch time today

Wally & Audrey were waiting for us at the Shoreline caravan pk, also Ray & Antonia as they came straight thru from Broken Hill with a flat tyre, so they missed the Flinders Ranges. Milton should also arrive back from Adelaide this arfternoon, as he had to pick Sue up from the airport.

Have temporarily lost the Kiwi's, also Barry & Dawn and Ross & Wanda have headed to Cowell jade and Pt Lincon for a few days.

The geology tour from Glenys (NZ) of the Flinders area was great, we did the 12 stop geology tour of the Brachina Gorge,

And saw where the Acraman ejecta layer from the meteorite crater 300km west of there, settled in the rock, in a very narrow band high in Iridium.

I also felt priveledged to see the Golden Spike, the brass geological marker that was spiked in 2004 for the new Edicaran geological era.

When Reg Spriggs found the Edicaran fossils in 1946, he had no idea that he would be the only geologist in the world, in the last 100 years,

To have found a new era and to have it officially added to the Pre-Cambrian era, the fossils are the first we know of multi-cellular orginasims.

The Flinders geology is world class and the scenery is simply spectuclar.

Regards,

Garry

We arrived in Coober Pedy today, which bills itself as the Opal capital of the world.

Noodling at Andamooka was poor, but there were a few good finds, most of the good colour was

In the bottles we purchased, and a few \$400 investments were made.

It rained in Andamooka last night, so it was a slightly muddy pack-up this morning.

A while back it didn't rain there for 5 years straight, we were in town 2 days and it rained – go figure!

Rick and Kay had van wheel and suspension problems on the road today, so that delayed our arrival until late arvo.

Toured an underground decline opal mine yesterday in the morning, then did some noodling, but after lunch

A 4wd trip to the edge of Lake Torrens, the 2nd largest in Aust. was great.

Only had a quick look at Woomera on the way through, as there wasn't much to see.

13 vehicles in convoy at present, the Kiwis are loving the trip.

Met up with John & Hazel Broadfoot at Broken Hill and toured the Flinders Ranges with them. (Editor of FACET-TALK)

Cold and windy tonight in Coober Pedy but should fine up tomorrow.

On the trip schedule we are still on time.

Regards,

Garry & Carol

We arrived in Alice Springs yesterday (Thur 2), and are mainly spread over 2 caravan parks.

We will visit Gosse's Bluff comet impact crater on Saturday.

Then we depart for Gemtree Caravan Park for 2 nights on Monday, then we move camp to Mudtank.

By that time Ray and his group should have arrived via the Plenty H'Way, at Mudtank.

Regards,

Garry

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

ROCK_TOBER is a reality. Well nearly so. What an exciting prospect. A new move for the club but one that has great potential as a fund raiser and a showcase for our Club.

Hopefully this will become an annual event that will provide another focus and an outlet for our many talented members to showcase their skills.

This is another inspiration from our hard working secretary **Ray Wilson** and I hope you will all get behind him on this.

I never cease to marvel at the strength of our organization when we can rally 60 or so people to take part in our annual Major Field Trip. It is a tribute to our immediate past president Garry who has been the driving force behind it. Not only members of our club but international visitors exploring the wonders of our country. **WELL DONE GARRY.**

Peter Moller

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SOME MORE IMAGES FROM OUR SHOW

OUR TREASURER SHOWS HIS TRUE COLOURS



CANTEEN STAFF HARD AT IT



Would you like fries with that?

Wish he'd put that camera away and do some work



There's that \$%^#& camera again.

SEE I'M SMILING!



I never new onions could be so much fun



Our new President and next year's Canteen organizer. Did our Camera person know something?



A BUSY PLACE