



# Bathurst Lapidary & Collectors Club Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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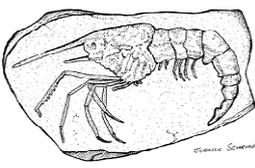
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH -  
EXCEPT JANUARY AT THE CLUBHOUSE (OLD EGLINTON FIRE SHED),

PARK STREET, EGLINTON.

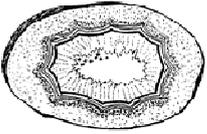
Meetings commence at 7.30pm. Enquires 63315404 or write P.O. Box 9156, Bathurst 2795

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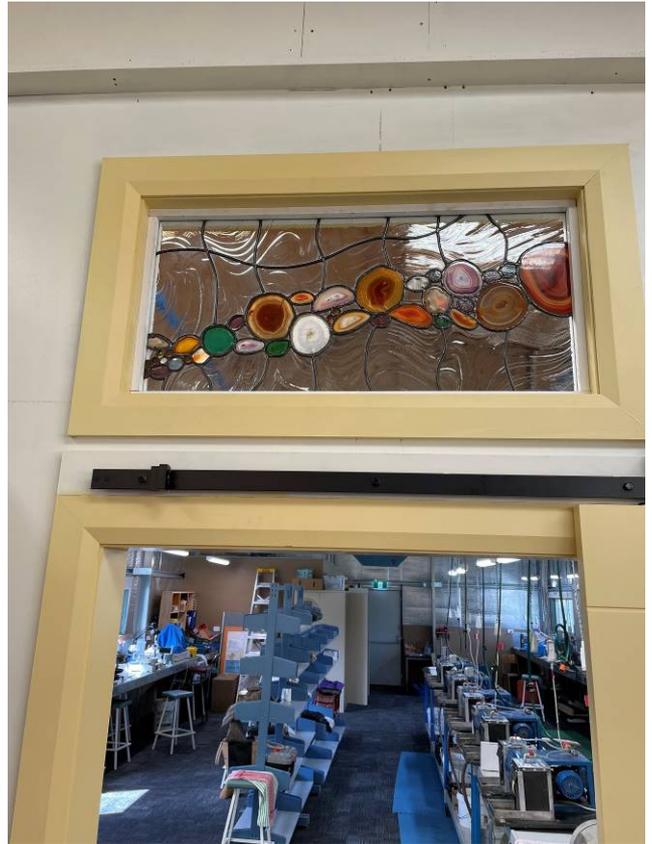





### MARCH - APRIL 2021 - UPCOMING PROGRAM

- 1st March **Monday - Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** – Remember your ‘Latest Acquisition’.
- 13th and 14th March **Saturday and Sunday – Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap** - Exhibition Park (EPIC) Acton Arena in Canberra – free entry - Fossickers and dealers selling minerals, crystals, jewellery, rough and cut gemstones, opals, fossils. Food Available. Sieve for sapphires and pan for gold.
- 2nd to 5th April **GEMBOREE 2021 Australia’s National Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show**, will be held at the Hobart Show Grounds, Glenorchy in Tasmania.
- 10th and 11th April **Saturday and Sunday – two day 2021 Orange Coin & Stamp Expo**, at the Orange High School Hall (subject to its availability), Woodward St, Orange from 9 to 4 on Saturday and 9 to 3 Sunday. The car park entrance is next to Duntryleague Golf Club. For off street parking turn left opposite United Petrol Station in Woodward St. and just prior to traffic lights. There will be displays of stamps, coins and banknotes, Sydney & Canberra & local dealers will be in attendance and will offer a range of Australian & World stamps, covers, coins, banknotes and accessories. Dealers are available to give valuations & appraisals. Admission is \$2; accompanied children free. For further information phone Howard on 0427 107 554
- 12th April **Monday - Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** – Remember your ‘Latest Acquisition’. Note meeting a week later due to Easter.
- 15th - 16th April **Thursday – Friday – Student School Holiday Lapidary Workshops - Workshop #03-21** – Presented by the Bathurst Lapidary & Collectors Club Inc. Lapidary is the cutting and polishing of minerals, gemstones and rocks to be used for jewellery or display. Learn the skills of cutting and polishing minerals and rocks in a two day workshop, with the possibility to set polished stones - all materials and instructions provided. **Venue:** Old Fire Shed – Park Street, Eglinton (next to Tennis Courts), **Minimum Age** - 8 years old. **Cost** - \$40.00 – includes Junior membership of the Club and to cover materials etc. **Times** - Starts 9.00 am – finish approx. 3.00 pm on each day. **Bring your own lunch**, with morning tea provided. **Wear** enclosed shoes (joggers). Numbers limited - 6 per workshop for safety reasons, so get your name down early! Pre-payment required for registration to be confirmed. **CONTACT:** Paul Martensz 63321017 or 0427 896 945 or email [martensz.paul@gmail.com](mailto:martensz.paul@gmail.com) for Registration and Payment details. **Book in NOW! See further information page 9.**
- 30th April-2nd May **Friday to Sunday - 2021 Royal Bathurst Show** – this is the 153rd show. The Bathurst Lapidary and Collectors Club sponsor the ‘Lapidary Section’. The Junior Section has been sub-divided into Primary and Secondary and revamped to expand possibilities compared to the 2019 Schedule. Members are urged to start entries early ready for the event. The lapidary judging day is Monday 20th April, so your pieces need to be in before this date. **Schedules will be available at the Club Rooms - just ask.**
- 3rd May **Monday - Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm** – Remember your ‘Latest Acquisition’.





Right - The very effective lead light window was very professionally made by Jan Manners and was installed by Brian and Robert, thanks everyone.

I see in an old Bathurst City Council's Public Relations Office that the Bathurst Lapidary Club met every Thursday, at 7pm, in their Clubrooms in Keppel Street (entrance via the lane to the rear of the Park Hotel.) It was listed by Mr. Gordon Bullock, Publicity and Tourist Officer, who built up quite a reputation with his personally typed letters to most of the enquiries.



The BBQ held at Bunnings saw a good number of volunteers turn out to feed the passing hoards. The BBQ was set up outside the plant nursery section rather than the front door but everyone was kept busy especially around lunchtime. Our efforts proved worthwhile. The cooks kept the nice plump snags ready when needed. Special thanks to Colin Hogg for his organisational expertise as well as purchasing the necessary food and catering supplies.



Left – Lapidary participants from U3A looking at cabochon examples at the club.

Right - Mervyn Gray with some of our Lapidary Club's reference books that he will show the group of U3A participants during the course. Thanks to those club members who helped out.



## OFFICIAL OPENING OF CLUB EXTENSION - WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021

Many past members would not believe the change to our 'new' clubhouse and all the organisation that it has taken to get to the official opening that was performed by the Hon. Paul Toole, Dip Teach MP., Member of the Legislative Assembly, Member for Bathurst and the Minister for Regional Transport and Roads. He was assisted by Monica Morse, OAM, and our Bathurst Regional councillor. I think Paul Toole wasn't quite expecting to see so much of a change.



Left – Jeff West, Paul Toole, Monica Morse, Brian Boydell and Paul Martensz. The Bathurst Lapidary and Collectors Club Inc. will now be able to conduct more adult and junior lapidary classes. The club will be able to further promote and teach the art of lapidary. Members will be able to learn how to facet, make gem trees, do enamelling, experiment with rock tumbling and extra aspects. Other allied lapidary crafts such as jewellery making, wire work and silver soldering will now be possible at most times.

Right - Paul Martensz and Paul Toole out the front of the new extended Club Room with the new name on the front of the building.

The new cement path leads up to the front security door. Members did the hard yakker of digging the trenches for the storm water pipes which wasn't that easy in the superlative soil.



Above – Ernst Holland and Ian Price being interviewed by Prime TV's reporter about the club and activities. Ernst has pointed out that the pink handbag is definitely not his, so it must be the interviewer from Prime.

Prime Television later broadcast the interviews and the various activities by the junior members who happened to be on hand. The official opening was also featured during the news on Thursday evening 28th January which came over very well. Our Club appreciates the publicity which was aired throughout the Central West.











## STOP PRESS

Here are some dates that were decided at the last meeting. .

**1. Heritage Trades Trail - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April 2021** at the Showground. The club will be having a demonstration table at the showground. We plan to demonstrate polishing using grits on a glass sheet. Also examples of wire wrapping and the sorts of work done at the club - eg cabochons etc.

**2. School Holiday workshop #3-21 - April 15th and 16th at the Club Rooms. Has extra details -**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY LAPIDARY WORKSHOPS** - presented by: Bathurst Lapidary & Collectors Club Inc.

LAPIDARY: cutting and polishing minerals, gemstones and rock to be used for jewellery or display.

**Learn the skills of cutting and polishing minerals and rocks** in a 2-Day workshop; with the possibility to set polished stones - all materials and instruction provided.

**Venue:** Old Fire Shed – Park Street, Eglinton (next to Tennis Courts)

**Dates:** Workshop #3-21: Thursday, 15th and Friday, 16th April, 2021

**Minimum Age:** 8 years old - (As this Workshop is not a child-minding service, we encourage an adult to attend with any student between the ages of 8-9 years to assist with supervision. Should there be a problem regarding unsafe behaviour of a child of any age, parents will be contacted to come and take the student home.)

**Cost:** \$40.00 – includes Junior membership of the Club (\$5) and \$35 to cover most materials etc.

**Times:** Start 9.00 am – Finish approx. 3.00 pm on each day.

**REMEMBER:** Bring your own Lunch; Morning tea provided; Wear enclosed shoes (joggers); Water or drinks. There is bottled water and soft drinks available at minimal cost.

**Numbers limited** (6 per Workshop) for safety reasons, so get your name down early!

Pre-payment required for registration to be confirmed.

**To make payment:** EITHER: Internet Banking – BSB:650-000 account Number: 534231401  
Account Name: Bathurst Lapidary & Collectors Club Inc.

OR: Deposit Cash at Newcastle Permanent Building Society – William Street, Bathurst  
(Please email or MESSAGE Paul Martensz when payment has been made by Cash)

**CONTACT:** Paul Martensz 6332 1017 or 0427 896 945 or Email [martensz.paul@gmail.com](mailto:martensz.paul@gmail.com) for further information.

**Register by 4th April, 2021**

**3. Royal Bathurst Show - April 30th to 2nd May**, Club Members are encouraged to submit entries (Some details in a general email to be sent out shortly.)

**4. Canberra Rock Swap Meet - 13th & 14th March** at the Canberra Showground. Free entry. Canberra Lapidary Club

**5. Family Fun Day –Tuesday 18th May** - more details to follow closer to the time - the club is to have a table at this event.

Also please keep an eye on our Facebook page as information is put up periodically and would be up to date.

The clubrooms are now open at the usual times on Wednesdays and 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month for all who are wishing to attend. With the new machines and increased space you are all welcome to come in to see the "new" club and to begin working on projects that have been on pause for the 2020 year!

With the Bathurst Show coming up at the end of April it's time to think about getting your entries ready.

The Show Website: Royal Bathurst Show will have the Schedule for Pavilion Arts - available soon (where the Lapidary & Allied Crafts is included) and also Entry Forms. Download a Form to get your entries registered.

The times for Entry Form submission and the delivery of entries to the Pavilion will be in the schedule. Please consider entering the show in this Category. Not only is this good to show off your efforts but also is a good

