

# SNIPPETS

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## GOLD COAST MEETINGS

Management Committee Meetings- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

AGM Sunday 24th May - 11am start at the Club

Australian Facetors' Guild Gold Coast Region-

5th May 7.30pm

2nd June 7.30pm

4th August 7.30pm

6th October 7.30pm

contact Rod Turville on 55-394450 for further information

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### The Management Committee 2014-2015

President Wayne Schulz 55 961865 / 0417-961865 email: president@goldcoastlapidaryclub.com  
Vice President 1 Geoff Saunders 0407125567 Vice President 2 Ken Wilks 55 789419  
Secretary Lenora Collins de Luthé 0402605935 Treasurer Daniel Renneberg 0409729676  
Member Secretary : Wayne Schulz 0417-961865

### General Committee

Chez Siwka 55 799989 Jadwiga Siwka 5579 9989 Denis Burton 55 276488 Robert McGregor 55323469  
Allen Frenz 5571 6436

### Management Positions

Snippets Editor: Deborah Ensor 0418 537234 Purchasing Officer Geoff Saunders 0407 125567  
Club Curator Burt Last 0401355271 Senior Librarian Liz Nicholas  
Assistant Librarian Jadwiga Siwka 5579 9989 Raffle Coordinator Elena Sparks  
Show Co-ordinator Uta Sorenson 0424206610 Show Stall Conveners: Elaine Arch-Row & Pru Aguinaldo

### Judges

Faceting - Robert McGregor Cabochons - Ken Wilks Carving - Allen Frenz  
Silversmith/wire work Lady Marie Howard and Jadwiga Siwka

### Instructors & Workshop Times

#### **Monday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing Alex Toro 0411 805378

#### **Monday 7pm to 9.00pm**

**Evening** Cabbing John Nemes 0412 575995  
Opal Cutting and Polishing Jason Neville 0433 691025

**Tuesday 10am to 3pm** Faceting Bert Last 0401355271 (every 2nd week) must have done basic faceting  
Cabbing Robert Keane 0417 141950  
Bone Carving John Tonkin 55 3471121  
Free Form Boats ( 1st and 2nd week of the month) Laurence Yannacelli 55 772185

#### **Wednesday 10am to 3pm**

Silver Jewellery/Wire Wrapping Marie Howard 0428 732276 & Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989  
Robert Keane 0417 141950  
Cabbing Denise Burton 55 276448  
Faceting Chez Siwka 55799989 or 0407598755 Deborah Ensor 0418 537234  
Investing Book with Instructor Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

#### **Wednesday 7pm to 9.00pm**

**Evening** Basic Silver Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989 / 0419 756533 (A/I) Esther Shelley 0402 858208  
Cabbing Mal Wanchap 55 798908

#### **Thursday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing TBA  
Silver/Casting/Cabbing Ron Barr 55 394737  
Faceting Brian Brown 55 278552 & Lawrence Yannacelli 55 772185  
Casting Book with Instructor Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

#### **Friday 7pm to 9.00pm**

**Evening** Cabbing Ron Palmada 55 345701

#### **Saturday 9am to 3pm**

Cabbing Alex Toro 0411 805378  
Faceting George Tsakmakis 55 909470  
Soap Stone Carving/Viking Chain Merv Scott 55 314576 (arrange with Merv)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 2015

Hi Members,

Well by now you will have seen the changes that are taking place in the cabling room and that by moving some machinery we have created more space which will finally be organized into a functional cabling area. I do appreciate your patience and quiet sufferance whilst this has been taking place.

It is that time of the year where we need to start thinking about commitment to the Clubs activities and operations and how you can assist. That being, our Nominations for Club positions and our Annual Show which will be on our door step quickly now the festive period is over so please have a thought.

To our other Lapidary Clubs around Australia and NZ we look forward to your entries to the Show Competition with the schedule having been sent out.

Also to our members to start working on that piece to enter as well.

With the cabling room getting a spot of paint and working our way to the front the Club should be looking good for Show Day. Thank you to those involved in the painting, Reno's and other things that have happened your assistance has been appreciated.

So for now keep doing what you enjoy and enjoy what comes from it.

Wayne



### FOR SALE **GENUINE GEMSTONES**



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Gold Coast (est. 2001)

Ross and Bev Robinson

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# MARCH'S BIRTHSTONE

## **Aquamarine:**

The name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene color of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and levelheaded.

Its pale, cool color beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes.

Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the color usually is more intense in larger stones.

This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique.

*Queen Elizabeth's Aquamarine and Diamond Tiara, and matching necklace and earrings'*



*Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain's Parure Tiara was adapted to use aquamarines instead of pearls.*

## **Bloodstone**

The second birthstone for March is *bloodstone*, a dark-green jasper flecked with vivid red spots of iron oxide. This ancient stone was used by the Babylonians to make seals and amulets and was believed to have healing powers — especially for blood disorders. It is sometimes called the *martyr's stone* as legend tells that it was created when drops of Christ's blood stained some jasper at the foot of the cross. Generally found embedded in rocks or in riverbeds as pebbles, primary sources for this stone are India, Brazil, and Australia.



# CAUGHT BY YOUR 'CAMERA'



Beautiful Silver necklaces designed and made by John Morris of the Wednesday Silver group



Also from the Wednesday Silver group- Senga Smith's stunning wire wrapped Pendant



An enthusiastic Eddy Badura volunteering his time



Hoani Barker and Ross Cochrane receiving their well earned Cabbing Certificates



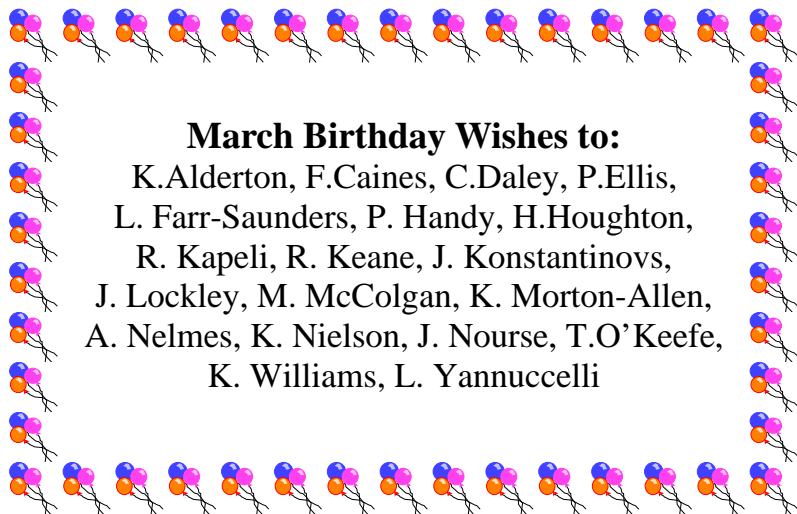
Marianne Tokessy getting her Assistant Instructors Badge



And the Gangs All Here; Annette, Senga, Lawrence, Jadzia, Rob, Elena, Bev and Lady Marie

*If any member would like to share photos or even an article, please place them in the black box near the front door.....*





**March Birthday Wishes to:**  
 K.Alderton, F.Caines, C.Daley, P.Ellis,  
 L. Farr-Saunders, P. Handy, H.Houghton,  
 R. Kapeli, R. Keane, J. Konstantinovs,  
 J. Lockley, M. McColgan, K. Morton-Allen,  
 A. Nelmes, K. Nielson, J. Nourse, T.O'Keefe,  
 K. Williams, L. Yannuccelli

*Deb's Quote of the Month*  
*Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance.*  
*George Bernard Shaw*

**UPCOMING GEM SHOW & FESTIVAL DATES**

**2015 Gem Show Dates– March thru to August**

March 7th-8th North Brisbane Lapidary Club Annual Gem Festival, Bracken Ridge High School 68 Barfoot st, Bracken Ridge (note new venue)

March 13-15 Glen Innes Minerama RSL Club, Grey St, Glen Innes NSW

March 14th, Gatton Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Gatton Shire Hall, North St, Gatton, QLD

March 21st-22nd New England Lapidary and Fossicking Club Inc, 24th Annual Gem and Craft Show, Armidale grounds, Kirkwood St Armidale NSW Show-

April 3rd-6th GEMBOREE, Wimmera Events Centre, Dooen, near Horsham

April 3rd-5th Warwick Rocks, Antiques & Collectables Fair—Warwick Show Grounds.

May 2-3 Redcliffe Gem Show Southern Cross Catholic College, Kippa-Ring QLD

May 16-17 Lismore Gem Show Lismore Show Grounds NSW

June 27 Gold Coast Gem Show Pizzey Park, 80 Pacific Ave, Miami QLD

July 11 Caboolture Gemfest Caboolture Historical Village, Beerburrum Rd, Caboolture QLD

July 11th-12th Hervey Bay Festival of Gems, Star of the Sea Catholic School, 39 Hughes Rd Harvey Bay

July 18th-19th Townsville Gem & Mineral Show, Club Rooms, 96 Mooney St, Gulliver

July 18th-20th 2015 Yowah Opal Festival, Harlequin Drive, Yowah, via Cunnamulla

July 25th-26th Cairns Gem Festival, Club Rooms 129 Mulgrave Rd Cairns.

July 30-August 2 Lightning Ridge Opal Festival RSL Club, Lightning Ridge NSW

August 1st Ipswich & Dist Lapidary Club Show, Ipswich Show Grounds Warwick Rd Ipswich

August 1st Innisfail Club Gem Show, Club Rooms River Ave, Innisfail

August 2nd Atherton Show, Club House, Racecourse Rd Toga

TBA Anakie Gemfest, Anakie Central Queensland

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