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G E M B O R E E

.....ROCKHAMPTON

JUNE NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL GEMMOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

This month's headline is that, for the first time, the Gemmological Association of Australia (GAA) is hosting an International Gemmological Symposium in conjunction with a GEMBOREE.

The idea was first mooted by Ian Bone (read more about Ian on Page 2) when he offered to become our International Marketing Ambassador in 2017. Encouraged by Ian's enthusiasm and assistance, Arthur Cleary, the convenor of the Rockhampton GEMBOREE, contacted GAA and after much discussion, which included a visit and dinner meeting in Melbourne, GAA has agreed and is delighted to be involved with the 55th GEMBOREE in Rockhampton. It will be presenting a two day symposium on Gems and Gemmology.

Given that there will be a large number of traders selling gemstones, including many from the Gemfields, the combination of the SYMPOSIUM and the GEMBOREE will provide a wonderful opportunity to not only see and purchase gemstones but also to learn more about them. GAA is putting together a program of presentations that will interest gemmologists, jewellers and anyone interested in gemmology and gems.

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GAA
Gemmological Association of Australia

Ian has been in touch with many members from overseas Gemmological Associations and a significant contingent of overseas gemmologists and gem professionals is expected to attend. This event is open to all GEMBOREE patrons and members of the public. Watch future newsletters for more details.

ABOUT GAA

The Gemmological Association of Australia (GAA) is a not for profit organization and experienced education authority in the science of gemmology. Since the GAA was formed in Sydney, on the 29th October 1945, the Association has been responsible for producing Australia's gemmologists by educating and updating members of the gem and jewellery industry, and the general public, about all aspects of gemstones and their substitutes.

Education of gem enthusiasts and members of the jewellery industry is the primary aim of the Association. This includes short and long courses with a range of delivery and assessment methods. GAA certificates are issued by the Registrar for assessed courses.

See www.gem.org.au for more information.

In this newsletter read about the GAA symposium, meet our Marketing Ambassador, Ian Bone, and another trader. There is also a news update, a special GEMBOREE coach tour, field trip news and a short history of the Rockhampton Lapidary Club.





MEET IAN BONE IAN BONE

(Overseas Marketing Ambassador)



The 2019 GEMBOREE Committee met Ian in 2017 and from our first introduction he has put himself forward to help market the GEMBOREE. He has been the driving force behind the GAA symposium.

Ian grew up in Clermont in Central Queensland, learning life and customer service skills at the family retail hardware/furniture store. As a young boy he visited the sapphire fields with his father and learned to fossick for gemstones. Ian also learned how to facet and cab at an early age.

Ian has an undergraduate degree in Arts/Business and a postgraduate degree of Master of Business Administration.

His education, skills and competencies in leadership, strategy, marketing, training, instruction and teaching give him the capability to help people achieve their personal and professional goals. When Ian was in his mid 30's he was appointed to a senior leadership and teaching role at Central Queensland University. While there he undertook the MBA study program.

After leaving CQU Ian established a consulting business, helping small business, not-for-profit organisations and sporting clubs achieve their business and development goals.

Ian's career has primarily been in positions of senior management, leadership in human service organisations, business consulting and that of a professional Yacht Captain.

Since 2010 he has been a gemstone market development consultant, gem collector, gem cutter, and has been involved in the marketing and promotion of Central Queensland Gemstones. Ian has been working with Central Queensland gemstone producers to market, promote and sell their gem products. His goal is to help Central Queensland gemstone producers to reach their potential opening up new markets using new technologies and marketing initiatives.

Ian is a member of lapidary clubs both in Queensland and in Florida. He enjoys collecting and cutting gemstones and promoting Queensland gemstones to

the world. His talents and energies have proved to be invaluable to the GEMBORRE Committee, especially his initiative in promoting the idea that an International Gemmological Symposium should be staged in Rockhampton as an adjunct to the GEMBOREE, an idea that has come to fruition.

The Committee sincerely thanks Ian for his interest and involvement.

NEWS UPDATES

30 May—1 June: Bundaberg Show

The Bundaberg Show includes a section for Lapidaries. This year the Bundaberg Gem and Mineral Society also mounted a display and flew the GEMBOREE 2019 Banner and distributed flyers. Show rules forbid the selling of raffle tickets but flyers were on display. Rockhampton Junior, Alanah Ashcroft won the Junior Champion Lapidary Prize.



So amazingly amazing!

2nd June: Capricorn Caves Fossil Day

June Two was Fossil Day at The Capricorn Caves and the GEMBOREE 2019 team very much appreciated being invited to promote our event. Thousands of fossil hunters, the large majority being younger children and their parents, were welcomed by the enthusiastic Capricorn Caves team. It was a great educational day with the children who, assisted by their parents, sifted through fossil bearing sediments from within the caves.

A palaeontologist from the Queensland Museum was on hand to identify the fossils which become the property of the Museum, adding to its ever growing collection.

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Don't want to drive to the GEMBOREE but want to experience the outback?

Green Travel Concepts from South Australia is offering a Luxury Coach Tour, starting in Brisbane and travelling to Lightning Ridge and surrounding opal fields and then taking an inland route to Rockhampton, arriving in time for the GEMBOREE.

LIGHTNING RIDGE TOUR

Brisbane to Rockhampton

5 Day Luxury Coach Tour

(min group size 20)

14th – 18th April 2019

Concluding in Rockhampton for the

55th NATIONAL GEMBOREE

\$1995.00 per person Twin Share

Highlights and Inclusions

Luxury Coach Travel in Small group with experienced driver/guide, entries and guided tours as per itinerary, 11 meals and 4 nights' accommodation

Lightning Ridge Tour – locally guided

- ⇒ See Three Mile Opal Fields
- ⇒ Visit Lunatic Hill (biggest and richest open cut mine)
- ⇒ Time for fossicking and a visit to a walk -in mine
- ⇒ See Amigo's Castle

Locally Guided full day tour to Grawin, Glengarry & Sheeppark Opal Fields

- ⇒ See the "Grawin Club in the Scrub" – famous golf course
- ⇒ See working mine fields and opal mining machinery
- ⇒ Enjoy lunch at the famous "Glengarry Hilton"

Lightning Ridge to Rockhampton

- ⇒ Visit Dirranbandi, enjoy a wine tasting tour and lunch at Riversands Winery, St George, and travel on to Roma to take in the Big Rig Night Show under the outback skies
- ⇒ Finish with a guided tour of historic Mount Morgan – includes town tour and visit to the gold mine

Full details can be found at the end of the newsletter. Contact Vanessa 0403226329 or vanessa@gtconcepts.net.au to register your interest by 31 JULY.

A TRADER'S STORY



This month's story is from Tony Forsyth, Mineral Store of Australia.

TONY'S STORY

At the age of eight I became interested in collecting specimens when I found a fossilised shark's tooth in the shallow waters of Beaumaris Bay in suburban Melbourne. My interests soon included lapidary and mineral collecting, and I became a foundation member of the Waverley Gem Club in Melbourne in 1971.

Here I was one of a keen group of teenagers who collected minerals, cut stones and field collected around Victoria and interstate as often as we could. While I was still at high school, I made many trips to Flinders Island in Bass Strait, collecting 'Killiecrankie Diamond' topaz. These topaz finds provided a great source of pocket money for me and also fostered a lifelong interest in mineral collecting and minerals. My first of many GEMBOREES was in 1973 at Glen Innis, Northern NSW.

After moving to Brisbane in 1979 I soon joined the Mineralogical Society of Queensland and have since served in many roles within the society and I am currently Vice-President.

Since 1996 I have been the author of the mineral related website, The Australian Mineral Collector (www.mineral.org.au), making it a great resource for show dates and club information. I am also an honorary Trustee and Curator of the Minerals Heritage Museum, a Brisbane-based not-for-profit body, set up to preserve and display fine mineral specimens, especially those from Australia. The MHM has a large display within the Queensland Museum at Southbank, Brisbane.

In 2017 I was honoured to be awarded an Order of Australia Medal in recognition of my efforts over many years promoting mineral collecting and preserving mineralogical history.

Along with my wife, Judy, we started our business 'Mineral Store Australia' in 2012 and we now travel extensively within Australia and overseas buying and selling fine mineral specimens.

Judy and I look forward to trading at the 2019 GEMBOREE in our home state at Rockhampton!





THE ROCKHAMPTON LAPIDARY CLUB

The Rockhampton Mineral and Lapidary Club was formed following illustrated lectures by Government Geologist and local Mines Inspector, A.L. Shepherd. These lectures were organised by Adult Education, Rockhampton in November 1963 and the first meeting of the Club took place 12 December, 1963. The club's first workshop, October 1964, was in the old City Baths Building. Sessions on Friday evenings and a 'ladies' session on Friday mornings commenced in February 1965. Money for equipment was largely from fund raising activities of the early committees.

By 1969 the 'ladies' session had moved to Wednesday afternoon and, owing to a drop in attendance of ladies, it became a 'mixed' session. In 1971 a competition for a design for a Club Badge was held with Mrs C Ogden being the winner. This design was the basis for the present logo.



1975 found the Club in a makeshift workshop set up in CQ Motors premises before it was accepted as a tenant in the newly developed Walter Reid Cultural Centre, Corner of Derby

and East Streets) later in the year.

The new workshop was on the ground floor, backing onto the lane at the rear of the building. Session times were altered to Tuesday evening, Wednesday afternoon, and Saturday afternoon. Jewellery making and faceting were introduced in 1978 and classes for Juniors were introduced in 1979. The jewellery session is now on Monday evenings and the Juniors meet on Saturday mornings. All sessions are now 'mixed'!

The last move for the Club was in 2003 when it shifted from the ground floor to Level 1 in the Walter Reid Cultural Centre. The club is now well-equipped with recent purchases including five new faceting machines financed by a grant from the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund, a new centrifuge and a new kiln.

In 1989 the Club adopted a new constitution, became incorporated and changed its name to Rockhampton Lapidary Club Inc. The Club's first experience in staging a GEMBOREE was in 1990 when some members assisted at the QGCA Bundaberg GEMBOREE. The 2002 GEMBOREE was at Rockhampton and then in 2012 Bundaberg was again the host City.

In 1996 John Carter was empowered by AFLACA to train and accredit new judges with the first CQ judges accredited in 1997 and since then J&R seminars and

Judges' training sessions have been run as required. The club now has 73 members, including 14 Juniors.

Classes in casting, faceting and wire wrapping are regular features and the various lap officers are always on hand to advise at normal sessions. Field trips, often in combination with other clubs, usually number two or three per year.

Club members are keen competitors. Juniors, Alexandra Thelan (2014) and Alanah Ashcroft (2018) have been named Australian Champions Junior Lapidary and George Weier and Arthur Cleary also compete and win at the national level.

Between 1988 and 2016 member clubs of the Association Central Queensland Gem Clubs Inc. rotated in the running of an August Gem Show. In 2017 CQGMC members at a special meeting determined not to hold an annual competition and the Rockhampton Club nominated to continue this event as the Rockhampton Gem Expo.

The SECOND ROCKHAMPTON GEM EXPO will be held at the Rockhampton Showgrounds 18-19 August.

For more information about the Rockhampton Club, visit their [Facebook page](#).



FIELD TRIP NEWS



The Rockhampton Lapidary Club recently played host to ten members of the Sunshine Coast Gem and Fossicking Club, visiting various locations with the view of checking their suitability for the GEMBOREE. Eight members set up camp at Mt Hay while the other two elected to stay in Rockhampton.

The group, hosted by Arthur Cleary and led by proprietor



Don and Arthur are front, right

Don Kayes, visited the Mt Hay mine site on the morning of May the third. They voted the experience to be a great success. To quote Gary Sabburg, 'Rhyolite (also known as Rainforest Jasper) and Thunder Eggs were the target with Park Manager Don Kayes providing an excellent commentary on the geology of the area as well as giving some valuable guidance on finding the better specimens. Very good quality Rhyolite in various shades of green and red as well as Thunder Eggs were secured by all.'

The afternoon provided an opportunity to visit the Park shop and view all the gemstones available as well as pewter items that are manufactured on site. At the back of the shop were many varieties of semi-precious stones waiting to find a new home. Many could not resist temptation and purchased various items for display or for crafting and cabbing back at the club. That evening Don showed the group staying at the Park his collection of Thunder Eggs which left all in amazement as it is possibly one of the best collections on the world.'

Many members of the Rockhampton Club followed up with a morning visit on Sunday 20 May. All agreed that the cost of the trip, \$50 for a 20 litre bucket (bring your own bucket and geologist pick) was good value as everyone was able to find good material.

Check the GEMBOREE2019 Facebook page for more information.



This trip (min 8, max 25) is being offered as part of the GEMBOREE program on Tuesday 23rd.

Register your interest:

GEMBOREE2019@outlook.com.au

NEWS UPDATES (cont)



Capricorn Caves Fossil Day (cont)

Capricorn Caves held a similar event last year and 11 year-old Emily Mann dug up the prize of a lifetime - a mystery fossil tooth. After careful investigation and comparison back at the Museum, the tooth turned out to be a lower molar from the pygmy marsupial lion, *Thylacoleo hilli* that lived in the ancient rainforests covering the area over 500,000 years ago.

See Capricorn Caves on Facebook and

<https://www.themorningbulletin.com.au/news/tooth-from-a-new-marsupial-discovered-at-capricorn/3424618/>

Capricorn Caves is offering a special fossil tour for \$40 per person to patrons of the 2019 GEMBOREE. If you would like to be included please register your interest with GEMBOREE2019@outlook.com.au

9-10 June: YEPPON SHOW

The Yeppoon Lapidary Club opened their club rooms, located in the showgrounds, to the public and displayed the GEMBOREE Banner, distributed Flyers and sold tickets in the Raffle.

13-15 June: ROCKHAMPTON SHOW

The Rockhampton Lapidary Club had space at the Rockhampton Show to promote their club, Gem Expo (18-19 August) and the GEMBOREE.

14-16 June: NAMBOUR SHOW

The Nambour Lapidary Club, located in the showgrounds, opened their rooms during the show (see photo). They displayed the GEMBOREE Banner and handed out lots of brochures as well as making a tidy profit for their club.



The GEMBOREE committee invites ALL CLUBS to help promote the 2019 GEMBOREE in their Club Rooms, at their local shows and at their own Gem Shows.

For DL flyers, printed raffle tickets and copies of the raffle flyer for online sales (see P6) contact Pat (GEMBOREE2019@outlook.com.au)

All assistance to promote the GEMBOREE is greatly appreciated.

GEMBOREE 2019

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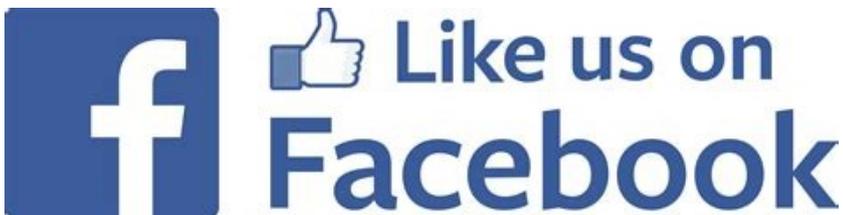


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Lightning Ridge Tour- Queensland

Day 1 - Sunday 14 April 2019

Brisbane – Goondiwindi (D)

Your coach captain will meet and greet you at the Brisbane airport – (midday) and guide you to your waiting coach. This afternoon travel through fertile Lockyer Valley and up the Great Dividing Range at Toowoomba. From here it's south-west through the rich black soils plains of the Darling Downs and then past the cattle and grain properties to the Qld border town of Goondiwindi.

Accommodation: Best Western Ascot Lodge Motor Inn

Day 2 - Monday 15 April 2019

Goondiwindi - Lightning Ridge (BLD)

Depart Goondiwindi this morning and travel south over the NSW Border at Boggabilla and on to cotton growing area of Moree. From here is through Collarenebri and on to Lightning Ridge for lunch at the local district bowling club. This afternoon our friendly knowledgeable local guide will take us on a tour of Lightning Ridge. See the Three Mile Opal Fields, visit Lunatic Hill, the biggest and richest open cut mine in the area and try your luck at fossicking for opals. Visit Amigo's Castle, visit the underground Walk in Mine and learn about the Black Opal mined in Lightning Ridge. After a fascinating afternoon in Lightning Ridge, head to your accommodation.

Accommodation: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort (2 nights)

Day 3 - Tuesday 16 April 2019 Grawin, Glengarry & Sheeppark Opal Fields (BLD)

Depart Lightning Ridge on the scenic journey to the opal fields via Cumborah. A lot of the mining for the famous black opal happens in this area and you will see all the sights and the unique bush pubs out there with an experienced friendly local guide. Enjoy morning tea at Grawin Club in the Scrub, then travel through the mining fields where you'll see the mining operation and working machinery. A chance to try some opal fossicking before lunch at the Glengarry Hilton. Later visit the Sheeppark Creek War Memorial and Museum, then grab a cold drink or cuppa at the Sheeppark Inn before returning to Lightning Ridge.

Day 4 - Wed 17 April 2019

Riversands Winery & Big Rig, Roma (BLD)

This morning head north and back in to Queensland at the tiny border town of Hebel, then through Dirranbandi to St George. Visit the Riversands Winery, located on the banks of the Balonne River, here enjoy a guided tour through the vineyards where you'll learn about all aspects of table and wine grape production. The tour covers vineyard pruning, shoot thinning, irrigation, nutrition and grape picking. This will be followed with some wine tasting and a delicious 3 course lunch. Later, travel through St George, taking in some of the sight of the town before setting off through the historic Cobb and Co town of Surat and on to Roma. Settle in to your accommodation and enjoy dinner before heading out to the Big Rig Night Show. Settle back and relax under the outback skies to experience the fascinating story of the history of Roma and of oil and gas, born out of ancient earth, fire and water, as it changed forever the way we live.

Accommodation: Kings Motel and Steakhouse



Day 5 - Thursday 18 April 2019 Mount Morgan Tour – Rockhampton(B)

Set off today and travel north through Taroom and Theodore to Banana for lunch (own expense). Later stop off in Mount Morgan nestled in the foot of the Dee Ranges. The old mine still dominates the landscape overlooking the town and the Dee River giving an eerie appearance from a time long ago. On our tour you will discover and experience historic buildings and sites, panoramic views from heritage mine and town and the Suspension Bridge over the Dee River. Next visit the old Gold Mine - The mine site reveals yesterday's mining methodology from grand old buildings, famous land marks to 100-year-old equipment. The mine area today displays the many environmental challenges underway to manage the acid mine drainage and revegetation attempts over the site and the adjacent Dee River. From Mount Morgan travel over the range and on to Rockhampton where the coach will drop you at your selected central Rockhampton accommodation.

Accommodation in Rockhampton for the Easter GEMBOREE (own arrangements)

Two motels on opposite Corners of Campbell and Albert Streets have offered their rates to GEMBOREE Visitors. They are in the same street as the Showgrounds and only 700 m away.

To book either email or phone the motel directly. (Do not book online).

Archer Park Motel – 07 49299266 or Best Western Sterling Motel 0491 491 188

**Return Flights from Adelaide or your capital city to Brisbane
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