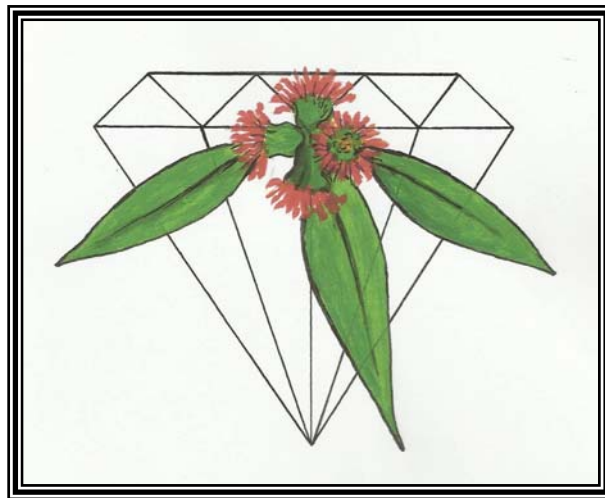


AUSTRALIA'S
52ND NATIONAL GEM, MINERAL
AND JEWELLERY SHOW



GEMBOREE 2016

Held at

The Recreation Centre

ULVERSTONE

TASMANIA

On 25th to 28th March 2016

GEMBOREE 2016 in Review

A large crowd attended the 52nd National Gem & Mineral Show the GEMBOREE, over Easter, 25th - 28th March 2016. The venue was the Recreation Centre at ULVERSTONE in Tasmania. It was the first time that the GEMBOREE has been held at ULVERSTONE, and the 6th time in Tasmania. The GEMBOREE is run by the host Association, (this time the TASMANIAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL ASSOCIATION Inc.). under the auspices of the AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION of LAPIDARY & ALLIED CRAFTS ASSOCIATIONS Inc.



The successful Show was a boost for Tourism bringing in people from interstate as well as some from overseas. Some staying longer than 3 months in Tasmania. They visited other attractions including Cradle Mountain, and appreciated the assistance from the Ulverstone Visitor information Centre.

Traders from the Mainland as well as Tasmania attended, some as Tailgaters.

Non competition displays rounded out the exhibition.

The GEMBOREE Princess Competition



The Senior GEMBOREE Princess title was awarded to Miss Rebecca Imlack of Noorwood , Tasmania.



Senior Princess: Rebecca Imlack, of Norwood, with: Tiny Tot Princess: Sapphire Kean, Junior Princess: Jessica Kean, Senior Prince: Heath Kean, and Junior Prince: Samuel Kean, of Sorrell, Tas.



Above The Mayor Jan Bonde with the Junior Princess Jessica Kean of Sorrell, Tasmania.



The GEMBOREE, was Officially Opened by The Mayor, Jan Bonde. In attendance was Brett Whitely M.P. and Leonie Hiscutt, MLC., and Sonia. Phelan, GEMBOREE Secretary & Vice President of AFLACA.



There were over 700 entries in total for the Competition Section and all of a high standard. Local entrant S. Phelan won 4 special award medallions and two Launceston entrants received placings for their entries.



The trophies awarded were paintings of Tasmanian scenes on slate, created by Sam Caberica, of Ulverstone, and were well received by winners. Trophy plaques were made by a local Company Armour of Reiby Street, ULVERSTONE.



AFLACA Delegate and Competition Assistant Mrs Barbara Try from New South Wales was particularly pleased to receive a trophy depicting the Memorial Clock Tower of ULVERSTONE



Michael Toplocsany, Junior trophy winner with painting of Guide Fall



Visitors from NSW receiving the Club Champion Trophy for most entries from one club.

THE TASMANIAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL ASSOCIATION Inc. GEMBOREE COMMITTEE

held a CHARITY AUCTION on Saturday evening in conjunction with the Trophy Presentation, a donation to the City Mission was gratefully received. (City Mission personnel, with Auctioneer Alan)



The Sausage Sizzle Breakfast put on for the visiting patrons with assistance from the Men's Shed personnel was well attended Grateful thanks go to Len, Rob, and all others who assisted with the cooking.



Many patrons commented that they were happy with the breakfast and the chance to sit and enjoy the company of friends from other States

The Ulverstone Information Centre Coordinator, Susanne, and Volunteers, have been a wonderful help with finding enough accommodation for the many interstate visitors and display table at the Show, and Invaluable assistance in compiling the Newsletter for visiting patrons.



Thank you Susanne, and thanks to the Volunteers who assisted with the GEMBOREE

The major prize winners in the raffle were:

1st: A. Morse, Ulverstone

2nd: B. Try, NSW

3rd: B. Houston, Longford

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