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G E M B O R E E

.....ROCKHAMPTON

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

GEMBOREE promoted at GEMFEST



Arthur Cleary and Jenelle Bowden with the GEMBOREE banner at Gemfest

This month Arthur, Bob and Pat travelled out to Anakie to promote the GEMBOREE at Gemfest. They set up in the Coolamon Mining marquee, a further much appreciated donation from sponsors Jim and Jenny Elliot. It was another opportunity to tell people about our rapidly approaching event, see how another organisation goes about it and to come away with new ideas. There were hundreds of exhibits, thousands of visitors and millions of gems.

The team touched base with many of the GEMBOREE 2019 traders and were very impressed with what was on offer. They were also lucky enough to meet quite a few members of other clubs who are willing to become involved in promoting our event. Thank you to all.

They are hoping that their efforts are rewarded and the news gets around to attract big crowds to Rockhampton. A positive was that one visitor already had the flyer and had seen it in a number of information centres during his travels.

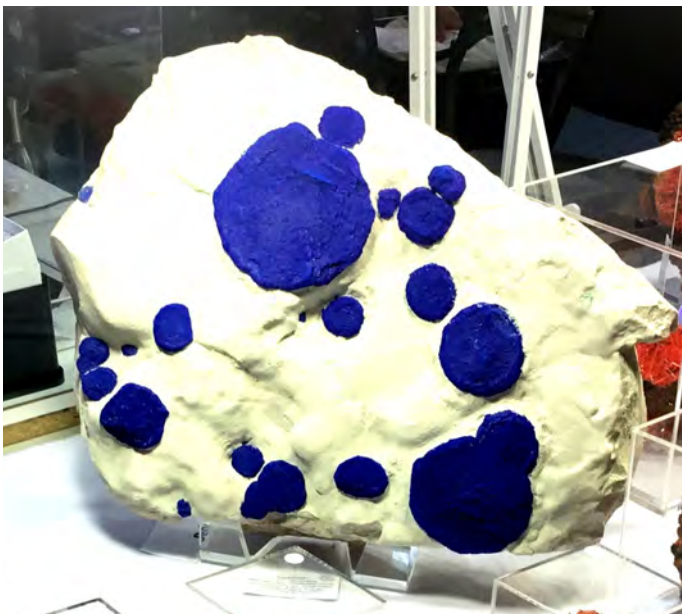
THIS MONTH

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| • Visit to Gemfest | • The Tom Jenkins Trophy |
| • Trader DEHNE AND MAUREEN'S MINERALS | • Other promotional activities |
| • Sponsor Rod Beattie | • The Yeppoon Lapidary Club |
| • New catalogue from AJS | • Raffle, sponsors |

THIS MONTH'S TRADER

Our trader for this month is DEHNE & MAUREEN'S MINERALS. Dehne and Maureen hail from Tasmania and are regulars at GEMBOREES, even when the distances from their home state are great.

They are actively involved in collecting mineral specimens, especially azurite. This year they spent two months in the desert of Central Australia with support workers at the Malbunka Copper Mine in the Amadeus Basin, 220 kilometres west of Alice Springs. Here they were involved in the recovery of discoidal azurite specimens on white kaolinite matrix described as 'azurite suns'.



The two month field season program involved five mine expeditions on a six nights bush and four nights recovery and replenishment in Alice Springs. The project involved mine workers from the USA, Hobart (Adam and Tim) and the East Coast. They also had



The USA team preparing a half metre deep undercut

several weeks' assistance from locally based Alice Springs man, Logan Williams.

A detailed description of this trip can be found in **Newsletter May to June mining period 2018. The Malbunka Copper Mine Project (MCM Project), ML 29494, Central Australia** on the AFLACA website <http://aflaca.org.au/gemboree/gemboree-2019-newsletters/articles/>

Another expedition is planned for next year.

Contact Dehne on 0402 450 905 or

dehne.mclaughlin@bigpond.com if you want to be a part of that adventure in 2019.



*Numerous coalesced azurite suns found in the Adit Face
- potential exotic coffee table displays*

Dehne and Maureen carry a wide range of quality Australian and overseas minerals and they are another must see at the GEMBOREE.

THEY WILL BE LOCATED IN THE WALTER PIERCE PAVILION AT THE 2019 GEMBOREE

NOTE TO ALL TRADERS

We would love to have your story in the Newsletter.

If you are thinking of writing something please send it to gemboree2019@outlook.com.au

It is a great way to make yourself known and to have people look out for you at the GEMBOREE.

MEET ROD BEATTIE

Donor of the second AND third prizes in the Raffle



This month introduces sponsor **Rod Beattie**. Rod has been most generous in donating the second AND third prizes in the GEMBOREE raffle.

Rod is well known in the gemstone industry of Central Queensland and is one of the principals of Gems of the Capricorn as well as being a partner in Opal by Anderson-Beattie. He is a qualified gemmologist and has extensive expertise in the cutting of boulder opal, chrysoprase and sapphire. Rod has cut the stones and designed each of the pieces he has donated for the raffle. He is well known for his attention to market intelligence for each gemstone product and is a fellow of the Gemmological Association of Australia.

A civil engineer by trade, Rod has for many years been based in Asia. He has held consultancy positions in a variety of mining projects in Thailand, Vietnam and Laos, including a gem cutting school in Vietnam.

In 1995 Rod was appointed general manager of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's cemeteries in Thailand and later became the project manager of the Australian Government affiliated Hellfire Pass memorial. In 2003 Rod designed and built The Thai-Burma Railway Centre in Kanchanaburi to provide a factual account of the building of 'Death Railway,' some of which is detailed in the books he has written.



The Thai-Burma Railway Centre Kanchanaburi

As a result of his work for Allied POWs, he was knighted by the Dutch Queen in 2010 and received an OAM in



2012. In 2013 he was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

GEMBOREE 2019 thanks Rod for his generous donation and congratulates him on his many achievements.

Rod will be trading at the GEMBOREE in the Gemfields section. As well as his beautiful Gems of the Capricorn, he will be displaying information about the Thai-Burma Railway. He will also have available a comprehensive list of Australians who were Japanese Prisoners of War.

BE SURE TO VISIT ROD AT THE GEMBOREE AND SEE HIS BEAUTIFUL WORK and THAI-BURMA RAILWAY DISPLAY

AJS Publish New Product Catalogue

Australian Jewellers Supplies are pleased to announce the release of their latest product catalogue. This special 50th Anniversary Edition not only provides information on the extensive range of AJS jewellery making tools and consumables, but is also a handy reference for tips and tricks on how to use the respective products. To organise your own free copy simply go to <http://www.jewellerssupplies.com.au/page/41/catalogue>



TROPHIES

Each year over thirty trophies are presented at the GEMBOREE. Many of these are named in honour of people who have worked hard to establish and promote the hobby of lapidary and allied crafts. While some may know all about these important people, there must be many who wonder who the prizes are named after.

Janett Maunder, the AFLACA historian, has kindly provided information about Tom Jenkins, Tony Annear, Alex Amess, Arthur Roffey, Jack Ryding, Jim Johnson and Ted Kollar. There are many more and it would be great to find out something about each and everyone and to recognise them before the 2019 GEMBOREE. Anyone who can help, please contact Pat on GEMBOREE2019@outlook.com.au

TOM JENKINS (1929-1991)

(This is an article is from FAREWELL TOM JENKINS, written by Tony Annear.)

Tom Jenkins became involved in lapidary in 1968. He was President of the Diamond Valley Gem Club (Melbourne suburb Greensborough, founded in 1967) for six years in the early 1970s. He also held the position of Vice President of the **Victorian Gem Clubs Association** in 1971 before becoming President from 1972-1977. He was awarded life membership by both the Diamond Valley Club and the VGCA. Tom is widely known for his contribution to the development of Lapidary in Australia. He was respected for his leadership and organisational qualities, and his ability to make things happen when others thought they couldn't be done.

He was a driving force in the formation of the **Australian Federation of Lapidary & Allied Crafts Associations**. After three years of working to get AFLACA off the ground, he was the founding President in 1976, a position which he held for four years. He was then the Senior Vice President until failing health made him give it away. He was also a life member of AFLACA.

Tom's great contribution to Australian Lapidary is celebrated through the Tom Jenkins' Open Champion Lapidary Trophy.

This trophy is donated by VGCA and in 2109 it will be presented to the person with the highest aggregate score for their best entry in the open sections of each of the following: Standard Cabochon, Fancy Cabochon, Double Standard Cabochon, Opal Doublet and Whirly Retro cut in coloured Quartz.

Thank you to VGCA for honouring Tom's contribution to Lapidary in Australia and good luck to lapidaries entering these sections

GEMBOREE PROMOTION



Other than the four days spent at Gemfest, the GEMBOREE has been brought to the notice of the public at other events this month. It was exciting to see the small banner being displayed at the **Ballarat Show**. Thank you to Wendy Bergamin from VGCA for the photo.



A large banner was on display at the **Rocky Swap** on the first Saturday of the month. The Swap attracted 1,100 site holders from as far away as Victoria. Treasure hunters from all over Central Queensland lined up from as early as 5.30 am for the 6.00 am start. Hopefully they noted the banner.

The **Rockhampton Lapidary Club** also promoted the GEMBOREE at their Gem Expo 18-19 August. A concerted effort was made to sell tickets in the GEMBOREE raffle. The club did not run any raffle of its own but provided a free ticket in a pair of chrysoprase earrings for every GEMBOREE ticket purchased. The prize was draw at the weekend and won by Ross Shield.



Bob and Arthur selling tickets

YEPPOON & DISTRICT LAPIDARY ASSOCIATION (Inc.)

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<https://www.facebook.com/Yeppoon-District-Lapidary-Association-Inc>

The Yeppoon and District Lapidary Association (Inc.) has been operating for nearly 40 years from premises at the Yeppoon Showgrounds.

The Capricorn Coast is located on the east coast of Queensland, some 40 kilometres north east of Rockhampton and just north of the Tropic of Capricorn. It is a perfect holiday destination as there is an amazing array of things to see and do in the area.

The Shire area extends 80 km from Byfield in the north, past Yeppoon and south to Emu Park and Keppel Sands with gorgeous views of the Keppel Islands and plenty of restaurants, cafes and clubs interspersed amongst fishing havens, rainforest areas, accommodation and seaside villages.

All in all, a great paradise for visitors to the 2019 GEMBOREE, perhaps to extend their visit to Central Queensland for a few more days, and, of course, to drop in to our Lapidary Club at the Yeppoon Showgrounds to see what we have and how we operate.

With over 75 members, our Club has doubled in size in the past 12 months to the extent that we have to enlarge our premises. We would like to think that our approach to Club business and training is reflected in our growth rate but who knows?

Our members participate in making cabochons, silversmithing and filigree, faceting, opals, enamelling, vacuum casting and good fellowship.

Nearby, we have the thunder eggs and rhyolite at Mount Hay west of Rockhampton, the old gold mining town of Mount Morgan, petrified wood and chalcedony in the Fitzroy River, volcanic plugs and limestone caves, chrysoprase at Marlborough, all of interest to those participating in our hobby.

So if you are coming to GEMBOREE 2019 in Rockhampton, feel free to make contact and see how the other half lives. You will be welcome.

Tony Rowe
Club President,
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Members busy in our well-equipped workshop



The beautiful Capricorn Coast, looking from Double Heads, across the Marina, towards Yeppoon.

GEMBOREE 2019

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Tickets now on sale from

www.raffletix.com.au/Gemboree2019

\$5 each, drawn Monday 22 April 2019



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