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MEETINGS: General meetings are held on the 1st. Sunday of each month, commencing at 2:00 pm.
Field trips are held on the 3rd. Sunday of the month.

WORKSHOP TIMES: Each Sunday from 10:00 am if required, (excepting Field Trip weekends or as otherwise indicated on Roster). If no Members advise the duty officer they will be attending, then the Clubrooms may not be opened. So, if you want to use the workshop, make sure that you advise the duty officer before hand as per the conditions stated.

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EDITOR'S NOTES EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello again everybody. Lee and I are back from our trip which was absolutely wonderful. We visited a lot of interesting places, fossicked in areas we had heard about , but never thought we would get to, and we certainly learnt a lot. For a part of our trip we had some great travelling companions in Phil & Tracey Morrey and Alan & Eileen Laidlaw until they had to return home for work commitments, and Ray & Joy Medew were with us for the whole journey. We eventually left Ray & Joy at The Willows with the Billingsleys when we had to leave for home.

We spent real quality time with our family in Darwin, met and made some lovely friends, and all in all, enjoyed an experience we had been looking forward to for many years.

I believe that there have been no newsletters while we were away, and for that I apologise, I had made arrangements to have newsletters produced in my absence, but one reason or another they didn't eventuate, and I am very disappointed with that. However, we are back so let's get on with the rest of the year.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING: The September meeting was rescheduled from Sunday the 4th to the 11th due to Fathers Day, so thank you for your understanding and co-operation with the change.

Members in Attendance: Bert & Lyn Vennix, Kelvin Smith,
Phil & Tracey Morrey, David Goldsworthy,
Toby Hearn (New Member), Jim Field,
Ken & June Moffatt, Alan Laidlaw,
Trevor & Lee Pickering, Colin Smith,
Apologies: Rick Parker, Kevin Allpress, Aleida Smith,
Ray & Joy Medew, Ray & Bev Billingsley,
Tracey Sebire (New Member).

FROM THE MEETING: Ken Moffatt proposed that Club Members be canvassed to find out their areas of expertise in relation to faceting skills, cabochon making, silver smithing etc., with a view to creating a register of skills available within the club. Also to ask if members would be willing to participate in passing on their skills to members new and old (mainly new). In the past we have tried workshop rosters etc. which haven't worked for various reasons, and Ken's idea is that members who want to learn a certain skill can then come along to a meeting, express their interest and we can arrange for them to receive training from the club members with those relevant skills.

This is an idea which has a lot of merit, but it is going to rely on the club members being prepared to participate. So, could you all please take it on board, and at our next meeting it will be discussed further to see whether there will be enough acceptance of the idea to take it further.

NEW MEMBERS: Nomination for Family Membership for Toby Hearn and Tracey Sebire was presented to the meeting and passed unanimously. Welcome Toby and Tracey, and I know that you have already started 'creating' under Ken Moffatt's guidance. We are happy to welcome you to the Club and we hope that you get much enjoyment out of your membership.

NEWSLETTER COSTS: I advised the members present that as I am now retired, I will not be able to provide supplies for the newsletter as I have done in the past, and that I will have to pass on costs to the Club for things like paper, envelopes and ink. However I will source these items at the very best price possible so as to keep the costs at an absolute minimum. The costs will be monitored to see whether or not a small amount may have to be added to fees to cover them if needed.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP: The September field trip will be held on Sunday the 18th. Of September, and will be to the ever popular quarry at Dutson Downs to fossick for agates. This is a popular field trip destination and we always get a good attendance, and most importantly, all who attend always finish up with plenty of really good specimens of Avon agates. Members are to meet at the car park near the Public Toilets at Rosedale ready to leave there at 9:30 am, to travel to the quarry. You will need to bring with you a small pick, a bucket, rubber boots (in case it is wet), a spray bottle to spray the stones with is always handy but not vital, as there is generally water in the dam at the quarry. Bring your lunch, something to sit on and **DON'T FORGET THE AEROGUARD.** Hope to see you all there.

Finally, the raffle was won by Jim Field. Well done Jim!!



COMING EVENTS WHAT'S ON!

DATE	EVENT
18/09/11	Field Trip - Dutson Downs for agates
Sept 24/25	Waverley Gem Club Annual Exhibition
02/10/11	October General Meeting Tyers Clubrooms
Oct 8/9	Mordialloc Lapidary Club Gemfair
Oct 15/16	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club 45th. Show
Oct 22/23	Combined Gippsland Gem Clubs Annual Exhibition Hosted by the Bairnsdale Lapidary Club at the Lucknow Hall Bairnsdale.
06/11/11	November General Meeting Tyers Clubrooms



This amethyst specimen was found just lying on the ground in an area called Selwyn out from Cloncurry Qld.



The spectacular mine pit at Mary Kathleen which is in the process of being fenced off by the Qld. Govt. and will not bae available to the general public any more.



JUST FOR FUN

Thanks to Ken Moffatt for the following piece of useful? Information re old age:

“It’s just not humans who struggle with their concentration in old age - spiders suffer from senior moments too.

Researchers have found that common house spiders lose the ability to weave neat webs as they approach the twilight of their life.

While youngsters produce tiny circles with perfect angles and evenly spaced gaps, their older counterparts’ efforts include gaping holes and eccentric patterns.”

So there you go. Thanks Ken.....I think!

There I was sitting sat the bar staring at my drink when a large, trouble making biker steps up next to me, grabs my drink and gulps it down in one swig.

“Well, whatcha’ gonna do about it?” he says, menacingly, as I burst in to tears.”

“C’mon man,” the biker says, “I didn’t think you’d CRY. I can’t stand to see a man crying.”

“ This is the worst day of my life,” I say. “I’m a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife with another man and then my dog bit me.”

“ So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I buy a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! But enough about me, how’s your day going?”

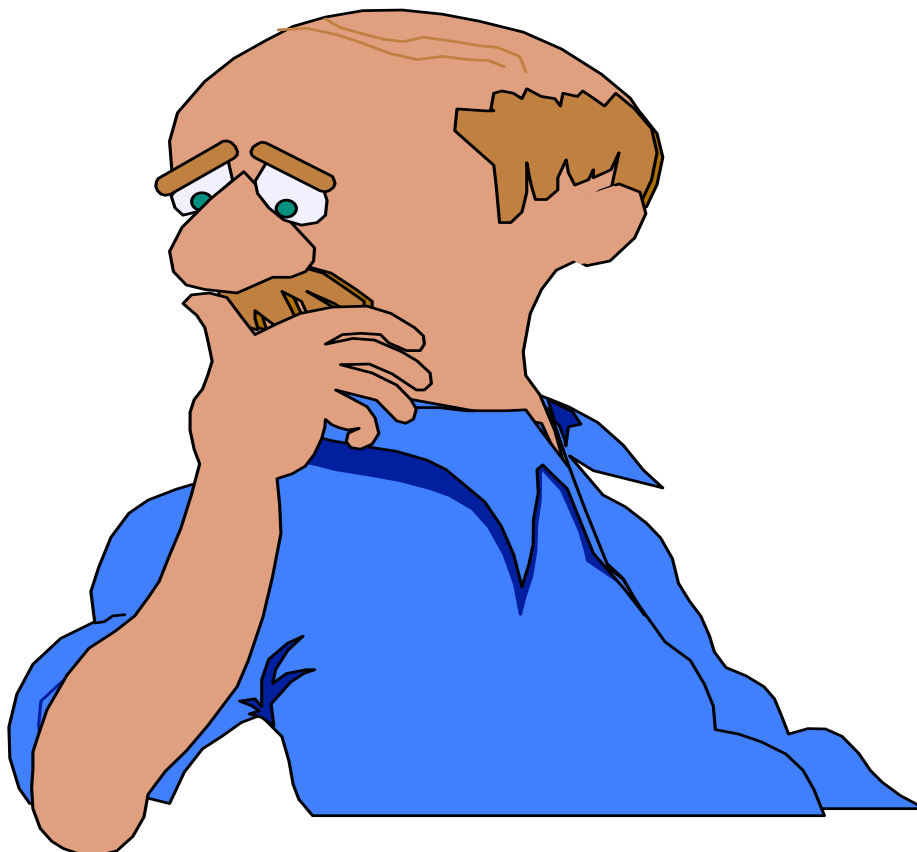
COMBINED GIPPSLAND GEM CLUBS ANNUAL EXHIBITION:

Just a reminder that this years Combined Gippsland Gem Clubs Annual Exhibition is being hosted by our friends of the Bairnsdale Lapidary Club on the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd of October. Our Club has committed to participate in the show, as we do every year.

Not all of our members participate, but that doesn't mean that you can't attend the show on either the Saturday or Sunday, or even on both days. It is most important that as a club we make an effort to support all of the Gippsland Gem Clubs, so please mark the event in your diary and make the effort to come along and support them and also our members who are exhibiting there as well. I have attached a copy of the flier for the show with all the relevant details.

Well, that's about it for this edition. Look forward to catching up with you all at our next event.

Until then.....fruitful fossicking





COMBINED GIPPSLAND GEM CLUBS

Presents

GEMSTONE 2011

HOSTED BY BAIRNSDALE LAPIDARY CLUB

Major Sponsor East Gippsland Shire Council

Lucknow Memorial Hall (Bairnsdale)

Omeo Highway, Lucknow

Saturday & Sunday, October 22nd & 23rd

Displays of

Gems, Minerals & Fossils

Miners & Prospectors Association _ Gold Display

Professional Gemstone, Jewellery & craft Sales

Flourescent Mineral Display

Light refreshments available

Admission

Adults \$5.00

Concession \$3.00

Saturday 9am to 5pm - Sunday 10am to 4pm