

SNIPPETS

July 2025

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Alex presenting Stacey with her show raffle prize, a silver bracelet. Stacey attended the show from South Brisbane.

GOLD COAST MEETINGS

**General Meetings: 11am Sunday
August 31st**

Management Committee Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of the Month

Australian Faceters' Guild:

Gold Coast Group Meetings

2nd Tuesday in Month (7pm start)



From the Editor

I am new to this and on a steep learning curve so if you have a contribution no matter the size email me and I will try not to destroy it. I need content to fill and learn.

I don't really need another activity to commit to but communication is a vital part of the Club so I hope someone will see that its not hard if I can do it and might / will offer to take it over.

Photos with names and content accepted stories etc. please do them in word so I can work with them.

I can do the odd joke but I have warped sense of humour so if your sensitive you may need to run your fingers on a grinder wheel. No intentional slight intended.

Email: president@goldcoastlapidaryclub.com.au

	Classes & Workshops					
Time s	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10am To 3pm	CABBING Tomio Taguchi Mike Beacall	CABBING Robert Keane Ross Cochrane	CABBING Steve Madeley	CABBING Gary Gale	CABBING Alex Toro	CABBING Smiley Ford
	SILVER SMITHING John Bostock Gabrielle Curtis Chika Murata	SILVER SMITH- ING Steve Madeley Vikki Madeley Kim Glasby	SILVER SMITHING Robert Keane Gabrielle Curtis Vikki Madeley		CASTING & INVESTING Peter Markwell	
		FACETING Peter Carroll Neil Wright	FACETING Mal Wanchap	FACETING John Grice Rex Keen Neil Wright		
Night Classes						
6pm To 9pm	CABBING Mike Beacall		CABBING John Casson OPAL Jay Neville		CABBING John Casson	



Zoe enjoying a look at some skilled entries

Presidents Report

Firstly I wish to thank Sandy Meany for her tireless work in publishing Snippets during her time as Editor. It has been appreciated by all who read it and are looking for themselves in the many photos in each issue. I hope we are back in production on a regular basis which will give all the avid readers something to look forward to.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to report that further to a pre election commitment by the Liberal National Party to provide the sum of \$850,000 to support the relocation of our Club to a site on Pizzey Park, has passed the State Government Budget Papers Hearing and is now locked into legislation.

This was made possible by the initiative of Mr Ray Stevens, our local State Member of Parliament, who has been a staunch supporter of our Club for many years. Thank you, Ray, for your genuine interest in our Club. We would not be in our present position without your generous support.

We had our Annual Gem Show on 21 June. It was well supported by stall holders. We had some nervous days in the lead up, rounding up volunteers, but all went well except for the weather. However, the day finished up with a profit of \$8255.69. Thankyou Shelly for the great effort that you put into Coordinating it and to Wayne for supporting her.

For the faceter's amongst you, a small group will be venturing up to Childers on the 22 July to collect our three new VJ faceting machines at the sum of \$23,400. This purchase is predominantly the result of a grant of \$18,600 from the Gaming Community Fund and the work of Wayne Schulz and his application skills. Thanks Wayne on behalf of the Club.

As this is the 60th anniversary of the Club's foundation, watch out for the updates on the luncheon planned to celebrate this important occasion. It will see the opening of the time capsule and the raffle of a beautiful pendant, the stones having been cut by the Gold Coast Faceter's Guild and kindly set by Mr John Bostock.

I take this opportunity (in fact I take every opportunity) to remind you that you have ten months to find a new president. A new president must be elected at the next Annual General meeting in May next year.

Continue to enjoy your Club and lend a helping hand with the many jobs that are done by volunteers.

Kind regards

Bruce Harle
President

Wanted.

A **Vice President** to learn the requirements of being a President. Its not as difficult as it looks with a committee behind you. Its an Exciting time with what hopefully transpires in the future.

It becomes hard work it you get given the keys in May and have to learn on the run. A lot of you have the skills to do it however look at through your vision not that of past seat holders. You develop the Club using its base guidelines and the support of members.



ANNUAL SHOW DEBRIEF

Well the show is over for another year and thanks to Shelly's great work under a lot of stress we managed a successful outcome with some well needed income to support us for the year. The day was not the best weather however the community continued to attend. We have had a number of new memberships already which is a good sign that we are in touch with our Community.

It has to be said that there was a distinct lack of support by members in the lead up and day of the event itself. It was left to a very few to run the event and thank you to those that turned up as without your support the event would not have been possible. Next year will be different I am sure.

QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY GAMBLING GRANT

The Club would like to recognise the Queensland Community Gambling Grant Fund for their contribution via grant application to fund the purchase of 3 new VJ Facet machines for the faceting room.

Our grant for 3 Facet machines has now been completed and the machines will be picked up and ready for commissioning into the Facet room soon. These machines will replace 3 existing machines that have provided and produced great work in the past years in the club environment. They will be looking for retirement into a personal one on one home where their work load will be severely reduced.. There will be 3 machines that will be sold, via the silent action method that the club uses in the near future and drawn at the August 2025 general meeting. A notice will be placed on the Notice board of how to lodge your bid. The next Qld Gambling Grant that we can apply for will be February 2026 so we have some time to come up with a suitable project.

FREE FOOD AND BOARD

It appears that we have a colony  of small black ants  who have  made it known that if we want to give them the opportunity they will take free food and board in our cutlery draws and paper towel and toilet paper rolls.

So once again, the call goes out to members using the kitchen facilities to please clean up as you use, cups, knives & forks, spilled sugar or coffee. Generally, a good rule is:

- ♦ What you use wash up and dry and put it away. If you have a spill clean it up

Clean up before leaving. This is not difficult, and the Instructors should not have to do it on top of their teaching duties. Use your **initiative** and empty a bin, put a new bag in and go home, takes 3 minutes of your time and a load of the instructors. If the bin has minimal rubbish empty it anyway so that we don't leave food etc for the pests. This will stop any ants etc from searching for food and spoiling your visit to the kitchen for an ant free meal or cuppa.

GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

We have been lucky to have had some donations come into the Club mainly of different stone variety and we will endeavour to get this material cut and out for sale shortly. The money generated from this materials and equipment goes towards the clubs running costs and ability to purchase what is needed by departments.

Pun for the Month: My kryptonite is gramma-lite



IMPRESSED

I had the opportunity to drop into the Club on a Saturday and found a great atmosphere going with cabbie class members working away. I have to say that the class members all were involved in cleaning machines and the rooms in general, using their incentive and emptying bins, mopping, sweeping etc This amounted to the class finishing at 3pm and Smiley being able to leave at the same time as everything had been done. They left as happy as they were when working the machines. It was refreshing to see with the younger members setting the example.

Well done Smiley and crew



Lease Requirements

We recently had a Gold Coast City Council Audit on the buildings and the assessors were quite impressed with the way that we have maintained them. We did however finish up with about 22 areas that require attention and luckily nothing serious. So in the near future we will be addressing these points to rectify them and you will get a tap on the shoulder to assist in gap filling, painting and general clean in areas. Everyone in the club should be able to contribute by using a paint brush, roller, spatula etc .

When the notice goes out please come forward and commit to a brief amount of time to help.



BBQ on a break



Kitchen working hard





Silver room demo



Competition Display



First Prize being drawn by Sam Gaunt



Chika, Shelley and Bruce counting some takings



End of 2025 Show Volunteers Group



Stalls getting wet weather pay