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CLUB NEWS

The next General meeting will be on Tuesday evening **8th September 2009 at 8.00pm** in the Club rooms - all members welcome.

First order of business will be election of president.

Following the meeting we will have as Guest speaker Mr Michael York, former Olympian, talking on aspects of the Sydney Heritage Fleet.

Mr York comes well recommended through talks he has presented to Rotary clubs.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Attention

Urgent Issue

We have NO President

An opportunity now exists for an enthusiastic person to fill an important role in the club.

A unique situation has occurred.

For the first time in the nearly 50 year history of the Northern districts Lapidary Club we did not have anyone elected as President at the Annual General Meeting.

This now becomes an urgent issue as the position of President is essential under our constitution and is pivotal in the direction of the club and the co-ordination of its activities.

The President represents the official face of the club at events and presides over the activities of the club committee.

The President's position is ably and enthusiastically supported by all elected committee members plus a small army of

volunteer members working in specific roles and sub-committees as necessary.

All other club committee positions have been filled. We have offers from both experienced and newer members to fill back-up, support and advisory/ assistance roles as applicable.

This is an extremely important issue and you can help.

Please consider how you might fill this position.

If you have the time and the desire to see your club continue, please nominate for this position, which will be voted on at the next general meeting.

That meeting will be held at the clubrooms on Tuesday 8th September at 8pm.

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New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members –

- Ken & Marie Root – Castle Hill
- Jennifer Maxwell – Cherrybrook
- Grant Maxwell – Cherrybrook
- Frances Hanley – Gladesville
- Shayan Breen- Castlehill

We wish them many long hours of enjoyment cutting gemstones and enjoying the other aspects of our Club.

FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Safety issues

Lapis Sept 2009 Safety Issues

Change in personal behaviour in respect of safety is probably no different than personal change in any other aspect of behaviour. It takes about 6 weeks of effort to establish as routine such changes as exercise programmes, dietary change, or to become reasonably comfortable in a new job or home. From the position of comfort, stemming from knowledge and routine, we can then explore the new environment and its implications to our actions and behaviours.

Unless of course we have just had an accident or serious near miss. Then we do a rapid reassessment of the event and where possible (if it is our own mistake) usually institute a change in our own behaviour. That of course is the hard way to learn, but sometimes makes for good teachers. Learning the art of safety consciousness should stem from the desire to keep safe both self and others. It is the easiest path for all. Just bear in mind that the habits with which you are familiar may blind you to a risk because an injury hasn't occurred yet. Sometimes a new set of eyes sees a task in a different way, so will point out a risk you may not see. If you are safety conscious you will probably review routine tasks in terms of risk. It just takes time to establish the behavior.

NDLC FIELD TRIP



NUNDLE "GET-A-WAY"

The Club's annual few days at Nundle have been organised for the following days in November:

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th & Monday 16th

Please add your name[s] to the list on the Notice Board in the club rooms if you would like to be part of this relaxing weekend.

Powered Sites: I will confirm the number of sites required as it gets closer to the time, based on the names on the list on the Notice Board.

Cabins: Members requiring cabins should also place their names on the list. **However, please**

make your own bookings for the cabins as soon as possible.

The telephone number for the Fossickers Tourist Park Nundle is [02] 6769 3355 or Toll Free 1 300 366 676

For any general enquiries about the weekend please contact Tony Try on Tel; [02] 4393 6168 or Mobile 0417 676 435

NUNDLE 'EXTENSION' *[For those members that do not want to go home !!]*

A program for this period of 7/8 days has been placed on the club Notice Board. Members are invited to join us for part or all of this "Nundle Extension". It would be appreciated if you would add your name[s] to the list on the Notice Board if you are interested in taking part in these additional few days.

For any general enquiries regarding this proposal please contact Tony Try on [02] 4393 6168 or Mobile 0417 676 435

Tony Try

Chef's Corner



Most people have the skills to do the various bits to assemble this salad. The name gives the combination.

I know there are a thousand variations listed under, but they seemed such obvious tweaks I thought I'd throw them in for free, so use your favourites.

From the Hamner Springs Heritage Hotel, Hamner Springs, New Zealand

Caramelised pear, caramelised Spanish onion, walnut, rocket, blue cheese and cherry tomato salad with sherry vinegrette dressing.

Mix as above,
substitute pecans, hazelnuts, macadamias or blanched almonds for walnuts
substitute lettuce types or cress for rocket
substitute cheese types as seen fit
substitute nashi or quince or jicama for pear
add croutons (plain, herb or garlic) as desired
add crispy bacon, shaved ham, or smoked trout or salmon as desired

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting took place on the afternoon of Saturday 15th August at 3pm. All positions were declared vacant as per procedure. Mr Brian Burns, Outgoing president, thanked the previous committee, then agreed to act as Returning Officer for the election as he was not seeking re-election to committee. Many thanks to Brian for filling this role, and even more importantly, many thanks for his efforts on the NDLC's behalf during his 3 terms as president. All positions were filled with exception of President, for which no nominations were received.

Information on all nominations, seconding of nominations, & results of voting on positions are recorded in the minutes of the Annual General, copies of which are available to members by application to the committee.

Details on who was elected to each committee position is contained in the Index at the end of Lapis, along with appropriate contact details.

Where contact details are not shown, contact may be made via the club Secretary, who will forward details to the appropriate committee member. The details should be completed for inclusion in Lapis once information for general circulation has been checked with the persons holding the committee position.

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AUDITORS TO NDLC

Bruce Macleay and Sharon Waters have been voluntary Auditors of the NDLC. They have made valuable contribution to the club in recommendations for change of process and practice in audit of the clubs accounts. Bruce has resigned from the Auditors position for personal reasons and Sharon has joined committee, so can no longer act in an auditors role as it would present a conflict of interest. The Committee thanks Bruce and Sharon for their role as Auditors.

The NDLC now seeks persons to fill the role of voluntary Auditors to the Club.

If you have some experience in this area and the inclination to volunteer, please contact the club committee.

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TEACHER REQUIRED for Junior Class for Saturday Mornings.

Mr Kevin Davey has taught the Junior class for a number of years, but now has decided to retire from this role.

The committee Thanks Kevin for all his good work as a teacher and wishes him well. As a result a new teacher is sought for the role of teacher to the Junior group.

If you would like to try your hand at teaching our juniors, please contact the committee

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ASSISTANT to Teacher for Tuesday Silver Class

If you have a desire to try your hand at teaching silverwork, in the supported role of assistant, then please consider working in the Tuesday Silver Class with June Staley.

Please contact June directly at the club or approach the Club committee

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Faceting Machine for sale

A faceting machine is available for sale at very good price. The complete history of this machine is known to the club 'elders'. A good machine for new starters. Details of the machine and a photo available on the notice board.

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1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

7. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" "Well, It's Not Unusual."

8. Two cows are standing in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.

10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.

12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know, I amputated your arms!"

13. I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.

14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess- nuts boasting in an open foyer."

18. A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) .. a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

20. A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.

21. And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in tended.

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NORTHERN DISTRICTS LAPIDARY CLUB INC. holds the majority of its monthly meetings in the Beecroft Community Centre, Beecroft Road, Beecroft at 8pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except January. The Entrance to the clubrooms is on the railway side of the building. ~

Membership Fees: effective from 01/07/2008

	Entrance	Annual Subs
Full Member aged 18 or more yrs	\$25	\$20.00
Junior member aged 10 to 17 yrs incl.	\$10	\$10.00
Family Concession	\$40	As Above
Junior Associate member aged less than 10 yrs		No charge

In case of a person being admitted to membership on or after January 1st in any Club financial year, the subscription fee that year shall be half the amount.

**THE CLUB FINANCIAL YEAR IS FROM
JULY 1ST – JUNE 30TH**

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CURRENT CLASSES & ACTIVITIES HELD IN CLUB ROOMS

Monday 7.30pm CABOCHON CUTTING
Instructors Glenn Brown 9617 0446
7.30pm SILVER JEWELLERY
Instructor Johan ten Hoedt 9484 6521
7.30pm CARVING/FREEFORM
Instructor Bill Ashman 9484 0356

Tuesday 9.00am SILVER JEWELLERY workshop
Contact June Staley 9869 0054

Wednesday 10.00am SENIORS ALL DAY Workshop
Contact George Hunter 9871 2126
7.30pm SILVER JEWELLERY
Instructor Brian Burns 9878 4073

Thursday 7.30pm CABOCHON CUTTING
Instructor John Weatherburn 9871 3302
7.30pm FACETING CLASS
Instructor Norm Fitzpatrick 9876 1815

Friday CASUAL COMPETITION CUTTING
No teacher – self help - enquiries please
contact John Weatherburn – 9871 3302

Saturday 1.00pm JUNIOR CLASS
Instructor Kevin Davey 9869 1950
with Corin Sadlier 9869 7775
1.00-3.00pm CARVING/FREEFORM
Instructor Bill Ashman 9484 0356
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CLASS, CASUAL & WORKSHOPS FEES – EFFECTIVE FROM 01/01/09

First Class – per term (School Term)	\$30
Any Additional Class – per term (School Term)	\$25
Casual Use of Machinery – per attendance	\$5
Workshops – 2 day weekend	\$25
1 day (plus materials)	\$15

Workshop Weekends: Subject, Date, and requirements will be printed in this newsletter as they occur.

There are waiting lists for some classes.

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From the Editor's Desk

Please send me contributions for LAPIS. I am interested in articles that would be enjoyed by one and all.

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