



The Rhodoniter

NAMBOUR LAPIDARY CLUB INC.



Newsletter... March 2016

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Management Team elected March 2015

President	John Spencer	0434 785 880
Vice President:	Trevor Renshaw	0419 781 105
Secretary:	Elsa Tickler	0490 379 837
Treasurer:	Bernadette Anderson	0419 737 587
Lap. Supervisor:	Ian Rose	0405 216 444
Silver Supervisor	Freda Wengert	0400 717 589
Silver Supervisor	John Huelin	0499 554 673

Workshop Session Times

Monday pm:	6 to 9 pm	Silverwork
Tuesday am:	8.30 to noon	Lapidary
Thursday pm	6 to 9 pm	Lapidary

March Birthstone
Aqua Marine

AQUAMARINE:
The name *aquamarine* is derived from the Latin word *aqua*, meaning water, and *marina*, meaning *the sea*. This gemstone was believed to protect sailors, as well as to guarantee a safe voyage. The serene colour of aquamarine is said to cool the temper, allowing the wearer to remain calm and level-headed. Its pale, cool colour beautifully complements spring and summer wardrobes. Aquamarine is most often light in tone and ranges from greenish blue to blue-green; the colour usually is more intense in larger stones. This gemstone is mined mainly in Brazil, but also is found in Nigeria, Madagascar, Zambia, Pakistan, and Mozambique

March Birthday wishes to :

Eckhart Ziller
John Spencer

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary

Huge Congratulations To
Derek and Mavis Hill on their
60th Wedding Anniversary
Celebrated on 17th March 2016

Nambour Lapidary club Circa 2006
Recently Rummaging through some old Club files, we found some photos which have probably never seen the light of day

Including:
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Ed Cooney, 100th Birthday



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The Club house, before the extension was built
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Garden show 2006, club open day
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See pics on pages 3 and 4

- Club Notices:**
- 1
Monthly Meeting Wednesday
13th April at 7.00 pm.
 - 2
Working Bee Saturday 16th
April 9.00am, to Clean out the
Council (main pavillion) Store-
room and install shelving.
 - 3
Caravan, Camping, Boating and
fishing Expo
this weekend 8th 9th 10th April
 - 4
Silver Course starts this month
 - 5
A new issue of the Metal Stone
and Glass Magazine is available
 - 6
The Club has purchased a new
fossicking licence which is
available for all 'Paid up'
members to use.

**Clubhouse,
New 'Sign in Desk'**

Details on page 5

From the Presidents Desk

Thankyou to all the members who have voted me in to be the new President.

It will be a pleasure and an honour to work alongside all of you great folks.

I don't have any huge designs of Grandeur for the club, but it would be great to get the whole place cleaned up and re-arranged to make best use of the available space that we have.

After doing a 'costing exercise' on the proposed 'entry extension' it is not going to be a viable project. Although it is only a small building, it still has to go through all the building regulations and various processes and will end up costing in excess of \$10,000. This money, we feel will be better spent on improvements within the club house itself.

The proposed addition of the 'new room' within the Saw room is a great idea, but after getting feedback from members and giving it more thought I think we can do better to utilise what we have. Freda has also given us some good insight into what would be best for the silver workshop layout.

We have recently made 2 x Grant Applications.

The first one is to the RSL for \$5,000 towards a new 23" slab saw .(which is \$9,000 in total). However, we don't hold out much hope for this one because the RSL have hundreds of applications, and I am pretty sure, because they paid for a new faceting machine last year, they will not want to include us again this year.

The second Application is to the

Sunshine Coast Council for 'Major improvements Grant'. We have applied for a \$7,500 grant towards our planned improvements. The grant application requires a letter explaining why the money is required and how it will benefit the community, so let's hope we have got it right. Keep everything crossed !!

Before we start on any big improvements in the club house, we really need to sort out the 'council storeroom' in the main pavilion. The place is so untidy, it needs stripping out completely, a new high level shelf (floor) added and as much shelving as we can get in there. If we keep everything 'mobile' and 'free standing' we have no need to get councils approvals for anything.

Although it appears to be 'choc o block' at present, there is actually plenty of room in there for everything. Hopefully we can also move more stuff out of the club house ready for the improvements to start. (like the mine Cart and Gem fest stuff)

A working bee is planned for Saturday 16th April. So hopefully if you can spare some time to give a hand to help out that would be great. Trevor said he has some shelving left over from his camping store which he is happy to donate, so this will be very useful.

A new 'Sign in' desk has been installed in the clubhouse, which also includes members paperwork and information, more info about this is on a later page.

Extra tools and materials have been purchased for the up and coming 'silver course'. Thanks to John Huelin, Freda and Bernadette. It is scheduled to start in a couple of weeks' time. They al-

ready have 5 people signed up and others are in the pipeline. I reckon it will be fantastic;

Everyone has put a lot of planning into it. If you miss out on this one there will be another one as soon as we get the numbers.

We thought the Caravan, camping, boating and fishing show would put the 'mockers' on the workshop sessions this week and next, (as it has in previous years) but the security people have provided perimeter fencing around the venue whilst leaving access for us and the tennis people. So that is great. Thanks to the showground management.

Don't forget the Monthly meeting on Wednesday 13th April at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to keep up to date with club activities. New ideas are always welcome, and offers to help and do jobs are even more welcome.

The Club has just renewed their Fossicking Licence, which is available for all members to use. Remember though, you still need owners permission if on private land.

Congratulations to Derek and Mavis Hill who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 17th (St Patricks Day).

Derek is one of our Supervisors and has been with the Club about 4 years. Always reliable and always there to help out.

Good on you Derek, nice to see a marriage that lasts through thick and thin. Reckon some of the youngsters could take a few lessons.

Cheers
John Spencer.

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Garden Show 2006

10 years ago, they certainly did a good job back then. The club house looks nice and clean, with Carpet on the floor and clean painted walls. Looks like the big display cabinet was sitting on the bench. The pics were taken before the extension was done at the

back. Note the slab saws and polishing/dopping station on the back wall. It must have been hard keeping things clean. It looks as though the fossicking Barrow was just as popular then as it is now. The members also had a lot of there own stuff for sale.



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Ed Cooney was one of the longest standing members of the Lapidary Club.
His 100th Birthday was celebrated in 2006



Sadly, Ed passed away in march 2009 , but he had a good life and he will be remembered well. Some of the folks here are still active members of the Club. Ian Rose, John Craine, Freda, Vince,

and Neils Ashby. Peter Wellington is still our Patron. Lenny Ball is a life member. Did you notice the old fashioned polishing wheels down the centre of the room, all 12 of them.

Testimonial, written by friends, 2006

Last Tuesday 3rd October, members and guests hosted a morning tea in honor of their longest and oldest member Mr Ed Cooney.

Ed, who celebrates his 100th birthday on the 18th of October is one of the clubs foundation members, as well as being the Nambour lapidary's most honored patron.

Over the years since it's inception back in 1965. Ed, has seen many changes within the club, from it's very beginnings held at the Canegrowers building to it's present day venue in the show grounds, to which Ed assisted in the building of the club house in 1975.

Ed held many positions within the club, especially being, for over 20 years the club delegate for our Sun-coast Burnett district.

His knowledge in Lapidary is very vast, and he has often been called a walking encyclopedia! Always willing to share this knowledge, Ed often

invited members to his home to enjoy his large collection of rocks and minerals, many of which he found over years of fossicking.

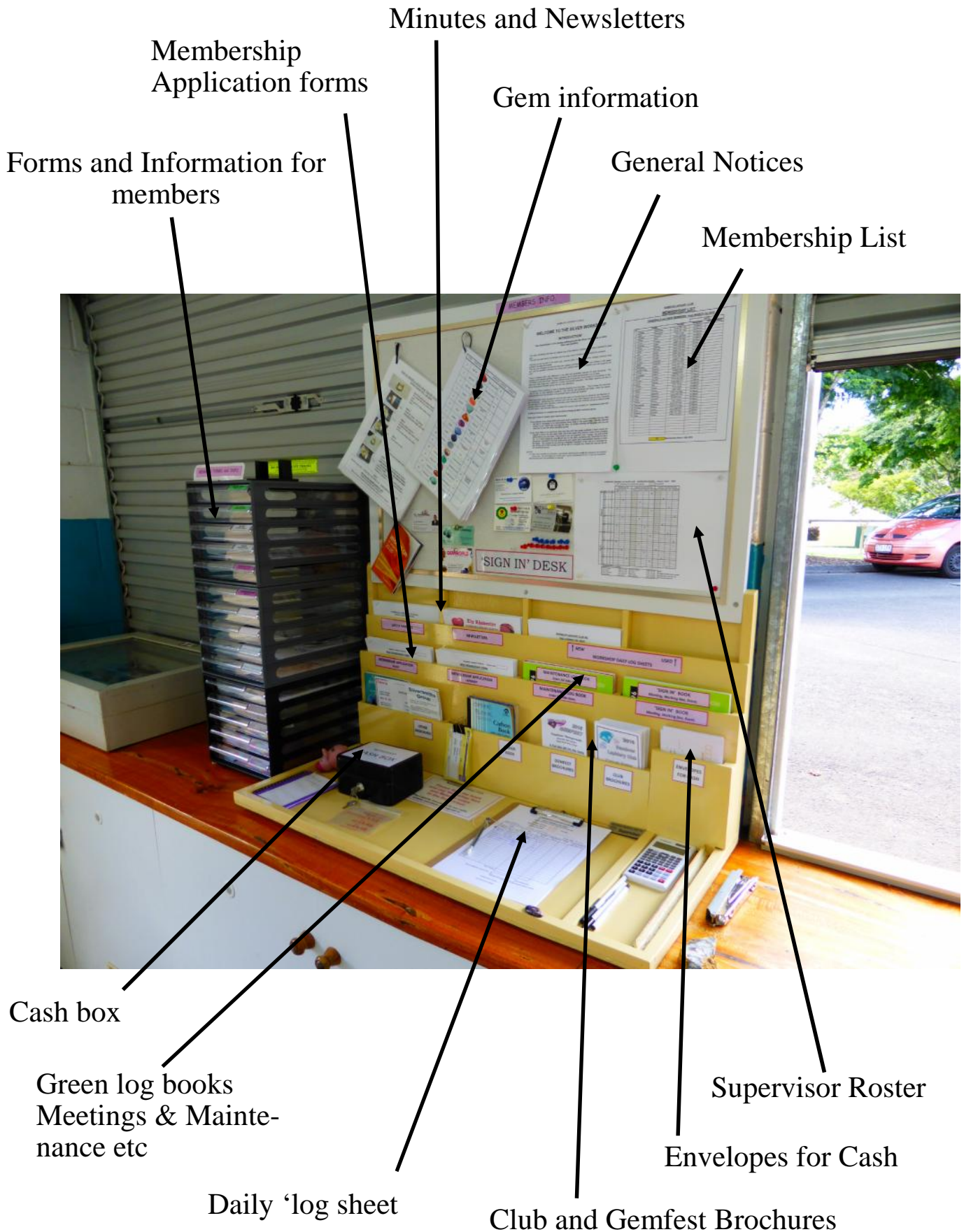
Taking new members under his wing, Ed taught the art of cutting and polishing, faceting and setting beautiful rocks and gems. To which Ed himself is a true gem.

Lots of memories were shared during the morning, on one occasion, back in 1994/5 the club had a trip to Tasmania, and on one of the outings, Ed donned the captains hat and took over the wheel of the boat! Not bad for a then 89 year old!

No longer an active member, Ed still loves to visit the club, and enjoys chatting with the members and keeping an eye on the machinery, sharing memories and his expertise.

Congratulations Ed, and a big thank you, from all members old and new, for not only ensuring that the Nambour Lapidary club is very much alive today, and still growing, but for the hours of joy you have given to the art of Lapidary. NB.

Members Sign in Desk



Up and Coming Australian Gemshows: courtesy of Australian Gem and Mineral <http://www.mineral.org.au/>

April

- Sat 16th - Sun 17th April 2016 Canberra Rock Swap - ACT 830am to 5pm (Sat) 8:30am to 4:00pm (Sun) Wagtail Way, EPIC - Exhibition Park Fossickers & dealers. Crystals, minerals, rough & cut gemstones, opals, fossils, lapidary supplies, jewellery. Sieve for sapphires. Food available - No entry cost For further information in the first instance on any of these events please contact the Club's Show Convenor, Norm Menadue on (02) 6258 6631
- Fri 29th April - Sun 1st May 2016 Rockarama - Crystal and Craft Fair - Palmer, South Australia Run by Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club at Collier Park, Palmer, South Australia. In addition, and at the same location, the Rockarama features the South Australian Metal Detecting Championships on Sunday 1st of May, 2016. The metal detecting competition has been quite popular over the years and continues to be well sponsored. See videos on the club website. Further information and camping/trading/competition application forms are available from the club website: <http://www.murraylandsgmc.org.au>
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- Sat 14th - Sun 15th May 2016 Lismore Gemfest, Lismore, Northern NSW at Lismore Showgrounds Ph 02 6621 4703
- Sat 28th May 2016 Mt Gravatt Gem Show (Brisbane, SE Qld) Mt Gravatt Lapidary Gem & Lapidary Society clubrooms, 1873, Logan Road Mt Gravatt. Entry off Carsons Lane Mt Gravatt, Brisbane. (off Logan Road, Mt Gravatt, almost directly opposite Mac-cas!
- Sat 28th - Sun 29th May 2016 - Canberra ACT Canberra Lapidary Club's Winter Gemcraft and Mineral Show 10am-5pm Exhibition Park (EPIC), Flemington Rd Mitchell, ACT \$5 adults, \$9 family, \$2 children/concession Contact: 02 6260 5322

June

- Sat 4th - Sun 5th June 2016 Gunnedah Lapidary Club Annual Display Mt Cootha Gardens Auditorium - Brisbane SE Qld Ph 07 3266 5060
- Sat 11th - Sun 12th June 2016 Grafton Gem & Craft Show Grafton Showgrounds, northern NSW
- Sat 18th - Sun 19th June 2016 Windsor Gem and Mineral Fair, Sydney outskirts NSW The Fair is a bi-annual fair and is held at The Windsor Function Centre on the corner of George Street and Dight Street Windsor. The fair is hosted by The Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club and Crystal Habit. We will have a number of traders from around Australia displaying their wares as well as displays and demonstrations by the Hawkesbury Valley Lapidary Club. A great day out for the whole family. Adults \$7, kids with parent/s are free! Opening hours are 9:30 till 5:00 on Saturday and 9:30 till 4:00 on Sunday. For more information please contact Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au or 0412 333 150
- Sat 25th June 2016 Gold Coast Gem and Craft Show - Gold Coast Queensland 80 Pacific Avenue Miami (Pizzey Park next to Olympic Pool) Ph Alan 07 5571 6436

July

- Sat 9th - Sun 10th July 2016 Hervey Bay Festival of Gems - Hervey Bay SE Qld To be held at Star of the Sea Catholic School, 39 Hughes Road.
- Sat 16th July 2016 Caboolture Gemfest - SE Qld To be held at Caboolture Historical Village Beerburum Rd. Caboolture, SE Queensland. Contact Paul Futcher 07 5432 3219
- Sat 23rd - Sun 24th July 2016 Townsville Gem and Mineral Gem Show Mineral displays, lapidary and silversmithing demonstrations, rough and cut gems, refreshments and lucky door prizes. At the clubrooms 96 Mooney Street Gulliver, Townsville North Queensland Contact Elethia Brady on 0411 800 944 for more information.
- Sat 30th - Sun 31st July 2016 Cairns Mineral and Lapidary Gem Show Club rooms, 129 Mulgrave Road, Cairns, far north Queensland

August

- Fri 5th - Sun 7th Aug 2016 Kybong Rock & Mineral Fest and Campout at Cooloola Rocks and Minerals, Kybong, SE Queensland 1 Lobweir Rd, KYBONG, Qld 4570 Phone/Fax (07) 5483 5252 (Just a few kms south of Gympie on the Bruce Hwy and only about 2 hours drive north of Brisbane) Email John & Cecile Steenberg: CooloolaRocksandMinerals
- Sat 6th - Sun 7th August 2016, Marrickville, Inner Sydney NSW 9.00am - 5.00pm Fraser Park Pavilion, 100 Marrickville Road, Marrickville (Close to the Sydenham Train Station) Less than 10km from the CBD! rockncrystals@gmail.com or phone (02) 9559 6737 <http://www.sydneycrystalshow.com>
- Sat 6th Aug 2016 Ipswich and District Lapidary Club Show, Ipswich, SE Queensland Showgrounds, Warwick Road, Ipswich

Australian Gem Shows Cont....

- Sat 6th Aug 2016 Innisfail Gem Show, Nth Queensland Club House, River Avenue
- Sun 7th Aug 2016 Atherton Gem Show, Nth Queensland Club House, Racecourse Rd, Toga
- Fri 12th - Sun 14th Aug 2016 GemFest - Festival of Gems Anakie - Central Queensland Allen King Memorial Park Australia's largest gemstone and jewellery exhibition held annually. Celebrating and showcasing sapphires, crystals, fossils, minerals, precious and semi-precious gemstones, lapidary and jewellery. Four days of exhibitions, workshops, entertainment, prizes and demonstrations to keep you busy. For more information contact the Event Coordinator on 07 49854375 Email: info@gemfest.com.au www.gemfest.com.au
- Sat 27th - Sun 28th August 2016 Carlingford Gem & Mineral Fair, Sydney outskirts NSW This fair is held at The Roselea Community Centre which is located at 645 Pennant Hills Road. We will have lots of traders from around Australia as well as displays and demonstrations from the 2 local lapidary clubs, Parramatta Holroyd Club as well as Northern Districts Lapidary Club, as well as the NSW Mineralogical Society. A great day out for the whole family. Adults \$7, kids with parent/s are free! Opening hours are 9:30 till 5:00 on Saturday and 9:30 till 4:00 on Sunday. For more information please contact Peter at raregems@optusnet.com.au or 0412 333 150
- Sat 27th August 2016 Waterloo Bay Gem Show, Hemmant, Brisbane, SE Queensland Hemmant Community Hall, Corner of Ramsay and Brandt Streets, Hemmant, Qld

September

- Sat 3rd - Sun 4th Sept 2016 Mildura and District Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show, Mildura NW Victoria This year will be our 24th annual event. It is to be held at the Sunraysia Masonic Centre Irymple Calder Highway, 15th Street, Irymple 6 km from the Mildura CBD. Any information required please phone [Hellyn Parker](mailto:Hellyn.Parker) on (03) 50245 451 or 0408 502 340
- Sat 10th - Sun 11th Sept 2016 Bribie Island Gem Show, Bribie Island, SE Queensland Arts Centre 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, Bribie Is Gem Festival Co-ordinator: Kel Barlett Email: kel@bribieisland.lapidaryclub.com.au Web site: www.bribieisland.lapidaryclub.com.au
- Sat 17th - Sun 18th Sept 2016 Waverley Gem Club Exhibition, Melbourne, Victoria Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road Glen Waverley The annual Waverley Gem Club Exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm both days and includes jewellery, gemstones, crystals, rocks, mineral and fossil sales, gemstone identification, fossicking, faceting and silversmith demonstrations, showcases and more. Devonshire Teas and a canteen are on site. Contact Gwen on 0407 512 883 for further information.
- Sat 24th Sept 2016 Caloundra Gem Show, Caloundra Queen Street and George Street, Caloundra Website: <http://www.caloundralapidaryclub.org.au>

October

- Sat 1st - Mon 3rd October 2016 Joint Mineralogical Societies of Australasia 39th Annual Seminar Brisbane, Queensland
- Seminar and field trips run by the Mineralogical Society of Queensland. Seminar will be held in the Theatre of the Old Museum and a dinner will be held on Saturday night. A mineral sale will be held on the Sunday morning before the first session. [Information soon to come!](#)
- Sat 1st - Mon 3rd October 2016 NSW GEMKHANA Hawkesbury Showground The competition between lapidaries from across the State, and often other States, too, will inspire new and older members to try a new aspect of this great hobby. As a special treat the Museum of Comparative Zoology has agreed to attend again this year, and will have a model of the fierce Albertasaurus, along with many other pre-historic models. Traders have lots of wonderful things to tempt us; a great chance to buy gifts for those hard to please people, and tailgaters who may well have that special something you've been hunting for. Demonstrations by experienced club members always attract a lot of attention, and the free activities for children will keep their interest for some time. Camping is available. Wheelchair access is easy. Parking plentiful. Refreshments top notch. So come and join us. Contact: Marilyn Behrens : 02 9635 8218 mbehrens@optusnet.com.au
- Sat 1 Oct 2016 Beenleigh Lapidary Club Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show, Beenleigh, SE Queensland. Beenleigh Showgrounds, Beenleigh, Qld 8am - 4pm
- Nambour GEMFEST, held at the Nambour Showgrounds, QLD . Saturday 8th October 2016. From 8 am to 4 PM This year is bigger and better than ever before with well over 120 stalls, all undercover in the Main Pavilion and 2 large Outdoor pavilions. This is one of the most popular shows of the year, with traders and dealers showcasing fantastic Crystals, Jewellery, gemstones, opals, minerals, crafts and much more. Lots of lucky door prizes, Great Raffle, kids fossicking, Prizes for kids puzzle corner. All day food and drinks, and more. Entry is still only \$4.00, kids under 12 free