



The Rhodoniter

NAMBOUR LAPIDARY CLUB INC.



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Workshop Session Times

Monday pm:	6 to 9 pm	Silverwork
Tuesday am:	8.30 to noon	Lapidary
Thursday am	9.00 to Noon	Lapidary
Thursday pm	6 to 9 pm	Lapidary
Other times by request		

Christmas Party. Dec 2016



Fantastic to see so many folks turn out for the Christmas party. It wasn't exactly a glamorous location, but with great members and family and plenty of good food the venue, it didn't matter. It was good to catch up with everyone and we all had a good yarn. Plenty of pics of everyone on pages 3,4 and 5.



CLUB IMPROVEMENTS & HOUSEKEEPING

Everyone loves the new improved clubhouse, and it certainly looks a treat. There is nothing better than walking into a nice clean workshop, switching on the machines and getting started on your next project.

Practically everything we need to polish stones and make jewellery is now provided, Including new 10" diamond saws to allow members to cut their own slabs from small rocks instead of asking a sawmaster to use the big slab saws.

However, all this stuff doesn't just appear there by magic, It is the result of a lot of hard work from special members who go above and beyond to volunteer their time to run the club and make it work.

due to work commitments, family, health etc... But when it comes to cleaning up at the end of the workshop session, Everyone is asked to help.

In the old days, all we did was a quick '2 minute' 'sponge & mop' and 'out the door'. However, now that we have new equipment, benches, kitchen, laundry, Silver workshop and quality flooring, 'this is not enough'. Everything needs to be cleaned properly before leaving. If nothing else...Simply to leave it nice for the next session.

The Supervisors have been asked to leave at least 15 minutes to clean up at the end of the workshop period.



We appreciate not everyone is in a position to give extra help like this, More on pages 6 & 7....

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Club Report

Last week Lyn Renshaw commented she hadn't seen a newsletter since Oct....I contradicted her and said "There should be one for December"....Wrong!!

Lyn was right! The time has just flown and I apologise for being late again. I like to do one at least every 2 months.

After the Gemfest the club just cruised along for a while. The major Renovation works were finished, with only a few things on the 'wish list' left to do.

The Christmas party was next on the agenda.

We initially planned to combine the Party with an auction, but the committee members decided against it, as we thought it would be too much in one day.

As it turned out, it was probably a good decision as the party took a fair bit of organising.

Bernadette chose a nice area under one of the pavilions where we set up the tables and BBQ.

The food was fantastic and enjoyed by everyone.

Thanks to all the helpers who turned up early to organize everything, and in particular to Bernadette and Andrew for organising the main food and Toni for making all the desserts (delicious).

Between the food courses we organized party games, with prizes for the winners.

The turnout was excellent with 37 members and family in total.

Everyone enjoyed the day and it was good to relax for a while and have a chat and catch-up with friends.

Laurie Jones has been itching to paint the club house walls for ages, to "get rid of the Blue"

He and I organized a working bee at short notice and willing members jumped in to tackle the job in day.

Laurie used to have his own painting business so he had plenty of paint, (stored under the house) and rollers and brushes etc.

The biggest job was the preparation. Removing all the posters, cleaning the walls and masking off the fittings. We also decided to try and seal the backs of the grinding machines which have always leaked water onto the back wall and made a mess. Some strategically placed foam strips have stopped the leaks and have done a brilliant job.

While we were at it, we modified some of the wiring to the machines and changed some of the belts (Erik just happened to have some spares in his truck), cheers Erik.

Everyone worked well after that and the painting was completed by mid afternoon.

All the walls were painted and to finish off, Laurie and Toni decided to paint the grinding machines with metallic paint and freshen them up.

The finished job is fantastic and has given the club a new lease of life.

Many Thanks to Laurie, Ian, Andrew, Toni, Erik, and Bernadette.

To compliment the newly painted areas the club bought an extra 6m of rubber matting which was used to make rubber mats on all the machines and some extra flooring in the saw room and entry to the silver area.

The most recent improvement was the making of a proper enclosed cabinet for the faceting machine. The area is

now fully operational and ready to go. A concertina, lockable lid fold over the work area to keep it clean and secure.

The last remaining project is to make a portable 'sign in desk' combined with a TV console. This can sit in the entry during regular hours, but can be moved easily when we want to play educational DVD's or move it out of the way when we open the doors during the shows.

The materials are already purchased.. Just a matter of welding the frame together and fitting the shelves and castors.

It will soon be the end of the 'Club Year' and the memberships are up for renewal.

Toni has sent out Renewal forms to everyone with emails, and there will also be copies at the clubhouse.

Renewals must be paid by **the 1st March**.

There will be another Silver Course shortly but we don't have an exact date yet as both John and Freda are having holidays.

An Auction is also on the Agenda, but again, no fixed date yet as this will take some organising. Volunteers required!!

On a separate page there is a section included on '**Housekeeping**' Hopefully everyone will have a read and take on board the suggestions

Thanks again to everyone who helps out to make the club a pleasure to be part of.

Cheers John Spencer President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I thought some of you would be interested in learning what it means to me to be the Secretary of your/ our Club. I think of it as a privilege, although one filled with heaps of challenges and an awful lot to learn to do in a short time. I would have to give a vote of thanks to John for helping me with that. He is always there when I start to struggle with the computer programs to give me tips or to stop me believing my computer is out to get me.

I love helping the club and I am always impressed by the changes that have happened to it since my mum and I started in September.

My latest challenge has been in taking over the role of Gemfest Co-ordinator from the hard working Lyn Renshaw. Bernadette and I have been working together to make the transition as easy for everyone as we can and I am pleased to say bookings for this years' Gemfest are starting already.

John mentioned the Auction and

we had had a bit of a discussion amongst some of the members that were in the club and we came up with the 25th February. But as John says help will be needed to make this a fun event for the club. So as the saying goes "Many hands make light Work". I will send out an email later on this week indicating how you can help
See you at the AGM on the 8th March at 6.30 pm

Toni Bergemann , Secretary

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Club Improvements & Housekeeping

THE CLUB, AS WE KNEW IT !

Most Club Members will remember the Clubhouse before the renovations. To say the least it was a 'mess'. Most of the equipment was either second hand, worn or inadequate. Most of the furniture, benches cupboards, kitchen, laundry and flooring etc were second hand. The layout was 'ad-hoc' with lots of wasted space. To cap it off everything was greasy and dirty.

THE CLUB, AS WE WANTED IT !

A Hell of a lot of work has gone into obtaining the funds and physically carrying out all the improvements and renovations over the last year.

The thoughts, reasoning and logic behind the improvements and the end results we wanted, were simple:

- To provide the members with a great clubhouse.
- To provide a clean and friendly environment with lots of good equipment and things to do.
- To have an efficient layout, easy to clean and maintain,
- To provide new kitchen, laundry and cleaning facilities.
- To have a 'place for everything', and 'everything in its place'

THE CLUB, AS WE NOW HAVE IT !

Hopefully everyone will agree, we have achieved most of the above..

There are still things to be done, which will need attention in due course, but for the time being we can enjoy the new environment.

All the members, new and old are enjoying this new facelift, but with these improvements there comes a new responsibility for everyone.

Some of the members have already volunteered to go above and beyond, to keep the machinery clean and maintained, consumables and supplies ordered, kitchen fully stocked, etc etc..

For **the ordinary member** we ask only one thing (well maybe 2 or 3) to 'keep the place clean and tidy as you found it'.

THE CLUB, AS WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT !

HOUSEKEEPING !

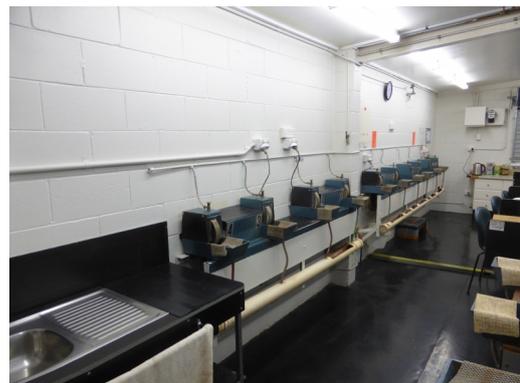
It is the responsibility of each and every member, including the President and Supervisors, to help clean up at the end of the workshop session.

NOTE: It is understood that sometimes members may have to leave early for whatever reason, However, lets face it.. 'leaving early', 'on a regular basis', is not fair on other members.

BASIC CLEANING:....

1. All the saw benches and grinding wheel troughs need to be cleaned of silt and bits, using the Blue containers with water and sponges. (we have always done this).
2. NEXT and VERY important. **The whole area around the machines need a proper wipe down with a clean soft cloth**, NOTE: this also removes all the streaks from the dirty sponge. This includes the rubber mats and fronts... Not just the work platform. **Its not 'that hard'** and only takes a few minutes of conscientious work to leave it all clean and tidy for the next session. Same with the 'dopping station', 'mark out area' lapping and polishing area and 'tin oxide lap area'.
3. The kitchen needs wiping down, cups and spoons putting away, Laundry area and work benches need cleaning and tidying. Leave the mats straight, and chairs tucked away
4. Put things back where they came from so we all know where to find them.

ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS...THANKS ! And ENJOY.



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Housekeeping



Sponges and Rags are Provided



Use the Sponges and water to remove silt and bits



USE A CLEAN SOFT CLOTH TO WIPE EVERYTHING DOWN & FINISH OFF



Preferably, don't leave like this



Even the cleaning equipment should be kept clean.

There is no need to plaster the felt disc with tin oxide, just apply paste to the stone and wet the disc with spray water



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New Paint job and New Faceting Machine Cupboard



Pics above:
Repaint makeover
All walls repainted 'Off white'
All the 'blue' has gone



Pics Left and below:
New Faceting machine Cupboard.
Includes Fully operational
'Halls faceting machine
with storage areas for discs and dops etc.
light, spray bottle, drain and clipboard

