



Northern Districts Lapidary Club Inc. (NDLC)

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Club Information Sheet

The NDLC has members from all paths of life, ethnicity and age group.

The Club entrance is at the back of the Beecroft Community Centre (railway side), 111 Beecroft Road, Beecroft 2119.

The NDLC is a non-for-profit organisation, run by a Committee elected at the (August) Annual General Meeting.

We encourage all members to attend the monthly General Meetings, as to contribute to the decision-making process.

Members volunteer their expertise and time in all positions, so that the Club can operate effectively and economically, allowing the Club to maintain a low fee structure. Hence, we have a stable and very active membership.

Social events and field trips encourage members to interact outside their classes / workshops. The Club's newsletter, "Lapis", keeps members informed about Club issues (please note that we need your email address to send it to you).

Joining the Club, you have the opportunity to acquire gem cutting skills in our well-equipped cutting room.

Or make silver jewellery (of all designs imaginable) or enamelling jewellery, or chains, in our meeting room, using various techniques.

Our classes and permanent workshops will accommodate new members but a waiting list may apply for some and certain restrictions apply. Our teachers / instructors will ensure that everybody is guided and enabled to reach his or her full workmanship potential (including participating in competitions, if you so desire). Our friendly Club members will gladly assist each other, as to live up to the Club's motto "Share the Knowledge".

Club Fees

Joining fee (a once off), adult (age 18 and above)	\$25.00
Joining fee (a once off), junior (age 9 to 17)	\$10.00
Annual membership fee, adult (age 18 and above)	\$22.00
Annual membership fee, junior (age 9 to 17)	\$11.00
<i>Note 1: The 1st annual fee is due together with the joining fee at the time joining the Club.</i>	
<i>Note 2: If somebody joins after January 1st in a year, only half the annual fee is charged (a once off concession).</i>	
<i>Note 3: The annual fee is due in July each year. Members not paying in time will be struck from the membership list.</i>	
Class fee, as per NSW public school Term, paid at the beginning of each term.	\$30.00
Casual fee, for each attendance at a class / permanent workshop	\$5.00 paid on each day

Classes and permanent workshops (aligned with the NSW public school terms)

Monday	7:30 pm to 10 pm	Cabochon cutting
Monday	7:30 pm to 10 pm	Silver jewellery class *
Tuesday	9 am to 12 noon	Silver jewellery permanent workshop (restricted, can be full) *
Wednesday	10 am to 2 pm	Seniors' permanent workshop (restricted, social meet for all retired members, the use of machinery and equipment is for experienced members only, no instructor)
Wednesday	7:30 pm to 10 pm	Silver jewellery class (restricted, peer to peer help only) *
Thursday	7:30 pm to 10 pm	Cabochon cutting
Friday	7:30 pm to 10 pm	Cabochon cutting (priority families, juniors and new members)

Note 1: The availability of a spot in a specific class / permanent workshop must be confirmed by the relevant class / permanent workshop teacher / instructor - his / her approval is not a given.

** Note 2: To join a silver jewellery class or permanent workshop, you must first complete at least 1 full term of cabochon cutting. This teaches basic skills in equipment safety, stone cutting and the use of a jeweller's loupe to evaluate gems and jewellery work being made. All this is crucial for attending a silver jewellery class / permanent workshop.*



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Weekend workshops for enamelling, lost wax casting, beading, etc., may be organised during the year.

Some members have skills in tumbling stones, (bone) carving, wire wrapping and faceting - but these items are currently not taught at the Club due to a lack of teachers.

Organised Field Trips to locations of lapidary interest will deepen the engagement of members, aside from knowledge gained during classes / workshops.

A mid-year function and a Christmas party encourages lively and interesting social interaction of all members.

The NDLC Constitution and the NDLC By-Laws mandate the Club's functioning, including Administrative issues, Membership Requirements and the Duties of the Committee Members and Nominated Positions.

This includes expectations regarding the behavior of members.

E.g. Members must abide by the stipulations of the Safety Booklet and the Teacher / Instructor.

E.g. Members must always act in a safe manner and prevent damage to the Club's equipment and machinery.

E.g. Members must comply with our Code of Ethics (e.g. the abuse of any other member will not be tolerated, etc.).

E.g. Members must not use the Club's facilities / Club equipment and machinery for personal profit. This means that a member cannot join the Club with business in mind, or sell any items made using the Club's facilities / equipment or machinery for profit. The sale of any items made solely in the private workshop of a member is, of course, at the member's discretion.

The NDLC is non-commercial and hence does not provide services to non-members.

E.g. We do not allow dealers / traders / private persons to sell any lapidary items to members in the Club rooms.

E.G. We do not sell any items to non-members outside Special Sales Days at the Club rooms and our Bi-annual Gem & Mineral Show / Exhibition at the Beecroft Community Centre.

E.G. We do not cut slabs / rocks for non-members on club equipment. Members may do as they please on their own equipment and premises.

E.g. We do not set faceted stones / cabochons for non-members using club premises / equipment. Private arrangements may be made by members using their own equipment and premises.

Note that for legal reasons, we do not recommend industrial service providers or traders.

The main fundraising function of the NDLC is its Bi-annual Gem & Mineral Show / Exhibition at the Beecroft Community Centre, always on the last weekend of October.

Due to the non-commercial nature of the NDLC, the Club does not invite traders of any kind to the Exhibition.

All items sold at the Exhibition are club property, many items specially made, or donated, by club members.

Club members cannot sell their own items at the Exhibition.

All displays shown are either club members' entries to the Club Competition, or members' own creations showing their skills in cabochon cutting, jewellery making, enamelling, casting and related crafts or interests.

None of these items will be sold.