

QL&CC& NEWS

Queensland Lapidary and Allied Craft Clubs Association Incorporated Established 1982

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This Editions Featured Gemstone MOOKIATE JASPER



QLACCA

General Delegates Meeting 9.00am Saturday 25th October 2025 Gunyah Clubroom 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights QLD



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi Members,

Holy hot rocks, where has this year gone. We are now in countdown to Christmas 2025.

If you look through this newsletter there are a few items of importance in the club info pages. PLEASE CHECK OUT GEMBOREE PAGE

QLACCA has in the last few months attended the following club shows, Gold Coast, Caboolture, Waterloo Bay, Ipswich, Bribie Island, Caloundra, and Beenleigh. We would like to thank these Clubs for letting QLACCA have a table at their shows to allow QLACCA to promote Lapidary.

We still need club information flyers from some clubs so get you information to us ASAP we do get inquiries from all areas.

Our J & R panel has been busy with judging some club shows at Mt Gravatt and Caboolture and have also done training days and silver & metalcraft judging courses. Thanks too Kerry, Donna & Deb.

Our meetings are now ZOOM assisted with some local and out of town clubs logging in. YES, it is working and looks like possible thing of the future (Sorry LES LOL)

We are always looking for input for the newsletter, if you have a story on your Club or a field trip your Club have done send it in.

Don't forget to pass on any flyers you have for your up-and-coming shows.

PLEASE PASS ON THE NEWSLETTER TO YOUR MEMBERS BY <u>EMAIL</u> IF POSSIBLE

We will catch you around the fields

Cheers

Anne & Les

You can email at: -

qlacca sec@yahoo.com.au



"President's Report

Hi Members,

QLACCA had our AGM on 21st September, the executive positions have stayed the same, we voted two more members to the committee Mal Curry from Ipswich Club and Lyn Storey from Redcliffe Club.

We recently conducted a Metalcraft & Jewellery Judging course attended by 3 members, thank you Kerry for all the work you did for this and thank you to Donna Parker & Deb Ensor for their assistance.

We have attended club shows in SEQ and a thanks goes out the workers from these clubs for helping on these days, we display your Clubs flyers and giving information to any who ask us. This is important so any new possible members can find a club to join.

It is great to receive some newspaper article and information, photos of your Clubs Shows. (See further in the newsletter)

The constitution committee has had its first review by clubs, with a few changes to go out to clubs so you can voice your opinions.

All Clubs are welcome to send photos, stories or whatever your club has been involved in for the newsletter. Email this to qlacca-sec@yahoo.com.au. Well, that's all for now

Catch you on the fossicking fields!!!!!!!

Anne Bradford President QLACCA Inc.



QLACCA Mission Statement

The object of the Association is to further the interest, educational and scientific knowledge, and Artist skills (including judging skills) in Lapidary and Allied Crafts

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(Judging & Rules-(Competition)

Kerry Myatt
Deborah Ensor
Donna Parker

Historian

Lloyd Hosking Mitchelton Club Delegate

QLACCA General Meeting

Meeting Held 16th August 2025 <u>Held at Gunyah Lapidary Club,</u> 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights

Meeting opened – 10.20am

Attendance: - Kerry Myatt, Anne Bradford, Les Hathaway, Terry Chambers, Lyn Storey

Paul Fulloon, Sally Lyon, Steve Madeley

Zoom attendees: Rob Aurbach, Dougal Pitt, Dave & Bev Radke in future minutes, agenda, treasurers report and correspondence list to be sent to Zoom participants

Apologies: - Deb Ensor, Donna Parker, Lloyd Hosking

Minutes of the previous meeting: -Read by all. moved by Anne seconded by Steve. AIF

Business Arising from previous minutes: - none

Correspondence

Correspondence read; Rob moved that the inwards & outwards correspondence be accepted sec Sally AIF

Business arising from correspondence. None

Treasurers Report. As presented in tabled report. Kerry moved report accepted Sec by Paul AIF

J&R Report: - There will be a metalcraft & jewellery judging course 28th & 29th. AFLACA sent out regarding tumbled stones asking for decision for 3 or 5 stones to be judged all agreed it is to be 3 only.

<u>Club Reports</u>. Toowoomba; - AGM coming up unsure if enough support, update of GEMFEST on club site. <u>Mt Gravatt:</u>-They are starting speciality cabbing classes, casting <u>Suncoast:</u> - Are going good with new members, they are going to do cab leaf. Field trip to Wandoan was good but wet. <u>North Brisbane:</u> - Have a new Kiln for casting, and have some new member. <u>Chinchilla</u>: - Now have 20 members & 3 juniors.

<u>Gold Coast:-</u> Council to help get new clubroom & State government, they have also purchased 3 new VJ machines. <u>GAA:-</u> Went to Gemfields Gemfest over 2 days and two different sites. GAA has an online Opal course \$500.

Caboolture:- The Gemfest was a great success with good numbers of people attending.

General Business:

Meeting discussed changes to the constitution at meeting on 21/9/25. Item for change to update the PO Box To a fixed location for better grant applications, making the secretary position elected not appointed. Constitution to go to all club to review.

The need to start planning for GEMBOREE 2029. The committee for the next GEMBOREE aiming to make it more club-orientated with increased involvement for member clubs, displays and activities ie. Field trips.

Committee have explored potential venues, including Warwick, and emphasized the need to start planning early.

The building fund was addressed; this has been growing through sales of rock & slabs at Shows.

QLACCA has gone to a larger storage shed to accommodate more club resources.

A discussion took place regarding developing a policy to identify synthetic and man-made materials at club shows, Rob emphasizing the need for enforceable regulations that balance public protection with maintaining exhibitor income. It was suggested to distribute ACC guidelines to trader and educating the public about synthetics. The group agreed to consider implementing a sigh up system for exhibitors to voluntarily commit to ACC standards. This was discussed at length. We will send out more information.

As a committee we will not let this rest.

AGM Sunday 21st September 2025.

QLACCA are looking at getting a square to use at Club Shows.

Meeting Closed 11.45pm

If your club has an issue that they would like discussed at a QLACCA General Meeting please email the secretary at; - qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au QLACCA is your clubs' State Association and all member clubs should be represented by a Delegate. Make sure your club has its say in how QLACCA operates by having a Delegate/representative at the General Meeting

QLACCA MEMBER CLUBS

Atherton Tablelands Mineral & Lapidary Club Clubrooms: Racecourse Road, Tolga P.O. Box 679, Tolga 4882

Beenleigh Lapidary Club Inc., Clubrooms: Gate 6, Beenleigh Showgrounds, Kent Street, Beenleigh P.O. Box 12, Beenleigh 4207

Bowen & Collinsville Lapidary Club Inc., Clubrooms: Mt Nutt Road, Queens Beach, Bowen 4805 P.O. Box 780 Bowen

Bribie Island Gem & Fossicking Club Inc., Clubrooms: 191 Sutherland Drive, Banksia Beach P.O. Box 1166, Bongaree 4507

Burdekin Gem & Mineral Society Inc., 86-88 Graham Street, Ayr 4807

The Caboolture Gem Club Inc., Clubrooms: Caboolture Historical Village, 280 Beerburrum Road, Caboolture 4510

Cairns Mineral & Lapidary Club Inc., Clubrooms: 129 Mulgrave Road, Cairns P.O. Box 389 Westcourt, Cairns 4870

Caloundra Lapidary Club Inc., Clubrooms: 9 Caloundra Road, Caloundra 4551

Chinchilla Lapidary & Gemstone Club Inc., Clubrooms: 3 Villiers Street, Chinchilla P.O. Box 496, Chinchilla 4413

Community Lapidary Club Inc, Clubrooms: 14 Worongary Road, Mudgeeraba P.O. Box 674, Runaway Bay 4216

Gemmological Association of Australia (QLD) PO Box 91, Aspley 4034

Gatton Lapidary Club Inc. Clubrooms: North Street, under Shire Hall, PO Box 93, Gatton 4343

Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club Inc. Clubrooms: Roy Day Park, Sapphire PO Box 127, Sapphire 4207

Gold Coast Lapidary Club, Clubrooms: 80 Pacific Avenue, Miami PO Box 12 Nobby Beach 4218

Gunyah Lapidary Club Inc. Clubrooms: 52 Cressey Street, Wavell Heights 4012

Innisfail & District Gem & Allied Crafts Club Inc. Clubrooms: 6 River Avenue, Innisfail PO Box 58 Innisfail 4860

Redcliffe Peninsula Lapidary Club Inc. 4 Henzell Street, Redcliffe 4020

Ipswich & District Lapidary Club Inc. Clubrooms: 16 Thomas Street, Blackstone 4304 P.O. Box 58, Innisfail 4860

Mackay Gem & Craft Club, 3 Leisure Street, South Mackay 4720

Mitchelton & District Gem Club Inc., Clubrooms: 46 Fernydell Street, Ashgrove. P.O. Box 181, Everton Park 4053

Queensland Mineralogical Society Inc. (MINSOQ) PO Box 6362, Upper Mt Gravatt 4122

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Mt Isa Lapidary Club Inc. 4 Issacson Road, Mount Isa 4825

North Brisbane Lapidary Club Inc. Albert Bishop Park, Nudgee Rd, PO Box 48, Northgate 4013

Roma & District Lapidary & Mineral Society Inc, 17 McDowell Street, Roma PO Box 40 Roma 4455

South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club Inc. Shed 2, Enterprise Centre, 6 Cornish Street, Kingaroy P.O. Box 574 Kingaroy 4610

South West Brisbane Lapidary Club PO Box 172, Moorooka 4105

Suncoast Gem & Fossicking Club Inc. Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim PO Box 6083 Maroochydore BC 4558

Toowoomba Lapidary Club Inc. 4 William Street, Toowoomba. PO Box 7858 Toowoomba South 4350

Townsville Gem & Mineral Club Inc. 96 Mooney Street, Gulliver 4812

Tully Gem Club Inc. Clubrooms: Showgrounds, Butler Street, Tully PO Box 1195 Tully 4854

Warwick & District Lapidary Club Inc. Clubrooms: Barnes Park, 61 Horseman Road, Warwick PO Box 123, Warwick 4378

Waterloo Bay Lapidary Club Inc. Clubrooms: Cnr. Brand & Ramsay Street, Hemmant PO Box 114 Wynnum Central 4178



Gatton Club Members Receiving Life Memberships

NEWS TLSindependent.com.au

Lapidary members get life

By Jesse Hamilton

Three of the Gatton Lapidary Club's most esteemed members were awarded with club life membership during a presentation at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre on Friday, 27 June.

Anne Patrick, Leon Steinhardt, and Louie Cerneaz have all been members of the Gatton Lapidary Club for over two decades and were the first since the induction of Clndy and Peter Thwaites in 2018 to be named life members.

As Club President, Cindy Thwaites said it was a group decision to decide on the new inductees, with each life member nurturing a deep passion for their respective specialties within the diverse world of lapidary.

"it was a team decision, and we had strong discussions about the three ultimately chosen as they have contributed so much to the club over the years," she said.

"Anne for example and her late husband were generous with their resources.

"Whenever they had spare small off-cuts, they would bring them into the club for the kids, making donations to support that program."

The Gatton club is the only lapidary group in the entire Lockyer and Somerset Region and has a strong focus on youth involvement and creating pathways with its Gem Show its marquee fundraiser each February.

"We involve kids in our activities to help them step away from computers and laptops," Mrs Thwaites said.

"The goal is to get them outside and engaged in hands-on experiences. Once they are involved, they can even explore potential career paths in this field.

"We cover a wide range of topics, including faceting, cabbing, general mineral study, fossils, and jewellery making. This variety ensures that there's something for every child to enjoy and

Anyone looking to join the club for workshops can call 0417 074 933.



Anne Patrick (30 plus years as a member), Leon Steinhardt (40 years) and Louie Cerneaz (22 years) were inducted as life members of The Gatton Lapidary Club on 27 June. (Jesse Hamilton)



Life member Leon Steinhardt has a strong interest in fossils. Pictured with Lockyer Valley Regional Council mayor Tanya Milligan.



Gatton Lapidary Club at the Colonial Cafe.



Highlights of Innisfail Gem Festival





South Burnett Gem Show 12th/13th July





South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club Inc. 10h \cdot 🚱

Well that's a wrap! What an absolutely fantastic weekend it was!! Huge thank you to our Volunteers who made it all possible, the Vendors who travelled from near and far to show and sell their wares, our very Generous Sponsors who donated towards the Lucky Door prizes and Raffles and to every single person who came through the gates to make it such a successful weekend. We appreciate you all!

We have drawn the Guess the Weight of the Zircon and also the Special Entry Prize (from the flyers in your mailbox) and amazingly it was Cody for the win !! Cody C was lucky enough to score himself a gorgeous piece of Opal, generously donated by club member Greg Mead and Cody D won himself a 1.7 carat faceted Orange Zircon for being the closest guess for the weight of the Zircon, the faceted Zircon generously donated by club member Lionel Woodrow. We were lucky enough to have been generously donated a torch from BZ Engineering for the 2nd Prize for the mailbox flyers and that was won by Tania from Wondai.

Zen was lucky enough to be the Winner of the Wheelbarrow chock-a-block full of goodies and she was stoked! Thank you to all who purchased tickets.

Congratulations to all our prize winners and a very special thank you to our generous sponsors. With their support the SB Gem & Fossicking Club gave away over two thousand dollars worth of prizes over the weekend, plus the Free Face Painting by the Athena Law team! Please show your thanks by supporting those local businesses.





The winners of prizes above



Above is South Burnett club member's Lionel Woodrow's faceted smoky Cross

IMPORTANT NOTICE Nambour GEMBOREE-Easter 2026

Hi Everyone, we are recieving quite a few inquiries from people regarding traders and public wanting to attend GEMBOREE 2026 next Easter.

QLACCA is not running this event, 2026 is organized and run by our cousin up North **QGCA** (Queensland Gem Club Assosiation.)

Each state association take a turn running a GEMBOREE and Queensland has two associations. QLACCA's turn was 2023 and our next is 2029.

For anyone wanting information on **GEMBOREE 2026**, you need to either email QGCA or go to their website

Email:- <u>Gemboree2026@outlook.com.au</u> Website:-<u>WWW.aflaca.org.au/gemboree</u>

Sorry there are no phone contacts

VALE

Lenora Collins de luthe 4/6/1949 — 9/7/2025



Lenora was a founding member of the Community Lapidary Club an organisation she helped shape with dedication, wisdom and unwavering passion. As our Secretary, she gave tirelessly of time and energy, serving with grace, humility and sharp attention to detail until her passing.

Her love of the art of lapidary was clear in everything she did. Whether silver smithing with practiced hands, carefully cabbing a stone, or delicately faceting a gem to perfection.

Lenora approached her craft with both skill and joy. Her creations, much like her presence, were beautiful, thoughtful and full of character.

But beyond her artistry, Lenora will be remembered for her kindness, her generous spirit and her quiet strenght. She was a mentor, a steady hand, and a treasured friend to many members.

Though she is no longer with us in body, her legacy lives on in the club she helped build, the Pieces she created, and in the hearts of those lucky enough to have known her.

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GEMBOREE 2029

You might think that 2029 is away off yet, but it's not. It takes about 3 years to plan a GEMBOREE

- 1. The schedule has to go to all state associations 2 years before for approval.
- 2. The Booklet has to be formatted and out 1 year before at GEMBOREE 2028

QLACCA is planning NOW and we are looking for help from our member clubs.

VENUE We need a venue....it can be anywhere in QUEENSLAND and supported by the local club.

Some of the items that make a good venue are:-

1. Large lockable Pavilion

- 4. Onsite & outside parking
- 2. Good oval with camping available on site
- 5. Accomodation in town
- 3. Camping at grounds with toilets & showers
- 6. Fenced grounds

We had an inquiry from the Warwick Club in regards to GEMBOREE 2029 being held at Warwick.

Anne, Les & Kerry drove to Warwick and had a met & greet at their clubrooms with some of the members, we also went to the showgrounds to take a look. Thank you Warwick Club for inviting us and the great morning tea.

GEMBOREE's are a National event run by State Associations, with the help of the associated clubs, so clubs of QLACCA this will be your event.

It is the perfect event for your Club to raise club Funds and promote their Club & Members.

So come and be apart of "GEMBOREE 2029". The planning starts soon and volunteers are always needed and welcome.

For more information contact QLACCA Inc.

Email:-qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au

President Anne Bradford Ph. 0407 633 013

FLYERS FOR UPCOMING GEM SHOWS











Dates to Remember

Please advise of any changes or updates

12th October 2025

Mackay Gem & Craft Society Inc. Sun 9.00am – 3.00pm

3 Leisure Street, SOUTH MACKAY

18th- 19th October 2025

Toowoomba Gemfest-Gems & Jewellery Sat 8.30 am - 4.30pm

Centenery Hieghts State High School, Sun 8.30am – 4.30pm

60 Ramsay Street,

TOOWOOMBA

1st November 2025

Gunyah Sale Day Sat 9.00am – 3.00pm

Clubrooms, 52 Cressey Street,

WAVELL HEIGHTS

8th November 2025

Re Scheduled from March

Mudgeeraba Comminuity Gem Show Sat 8.00am – 3.00pm

Mudgeeraba Showgrounds,

Mudgeeraba Road,

MUDGEERABA

8th November 2025

Suncoast Gem Show Sat 8.00am – 3.00pm

22 Lingard Drive,

BUDERIM

23rd November 2025

QLACCA End of Year Get together & Awards Day

Sunday 12.00 noon to 4.00pm

Dayboro Showgrounds, DAYBORO

All dates where correct at time of printing

Any issues please contact the editor at glacca sec@yahoo.com.au



Important Club Information

Just a few reminders:-

- 1. <u>Club Affiliation & Membership</u> to QLACCA runs from 1st July to 30th June the following year. Your Club must be financial to have the PAI (Personel Accident Insurance) All paperwork and monies are to be paid and submitted by the end of August.
- 2. **P.A.I.** (**Personal Accident Insurance**) this runs from 2nd December to 1st December the following year. This insurance covers your members for accidents in the clubrooms, on show days and field trips. To have this insurance your club should be financial with QLACCA and have supplied all your statistic sheets to QLACCA by end of August each year. (Check QLACCA regarding Club Visitors)

3. QLACCA's Show Calendar.

This is compiled by 1st December each year and printed and handed out early January each year. These dates are important to help Clubs run events without clashing with other QLACCA clubs. The calendar has the nane of all QLACCA clubs and contact address or club email.

PLEASE make sure the QLACCA secretary has your Clubs current information.



QLACCA



End of year Get Together & Awards.

Sunday 23rd November 2025 12.00 noon till 4.00pm at Dayboro Showgrounds.

There will be fingerfood, soft drinks and tea & coffee.

This event is free for financial members and invited guests.

There will be lucky door prizes (more rocks LOL) and a couple of great raffles.

The annual QLACCA awards will be presented on this day so come along and enjoy the day.

RSVP:-We will need to know numbers by <u>Thursday 20th November 2025</u>. for catering purposes





Some Clubs ask QLACCA about what insurance they should have,

at a minimum at least 3 as shown

Frequently asked questions from not for profit entities

Public Liability Insurance

What is public and products liability insurance cover?

This insurance protects the club and its members when they are acting on behalf of the club should they be found legally liable for causing third party property damage or third party bodily injury subject to the terms and conditions outline in the schedule of insurance and policy wording.

The council wants to be noted as an interested party on our insurance?

This is common and doesn't impact on your premium. You will need to tell us what their interest is:-For example: landlord, lessor

How do we get the certificate of currency?

Please contact us when you have paid the account and we will arrange for the certificate to be released and forwarded to you.

We have an annual exhibition and/or open day each year. Do we have to advise you of this?

Yes, we need to include this in your business description.

We are having some traders at our exhibition/open day, are they covered under our insurance?

No, you need to ask them to provide you with a certificate of currency confirming they have current public and products liability insurance.

Association Liability Insurance

I haven't heard of Association Liability Insurance?

Previously known as Directors and Officers insurance, over the years the cover has evolved and it is now call Association Liability insurance.

We are an incorporated entity so why do we need this additional cover?

The incorporated entity is a legal entity which can be sued.

Is Association Liability insurance available to entities which are not incorporated?

No

Why should we have this additional cover?

This insurance protects the club and its committee members should they commit an innocent wrongful act running the club which results in legal action being taken against them.

What could legal action arise from?

- Defamation
- Libel and slander
- breaches of contract
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Embezzlement of funds.

We already have Public Liability Insurance so we don't need Association Liability Insurance.

Public Liability Insurance covers claims where you are legally liable for causing third party property damage &/or third party bodily injury which are an exclusion under the Association Liability Insurance.

Association Liability covers the incorporated entity for wrongful acts committed whilst carrying out your duties running the organisation.

We have don't have paid employees, so we don't need to worry about OH&S claims

Under the current legislation you have the same duty of care for volunteers and visitors to your premises as you would if they were paid staff.



Continued

Personal Accident Insurance

What is Personal Accident Insurance for Volunteers?

This insurance provides cover should one of your members suffer a permanent injury or death as a result of an accident whilst engaged in activities authorised by and under the control of the insured. This insurance also covers your members from the time they leave home to travel directly to and from such place of work.

Does this insurance replace private health insurance?

No, legislation prevents this.

Our club pays our volunteer a small amount to cover their petrol costs. Does this void the personal accident insurance?

This is acceptable, provide it is an honorarium payment to cover their expenses and they are not being paid to perform the work.

Example of claims

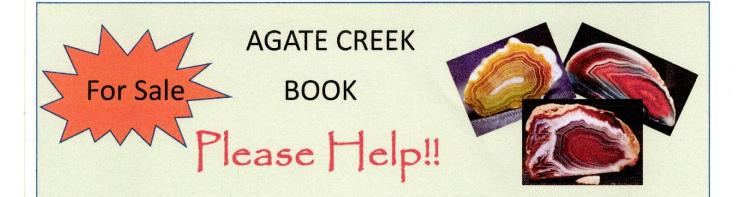
If an insured person suffered an injury resulting directly in death (insured event 1) the benefit would be 100%, equalling \$50,000.

Please note the above information is from the insurance broker

**Public Liability is the responsibility of the Clubs

**Association Insurance is the responsibility of the Clubs

**Personal Accident Insurance QLACCA does supply if required



In 2009 Denis Bramer published "Agate Creek over the Years" on his many trips to Agate Creek.

This book is a photographic feast of the glorious colours and patterns of agates found appropriately in Agate Creek far North Queensland. When published Denis was in good health, but now he finds his health is not so good.

QLACCA has agreed to help Denis sell the last of these great books by offering these to all Gem clubs around Australia. (While Stocks Last)

Original price was approx. \$39.00 + postage Online

Now a Special price from QLACCA

5 books for \$75.00

This is Including postage in prepaid sachet to your Club This is a cost of \$15.00 per book delivered to your Club

QLACCA will be selling these books for \$15.00 +postage on our stand at Shows

ALL ENQUIRIES contact QLACCA email:-qlacca_sec@yahoo.com.au



MOOKAITE JASPER



Definition and Description: Mookaite Jasper is a cryptocrystalline variety of <u>quartz</u>, which means that it consists of microscopic crystals. It is typically composed of silicon dioxide, like many other varieties of jasper. What sets Mookaite apart is its remarkable range of colors, which can include shades of red, yellow, brown, white, and even purple. These colors often occur in swirling or banded patterns, giving each piece of Mookaite its unique character.

Mookaite is known for its vibrant and earthy appearance, making it a popular choice for jewellery, cabochons, and decorative items. It is often cut into beads for bracelets, necklaces, and earrings, allowing its natural beauty to be showcased in various forms of wearable art.

Origin and Location: Mookaite Jasper derives its name from its primary source, Mooka Creek, near the Kennedy Ranges in Western Australia. The term "jasper" is used to describe the opaque and typically patterned varieties of chalcedony, and Mookaite fits this description perfectly. This region in Western Australia is the primary location for mining Mookaite, and it is renowned for producing some of the finest and most colorful specimens of this stone.

Mookaite's distinct appearance is believed to be the result of the sedimentation and mineralization of ancient marine fossils and microorganisms over millions of years. The unique geological processes in this region have contributed to the vibrant colours and intricate patterns found in Mookaite.

Historical Significance: While Mookaite Jasper may not have the extensive historical significance of some other gemstones, it has gained popularity in recent years for its metaphysical properties. Many people believe that Mookaite possesses various healing and spiritual qualities. It is often associated with feelings of vitality, balance, and inner harmony. This gemstone is thought to promote self-confidence, courage, and a connection to the natural world.



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GEMBOREE 2026

Easter Long Weekend Friday 3rd to Monday 6th April 2026



Nambour Showgrounds
Coronation Avenue Nambour Qld

4 Days of

Gems, Crystals, Fossils, Minerals and Jewellery

For more information and camping and vendor applications

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