



GEMBOREE 2026

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The 2026 GEMBOREE now has a facebook page.

Please like and follow us at GEMBOREE Nambour 2026

You can also find forms and information on the new Nambour club website which has a GEMBOREE page.

Nambourlapidaryclub.com.au

WELCOME

As the time flies past and Easter 2026 rapidly approaches, the GEMBOREE 2026 Committee and volunteer helpers are busily putting final touches in place.

BOOKINGS

We are pleased to say that all bookings have surpassed our expectations Please note that the main indoor pavilion is now full,

The Ray Grace pavilion is almost full, if you wish to be in this area which is enclosed and screened with 2.4 metre security fencing get your paperwork in now.

Tailgating sites and camp sites are still available but also filling fast.

Tailgaters please note, **camping is permitted with your site** just fill in a camping form and pay the relevant fee and submit along with your application, please include size of your caravan/camper.

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[Competition entry](#) forms are available on the AFLACA website under the GEMBOREE forms heading.

We look forward to seeing and displaying your beautiful pieces.

First time competitors please make sure that you read the schedule properly with regard to size and material required, Also check the judging manual for specific information, including the judging sheets.

NOTE: MAILING COMPETITION ENTRIES

Due to a prior incident that occurred and the increasing theft of mail, we encourage competitors NOT to use words in mailing addresses that mention "Competition", "Gems" or similar words.

ALL Competition Entries should be addressed to:

Arthur Cleary

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The GEMBOREE Committee are pleased to acknowledge the following sponsors and thank them for their generous donations and support.



Maryborough Pensioners Association Inc

Are your members working on their competition pieces for next year?

There are various Trophies to be won at GEMBOREE 2026, some are perpetual and some annual. Check the list in the GEMBOREE booklet and try your hand and skills.

So spread the word to your members and encourage them to enter. You may be the most successful club at GEMBOREE 2026

TROPHIES

RAY POWELL TROPHY

The Ray Powell Trophy is awarded at the GEMBOREE to the Champion Lapidary Club.

Supplied by Gem and Lapidary Council N.S.W.

Ray joined Parramatta Lapidary Club in 1963, when he was 13 years old. At 16 he earned his gemmological degree – he had wanted to do this at 13, but GAA told him he was too young.

Ray took over the Australian Lapidary Magazine after Norm Patison and, later, became editor of the Australian Journal of Gemmology at its inception in 1980.

He participated in the first lapidary show at the Sydney Town Hall, where he won some medals for his work.

Nambour Showgrounds Facilities for GEMBOREE 2026



Building	Description	Purpose
1	Main Entrance	Entry and exit from Showgrounds
2	Main Entrance Ticket Booth	Main area for Traders to report.
3	Main Pavilion	Indoor Traders - Upper Level Competition cases
5	Amenities	Toilets
13	Top Bar - Rotunda	Demonstrations and Displays?

- 14 Amenities Toilet Facilities
- 16 Jim Carolan Pavilion Under Cover
- 17 Apex Building Food Vendor
- 18 Ray Grace Pavilion Enclosed / screened for Traders
- 19 Open Space Trader Parking???
- 21 Open Space Parking
- 22 School Building Administration and Volunteers
- 24a Camping Area Volunteer Camping
- 30 Car Park Volunteer Camping
- 33 Car Park Visitor parking
- 35 Access to bottom Grandstand Presentation dinner
- 37 Amenities Toilet Facilities
- 39 Oval 2 CAMPING
- 42 Oval 3 CAMPING
- 46 JD Grimes Grandstand Dinner, social activities
- 48 Main Oval OUTDOOR TRADERS
- 49 Oval 1 OUTDOOR TRADERS
- 54 Car Park Parking
- 55 Practice Area Parking
- 56 Phyll Kennedy Arena Parking
- 61 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Area A Parking
- 62 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Area B Parking
- 64 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Zone C Parking
- 65 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Zone D Parking
- 67 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Parking
- 71 Internal Road Road
- 74 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Area F Parking
- 75 Equestrian & Livestock Parking Area G Parking
- 78 Stables Parking
- 79 Scout Hall Meetings

Building 3 - Main Pavilion – Indoor Traders



Inside Main Pavilion – Indoor Traders



Building 18 - Ray Grace pavilion – Enclosed with 2.4 mtr security fence and screened around both levels.

