



GEMCLUB NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Clubrooms: Grace Park Cottage (Corner of Henry and Duncan Avenue Greensborough). Postal Address: P.O. Box 3088.

Phone: 0413 435 899 (Keith Billing).

www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au

The Club fosters the interests of all people who are interested in the collecting, cutting and polishing gemstones, lapidary work, in addition with all associated arts, crafts and activities.

CLUB TIMES.

Monday: 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Tuesday: 10.30 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday: 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Thursday: 7.30 – 10.00 pm
Saturday: 1.30 – 4.30 pm



Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

MONTHLY NOTICES

Monthly Meeting. 14th November 2017 Minutes and Correspondence are on the Club Room Notice Board for Members

Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Vacant.	
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Assistant Treasurer:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335
Minutes Secretary:	Vacant	

Duty Officers

Monday:	John Milner.
Tuesday Day:	Neil Crammer.
Tuesday Evening:	John Milner.
Thursday:	Keith Billing/John Neville/John Milner.
Saturday:	Neil Crammer.

Committee Members

Gary Benson (9467 1174), Anne Brewster, Neil Crammer (0419 021 221), Clair Gleeson (0409 511 751), Mike Griffin, Dawn Lee (9434 1512), and John Milner (9435 5710)

Newsletter Editors

Neil Crammer and Rahn Krammaer
Email: newsletterdvgc@outlook.com
(only for issues relating to the newsletter)

Business Monthly Meetings

Notice Board

It was decided that for any general business matters that members would like to discuss at the Monthly Meeting should be placed on the Notice Board list for that month. The Committee would then know of additional items of general business to be considered for the meeting.

Members can also attend the meeting to join in any discussion that they are interested in. This also allows the Minutes Secretary keep track of these matters.

If a member wishes to raise an item at the meeting but cannot attend the meeting, they are welcome to give the information to a committee member to raise for them or the item can be placed on the Notice Board.

Committee Meeting

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each Month (except January) at 7:15 pm

- **The Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 commencing at 7.15pm and closing at 8.45pm.**

A copy of the Minutes and Correspondence has been posted on the Notice Board at the Club Rooms. Please Read. If you want any further information on any items listed in the minutes speak to a committee member for further clarification.

Points of Interest

Correspondence

- **As per the Secretary List on Notice Board**
- **Pointer November 2017 copy is available at the Club Rooms**

From Other Clubs

- The Gemini
- Gemform
- The Mordi-Agate
- Frank Stone
- Rockfella
- The Eureka Echo
- Gem Gossip

CLUB MEMBERS CORNER

Dear Member

- **Members Please Note:** No Workshops are available or Courses to be undertaken on the club premises on Monthly Committee Meeting Nights i.e. First Tuesday of each month.
- We have updated a new Honour and Presidents board of current and past members of the Diamond Valley Gem Club which replaces the existing wooden boards. This new board will be located in the same location as the original boards.
- We have a new Trim Saw to be located in the Saw Room.

Membership Renewals: 2017-2018

Becoming a member is a great way to get involved in the club. Members between the age of 16 and 85 are included in our Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance.

Joining Fee: \$10.00 Annual Subscriptions: First Adult: \$30.00 Additional Adults: \$25.00, Under 15: \$15.00
Life Members: Nil.

Newsletter Notice

If all members with an email address could give it to Neil Crammer or send an email to newsletterdvgc@outlook.com (with your full name), so that we can send the newsletter to you. If you change your email address, please advise us in order to still receive the Club Newsletters and emails.

Current newsletters will also be available to pick up from the clubrooms.

DVCG Annual Show

5th - 6th of May 2018 at the Masonic Hall Greensborough

Dawn Lee has already confirmed that all regulars are coming to the Show.



Our Christmas Party will be held Saturday 9th December 2017. From 4.00pm onwards.

Location is at "Grace Park".

BYO your Drinks and Food (BBQ – Meat, Fish, etc.)

Ladies to bring a plate. Contact Dawn Lee

Keith to bring Strawberries and Ice-cream

We will be conducting a Kris Kringle. Ladies to bring a lady's present and men to bring a man's present of \$5.00 or less

Christmas Shut down

Note: The club will be closing as from Thursday 21st December 2017, reopening on Tuesday 2nd January 2018



Club Members Thank you

Thank you to the Following Members who have carried out activities for the benefit of our Club members during the month

- Ron Kirkbride for repairing and fitting new bearings to the 300 Saw and to repairing the 12in saw in the cutting room
- Jessica Ewing for donating Rock Specifications for the Club member's use
- Leigh Carbines extensive Contact with the Banyule on the possibility of new premises
- Kevin Leahy for his contribution and time given to the club {will ye no come back agine?}
- Paul Alexander for ongoing repair work in our club

Our Volunteer repair people and other support members keep the club in a safe and clean condition for your personal safety and a good environment to work in. If you can assist and help the club, please contact the Committee.

Diamond Valley Gem Club .inc Web Page

<http://www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au/>

Report from Jeff Hill

A need to list Dates for up and coming courses on the web

The 50 Year Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc. Book is completed and ready to post onto the Web Page.

We also intend to post electronic copies to all current members with a valid email address after the 50 Years Celebration Party

We are looking for photos of our members work to put on the Web Page to show the world what we can do. Please send Photos of your work as an attachment to an email to Jeff.

We are attempting to put the VGCA Pointer on line in conjunction with VGCA. This would allow more of our members to be able to read this Monthly Magazine in detail.

jeff.hill@torsolutions.com.au

Mobile No .0407 548 692

Our 50th year celebration (in pictures)







THE FARM



50 YEARS YOUNG

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO DVGC

Sunday 15th October was our celebration day, and what an exceptional day it was.

We give enormous thanks to Marilyn and Keith for allowing us to have this party on their beautiful property.

Invitations were sent out to all members and many friends; we were delighted with the response.

Keith and Brendan worked tirelessly for weeks to have the gardens in ship-shape order. How lucky we were to have our party in such a lovely setting. Sincere congratulations “boys” you truly excelled. (We are thinking to book our 51st there, any luck?).

The car park had at one time been a burning off patch of old timbers which would have no doubt left a lot of nails laying around waiting to cause havoc with our tyres. To avoid this possibility, Leigh and Ivan scoured the whole area with a very powerful magnet which was a total success. Three cheers to you both guys, we appreciated your effort.

Also on the Saturday prior to our party “our boys” Keith, Brendan, Ian and Paul were busy putting the tents up, laying out the tables and doing their best to secure table cloths that had a mind of their own. Keith found some clothes pegs and the problem was solved.

Their next job was to blow up the balloons. Using the compressor was a great idea, but the pressure was a bit harsh at times and the sound of bursting balloons kept us on our toes. But all joking aside fellas, we really did appreciate your efforts.

While all of the above was happening, Jaci was at war with the sound system. After spending so much time putting together 50 years of beautiful music to add to our party theme, the system would not accept all of her hours of work. So the only answer was to take it all home to work it out. Problem solved and we then had our 50 years of music. (Fab effort partner!!)

Keith allowed us to troupe through the garden (with the scissors) to choose what flowers we wanted for the tables. As you can imagine we were very happy with the choice that we had (Talk about a country florist!!).

On Sunday morning with the sun shining we were all set to go. Nick had the meats sizzling away, Jaci had to 50 years of music going, and our guests and members were starting to arrive.

At this point I have to mention our dessert table. WHAT A SPREAD WE HAD!!

I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to this delicious calorie laden feast.

Each guest was greeted by our lovely Lorraine and our gorgeous Kevie.

Name tags were handed out along with a copy of our 50th ANNIVERSARY BOOK.

We have Neil and Rahn to thank for this great effort. Such a lot of man hours went into the gathering of information and the preparation and layout with so many photographs.

THREE CHEERS GUYS for an excellent effort.

All name tags were numbered for the purpose of our lucky draws.

Sandra (Jeff's lovely partner) was the winner of the first draw, which was a fabulous quartz cluster. Chris was the winner of the second draw, that being a double cinema pass. We had 4 further draws of Cadbury selections but I have to admit that I can't remember who the winners were. But, I do remember that Stefan put his hand up for each draw. STIFF LUCK BUDDY!! (Jaci – he did end up winning the last draw!).

We had our new honour board on display and we were very pleased to have “our Pete's” lovely wife, Anita, and their son, Adam, present to see that Pete was honoured posthumously. They were both thrilled and very thankful.

We had great pleasure in welcoming Gwen Dunstan and her friend Ruth. Gwen was the lady who was responsible for introducing our club to WIRE WRAPPING. If my memory serves me correctly, Gwen taught Keith. Keith taught Claire, and the rest is history. Claire has journeyed on for us since then.

A big thank you goes out to Keith Kerr and his lovely wife Deslee for arranging for us to have a steady flow of cold drinks. On such a warm day it was greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

Over quite a few weeks Jaci and I had a fun time putting things together. We were so relieved when the weatherman turned on such a beautiful day for us.

After our guests had departed there was a quick clean up and it was decided that tomorrow was a good time to finish up.

Sunday morning, Keith, Brendan, Ian, John M, John N and Leigh quickly had everything put in order until there was no sign of a party – except for the great memories.

I leave you here with the thought that our history is well worth remembering!

Sincerely,

Dawn

WORKSHOPS

Faceting

The faceting room is overseen by **John Milner**. New faceting workshops will be help for members wishing to learn faceting. Contact John Milner for more information.

Lost Wax Casting

Leigh Carbines teaches a lost wax course. Put your name on the list on the Notice Board so that Leigh can contact you with the relevant information.

Wire Wrapping

Claire Gleeson teaches a wire wrapping course. Please check at the club for an update on this course. **Clair is now available.** Mob # 0409 511 751

Silversmith/Jewellery

For information contact **Mike Griffin or Keith Billing**.

Course Fee: all courses cost \$35.00 plus materials and usually run for five to six weeks.

GENERAL NOTICES

Members Sale of Materials and Machinery

Check the Notice Board for any items of Machinery, which are for sale. Please contact number listed.

Duty Officers

Duty Officers are always required. If you believe that you would like to be a Duty Officer inform **Keith Billing**.

- Duty Officers are appointed by the DVGC Committee of Management.
- Are in charge of working sessions and they can direct members on behaviour in the clubrooms.
- Can allocate (or no access) to machinery and/or facilities in the Club Rooms.
- Are responsible for the opening and locking of the premises for each sessions.
- See that the premises are clean and tidy, along with water, lights; power and heating are switched off.
- Are responsible for collecting the daily Workshop money.
- Can accept Membership Subscriptions, issuing a receipt and ensure that the member fills out a Membership Application Renewal Form and making sure each person, including visitors are entered on the day's worksheet.

Duty Officers are unpaid volunteers and deserve cooperation of help from members.

Workshop Note

Where's those rags. People????

- **We still need clean rags for the cleaning of the Saws. If you can assist with suppling rags, could you please cut them to a suitable size before giving to the Club?**

Important Note: The club requires a Field Trip Officer. Please consider this request and contact the committee for further Details if you can help us?

Hey People! Where are the Members stepping up to assist our Members of our club that want to go on field Trips???

Come on Give it a go!

No reply from the silent Members? Do you really want Field Trips?

FORWARD DIARY

<u>November</u>	4-5	Geelong Gem and Mineral Club. "Gem, Crystal and Jewellery Show." Geelong West Town Hall. 153 Pakington St, Geelong West. 10-5 Sat 10-4 Sun. email geelonggemandmineralclub@gmail.com.
	11	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-20	Victorian Facetors Group Beechworth Workshop , The Old Priory, 8 Priory Lane, Beechworth VIC 3747. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	19	Cheong Park Gem & Mineral Club Rock Swap , corner Bayswater and Eastfield Roads Croydon South. Contact Henk Holmer 9870 9336 or Denis Woods 9728 3264.
	25	The Australian Fine Mineral Show . Melbourne, Vic. 202 Turner Street, Port Melbourne. 9am to 5pm. https://www.afms.com.au/
<u>December</u>	2	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
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<u>January</u>	6-7	Warrnambool Gem Club Gem and Mineral Show , Warrnambool Primary School Hall, corner Jamieson St. and Princess Highway, Warrnambool, Vic. warrnamboolgemclub@gmail.com
	20-21	Warragul Lapidary Club Gem Show , Yarragon Hall, Campbell St, Yarragon. Contact Karen Lindorff, 0438283238 or Ruth Mc Donald 0427287555.
<u>February</u>	2-5	Victorian Facetors Group Traralgon Workshop , Tandara Caravan Park, 9 Village Avenue Traralgon, Vic 3844. Next to Latrobe hospital. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	10	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
<u>March</u>	3	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm. (Date changed due to Gemkhana)
	9-11	Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery Show , Glen Innes & District Services Club and flowing on to King George Oval, Fri-Sat 10.00 am – 6.00 pm Sun 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
	10-11	Combined Victorian Gem Clubs, Gem Mineral & Fossil Show. (Gemkhana) , Hungarian Community Centre, 760 Boronia Road, Wantirna.
	30-2 April	2018 GEMBOREE , (54th National Gem & Mineral Show), Willunga Park Reserve Willunga, South Australia.
<u>May</u>	18-21	Victorian Facetors Group Shepparton Workshop , Kialla Scout Hall Recreation Drive, Kialla Park Community Reserve, Kialla Vic 3631. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
<u>August</u>	10-13	Victorian Facetors Group Maiden Gully (Bendigo) Workshop , Community Hall, 711 Calder Highway, Maiden Gully Vic 3511. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
<u>November</u>	16-19	Victorian Facetors Group Beechworth Workshop , The Old Priory, 8 Priory Lane Beechworth, Vic 3747. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.

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