



# GEMCLUB SEPTEMBER 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](http://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. September 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing at 7.15pm and closing at 9.55pm.**

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**

### From Other Clubs

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

## IMPORTANT NOTE

### VGCA (Clubs representative for Victoria)

DVGC has provided two Presidents and Secretaries. Soon there will be no Treasurer, Vice President or Secretary; therefore there is a plea for two Delegates from each club to attend the AGM (Saturday week). Keith Billing will attend as the DVGC delegate.

The VGCA provides an "umbrella" Insurances for Victorian Gem Clubs plus organises the Gemkhana and Gemboree. They also determine show judging rules for Faceting and Cabochoning of stones.

Note. There is concern for the long term viability of the VGCA without a full committee.

# 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.

## **Membership Renewals:**

**Your 2017-2018 Annual Membership Subscriptions are now overdue as from March 2017. If you have not as yet renewed your Membership this will be your last Newsletter.**

**Please pay your Subscription now to avoid becoming an unfinancial member.**

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.

## 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

- **The club requires clean rags to clean the Cutting Saws after use. Can you help in suppling Rags?**
- **The saws have not been properly cleaned after use by members. Please ensure that you clean the Saws using the rags and the plastic Cards. Don't leave the saws dirty for the next member to use and clean,**
- **Also drain the water out of the bucket after use of the trim Saw.**

Thank You. The Committee

### Field Trip Officer

**Second time of Asking!!!!!!**

**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!**

<u>September</u>	2-3	Mildura & District Gem & Mineral Club, 25th Annual Gem and Jewellery show. Sunraysia Masonic Hall, 15th Street (Calder Hwy) Irymple. Contact Hellyn 0408 502 340. Or Secretary, Mildura & District Gem & Mineral Club PO Box 736 Mildura 3502.
	16	V.G.C.A. AGM, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	23-24	Waverley Gem Club Exhibition, Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Fernree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day. Contact Peter 0415536770, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
	23-24	Field trip to Strathbogie, GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, Crystal & Topaz, Camp at Recreation Center Hall. See your club field trip officer for details.
<u>October</u>	6-8	New Zealand National Show, hosted by the North Shore Rockhounds Club Inc. North Shore Events Centre, Glenfield, Wairau Valley, Auckland NZ. Contact: darkgeorge@hotmail.com or <a href="http://northshorerockclub.co.nz">http://northshorerockclub.co.nz</a> .
	14-15	Mordialloc Lapidary Club GEMFAIR. Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin (near the House & Home Centre) Mel Ref 77, E6. Contact the Club on 95800401.
	14	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	21-22	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave, Croydon. Melway Ref 50 K7. Contact Phil Toland 9781 3169 or ndlogem@hotmail.com
	25	The Australian Fine Mineral Show Melbourne, Vic. Location to be decided. Keep informed at <a href="http://www.afm.com.au">www.afm.com.au</a>
<u>December</u>	2	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
<b><u>2018</u></b>		
<u>January</u>	6-7	Warrnambool Gem Club Gem and Mineral Show, Warrnambool Primary School Hall, corner Jamieson St. and Princess Highway, Warrnambool, Vic. email <a href="mailto:wgemclub@westvic.com.au">wgemclub@westvic.com.au</a>
	20-21	Warragul Lapidary Club Gem Show, Yarragon Hall, Campbell St, Yarragon. Contact Karen Lindorff, 0438283238 or Ruth McDonald 0427287555.
<u>March</u>	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
	30	2018 GEMBOREE, 30 March to 2nd April, Willunga, South Australia

# 50 YEARS YOUNG

## Watch this Space. This Event is getting closer!

This Year 2017 is our Club's 50 Years celebration 15th October 2017

- The Celebration will be held at Keith and Marilyn Billing's Farm at 2 Lorimer Road ,Wattle Glen and will be catered for.
- Contact Keith Billing Mobile 0413 435 899

Please Note Your Invitations have been posted to you.  
If you have not as yet replied ,please do so .  
We need to finalise the number of attendees.

Cut off date is the 15th of September.2017

See you all there!

## Diamond Valley Gem Club .inc Web Page

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

### Report from Jeff

- The 50 Year Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc. Book Will be posted as an electronic copy
- 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.

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