



# GEMCLUB MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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

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[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. May 2017 Minutes and Correspondence are on the Club Room Notice Board**

### Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198.
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Assistant Treasurer:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335
Minutes Secretary:	Kevin Leahy	0425 744 987

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 commencing at 7.15pm and closing at 9.00pm.**

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

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

## **Membership Renewals:**

**Your 2017-2018 Annual Membership Subscriptions are now due as from March 2017.**

**Please pay your subscriptions now.**

**This will be the final Newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your outstanding Membership Renewal. You will no longer be a paid up member of your Club.**

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: \$10.00.

### **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.

# ANNUAL GEM & CRYSTAL EXHIBITION 2017

*I am very happy to report that once again our show has proven itself to be a great success. Thank you. Prior to the show, it takes a lot of behind the scenes preparation and I would like to make mention of as many of those who helped as I can recall.*

*Security has become a great concern at gem shows in recent time, which gave us cause to take precautions. During 'cuppa time' Stephan mentioned to me that he has some cameras and a TV monitor that we would be welcome to use. He went to great length to set this security system up for us and the effort paid off immediately. A million thanks Stephan. Whilst I am still on security, huge thanks Chris and Toni for our overnight security. The effort by the boys brings a peace of mind to all the traders. This is the six year that they have done for us at the shows.*

*Prior to show the layout of the tables and pinning up of the table cloths is a very time-consuming. This job was done to perfection by Tracy, Jesse and Sahra. Wonderful job girls.*

*Jaci and Deslee did the grocery shopping for the kitchen on Friday and all was ready for the busy weekend. Once again the kitchen was run in a professional manner by our chef Brendan and with help of Greg when required, as always a great backstop. Our two lovely ladies, who worked tirelessly, were Carmen and Geralyn. Brendan famous sausage rolls were under great demand once again, thanks pal. Lyndel's rocky road was a massive temptation and once again she made many for us, thank you love. Unfortunately, she was ill on the weekend and could not be with us. Glad you are on the mend now. Kevie to thank for taking over the register for Lyndel and Gary also helped. Good one Kevie and Gary.*

*Late Friday the local sign had to go John and Adele braved the cold to do this job. Thank you so much.*

*We had very satisfying sale with our raffle this year. All but the winner has collected their prizes. They were all delighted with their win. Winner were as followed:*

*Draw 1: Stilbite cluster - Heylie.*

*Draw 2: Jasper Pendant - Maya Rarnaut.*

*Draw 3: Quartz Cluster - Lynda.*

*Draw 4: amethyst Base Cut - Steven.*

*Draw 5: Pyrite Heart - Enza Santalucia.*

*Draw 6 - Keith Kerr.*

*How many stones in the jar (242): Myer Thomas. She got exact.*

*Winner of the Mother's Day surprise gift: Maureen.*

*We have Tracy to thank for the great photo layout that accompanied our raffle tickets. I have made mentioned here that Tracy did so much with advertising and Facebook.*

*We had a great range of rocks for sale this year. Jaci spent a great deal slabbing to give us a health visual stock supply. Rob took the job as in charge person; he did a great job with his helpers: John and Douglas. Thank you guys, sales were terrific this year.*

*Pauline, John and myself spent a few days washing, sorting out and pricing while Jaci was up to her elbows in oil. Sales have proven to us that our efforts paid off. Big thank you team.*

*Once again Keith, Ian and Brendan put up all of the advertising banners out a couple of week before the show and collected them afterwards.*

*Thankfully none of them were stolen this year. John Neville did a great job over a long period getting the show shed sorted out so as the loading of the truck went like clockwork. Huge thanks John.*

*Once again the window display at Greensborough looked great. We have Keith and Brendan to thanks for this job, it was very eye catching.*

*This year's children's game was Frozen (am I the only who did not who that was?). Therese did a beautiful job preparing this beautiful game but unfortunately ended up in hospital and could not been with us. Savanha did a wonderful job all day Saturday and she looked beautiful.*

*On Saturday we had Jo and Steph so glad you lovely ladies could help us out. I have to mention that Keith and Steph did a bit a bit of reliving.*

*Our Clare was very busy with her demonstrations with wire wrapping and also challenging the children to a couple of games. The stone number jars attracted a lot of attention with the children and she was offered several bribes to reveal the number of stones.*

*Show cases were presented to a professional standard by Max, Chris, Les Gray and Lyndel. I am thrilled that my high tea went over well.*

*We had Neil taking photos throughout the show. I look forward to seeing how he capture us.*

*Our Ron recently had hip surgery but still managed to man his own store. One very huge effort Ron, you are a champ.*

*Max kept our visitor interested with his thunder eggs. Glad you could enjoy us.*

*Grant was away this year we had David Hiendrik with us for gem identification. Thank you David.*

*Our faceting boys, Neil and John, along with Adele did a great job on the faceting table.*

*We had interesting addition of rock cooking by Gary along with photos to explain the procedure.*

*Unfortunately Amrei was not well and could not look after the information table. We missed her smiley face. Maureen was able to stand in for her with help from Keith. Thank you for doing a great job.*

*Keith and I were kept busy on the entry table and we welcome Keith for his first show.*

*To every person who helped with the loading and unloading of the truck we say a huge thank you.*

*Once again Lynda and Reed folded up the cloths, thank you so much. Tracy vacuumed the carpet area. Christine took charge of the polished floors.*

*We also are sad to hear that Marilyn was not well and was in hospital. We wish her the best of health.*

*I am sure that Neil will know now that I am ready to sign off.*

*If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me but please know that anything you did to help the show was appreciated.*

*I would like to mention the wonderful support of the show committee: John Neville, Keith Billing and Jaci Anderson. Thank you for fantastic work.*

*Finally closing down on Sunday evening went so well thanks to all the helping hands. We finally closed at 6:30.*

*Dawn,*

*A very big thanks to my grandson Rahn for typing up this report, dictated by me.*





The Winning Show Case. Diamond Valley Gem Club. Dawn Lee

**Diamond Valley Gem Club Members Work** ↓











## 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.**

# 50 YEARS YOUNG

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

**This Year is our Club's 50 Years celebration on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 11.00am:-**

- **The Celebration will be held at Keith and Marilyn Billing's Farm 2 Lorimer Rd. Wattle Glen which will be fully catered for.**
- **Contact Keith Billing Mobile 0413 435 899**
- **Dawn Lee requires Sweets for this Celebration. Please contact Dawn.**
- **A Mud Map on how to get there will be available in the next couple of Month**

## **Need Members Help**

**The Committee has undertaken to produce a Booklet about the History of the Diamond Valley Gem Club.inc for our 50 Years Celebration. We would appreciate any Photos, Articles or any other Club Memorabilia that you have that may be of interest to us**

**Please contact:**

**Dawn Lee**

**Neil Crammer**

**Leigh Carbines**

**FORWARD DIARY**

<u>May</u>	6-7	<b>Diamond Valley Gem Club Annual Exhibition</b> , Masonic Hall, 23 Ester Street, Greensborough. Contact Leigh on 9846 2335.
	5-7	<b>Murraylands Gem and Mineral Club Crystal and Craft Fair 'Rockarama'</b> , Palmer Oval, Palmers, SA.
	13	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	19-22	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Workshop</b> , Shepparton. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	27-28	<b>Gemstone &amp; Mineral Exhibition</b> , Horsham & District Lapidary Club Clubrooms. 24 Roberts Ave, Horsham. Sat. 10am - 5pm, Sun.10am - 4pm. Contact 53822874.
	27-28	<b>Field trip to Whroo &amp; Rushworth</b> , GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group. Gold Crystal, Sunday Lake Cooper Quarry, Asceente, Jasper etc. See your club field trip officer for details.
<u>June</u>	10	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
<u>July</u>	7-9	<b>Clarence River Arts, Crafts &amp; Quilt Exhibition 2017</b> . Incorporates jewellery competition. Contact, web clarencriverartsfestival.com.au, email info@ferrypark.org. or phone Bobbie Winger, Jewellery Steward, 0412 832 469.
<u>August</u>	12	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	11-14	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Workshop</b> , Maiden Gully. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	19-20	<b>Ballarat &amp; District Gem Club Show</b> . "The Farm," 800 Norman Street, Nth Ballarat ( Invermay Park)
	26-27	<b>Frankston Lapidary Club Show</b> .
	26-27	<b>White Cliffs Gem Fest and Car Boot Sale</b> . Contact Jane Stevenson 0429601870 or or email wcma2012@hotmail.com
	TBA.	<b>Field trip to Strathbogie</b> , GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, Crystal & Topaz, See your club field trip officer for details when date is confirmed.
<u>September</u>	TBA	<b>V.G.C.A. AGM</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	23-24	<b>Waverley Gem Club Exhibition</b> , Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day. Contact Peter 0415536770, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
<u>October</u>	6-8	<b>New Zealand National Show</b> , hosted by the North Shore Rockhounds Club Inc. North Shore Events Centre, Glenfield, Wairau Valley, Auckland NZ. Contact: clarkgeorge@hotmail.com or http://northshorerockclub.co.nz.
	14-15	<b>Mordialloc Lapidary Club GEMFAIR</b> . Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin (near the House & Home Centre) Mel Ref 77, E6. Contact the Club on 95800401.
	14	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.

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	21-22	<b>Nunawading &amp; District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition</b> , Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave, Croydon. Melway Ref 50 K7. Contact Phil Toland 9761 3169 or ndlclgem@hotmail.com
	29	<b>Warragul Lapidary Club Rock Market</b> , Logan Park Warragul. Contact Karen Lindorff 0438 283238 or Ruth Mc Donald 0427 287555.
<u>November</u>	11	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-20	<b>Victorian Faceters Group Workshop</b> , Beechworth. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
<u>December</u>	2	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
<b><u>2018</u></b>		
<u>January</u>	6-7	<b>Warrnambool Gem Club Gem and Mineral Show</b> , Warrnambool Primary School Hall, corner Jamieson St. and Princess Highway, Warrnambool, Vic. email wgemclub@westvic.com.au
<u>March</u>	9-11	<b>Minerama Fossicking Gem and Jewellery, Show</b> 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- 2 April	<b>2018 GEMBOREE</b> , Wilunga, South Australia
<b><u>GEMBOREES:</u></b> 2019 Queensland.		