



GEMCLUB JUNE 2018 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

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

MONTHLY NOTICES

Monthly Meeting 05.06.2018 Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board

Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Maureen Boyle	0412 303 816.
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335
Minutes Secretary:	Robert Cooper	

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), John Milner (9435 5710) and Jaci Anderson

Newsletter Editors

Neil Crammer and Rahn Krammaer
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(only for issues relating to the newsletter)



Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

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 General Meeting was held on Tuesday 6th June 2018 Commencing at **7.20pm and Closing at 9.00pm.**
- Copies of the Minutes and Correspondence have 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

Inward Correspondence and Minutes

Pointer

- June 2018 Club copy is available at the Club Rooms

From Other Clubs

- The Gemini
- Gemform
- The Mordi-Agate
- Frank Stone Chaser
- Rockfella
- Gem Gossip
- Tas Lap

Other Inward Correspondence

Nil

Items of Interest

- The committee is arranging to install a warm water system to the cutting wheels in the cabochon Room for the Winter
- An Emergency Evacuation Procedure for the Club is being prepared and signs located in the club. Fire blankets are to be purchased.
- The Museum Visit is as yet to be confirmed.

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. First Tuesday of each month

Membership Renewals: 2018-2019. Now are Due as from the Annual General Meeting 6.03.2018

Becoming a member is a great way to get involved in the club. Members between the age of 16 and 90 are included in our Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance.

Joining Fee: \$10.00 Annual Subscriptions: First Adult: \$30.00 Additional Adults: \$20.00 Under 15: \$15.00
Life Members: nil

Important Notice

Please pay you Membership renewal if you have not paid as yet!

You are not covered by the club Personal Insurance and therefore are not allowed to operate club Equipment. Duty Officers please confirm that all members who are operating club equipment are financial.

Please note

Workshop Fees have been increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per session commencing from 30th March 2018

Newsletter Notice

If all members with an email adress could give it to **Neil Crammer** or send an email to **dvgcnewsletter@gmail.com** (with your full name), so that we can send the newsletter to you. If you change your email adress, 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.

DVGC ANNUAL GEM SHOW

DVCG Annual Show 2018

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

Well, the show is gone, done and dusted! But by all accounts it was another Successful Gem Show

Dawn's after Show Report 2018

I am very happy to look back on our show and know that we have, once again, been able to present a great example of who we are and what we are all about.

Firstly, I would like to list the prizes and winners. (All of these people were extremely thrilled with their winnings.)

DRAW No. 1	Moroccan Geode	Jaye Morey
DRAW No. 2	Pendant – donated by Linda Keays	Lauren O'Connell
DRAW No. 3	Coral Quartz	M. Laree
DRAW No. 4	Amethyst Slice	June Calwell

DRAW No. 5 Mookaite heart

Belinda Fisher

DRAW No. 6 Amber (in stand)

Adele Morris

Guess the amount of Jelly Beans was won by Zac Ryder. Winning guess was 220.

Mothers Day Surprise parcel was won by Michael Roberts. (chrome plated photo frame)

The winner of the MOST POPULAR SHOWCASE was JOHN MILNER. Huge congrats John! (he had us searching for that little bug!)

We congratulate each of the other 4 entries, they were: PAUL, DAVID, LES, & MAX. Great effort guys.

A show like ours cannot be done without the great help from so many hard workers.

Thank you very much to Stefan for, once again, setting up our sound system and the security cameras. We believe that these cameras were a great deterrent.

Setting up the venue of the Friday before the show entails a lot of work, and each year our team, led by JOHN NEVILLE, do a fabulous job making sure that all is ready for the traders to come in at 2pm. I want you all to know just how much we appreciate your efforts.

Our overnight security was, once again, done by CHRIS and TONI. Sincere thanks to you both. All traders could go home knowing that all of their belongings were in safe hands due to your generous time given to us each year. Toni also spent all day Saturday doing a very vigilant and silent security watch. Thank you, pal. Also, we had our other silent security watch guy posing as our photographer. Thank you, NEIL.

I would like to make a special tribute to our hard working kitchen staff.

Our Super-Chef, BRENDAN, did a fabulous job, as always. We didn't have his famous sausage rolls this year, due to an unexpected mishap, but they will most certainly be on the menus next year. On Saturday and Sunday, DESLEE and CARMEN worked tirelessly without a break. On Sunday, JANINE (Greg's sister) joined them. We are most thankful for your help. We had GREG doing his usual great job throughout the weekend. Sadly, this was his last show with us. We want you to know just how much we have appreciated all of your efforts and will miss you.

I need to mention here, that the kitchen plays an integral part in our show and we really need more help. I am hoping that 2019 will supply us with the extra help that is needed. If you can give us some time, please contact me on the number at the end of this newsletter. Also, approaching Showtime there will be a list of help needed at the clubroom.

All of our visitors were greeted by AMREI, who did a marvelous job informing interested parties how they could become part of our club. By the end of Sunday, we had 9 new members. Great job dear lady. Two of these new members are YVONNE and ED, who are also our traders. We extend a big welcome to you both.

GARY was our cashier for the whole show, and did a great job. (I was thinking I should book you for next year "dear friend"!!)

This year, our poor Therese had a very nasty dose of the flu and couldn't run the popular kids' game. We were very lucky to have SARAH (Greg's niece) do this for us. She did a wonderful job and certainly looked the part.

Thank you, Sarah. Although CLAIRE didn't do the guessing game this year, she was still kept busy with the lovely children playing "MAKE THE FACE BEFORE ME" game with gem stones. Better luck next year, Claire.

Our demonstration area was very busy with MIKE joining us with his SILVER JEWELLERY making. JOHN and ADELE, once again, did a great job with the FACETING. JACI put together a slide show on a large screen TV displaying images of what we do at the club, as well as the work of many club members. Great idea, Jaci!

We were very glad to have GRANT with us again this year. He has a wealth of information to share with everyone. Thank you so much, Grant.

JESSICA joined us this year as a new trader. She informs me that she would like to be with us next year. A big welcome to you Jess.

KEITH K and IAN did a great job on the entry table. They were very pleased with the attendance on both days. This year we say goodbye to RON due to health reasons. He decided to make this show his last one. We would like you to know Ron, how much we appreciate all of the work you have done with the show over the many years. We look forward to still seeing you at the club. Best Wishes from all of us.

Our Super-rock salesman, ROB, and his assistants did a marvelous job on the ROCK STALL. It looks like we have a lot more cutting to do in preparation for next year. Three cheers, Rob!

Before I sign off, I want to say a big thank you to our "SIGN BOYS & LADY".

JOHN NEVILLE made sure that all the dates were changed on the banners in time for our advertising to hit the streets. BRENDAN, KEITH & IAN once again placed all the signage where it would be noticed. JOHN MILNER & ADELE did the quick distribution of the small signs on Saturday morning, and also collected them after the show.

Finally, after a very busy and successful weekend, the time then comes to pack up, load the truck and clean the venue. It has always been our policy to leave everything in ship-shape order. This year was no exception. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved in this great effort.

To my committee, I say a million thank you's for your support.

Best regards to all.

Dawn

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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.

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.

- Thank you to Keith Billing, Yani and Jaci for manning a promotional table for our club at Bunnings Eltham, Family Day on June 17th 2018 (See Jaci Findings for more information)

Jaci's Findings

<http://www.geologyin.com/2017/08/the-planggenstock-treasure-unearthed.html#more>

Retail therapy anyone?

Here are just a handful of web links that some of you may find useful:

<http://folk-stone.com/>

<http://www.spiritrockshop.com/index.html>

<https://rubymountain5rocks.com/>
<http://www.therockery.com.au/products>

Bunnings, Eltham has shown us more support. We were offered a promotional table at their recent Family Day on Sunday, June 17th. The day began with a torrent of rain and wind - even a little thunder - but soon became clear and sunny.

Despite the cold, Keith B, Leigh, Yani and myself mingled with customers and gave out stones to passing children. It was wonderful to show people what we get up to at the DVGC on a big screen TV.

Thanks goes out to the club members who were happy to be filmed 'in action' during the lost wax course, cabbing, faceting and cutting.

Cheers,

Jaci



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.

Last 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 relavent information.

Wire Wrapping

Claire Gleeson teaches a wire wrapping course. Please check at the club for an update on this course. Clair is currently unavailable.

Silversmith/Jewelry

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 premiseses 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 vistors are entered on the days worksheet.

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

Workshop Notes

Nil

Diamond Valley Gem Club .inc Web Page

Report from Jeff Hill

- We are Still 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 will be putting the VGCA Pointer on line in conjunction with VGCA in June. This will allow more of our members to be able to read this Monthly Magazine in detail. You will receive a monthly Email with an attachment. Open up the attachment and you will be able to veiw the monthly Pointer Issue. NMC Download the attachment to your computer.Save or Print out a copy.
- Members, Check out our Public facebook.: <https://www.facebook.com/DVGCinc/>
- Our Private group page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/diamondvalleygemclub/>
- Please join this group if you are not already using it.

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FORWARD DIARY

<u>July</u>	13-14	Clarence River Arts Festival. Maclean High School, Pacific Highway, Maclean, NSW. www.clarenceriverartsfestival.com
	20-22	Yowah Opal Festival and Designer Jewellery Competition. For Information contact Gwen 0427068254 or email yowahcommunity@gmail.com , WEB site www.opalhut.com.au
<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.
	18-19	Ballarat & District Gem Club Show. "The Farm" 800 Norman Street, Nth Ballarat (Invermay Park)
	25-26	Frankston & Peninsular Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show. Cranbourne Public Hall, South Gippsland Highway, Melway ref. 133-J4. Contact Joselin Kedstrom 0420364980 or Heike Ennis 0401305707
<u>September</u>	1-2	Mildura & District Gem & Jewellery Show. Sunraysia Masonic Hall, Fifteenth Street, Irymple. Contact: Joe Watson 0428540933, josephwatson28@icloud.com
	8-9	Bendigo Gem Club Show. Baptist Church Hall, McIvor Highway, Bendigo
	22-23	Waverley Gem Club Exhibition. Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day. Contact Peter 0415536770, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
<u>October</u>	12-14	2018 New Zealand National Show. Tauranga, New Zealand.
	13-14	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
	20-21	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition. Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave, Croydon. Melway Ref 50 K7. Contact Phil Toland 9761 3169 or ndlcgem@hotmail.com
	27-28	Combined Gippsland Gem Clubs Gem Show. Kernot Hall, Princes Highway, Morwell. Contact Trevor Pickering 0351341250 or 0428502547
<u>November</u>	3-4	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. geelonggemandmineralclub@gmail.com .
	16-19	Victorian Facetors Group Beechworth Workshop. The Old Priory, 8 Priory Lane, Beechworth, Vic 3747. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
<u>March 2019</u>	9-10	Combined Victorian Gem Clubs show.
GEMBOREES:		
2019 Queensland.		
2020 Albury Yes, its only two years away!		
2021 Tasmania,		