



# GEMCLUB AUGUST 2018 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

## MONTHLY NOTICES

**Monthly Meeting 07.08.2018 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  
Email: [dvgcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dvgcnewsletter@gmail.com) (New Email Address)  
(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 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018**
- **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**

- **August 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 Museum Tour. Leigh Carbines is to contact the Museum again.

# **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**

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**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

## **Newsletter Notice**

If all members with an email address 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 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.

## **Field Trips DVGC 2018**

Field Trips:

There are no field trips organized for August.

If a club member has a suggestion about what may be able to be organized for future field trips please contact me on the following mobile phone number. Alternatively, you can give a suggestion via a notice on the notice board I will be putting up leaving your phone number so I can contact you.

I will put on the notice board any field trip that may be coming up for anyone interested to put their name telephone number on for that particular field trip. I will contact those people who are interested.

DVGC Field Trip Officer - Robin Jongebloed – 0418806410

## **Field Trip Officer's Report**

I am away from the end of August till the end of September so will be unable to be contacted regarding field trips.

Recently I checked out Eldorado and Beechworth districts along Reedy Creek for a club day trip in October.

## **Fossicking for gold and quartz crystals.**

I will put up on the notice board an expression of interest in having a one day trip to Reedy Creek.

The day would be based on tag along with members supplying their own transport, food, tools etc.

This would include some minor instruction on panning for gold and looking for crystals.

Robin Jongebloed Field trip Officer.

# Club Members Thank you

Thank you to the 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.*
- *I received a phone call from Kevin Leahy who informed me that he is currently in hospital undergoing tests. He went by ambulance and being his first time ever, he requested the flashing lights and sirens be activated which the driver obliged*

*Best wishes and good news to you, Kevin.*

*The Diamond Valley Gem club Members*

## 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/product>

## Jaci August 2018

Here is an example of art imitating nature. Mrs Colorberry is just one resin artist creating incredible images of geodes. Finally a rock we can hang on our walls!

You will find more images on Pinterest, Instagram and Facebook. Also, check out how they are made on Youtube. Simply search for 'resin art geode'.

<https://www.mrscolorberry.com/>

Can you tell the difference between the photo and the art?

















## Vale

On behalf of our Members of the Diamond Valley Gem Club, we wish to extend our sincere sympathies and condolences to Dawn and Ian and their families on the sad loss and passing of Dawn's Mother, Edna Clarice Clarke.

Our Kindest Regards,

The Executive and the committee of the Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.



## 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 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 days worksheet.

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

## Workshop Notes

- **Bookcase.** A Clean out is under way to remove unused info/magazines and will be offered to club members.

# 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 have sent out the June/July VGCA Pointer on line in conjunction with VGCA. 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 view 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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Mobile No .0407 548 692

## FORWARD DIARY

<u>August</u>	10-13	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Maiden Gully (Bendigo) Workshop.</b> Community Hall, 711 Calder Highway, Maiden Gully, Vic 3511. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	11	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	18-19	<b>Ballarat &amp; District Gem Club Show.</b> "The Farm" 800 Norman Street, Nth Ballarat (Invermay Park)
	25-26	<b>Frankston &amp; Peninsular Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show.</b> Cranbourne Public Hall, South Gippsland Highway, Melway ref. 133-J4. Contact Joselin Kedstrom 0420364980 or Heike Ennis 0401305707
<u>September</u>	1-2	<b>Mildura &amp; District Gem &amp; Jewellery Show.</b> Sunraysia Masonic Hall, Fifteenth Street, Irymple. Contact Joe Watson 0428540933, josephwatson28@icloud.com
	8	<b>V.G.C.A. AGM,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	8-9	<b>Bendigo Gem Club Show.</b> Baptist Church Hall, Mclvor Highway, Bendigo
	22-23	<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>	12-14	<b>2018 New Zealand National Show.</b> Tauranga, New Zealand.
	14	<b>Possible Field trip to Lake Cooper Quarry,</b> GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, See your club field trip officer for details, to be confirmed by George.
	13	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	13-14	<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
	20-21	<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 ndlcgem@hotmail.com
	27-28	<b>Combined Gippsland Gem Clubs Gem Show.</b> Kernot Hall, Princes Highway, Morwell. Contact Trevor Pickering 0351341250 or 0428502547
<u>November</u>	3-4	<b>Geelong Gem and Mineral Club.</b> "Gem, Crystal and Jewellery Show." Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington St, Geelong West. 10-5 Sat 10-4 Sun. geelonggemandmineralclub@gmail.com.
	10	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	16-19	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Beechworth Workshop.</b> The Old Priory, 8 Priory Lane, Beechworth, Vic 3747. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.



<u>December</u>	8	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
<u>February</u>	1-4	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Traralgon Workshop</b> , Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.

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<u>March 2019</u>	9-10	<b>Combined Victorian Gem Clubs show.</b>
<u>April</u>	19-22	<b>Rockhampton GEMBOREE</b>
<u>May</u>	17-20	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Shepparton Workshop</b> , Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.

GEMBOREE 2020 Albury  
Yes, Its only 18 months away!

2021 Tasmania,

Clubs (including interstate clubs) do you know dates, locations and contact persons for your 2018 show? Please let us know when the information is available so that it can be published in forward diary.