



GEMCLUB MARCH 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



Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

MONTHLY NOTICES

The AGM 2018 Minutes are on the Notice board

Monthly Meeting 6.03.2018 Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board

Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Vacant.	
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
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
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(only for issues relating to the newsletter)

Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

Presidents Report 2017

2017 has been another successful year for our Club. We continued to get new members and have maintained strong and active membership.

Our 2017 show was one of our most successful in recent years in both monetary terms and in putting our name out there to attract new members, all of our traders have indicated that they want to continue trading at our show in the future.

We have acquired new equipment, continued to keep our equipment in top condition and are prepared to replace anything that needs it.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our members for their contributions throughout the year, and in particular I thank,

1. Dawn and the show committee for organizing and conducting our show so well, and all members who assisted with our show.
2. All of our duty officers for their consistent commitment to keeping the club room open.
3. All members who have assisted with maintenance of the equipment and the club rooms.
4. All of our members who have conducted courses and assisted in passing on our craft to new members.
5. Our executive and this committee for their commitment to the betterment of our club. A special thanks to Keith for his meticulous abilities in doing the Treasurer's job.
6. The News Letter editor and his assistant for keeping all members informed as to our activities.

In 2017 our club celebrated being in existence for 50 years. On October the 15th we marked this milestone with a meal at the farm, and also produced a Booklet which listed some information about the club over the years and comments from some current members. I thank all of the members who contributed to the Booklet and Neil and those who put it together. I also thank Dawn, Jaci & Brendan and all who helped in the planning setting up, and conducting our 50th celebration meal.

During the years we ramped up our efforts with the Banyule council to find new and bigger club rooms, a number of representations have taken place culminating with a very detailed business plan being presented to the council on the premise that we take over the Grace park hall next door. I thank everyone who contributed to this, in particular Leigh who was quite vigorous in his efforts.

Finally I thank all of you for your confidence and for supporting me over the years that I have been president.

Keith Billing

President

Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 6th March 2018

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Meeting opened: - 7.15 pm

Present: - Gary Benson, Keith Billing, Maureen Boyle, Anne Brewster, Neil Crammer, Robert Cooper, Mike Griffin, Jeff Hill, Keith Kerr, Dawn Lee, John Milner, Roger Williams

Apologies: - Jaci Andersons, Amrei Bertelsmann, Leigh Carbines, Claire Gleeson, Adele Morris, Brendan Meagher, Berenice Williams

Minutes of 2017 AGM: - Read by Keith Billing, discussed and accepted
Moved - Roger Williams, seconded – Maureen Boyle

President's report: - See attached. Read by Keith Billing, accepted.
Moved Keith Billing, seconded – Dawn Lee

Treasurer's report: - See attached, audited by Keith Billing. Read by Keith Kerr, discussed and accepted.
Moved - Keith Kerr, seconded – Robert Cooper

Honorary members: - Greg Kirkbride, Grant Pearson
Moved by John Milner, seconded – Gary Benson

Elections: -

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
President	Keith Billing	Keith Kerr	Dawn Lee
Vice President	Maureen Boyle	Keith Billing	Dawn Lee
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	Keith Billing	Maureen Boyle
Secretary	Leigh Carbines	Maureen Boyle	Anne Brewster
Assistant secretary	Robert Cooper	Keith Billing	Dawn Lee

Committee Jaci Anderson, Neil Crammer, Anne Brewster, Dawn Lee, John Milner
Moved – John Milner, seconded – Neil Crammer

General Business: -

Membership fees

Moved that the annual membership fees be increased commencing from the 2019 calendar year as follows: -

1st adult person - increased from \$30.00 to \$40.00
Additional adult person - increased from \$25.00 to \$30.00

Discussed and accepted

Moved – Maureen Boyle, seconded Gary Benson

Meeting closed: - 7.50 pm

Signed Robert Cooper (Minute Secretary) Keith Billing (President)

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 Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 6.03.2018 Commencing at 7.30pm and Closing at 7.50 pm**
- **The General Committee meeting Commencing at 7.50 pm and Closing at 9.15 pm.**
- **Copies 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

Inward Correspondence and Minutes

- **A Copy of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th March, 2018 is on the Notice board**
- **A Copy of the Committee Meeting is also on Notice Board**

Pointer

- **March 2018 Club copy is available at the Club Rooms**

From Other Clubs

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

Other Inward Correspondence

- **Museum Invitation**
- **Gem & More Tour Information**
- **Australia Post PO Box Renewal**

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**

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 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.

DVGC ANNUAL GEM SHOW

DVCG Annual Show 2018

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

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

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.

- Jaci Anderson efforts in arranging for the Bunnings Barbeque to raise funds for the club on Friday April 6th (8.30am – 4.00pm) More volunteers are needed. If you can help in any way. Contact Jaci. 0407 553 106
- Robert Cooper (Minute Secretary) for stepping in the position and producing an excellent result
- Adele Morris on becoming a Duty Officer
- And of course, Dawn Lee's behind the scenes work on our next Gem Show

Jaci's Findings

- March 2018: Web site www.Australianart.gov.au
- JEWELLERY: The following excerpt is from Vogue Australia Magazine
- State of Origin: The industry is waking up to the impacts of mining and the fraught nature of sourcing conflict-free diamonds. Thanks to a concerted effort, less than one percent of new diamonds are conflict, down from 15 per cent three decades ago. It's a high human and environmental cost area, so it pays to be considered. Ask a jeweller in-store to confirm the source, or even better, buy lab-grown diamonds, made using the same process that occurs in nature, with extreme pressure and heat. What's more, their grade can equal the top two per cent of diamonds in the world.
- Green and Gold: Fair-trade standards for gold were set out for the first time in 2010, and can now be accredited as such. The difference between mines that adhere to these standards and those that don't is confronting. It's difficult to ensure gold is fair-trade, but asking the question is the start of change.
- Three Cheers For Artisans: Smaller brands take an artisanal approach: made in a workshop, often by one person, by hand and in small quantities, and all that is good news for the environment.
- Vogue Loves: Cartier, Chopard and Bulgari's commitment to the Kimberly Process Certification, which ensure no conflict diamonds enter the market; Tiffany & Co.'s refusal to use coral as a material; artisanal brands Holly Ryan, Meadowlark and Sarah & Sebastian, which ethically source and produce their precious pieces; and fair-trade old certified Larsen.

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 relevant 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.

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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

We have another Duty Officer joining our Ranks. Welcome to Adele Morris

Workshop Notes

- Please note, The Cutting Saws and the Cutting Wheels have been Numbered.
- Saw room. Thank you to Members who have donated clean rags. We now have an ample supply and no more are needed at present.

Diamond Valley Gem Club .inc Web Page

Report from Jeff Hill

- A need to list Dates for up and coming courses on the web
- 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 are still 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.
- Members ,Check out our facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/DVGCinc>

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FORWARD DIARY

<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.
	17	Open day GV Gem, Mineral & Craft Group. Contact George Federsen for details. Contact details page 19.
	18	Field trip to Lake Cooper Quarry , GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, See your club field trip officer for details.
	30-2 April	2018 GEMBOREE , (54th National Gem & Mineral Show), Willunga Park Reserve Willunga, South Australia.
<u>April</u>	21-22	Wanganui Rock & Mineral Club Show , Wanganui City College Hall, 48 Ingestre Street, Wanganui, New Zealand.
	21-22	Essendon Gem and Lapidary Club Inc. Show. Cross Keys Reserve, Bridge St, Essendon 3040. Contact Anastasia Vesperman 0424 584 303 or email committee@essendongemandlapidaryclubinc.org
	21-22	Field Trip to Valencia Creek. Camping and Fossicking Weekend. Stay on and include Anzac day. Contact Ray Medew, Morwell Gem Club 0417269650 or email rjmedew@gmail.com
	29	Field trip to Strathbogie , GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, Crystal & Topaz, See page for details.
<u>May</u>	5-6	Diamond Valley Gem Club Annual Show , Masonic Centre, 23 Esther St. Greensborough. Contact Leigh on 9846 2335
	12-13	Field Trip. Saturday Gold Museum Ballarat, Sunday Mt Shadwick Mortlake. Peridot. GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, See your club field trip officer for details.
	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>July</u>	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