



# July Newsletter 2019

Diamond Valley Gem Club

clubrooms

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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: 7.30 – 9.30 pm  
Tuesday: 10.30 – 3.00 pm  
Tuesday: 7.30 – 9.30 pm  
Thursday: 7.30 – 10.00 pm  
Saturday: 1.30 – 4.30 pm



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## Monthly Notices

**Monthly Meeting . 2 July Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board**

### Office Bearer

President:	Leigh Carbines	03 9846 2335.
Vice President	Darren Srblin	
Treasurer:	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Secretary:	Robert Cooper	0418 392 861
Assistant Secretary	Vicki Srblin	0412 905 262

### Duty Officers

Monday:	John Milner
Tuesday :	Gary Benson/Robert Cooper
Tuesday Evening:	John Milner
Thursday:	Leigh Carbines/John Milner
Saturday:	Douglas Ramsay/John Milner

### Committee Members

Anne Brewster, Claire Gleeson (0409 511 751), Mike Griffin, Jaci Anderson, Gary Benson (9467 1174), Maureen Boyle, Neil Crammer (0419 021 221), Dawn Lee (9434 1512), John Milner(9439 5820), Roger Williams

### Newsletter

Douglas Ramsay  
(0411 105 031) [douglas.ramsay1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:douglas.ramsay1@optusnet.com.au)

## Membership Renewals 2018-19

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**

**Note, when renewing it is important to fill out the membership form, copies of which are available in the club**

## Peter Himing's work



A reflection from Peter Himing on his work

My name is Peter Himing and I make square dance accessories for myself such as bolo ties, bolo slides and inserts for Western style belt buckles.

I need to give you some background in order for you to understand how I arrived at this time point in time.

In approximately 1976, my wife and I started square dancing. We then took time off to raise three children until they married and left home

then we returned to square dancing.

My father was a member of the Geological Society at Melbourne Uni and collected many rock specimens from numerous field trips all over Australia. I inherited his collection which included some boulder opal which I considered as something I could use for square dancing accessories. With this in mind, I joined the Essendon Lapidary club approximately six years ago. After our recent house move, I moved to the Diamond Valley club because it was closer.

Square Dancing usually involves dressing up in colourful western style apparel for both men and women. I choose stones for their visual character in colour and pattern to be mounted on various backgrounds. The bolo slides are used to secure neck scarves. The belt buckle stones can be oval or round of a size to be inserted into an opening on the buckle.

I am interested in members who have a favorite piece they are willing to provide and discuss in the newsletter

## Show Report Dawn Lee—cont

Each stone is unique and enhances the apparel, catches the eye and creates a taking point.

I intend to continue searching for more unique stones for this purpose and for the pleasure of creating something beautiful.



### Editors comment

Folk

Hi, it's Douglas Ramsay Here. I have taken over the editing of the newsletter. I would like to interview members about their experiences, and interests, to add some spark to the newsletter, If anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact me on 0411 105031

### Field trip Ethics

- You must have a Current Victoria Miner's Right.
- Before entering private property, be it grazing, farming, mining, quarrying etc, permission must be obtained from the owner, lessee, manager or other responsible person, for prospecting, mining, collecting gemstones or camping.
- When permission has been obtained, members will obey any direction, restriction, order, advice or precaution given by the person in charge of the property.
- Ensure that gates of properties are left as found, shut or open.
- Stock, including domestic animals, are not to be interfered with under any circumstances.
- Firearms and explosives shall not be taken on field trips.
- Do not take pets on field trips.
- Leave an area as you find it. Fill in all holes and remove all litter. Be sure that gutters and drains are clear.
- Do not dig in banks of streams.
- Do not dig in or foul streams which are part of a water catch-

ment area.

- Do not damage or undermine trees or other vegetation.
- Keep off crops and tilled land unless permission is granted. Use furrows to walk in if you must traverse tilled land.
- Do not remove excessive amounts of material. Take only enough for your personal use, not for commercial purposes.
- Extinguish all fires by covering them with soil. Don't chop trees to make your fire
- Use fallen and broken limbs. Do not light fires when restrictions are in force, including TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS.

**A reminder that if you would like to fossick a "Miners Right" is required.**

A Miner's Right allows the holder to search for, and take possession of, any mineral located on many areas of public land, or, on private land with the landholder's prior consent. Only basic non-powered hand tools (i.e. pick, shovel, sieve, etc.) can be used. This can be purchased online at <https://checkout.payments.com.au/minersRight/>

For information on fossicking in Victoria <https://parkweb.vic.gov.au/visit/popular-activities/fossicking>

## Field trip Mount Shadwell

Hi All,

I am organizing a field trip to Mt Shadwell quarry near Mortlake Victoria. Mt Shadwell is a working quarry during the week where volcanic bombs and peridotite may be found on a good day. Mortlake is approximately two and a half hours from Melbourne. There is a notice on the notice board regarding this field trip. The quarry can be open from 10 am till 4 pm Saturday or Sunday. I think 4 hours is enough so I suggest 10.30am till 2.30 pm. The date for the trip will be selected from the following Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of August or Sunday depending on response. So if you are interested put your name down on the notice board at the club with preferred date and day or give me a call. So make a note of the day and date next to your name. Main requirement is safety glasses, sturdy shoes and gloves. Tools reasonably heavy hammer. I have limited supply of hammers. Robin 0418806410

## Meet and Greet

As we have had some significant changes with new members joining, we thought it would be good to have a Meet and Greet to get to know who the new members are.

Diamond Valley Gem Club Members , Friends and Family -  
" Meet and Greet Night "  
9th of August 6.30 - 9.30pm  
at Contact Community Centre Annexe  
Bundoora Hall , Noorong Ave , Bundoora  
Cost \$ 5 per head , Bring a plate of food to share ,  
Bookings Required\* , Pay at the Door .  
Activities and Surprises



## Calendar of events

August	9-12	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Bendigo Workshop.</b> Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598. Note change of Venue. Marong Community Hall. 36 Torrens Street (Corner of High Street), Marong 3515.
	9	<b>Diamond Valley Gem Club Members , Friends and Family " Meet and Greet Night "</b>
	10	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-18	<b>Ballarat &amp; District Club Gem Show.</b> "The Farm", 800 Norman Street Nth, Ballarat (Invermay).
	17-20	<b>White Cliffs Gem Fest &amp; Car Boot Sale.</b> Contact Jane Stevenson 0429601870.
	31-1st Sept	<b>Frankston and Peninsula Lapidary Club Exhibition.</b> Peninsula Community Theatre, corner Nepean Highway and Wilsons Rd, Mornington. Contact Jo 0420 364980 or Heike 0401 305707
	31-1st Sept	<b>Mildura &amp; District Gem &amp; Jewellery Show.</b> Sunraysia Masonic Hall, fifteenth street, Irymple. Contact Joe Watson on 0428 540 933 or joseph-watson28@icloud.com
September	14	<b>V.G.C.A. Annual General Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	14-15	<b>EXPO - BENDIGO Gem Club Inc.</b> 757 Mclvor Road, Junortoun, Sat 10 - 5. Sun 10 - 4. Entry \$8 - Kids under 12 Free. Facebook.com Bendigo Gem Club. Contact Andie, www.gembendigo.org.au
	21-22	<b>Waverley Gemcraft and Mineral Exhibition,</b> Brandon Park Community Centre, 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. Contact Peter 9570 5401, or Gwen -0407512883.
October	5-6	<b>Bairnsdale Lapidary Club Show,</b> Lucknow Hall, Bairnsdale. Contact Kim 0449786339
	5-6	<b>Hutt-Wellington Club Show.</b> Events Centre ,Lower Hutt, NZ.
	11-13	<b>New Zealand National Show,</b> Dunedin, hosted by the Otago Rock & Mineral Club
	12-13	<b>Mordialloc Lapidary Club GEMFAIR.</b> Sat 9.30-5.00pm, Sun 9.30-4.00pm. Wishart Senior Citizens Club, 964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin. Mel Ref. 77D6 (5 minutes walk from Moorabbin Station). Contact Club: 9580 0401 or email mordialloclapidaryclub@gmail.com
	12	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	19-20	<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
November	2-3	<b>Geelong Gem &amp; Mineral Club Gem Show.</b> Geelong West Town Hall, Pakington Street Geelong West.

## Calendar of events Cont.

November	9	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	15-18	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Workshop</b> . Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598. Note change of Venue. Marong Community Hall. 36 Torrens Street (Corner of High Street), Marong 3515.
	17	<b>Cheong Park Rockswap</b> , corner Bayswater and Eastfield Rd, Contact Les Vargo 98763716
	23-24	<b>G-V Gem Mineral &amp; Craft Group Gem Show</b> . Kialla Raceway near Shepparton. Contact George at 7pm 5831 8466.
December	14	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting</b> , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
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January	11-12	<b>Warrnambool Gem Club Gem Show</b> , Contact Helen 0438289620, or warrnamboolgemclub@gmail.com
February	21-24	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Traralgon Workshop</b> . Tandara Caravan Park. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
April	10-15	<b>GEMBOREE</b> , Albury Show Grounds.
May	1	<b>Membership return required from Clubs</b> so invoices re membership fees can be invoiced and accident insurance organised for those clubs that want it.
	15-18	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Shepparton Workshop</b> . (Kialla Scout Hall). Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
September	12-13	<b>EXPO - BENDIGO Gem Club Inc</b> . 757 McIvor Road Junortoun, Sat 10 - 5. Sun 10 - 4. Entry \$8 - Kids under 12 Free. Facebook.com Bendigo Gem Club. Contact Andie, www.gembendigo.org.au
October	9-11	<b>NZ National Show. Christchurch.</b>
<b>GEMBOREE 2021 Tasmania, 2-5 April</b>		
<b>GEMBOREE 2022 NSW, 15-19 April. Australian Rural Education Centre MUDGEE</b>		
<b>GEMBOREE 2023 QLD, 14-18 April. Hosted by QLACCA.</b>		

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**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019** Page 1

**Meeting opened:** - 7:27 pm

**Present:** - Leigh Carbines, Robert Cooper, Keith Kerr, John Milner, Darren Srblin, Roger Williams

**Apologies:** - Maureen Boyle, Gary Benson, Keith Billing, Neil Crammer, Dawn Lee, Douglas Ramsay, Vicki Srblin

**Visitors:** - Nil

**Minutes from the previous meeting:** Read by Leigh Carbines

- Minutes accepted.

Moved – Roger Williams, seconded – Keith Kerr - CARRIED

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

- Membership Card

Moved a membership card be issued with current Diamond Valley Gem Club name and logo.

Moved – Keith Kerr, seconded – John Milner - CARRIED

- Investigation of alternative club rooms/premises (ongoing)

- Approach to Nillumbik Council re premises (ongoing)

- Rocks for slabbing/Rock saw course (ongoing)

- Social function (ongoing)

- Purchase of new electronic spectrometer and laptop computer (ongoing)

Leigh Carbines and Darren Srblin to investigate laptop computers and projectors.

- Servicing of faceting machines (in progress)

- Opal sales at the show (approximately \$3,200 as advised by Darren Srblin)

Moved that club advertise that it accept donations of rocks/minerals and will consider purchasing collections.

Moved – Roger Williams, seconded – Keith Kerr - CARRIED

- Rock bin outside the club rooms (installed)

- Disposal of oil (ongoing)

**Treasurer's report:** - Read by Keith Kerr

Total funds \$44,255.98 at 28/06/2019

Moved – Keith Kerr, seconded – John Milner - CARRIED

Accounts to be paid: -

\$200.00 Faceting machine service

\$120.00 Purchase of burrs

\$107.00 Reimbursement for miscellaneous supplies

Moved – Darren Srblin, seconded – Keith Kerr - CARRIED

**Correspondence:** – Read by Robert Cooper


Moved – Robert Cooper, seconded – Darren Srblin - CARRIED

**General Business:**

Duty officers: - No change

Monday 7:30 pm 9:30 pm John Milner

Tuesday 10:30 am – 3:00 pm Gary Benson/Robert Cooper 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm John Milner



Thursday 7:30 pm – 10:00 pm Leigh Carbines/John Milner

Saturday 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm Douglas Ramsay/John Milner

Other general business:

Moved that an electrician be engaged to correct the light switches in the club's sheds.

Moved – Darren Srblin, seconded – Keith Kerr - CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9:05 pm