



June Newsletter 2022

Diamond Valley Gem Club

Old clubrooms
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Greensborough, Victoria, 3088

New 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 Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board

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Keith Billing, Maureen Boyle, Mike Griffin, Ron Lavender,

Dawn Lee
Newsletter

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Membership Renewals 2022

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:
\$40.00 Additional Adults: \$30.00
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 room

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

Welcome to new members

We would like to offer welcome to the following people who have joined the club

Christina Ammazalorso	Hannah Anyoso	Tina Gellis
Aedan Anagnostopoulos	Simon Anagnostopoulos	Claire Gleeson
Kaye Higgins	Michelle Johnstone	Elle Kiyamaz
Ron Lavender	Samuel Pumpa	Jared Richie
Suzi Rubi	Desiree Smith	Gemma Pain
Daniel Siavoshian	Labot Sadrieh	Stewart Sturrock
Joe Talbot	Liza Talbot	Lisa Ward

Presidents Report



What a terrific 2022 Show! How lucky we were with the weather! Predictions of rain both Friday day when setting up and Saturday didn't eventuate, however the deluge on Friday evening was most welcome and freshened the atmosphere for the weekend.

It's times like these I'm proud to be the President of the Diamond Valley Gem Club.

When Club members willing help each other with the setting up, running of the Show and pulling down the Show, just like clockwork! and you're

able to appreciate the friendship and support members offer to each other.

The Show would not be possible without Dawn Lee our Show coordinator and her Show Committee – John Neville (rock display and sales coordinator), Brendan Meagher (Café Manager) with Gary Benson's food cash collection, Ian Lee and John Milner (Vice President) with signage and display, Greg Kirkbride with setting up (tents and outdoor sales), Keith Kerr (Treasurer) with door sales and financial advice and Accounting plus Keith Billing for Auditing, Rob Cooper (Secretary), secretarial and Covid compliance co-ordination and rock sales.

Stall holders expressed their willingness to participate next year indicating this has been a successful year for sales, meaning we are fully booked unless we allow more outdoor traders!

Presidents Report

A special thanks goes to Adele Stachiw and Grant Pearson for Gemmological stone identification which is a feature of our Show

A new feature of the Show this year was Carmen Coopers sale of pot plants with rocks, by all measures this was very successful and will hopefully become a regular event.

New members joined in abundance; twelve new members joined. Recently joined members like Christina Ammazalorso helped Amrei Bertelsmann with raffle ticket sales and new memberships while Liza Ward was a great help in the Kitchen.

Margaret Holmes assistance with outdoor setup and her Showcase display was much admired. Douglas Ramsay (Newsletter Co-ordinator) ongoing assistance with notifications was greatly appreciated as was Tennille Logan, Daniel Kagan, Robyn Jongebloed's help with setting up and trestle storage.

This year for the first time all our show equipment (showcases, signs and tables) and unsold rocks have been taken to Telfer Reserve (20 Noorong Ave, Bundoorra), our new club house. We are now able to consolidate all our equipment and materials, however we are still waiting for the building of our new workshop!

Our Show would not be possible without the participation of all our Stall holders. Thanks goes to Trevor Warren's (TJ) loan from the V.C.G.A of power chords and Stefan Waszkinel generous donation and setting up of Video monitoring equipment.

The contribution of friendship, fun, humour and sharing of knowledge and assistance was in abundance which resulted in a record number of new memberships.

Thank you to all who participated in helping with the Show and I apologize if I have omitted to include someone

.The Meeting (May) went well especially the reporting of the Council paying for our Disability modifications to the existing Telfer Hall toilets , Keith Kerr confirmed the Financial success of the Show and I was able to thank everyone for this efforts . The Rock storage Shed shelving was confirmed and it's just been ordered and paid for - delivery next week !



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-

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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>

Dear Members,

It is always hard to know just where to start with my show report when so many help in numerous ways to pull it together. To each and every one, I say a huge thank you.

I always concern myself that I may miss somebody out for their wonderful help in making this show such a success. So, with a nice hot cuppa and a pen in hand – HERE WE GO!



We have to give blessings to the heavens for running out of that extreme downpour.

I feel sure that most of us were saying a silent prayer that the rain would ease up for our weekend. Fortunately, it cleared up in time for us to get things rolling.

On arriving, the first thing on Friday we saw was a very busy group, under the guidance of John N setting up the tents. I'm sure everyone would have to agree that this new set-up was fantastic!

Saturday, what a thrill it was to see so many people waiting to enter before we had half a chance to prepare an operational register.

Keith K and Ian quickly got this situation under control and we were off and running.

Sincere thank you are extended to all the following:

Greg kept everyone at a well-spaced distance and that worked so well throughout the whole weekend.

Toni worked in many areas throughout the weekend, including the security night watch. We thank him for all of his efforts.

ROCK STALL – Rob had a great team in Douglas, Mimi, Gloria, Rosemary and "Loly". Their enthusiasm was very obvious throughout the whole weekend and the results of their efforts was fantastic.

Carmen pulled off some fantastic figures at our PLANT sales.

This was the first time that we have done this. Each plant pot was



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filled with pieces of gem stones. They attracted a lot of attention and we are thinking of doing this again next year. Carmen you're a champ!

Margaret and her Daughter, set up their area in a very attractive way which complemented the new tent layout so well. Also, Margaret has been such a great assistance to me with the shopping (once again) and also making sure that we all got our lunch on prep day in time. Thanks heaps Margaret.

Steff, once again set up the security system for us and has very generously gifted all this equipment to the club. This has been the last year that he will be with us. He has been a real ray of sunshine and will definitely be missed by us all.

Our chef Brendan did his usual fantastic care of the kitchen. On Saturday he had Liza working with him and doing a great job. Tragically Liza lost her brother to a motor accident on Saturday evening. We all extend our sincere condolences to her and the family.



Brendan continued by himself on Sunday and as always, he did a marvellous job. The Masonic management complemented Brendan once again for his perfect care of the kitchen and equipment. Sincere thank you. Three cheers Brendan!!

To all the lovely ladies who assisted in the setting out the tables and tablecloths, your help was so very much appreciated.



Each and every one who helped with loading and unloading vehicles.

Gary spread his usual ray of sunshine throughout the whole weekend from behind the cash register. "Many thanks pal !!"

It was so lovely to have Claire back with us again. We have missed you dear friend.



P.S Claire is ready to resume Wire Wrapping courses, for information please contact the club room.

For the first time we have had Tennelle and her boys Tyler and Alexander participating in a show and as you would have seen from her display, her work was really lovely. Huge congrats Tenne, can't wait to see what you come up with next year.

Our gorgeous ladies Amrei and Katrina sold one heck of a lot of raffle tickets to each one of the three raffles. They were such promoters for us in regards to the courses available and the expertise of our instructors. Huge congrats lovely ladies.

I have to mention here how spoiled we were that Marion made us that fabulous Rocky Road, obviously it was meant to keep us in high spirits. – it definitely worked – Thank you also for once more helping with setting up of the tables.

We had "Ally" and her brother "Pheonix" for our little pirate on Saturday and Sunday. A Huge thank you to you both for being such Fab Pirates!

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At this point I can tell you that there were 825 Jelly beans in the jar. (A very happy little boy was extremely excited to collect his prize)

To our demonstration group who attracted A LOT of attention with their knowledge and expertise. Heading this group were Adele, John M and Grant. Great Job!!

So here I am at the end of this long review in the hope that I haven't forgotten to mention anyone. If I have I sincerely apologise.

For the time that it takes to prepare for this show, it is gratifying to witness such wonderful results. The energy and friendship amongst members, traders and visitors was so very special.



I hope that we can repeat this again next year. Special thanks to John N for all of his support throughout the planning (couldn't have a better partner).

Very best wishes to all.

Johns Report

Congratulations on a job well done!

I personally wish to thank all members of our so-called "friendly club" (as described to me by both stall holders and members of the public) for all their time and effort in what was a most successful show. No person needs to be singled out as every little bit, even to the extent of sweeping and vacuuming up on Sunday night, helped contribute to the show's success.

The planets were certainly aligned providing us with such good weather.

Having said the above, "Dawn, what a brilliant effort!"

Bravo to all.

John Milner

Vice President



Alexanders Report



My name is Alexander, and I am 8 years old. I am Autistic and my hands and brain don't like to work together properly so I have a hard time with writing and other fine motor skill activities.

I really like rocks and I have spent a lot of time (with my mums help) making these up, as it makes me use my fine motor skills and work on my hand strength.

But I also really like to look at, touch and feel the different rocks.

I really hope that you like them and will buy one so I can buy more rocks and make more key rings and pet rocks for the next gem show.

THANK YOU

New Clubhouse improvements.



Fig 1 toilet roll dispenser



Fig 2 Paper towel dispenser

We took possession of the building in March 2021 and signed a lease for new club rooms

Mar 2021

We secured free equipment for the club from Craig Brewster and transported them to new club.

Apr – May 2021

We had a working bee to clean-up and paint the new club house.

We drafted the plans for the new buildings and submitted them to council.

Jun 2021

We designed and ordered materials for a new work bench.

We fitted new toilet roll holders, hand wash and paper towel dispensers. We used silcoe to glue them to the walls. Refer Fig 1, 2 & 3.

We fitted new toilet seats. Refer Fig 4.

. **Jul- 2021** We constructed the new work bench. Refer Fig 5

Jul – Nov Lockdown

Sept 2021 We ordered a club banner to promote the club which will hang off the southern fence.



Fig 3 Soap dispenser



Fig 4 Toilet Seats fitted



Fig 5 New work bench

New Clubhouse improvements.



Fig 6 Club banner on fence



Fig 7. Enclosed shed & fit lockable door

Nov 2021

We erected the club banner on the southern fence and secured it with stainless ties. Refer Fig 6.



Fig 8. East end southern wall.



Fig 9. West end southern wall

Enclosed the opened part of shed and construct lockable door and jam for it. Refer Fig 7.

We transferred Items from the old club into the new club house. Refer Fig 8, 9, 10 & 11.



Fig 10. Looking down northern wall.



Fig 11. Display cabinet.

We fixed the external blind over Kitchen window and fitted café curtains on the inside. Refer Fig 12.

We ordered rubbish bins and organised collection services with the council. Refer Fig 13.

We erected window coverings in main room and office for security reasons. Refer Fig 14.



Fig 12. blinds & curtains.



Fig 13. Club's bins.

We bought a worktable and lockable cupboard for the Gemmology equipment. Refer Fig 15

Dec 2021

We fitted a free standing cabinet in the kitchen and made/ fitted a lockable door to shed.



Fig 14. Internal curtains



Fig 15. Table and lockable cupboard

Jan 2022

We fixed cupboard door under stove, sanded down large work table and painted with lacquer.

Feb 2022

We erected external stainless steel wash station. Purchased rock bins and moved them to the club, We purchase a refrigerator for kitchen. Refer Fig 21, 22 & 23.

Mar 2022

We fitted out the new workbench with shadow boards, lockable sliding windows and filled them with jewellery making tools. Refer Fig 24 & 25.



Fig 16. New Cupboard.



Fig 17. Constructing door & frame



Fig 18. Door fitted to shed



Fig 19. Under stove cupboard door



Fig 20. Refurbished large work table

We fitted a wall clock on existing hook and glued with silicone a paper towel dispenser on the Kitchen wall. Fig 26

April 2022

We had lights and power points fitted to the inside of both sheds and lined the original shed. Refer Fig 26 & 27.

May 2022

We have purchased quality shelving for the lined shed to organise our rock storage.



Fig 21. Wash station.

Fig 22. Refrigerator

Fig 23. Rock bins.

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We have spoken to council and they will be upgrading the toilet to be disability compliant.

We are currently looking at making ramps for the entry to the club buildings.



Fig 24. Fitted out lockable work bench



Fig 25. Workbench tool safe and lighting



Fig 26. Clock and paper towel dispenser



Fig 26. Inside lined shed

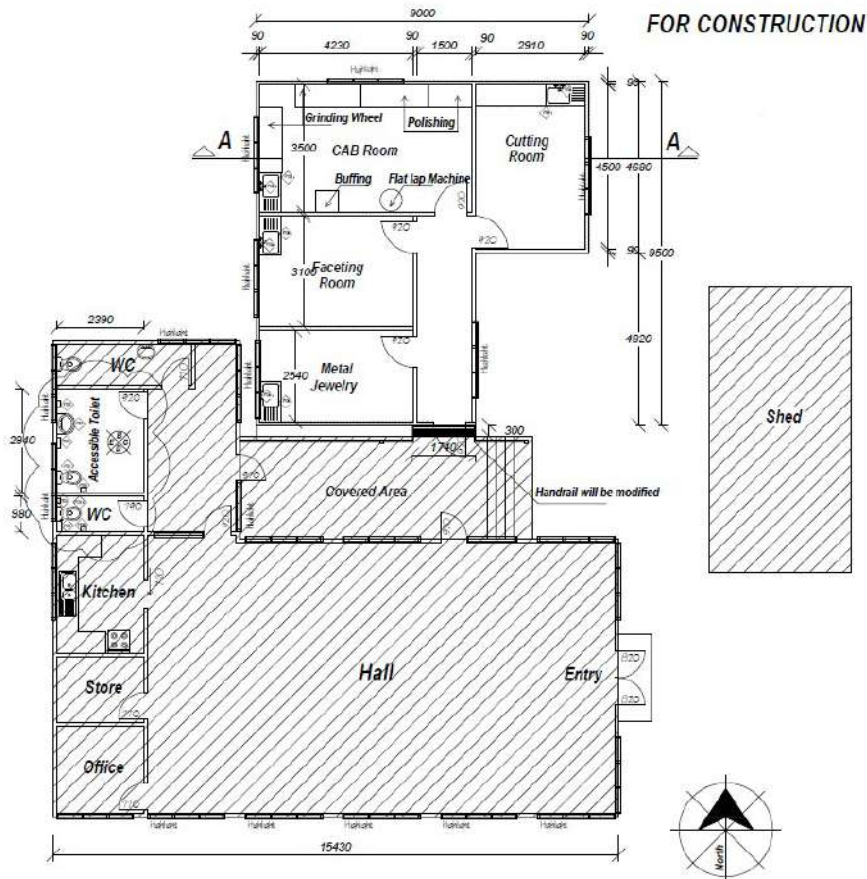


Fig 27. Looking out of the lined shed

The New Clubhouse

There has been some changes in the proposed layout for the club

- As a result of the overhead power easement, we have had to alter the layout, room sizes are much the same, but the location has changed, and the requirement for the corridor has changed
- A grant for solar panels has been offered, and is being implemented. This will be added to the new structure areas
- A grant for air conditioners is also under way



Calendar of events

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July	15-19	Yowah Opal Festival Inquiries for Stall Bookings. Accommodation and Camping. Go to < www.YowahFestival.com > or Yowah Festival on Facebook or 0427554161
August	12 - 15	Victorian Facetors' Group - Horsham Workshop. Horsham Table Tennis & Community Centre, 11 Harriet St, Horsham, 3400. For details contact Secretary, Sarah Cirillo Phone: 0407 819 399 Email: secretary@victorianfacetorsgroup.com Or visit our Website: www.victorianfacetorsgroup.com
	20 - 21	Ballarat Show in August 20th and 21st at the Victoria Bowling Club venue. 231 Victoria Street "Access via Gent Street"
	27 - 28	Frankston & Peninsula Lapidary Club GEM SHOW, Peninsula Community Theatre, crn Nepean Hwy and Wilsons Rd, Mornington Vic. 3931 Stallholders Welcome Contact Josefin 0420 364 980 or Maria 0427 196 103 for details.
September	3 - 4	Mildura & District Gem & Jewellery Show. Sunraysia Masonic Hall, Fifteenth Street Irymple. Saturday 9am - 6pm, Sunday 9.30am - 4pm Contact Joe Watson on 0428 540 933 or josephwatson@icloud.com
	3 - 4	Bendigo Gem Club Expo Exhibition Centre, Bendigo Show Grounds, enter via Holmes Rd or Kookaburra Av Bendigo. Enquiries: bendigogemclubinc@gmail.com
	17 -18	Waverley Gem Club Show - Brandon Park Community centre, Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley 10am to 5pm each day Contact Garry Shaw - 0425710006, Gwen Dunstan - 0407512883
	24 -25	NSW Gemkhana Hawkesbury. Details soon
October	8 -9	Mordialloc Gem Club St. Bridget's primary school Chute Street, Mordialloc.
	8 -9	White Cliffs Gem Fest & Car Boot Sale - Details are to be confirmed, If you wish to book a stall or be involved, feel free to contact Jane Stevenson WCMA Inc 0429 601 870
	14-16	New Zealand 2022 National Gem Show hosted by Canterbury Mineral & Lapidary Club. www.cmlclub.org.nz
	15-16	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Exhibition, Nunawading Community Hub, 96-106 Springvale road Nunawading. Sat 10-5pm, Sun 10-4pm. Contact Mal Caffin 0419117488 or ndlc@ndlconline.asn.au .
	22-23	South Gippsland Gemstone and Lapidary Club - has re-scheduled its show to Oct 22 & 23 2022, we have also changed the venue to the Meeniyan Hall, a much bigger hall and can accommodate many more traders, visitors and tailgaters situated in the main street of Meeniyan, 2jinkers@tpg.com.au
November	5-6	Geelong Lapidary Club Show: Geelong West Town Hall 153 Pakington St Geelong West.
	13	Cheong Park Rockswap to be held on Sunday 13th November starting at 9am please contact Les Varga on 0400037651 . for details
GEMBOREE 2023 QLD, 14-18 April. Hosted by QLACCA.		
GEMBOREE 2024 SA Hosted by GMCASA Dates to be confirmed		
GEMBOREE 2025 VIC Hosted by VGCA Dates to be confirmed		