



May 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
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Thursday: 7.30 – 10.00 pm
Saturday: 1.30 – 4.30 pm



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Monthly Notices

Monthly Meeting . 5th March Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board

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President:	Leigh Carbines	03 9846 2335.
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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
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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

Show Report Dawn Lee



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

Dear Members,

Once again I am very happy to look back on our show and feel comfortable in knowing that we have presented a great example of who we are and what we are all about. Even with the change of weather on Sunday our number were still very pleasing. It is also very pleasing to note that each year the number of children have increased.

Firstly I would like to list the prizes and winner of same.

Draw

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| No.1 | Rose Quartz Generator | Jaci Anderson |
| No.2 | Amethyst Cluster | Trevor Warren |
| No.3 | Labradite Sphere | Adele Morris |
| No.4 | Geode (donated by Linda Keys) | Catherine Walters |
| No.5 | Double Pointed Flourite | Paul Alexander |

Show Report Dawn Lee—cont

No.6 Mookaite Heart

Carol Kirby

Mother's Day Surprise Raffle: Handmade apple and pear ornaments with bronze glass mosaic deco – very nice!!

Heiki



Guess the Jelly Beans was won by a young boy who put his Mum's name down, her name was Maria. The correct guess was 450. She was very excited when I rang her, also to find out that a lovely crystal was included in the winnings.

The winner of the most popular Show Case was Margaret Holmes. Margaret presented a wonderful story of what and where Australian stones come from in a most imaginative way. Huge congratulations Margaret, you did a wonderful job. Margaret was presented with a winning certificate by our President Leigh Carbines.

Congratulations to each of the other four entrants, and they were: Claire, Keith, Les and John (Milner). GREAT EFFORT BY ALL!!

A show like ours cannot be done without the help from so many hard workers. Nothing happens without the loading and unloading of the truck. This takes a great deal of time and energy. So, for all of our helpers, we thank you sincerely. Keith was still a part of this even though he recently had hip surgery. Great effort Keith.

Thank you very much to Stefan for setting up our sound system in such an excellent way so that Grant didn't get his ears blasted out this year. Very importantly again this year "Stef" set up the security cameras which we believe acted as a great deterrent.

Setting up the venue on the Friday before the show entails a lot of organising. Each year John (Neville) heads up our team in getting everything ready and in order for our Traders to come in after 2pm. As usual, we had Greg helping our wherever he was needed. (Thank you very much dear friend). Sincere thanks to each of the ladies who distributed the table cloths and pinned them securely.

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

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 catchment area.

Show Report Dawn Lee—cont

- 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>

Our overnight security was taken care of by Chris by himself this year due to the fact that Toni was away and I was not aware of his change of plans. Great job as always Chris.

Our Secret Security Patrol was taken care of by Ben who is the Dad of our two wonderful young Pirates.

Speaking of our Young Pirates "Jacob" + "Zacc", they did a fabulous job, they kept all our young children visitors entertained for all of Saturday. On Sunday we had "Tom" (Keith's Grandson) doing our Pirates job, and he also did it beautifully. THREE CHEERS BOYS!!



would like to pay a special tribute to our "Chef" Brendan and his hard working staff at "Brendan's Café" Vicki, Kathy, Maria, Patricia and Deslee. Thank you sincerely dear ladies.

Brendan's famous sausage rolls were thankfully back on the menu!!

Margaret made a very yummy log cake and Marian Cordy-Howell made a mountain of rocky road (even though she wasn't able to come, she kept her promise). Thank you to you all.

I need to mention here that the Kitchen plays an integral part in our show and we really need more help and support. These hard working ladies need to have some relief. I will have a notice up in the club room and also in the Newsletter approaching the 2020 Show advising what assistance is needed. Please consider giving us some of your time.

Once again "Gary" did an excellent job on the cash register, as usual. (Just love his smiling face!!) Big thank you Pal!!

Heiki whispered to Keith that it was Norbert's Birthday on Sunday, so we organised a cake for him. Whilst the room was singing "Happy Birthday" (Norbert included) it was worth seeing his shocked face to discover that he was singing to himself.

Show Report Dawn Lee—cont

Once again our Amrei did a marvellous job on the information table by welcoming everyone and informing interested parties on how they could also be a part of our club. We have many new members signed up and some have started their courses already. Our info table was a very busy place with the Main raffle plus Mother's Day raffle. Ticket sales to both of the above were amazing. Congratulations dear lady for a fabulous effort!! Thank you also to Rosemary for helping out. Well done.

It is always great to have Grant with us. He has a wealth of information and knowledge to share with everyone and he is very generous with his time. Thank you so much Grant.

Jaci set up a film room which showed us some of the most magical places on earth. My favourite was the crystal cave that was so enormous that the adventurers looked like tiny ants. Thank you Jaci.

Due to our "Anne" having a bout of ill health leading up to the show it was decided that not having her with us was not acceptable. She operated from one table instead of her usual three. Each year she makes her specialty Lucky Dips which the children look for when they arrive. She did not disappoint them this year either. So good to have you with us Anne.

With Anne needing temporary replacement for the show we had Michael Dipaolo, Nicole, Ashley and Natasha working on her three tables. It was very nice having you with us and we were very glad that you enjoyed yourselves.



For the first time our Claire was missing from the show. Her Brother most inconsiderately decided to get married on this weekend. She assures us that she is back with us next year. We missed you.

We had Gordon James as a visiting trader in Claire's spot. Gordon had some beautiful stones on display and he was welcomed by all. Very nice having you with us Gordon.

Keith "K" and Ian had their work cut-out with a very busy entry table. They were both very pleased with attend-

ances on both days.

Our Rock Stall had a very busy and successful weekend with Douglas and Darren using their best sales tactics. (Sorry about the chills on Sunday guys – you did a great job nevertheless). Also we welcome Darren as our new Vice President and also as a very eager helper. Thank you very much Darren.

Hi All,
I will put up on the notice board at the club a suggested weekend field trip for the second half of the year so those that are interested can register their interest.

I am interested in organizing a club field trip to Mount Shadwell near Mortlake after winter if enough interest is shown. Two one day trips to the below locations can be organized if there is sufficient interest.

A Sunday day trip to Warrandyte.

Nature walk around Black Flat with Historic diggings near the Yarra for approximately an hour easy walking.

Then visit Warrandyte town as there is the Stonehouse Gallery and the She Earth crystal and rock shop across the road.

The museum is normally open in the afternoon. People can amuse themselves in Warrandyte or anyone interested can join me panning in Anderson Creek in the afternoon.

A trip to Britannia Creek near Warburton for the day fossicking for quartz crystals.

Any suggestions are greatly received.

Robin Jongbloed
0418806410

Show Report Dawn Lee—cont

I would like to mention here that there is a huge amount of work in the cutting, cleaning and pricing of slabs. It involves several days throughout the year in order for the club stall to operate. Thank you to Jaci, John and Pauline for pulling the stall together.

Margaret had her own stall between the Club and Ron's stall. She reported that all went well for her and we are very happy to welcome her into the club as a new member. Thank you for all of your help Margaret.

Our "Ron" was out there in the cold also but it was great to see him there with his family to help him. Hope all went well for you dear friend.

Unfortunately Rob was sick with the flu this year and we missed his smiling face out there in the cold with the boys. Let's hope for better weather next year fellas.

Before I sign off I want to say a big thank you to our "Sign Boys and Lady". Brendan, Leigh and Ian placed all of our banners in obvious places so that they would be clearly noticed. John (Milner) and Adele did the quick distribution of the small signs on Saturday morning and also the collecting of same after the show.

To everyone who contributed in anyway I say a million thank you's for your support.

Best Regards to all.
Dawn

Calendar of events

July	6-7	Palmerston North Rock and Mineral Club Show. Leisure Centre, Ferguson St. Palmerston North, NZ.
	13	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
July	19-21	Yowah Opal Festival & Designer Jewellery Competition. Information phone Gwen, 0427068254. Stall Bookings, phone Peter Coulton 0427899943 Email: yowahcommunity@gmail.com For more Info WWW.opalhut.com.au
August	9-12	Victorian Facetors Group Bendigo Workshop. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598. Note change of Venue. Marong Community Hall. 36 Torrens Street (Corner of High Street), Marong 3515.
	10	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-18	Ballarat & District Club Gem Show. "The Farm", 800 Norman Street Nth, Ballarat (Invermay).
	17-20	White Cliffs Gem Fest & Car Boot Sale. Contact Jane Stevenson 0429601870.
	31-1st Sept	Frankston and Peninsula Lapidary Club Exhibition. Peninsula Community Theatre, corner Nepean Highway and Wilsons Rd, Mornington. Contact Jo 0420 364980 or Heike 0401 305707

Calendar of events Cont.

September	14	V.G.C.A. Annual General Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	14-15	EXPO - BENDIGO Gem Club Inc. 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	Waverley Gemcraft and Mineral Exhibition , Brandon Park Community Centre, 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. Contact Peter 9570 5401, or Gwen -0407512883.
October	5-6	Bairnsdale Lapidary Club Show , Lucknow Hall, Bairnsdale. Contact Kim 0449786339
	5-6	Hutt-Wellington Club Show . Events Centre ,Lower Hutt, NZ.
	11-13	New Zealand National Show , Dunedin, hosted by the Otago Rock & Mineral Club
	12	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	19-20	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
November	9	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	17	Cheong Park Rockswap , corner Bayswater and Eastfield Rd, Contact Les Vargo 98763716
November	23-24	G-V Gem Mineral & Craft Group Gem Show . Kialla Raceway near Shepparton. Contact George at 7pm 5831 8466.
December	14	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
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January	11-12	Warrnambool Gem Club Gem Show , Contact Helen 0438289620, or warrnamboolgemclub@gmail.com
April	10-15	GEMBOREE , Albury Show Grounds.
September	12-13	EXPO - BENDIGO Gem Club Inc. 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
GEMBOREE 2021 Tasmania, 2-5 April		
GEMBOREE 2022 NSW, 15-19 April. Australian Rural Education Centre MUDGEE		

Connemara Marble—John Neville



'Connemara Marble' is a serpentine-rich rock, popular since ancient times as a decorative facing stone. With its 'forty shades of green' and its wild patterns, it represents perfectly the landscapes of the Emerald Isle. **Connemara Marble** inspired artists, architects and artisans throughout the world.

It was formed from sediment deposited in a shallow primal sea over 600 million years ago. These sediments were transformed by formidable forces generated in the formation of the mountains of the West of Ireland and Scotland over 390 million years ago!

The legend behind it has an origin in this saying

Why Worry? In life there are only two things to worry about:
Whether you are well,
or whether you are sick.

Now if you are well,
You have nothing to worry about.

And if you are sick,
You only have two things to worry about:
Whether you get better,
or whether you die.

If you get better,
You have nothing to worry about.

And if you die,
You only have two things to worry about:
Whether you go to heaven,
or whether you go to hell
Now if you go to heaven,
You have nothing to worry about.
And if you go to hell, You'll be too busy shaking hands with Your friends,
that you won't have time to worry.
So Why Worry?

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2019

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Meeting opened: - 7:20 pm

Present: - Gary Benson, Keith Billing, Maureen Boyle, Leigh Carbines, Robert Cooper, Keith Kerr, Dawn Lee, John Milner, Darren Srblin, Roger Williams

Apologies: - Anne Brewster Neil Crammer, Douglas Ramsay, Adele Satchiw, Vicki Srblin, Berenice Williams

Visitors: - Amrei Bertelsmann, Susie Geritson

Minutes from the previous meeting: Read by Leigh Carbines

- Minutes accepted.

Moved – Maureen Boyle, seconded – Roger Williams - CARRIED

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

- Membership Card (held over pending consideration of a new name)

- Hot water upgrade (complete)

- Investigation of alternative club rooms/premises (ongoing)

Moved – Keith Billing, seconded – Dawn Lee - CARRIED

Treasurer's report: - Read by Keith Kerr

Total funds \$33,680.09 as at 30/04/2019

Moved – John Milner, seconded – Dawn Lee - CARRIED

Accounts to be paid –

New trestles \$165.00

Moved – John Milner, seconded – Dawn Lee - CARRIED

Correspondence: – Read by Robert Cooper, see report

Moved –Maureen Boyle, seconded – Darren Srblin - CARRIED

General Business:

Duty Officers: -

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

Moved that Keith Billing be appointed as the club administrator for Westpac Online Electronic Banking.

Moved –Keith Kerr seconded – Darren Srblin – CARRIED

Dawn Lee presented a brief show report – full report to appear in the next club newsletter.

Moved –Gary Benson seconded – Keith Billing – CARRIED

Moved the club retain the eftpos machine for 3 months and review after that period.

Moved –Maureen Boyle seconded – Keith Billing – CARRIED

Moved the club commence promoting a kid's Saturday group 'Rockites'.

Moved –Dawn Lee seconded – Maureen Boyle – CARRIED

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Moved the club purchase a quantity of rocks for slabbing.
Moved –Keith Kerr seconded – Roger Williams – CARRIED

Moved that the club organise a social function – date and cost to be determined.
Moved –Leigh Carbines seconded – Darren Srblin – CARRIED

Moved that the club approach Nillumbik Council to see if they have any premises available.
Moved –Gary Benson seconded – Dawn Lee – CARRIED

Moved that the club investigate the purchase of a new electronic spectrometer (\$600 - \$700) and a laptop computer (\$600 - \$700).

Moved –Keith Billing seconded – Maureen Boyle – CARRIED

Moved that Adele Satchiw organise a day or evening for a gemology related talk.
Moved –John Milner seconded – Gary Benson – CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9:3015 pm