



GEM CLUB APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Clubrooms: Grace Park Cottage (Corner of Henry and Duncan Avenue Greensborough).
Postal Address: P.O. Box 3088. Phone: 0413 435 899 (Keith Billing).

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 – 2.30 pm
Tuesday: 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Thursday: 7.30 – 10.00 pm
Saturday: 1.30 – 4.30 pm



Diamond Valley Gem Club

MONTHLY NOTICES.

Gem Show.

The 2016 DVGC Gem Club Show is rapidly approaching (see more on page 2).

Altered Logo.

It had come to the attention of member that the 'brilliant-cut diamond' on the DVGC logo was incorrect; therefore we had it redesigned by graphic-designer Stephen Bell. The club would like to express our appreciation to him for his work, which he did free of charge.

CONTACTS.

Office Bearers.

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198.
Treasurer:	Jason Ewing	0490 103 071.
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335.
Minutes Secretary:	Kevin Leahy	0419 354 585.

Duty Officers.

Monday:	John Milner.
Tuesday Day:	Neil Crammer.
Tuesday Evening:	John Milner.
Thursday:	Keith Billings/John Neville/John Milner.
Saturday:	Neil Crammer.

Committee Members.

Gary Benson (9467 1174), Anne Brewster, Neil Crammer (0419 021 221), Clair Gleenson (0409 511 751), Mike Griffin, Ron Kirkbride (9438 2098), Dawn Lee (9434 1512) and John Milner.

Newsletter Editors.

Neil Crammer and Rahn Krammaer.

Email: newsletterdvgc@outlook.com (only for issues relating to the newsletter)

THE DIAMOND VALLEY GEM AND CRYSTAL SHOW.

General Information.

The DVGC holds an annual show every year. This year's show will be held on the 30th of April at 9:00am-5:00pm and the 1st of May at 9:00am-5:00pm at the Masonic Centre, 23 Ester Street Greensborough 3088 (behind Woolworth).

Entry Free: Adults \$4.00 Children \$0.50 Children under twelve are free.

There will be a wide range of club and trader stores; selling gems, jewellery, fossils, drinks and good, along with demonstrations and games for the children.

Message from Dawn.

Here we are with only a few weeks to go to our annual show. Nothing can be left for later now. Please take notice of the following

-We have a showcase prepared and waiting for your (up to three items) to demonstrate just what we can do in our workshop. Please bring your items to clubrooms within the next two weeks, so that we can present them in the best way possible.

- Our banners and other signage will be on display from this week onwards.

-Show window at Greensborough Shopping Plaza will be completed on the 18th of April.2016

Contact.

Please contact Dawn (0400 208 968) or Lyndal (0402 334 420) for more information.

RAFFLE.



DVGC Raffle: \$1.00 each.

Raffle Money and Tickets Stubs need to be returned to the Club before the Show Weekend.

To be drawn at the Annual Gem and Crystal Show on Sunday at 4:00pm.

First Draw: 1000 Chip Clear Quartz Tree.

Second Draw: Onyx Drop Earrings.

Third Draw: Selenite Heart.

Fourth Draw: Apopholite Specimen.

Fifth Draw: Specularite Slice.

Sixth Draw: Citrine Cluster.

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/Jewellery.

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 Sales.

Held on the First Saturday of each month.

Come along to one of the sales as it is a good opportunity to pick up some interesting items and to support the club members, who bring items to sale.

Check the Notice Board for any items of Machinery, which are for sale. Please contact number is also listed.

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 Club Newsletters and emails.

Current newsletters will also be available to pick up from the clubrooms.

Membership Renewals:

Becoming a member is a great way to get involved in the club. Members between the age of 16 and 85 are included in our Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance.

Joining Fee: \$10.00 Annual Subscriptions: First Adult: \$30.00 Additional Adults: \$25.00 under 15: \$15.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE

(Members who have not yet paid see page 6 for more information).

Duty Officers.

Duty Officers are always required. If you believe that you would like to be a Duty Officer inform Keith Billing.

The Duty Officers are appointed by the DVGC Committee of Management. They are in charge of working sessions and they can direct members on behaviour in the clubrooms. They can allocate (or no access) to machinery and/or facilities. They are responsible for the opening and locking of the premises for each session. They see that the premises are clean and tidy, along with water; lights, power and heating are switched off. They are responsible for collecting money, making sure each person; including visitors are entered on the day's worksheet.

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

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.

Correspondence

March – April 2016

Inward

- **Mordialloc** - The Mord-Agate News April 2016
 - Stone of the month – Tourmaline
 - Drill holes in Gem Stones
- **Rockafella** -sent by email
- **Frank stone chaser** – sent by email
- Raffle Ticket Monies.

Outward

Outward Correspondence

- Raffle tickets for the Show Prizes

Activity Report – March 2016

Phoned Council 3 times re – Driveway gravel

- Hot water repaired

Council responded to Keith that hot water system is repaired .

Still need to form a Group to apply for funding

- Jenni Macklin – Meeting for funding community group needs .
 - Ideas – (1) Build in back veranda for Silversmith class
 - (2) Build new shed for storage , use old shed for Silversmith class
 - (3) Fund Exhibition improvements – LED lighting ,signs ,display
 - (4) Fund making of DVD for promotional purposes

General Business

Jeff Hill was invited to discuss new Website for DVGC as old site is part of Yvonne's Yew website and is currently static in maintenance mode .

Jeffs recommendations – we register a Domain name - DVGC as

Diamond Valley Gem Club .com,au . approx cost \$13

- Hosted in Australia (100 gigabytes) approx cost \$150 per year

- Format needs to be responsive ie work on Youtube ,Mobil

phone ,Instagram computer etc .

Jeff will prepare Website and register domain name.

Members thanked Jeff for donating his time and help.

Show- Dawn presented show report – signs need to go out this Sunday – Keith / Ian to erect .

2 large signs - outside Gunters and Club house ,(Alwood house sign will not go ahead) Leigh to dismantle .

Table to be painted by Leigh .

Show case catch to be fixed by Keith.

Food Vendors license has been obtained in Dawns name .

Food (pies, pasties etc) to be purchased by Clare /Dawn / Brendon.

A freezer space is required for a couple of days before show.

Window display in Greensborough – Keith to install .

50 copies of club brochure in colour is required - Neil to print and email to Keith and Jeff.

Bettina to exhibit in show !

All show cases are spoken for !

Keith reported on sales of Jack Browns collection (a founding member), Rock and equipment sales of \$5500 .

The left over rocks have been donated to the club for next years show ,Keith to store .

Membership subs .are due – a page to go out with newsletter as a reminder , with fee scale details.

Cabbing room requires new belts – 300 .600. 1200 grit non resin to be installed next to resin belts – Leigh to make signs.

Duty Officers - Next 2 Tuesdays Maureen to attend as Keith will away.

Meeting closed 9,26 pm.

POINTER.

April	9	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	11-29	Field trip to Moralla . GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, see your club field trip officer for details.
	16-17	Essendon Gem Show and Rock Swap , Essendon Gem Club, Cross Keys Reserve. Contact Bill Gordon for rock swap bookings and any other details. 0402695214.
	16-17	Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap , 8.30am to 5.00pm at Wagtail Way, Exhibition Park in Camberra. Contact canberralapidary@gmail.com or 02 6260 5322.
	23-25	Morwell Lapidary Club Valencia Creek Fossicking Long Weekend . Contact Ray Medew for more details 0417269650 or email rjmedew@gmail.com
	30-31	Field trip to Mt Shadwell Mortlake . GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, see your club field trip officer for details.
	29-1st May	Rockarama Crystal and Craft Fair and The South Australian Metal Detecting Championship . Collier Park, Palmer SA. Murraylands Gem & Mineral Club. Contact Kym Loechel 0427 054 336. Email info@murraylandsgms.org.au. Website www.murraylandsgmc.org.au
	30-1st May	Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc. annual show , The Masonic Centre, 23 Ester St, Greensborough Melway Ref 20 H2, Sat 9am to 5pm, Sunday 9am to 4pm. Contact Keith Billing 0413 435 899.
May	14	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	20-23	Victorian Facetors Group Workshop , Shepparton. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	28-29	Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Gemcraft & Mineral Show , 10am to 5pm, Mallee Pavilion, Exhibition Park in Camberra. Contact canberralapidary@gmail.com or 02 6260 5322.
	28-29	Field trip to Rushworth Whroo & surrounding area & Lake Cooper Quarry . GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, see your club field trip officer for details.
June	11	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	11-12 18-19	WA Lapidary and Rockhunting Club Annual Exhibition . 10 to 4.30 at the club rooms, 31-35 Gladstone Rd, Rivervale, Perth WA.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL.

Please be advised that your Annual Membership Subscription is due as from the Annual General Meeting held on March 1st 2016.

- If you have not paid your Subscription Renewal, Please attend to this request.
- If you have paid your renewal, Please ignore this request

Thank You.

The Committee