



GEMCLUB MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Clubrooms: Grace Park Cottage (Corner of Henry and Duncan Avenue Greensborough). Postal Address: P.O. Box 3088.

Phone: 0413 435 899 (Keith Billing).

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

MONTHLY NOTICES

Monthly Meeting 01.05.2018 Minutes and Correspondences are on the Club Room Notice Board

Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
Vice President:	Maureen Boyle	0412 303 816.
Treasurer	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335
Minutes Secretary:	Robert Cooper	

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), John Milner (9435 5710) and Jaci Anderson

Newsletter Editors

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(only for issues relating to the newsletter)



Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.

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 General Meeting was held on Tuesday 01-05-2018 Commencing at 7.15pm and Closing at 8.20pm.**
- **Copies of the Minutes and Correspondence have 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

Pointer

- **April 2018 Club copy is available at the Club Rooms**
- **Neil Crammer tabled a suggested Evacuation Procedure for the club to evaluate and implement. This is still pending.**

From Other Clubs

- The Gemini
- Gemform
- The Mordi-Agate
- Frank Stone Chaser
- Rockfella
- Gem Gossip
- Tas Lap

Other Inward Correspondence

Nil

Items of Interest

- The committee is arranging to install a warm water system to the cutting wheels in the cabochon Room for the Winter
- Our new trim saw is to be fitted in the saws cutting room as soon as possible
- Gem & More Tour Information.

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**

Important Notice

Please pay you Membership renewal if you have not paid as yet!

You are not covered by the club Personal Insurance and therefore are not allowed to operate club Equipment. Duty Officers please confirm that all members who are operating club equipment are financial.

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 adress 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 adress, 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

Well, the show is gone, done and dusted! But by all accounts it was another Successful Gem Show

We are awaiting in anticipation the Financial Report of the Gem Show and Dawn Lee's show report.

See next next month News Letter!!!!!!

Photos from the Gem Show





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.

- Thank you to all Club Members and non-Club Members for help in setting up, manning, running the show and in the final clean up. A job well done!
- Congratulations to John Milner in obtaining Third Prize in Class Facet Cut-Priory Special-Intermediate section 1-11-2 at The Gemboree 2018 Willunga S.A.

Jaci's Findings

<http://www.geologyin.com/2017/08/the-planggenstock-treasure-unearthed.html#more>

Bunnings Eltham Fund Raiser Report:

Some club members put on a Bunnings sausage sizzle on Friday, April 6th.

We had perfect weather as Brendan manned the BBQ with precision and Mike dished out the yummy snags, whilst dealing with a tonne of onions (thanks Mike!). Yanni and myself (Jaci) served the hungry from the front. Our snags were so tasty that we had numerous repeat customers!! Keith B was kept busy with promotion and selling the raffle tickets for the prize that Bunnings generously donation to us. Leigh and John M joined us along the way, so we ended up a merry crew. Luckily Mike was a Bunnings BBQ veteran so we soon found our feet. A big 'thank you!' to everyone who volunteered - it was a long, but fruitful, day.

All up, we raised a tidy sum and had a ball meeting and greeting the public. We even meet some members from the club's very early days! It was a great day talking to people about the club and what we do there. If anyone is interested in helping out for another fun day (we are aiming for a weekend day next time around), please let myself or a committee member know - the more volunteers the better the day is :-)

Cheers



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 relavent 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.

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 premiseses 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 vistors are entered on the days worksheet.

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

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 Public facebook.: <https://www.facebook.com/DVGCinc/>
- Our Private group page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/diamondvalleygemclub/>
- Please join this group if you are not already using it.

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FORWARD DIARY

<u>April</u>	14	V.G.C.A. Meeting, 4pm, at the Geelong Gem Club, 18 - 20 Carey Street, Hamlyn Heights 3215.
	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 Street, Essendon 3040. Contact: Daryl Bond (03) 9350 1804 or email committee@essendongemandlapidaryclubinc.org
	21-22	Morwell Gem Club Valencia Creek Camping and Fossicking Weekend or stay on and include Anzac day. For more details contact Ray Medew, Morwell Gem Club 0417269650. Email rjmedew@gmail.com
	29	Field trip to Strathbogrie, GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group. Crystal & Topaz. See your club field trip officer 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>	13-14	Clarence River Arts Festival. Maclean High School. Pacific Highway Maclean NSW. www.clarencriverartsfestival.com
	20-22	Yowah Opal Festival and Designer Jewellery Competition. For Information contact Gwen 0427066254 or email yowahcommunity@gmail.com , WEb site www.opalhut.com.au
<u>August</u>	10-13	Victorian Facetors Group Maiden Gully (Bendigo) Workshop, Community Hall, 711 Calder Highway, Maiden Gully Vic 3511. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	18-19	Ballarat & District Gem Club Show. "The Farm" 800 Norman Street, Nth Ballarat (Invermay Park)
	25-26	Frankston & Peninsular Lapidary Club Annual Gem Show. Cranbourne Public Hall, South Gippsland Highway, Melway ref. 133-J4. Contact Joselin Kedstrom 0420364980 or Heike Ennis 0401305707
<u>September</u>	8-9	Bendigo Gem Club Show. Baptist Church Hall, Mclvor Highway, Bendigo.
	22-23	Waverley Gem Club Exhibition, Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day Contact Peter 0415536770, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
<u>October</u>	12-14	2018 New Zealand National Show, Tauranga, New Zealand.
	13-14	Mordialloc Lapidary Club GEMFAIR. Moorabbin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin (near the House & Home Centre) Mel Ref 77, E6. Contact the Club on 95800401
	20-21	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave, Croydon. Melway Ref 50 K7. Contact Phil Toland 9761 3169 or ndlogem@hotmail.com

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