



# April 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 . 5th March 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**



## Introduction Message Leigh Carbines

It's nearing the end of April 2019 is one of the driest periods on record in Melbourne, but, for the Club it's one of the busiest times of the year. A lot has happened recently in the past month, touch up painting and new notice boards, the updating of the Honour board, a new listing and enrolment forms for courses and the clearing out under the club house to make way for a new larger hot water service and taps for all the cabochon machines. When you combine this with preparations for our Annual Gem and Crystal Exhibition on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of May coordinated by a team of willing and eager members it all points to an active and dynamic club.

As the recently elected President I've hit the ground running, realizing I have much to learn while working towards the success of our Club, dealing with the normal activities and planning for growth in the future. As I have recently been told: "By keeping oneself busy and active will keep you young and healthy", at this rate I should live forever!

Life, daily living, keeping up with family – 3 daughters, one son and soon to be born our ninth grandchild added to this. The maintaining of our house (Amrei and I) with a tenant, plus a house and studio near Daylesford keeps me on my "toes" while swimming most mornings in the outdoor pool at the Aquarena year round .

My personal interest in rocks and minerals dates back to my studies – Building Construction and then Fine Arts Sculpture and

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

## Introduction Message Leigh—Cont.

Printmaking, RMIT, add to this a career in both the Food Industry and Fine Arts, especially Jewellery making and Lead lighting while teaching at TAFE's, plus seven years Co-Ordinating Community Youth Support Schemes all makes for the mixed and varied "career" I've enjoyed .



The plans I have for the DVGC is for a creative and well-equipped Club where Members of all ages, sex, race and creed can enjoy learning and develop-

ing their skill by make making meaningful objects using the machinery and skills they have gained by joining the Club. All this while socializing with other members in a fun and happy environment.



To fulfil the plans above we urgently need general workshop space for making and finishing of rocks (jewellery, sculpture ,stones , minerals), Space

to store, setup and utilize our equipment (silversmithing, enamelling, casting, carving etc ) as well as housing all our equipment – tables, chairs, rocks, cutting equipment etc. onsite in the Clubs own space.

I believe this will be a very successful Show this year and I wish everyone the success they deserve.

Leigh Carbines, President Diamond Valley Gem club

### 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.

## Warm water

- 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>

For those of us who use the Cabbings room, the impact of the warm water on the comfort while using it is very high, we now have a continuous flow hot water system with a 270 liter capacity. This means that those of us use the cabbings wheels can do with a little more comfort.

Note, please be careful with the water usage, as the new taps have a greater flow than the old ones.

We have used the council grant to achieve this, and the council has agreed that we got good value for the money used .





## ANNUAL GEM & CRYSTAL EXHIBITION 2019

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 9:00AM - 4:00PM

TO BE HELD AT THE MASONIC CENTRE  
23 ESTER STREET, GREENSBOROUGH  
(BEHIND WOOLWORTHS)  
MELWAYS REF: 20 H2



For more  
information  
contact:  
Keith Billing  
0413 435 899

**Club Sales, Traders, Demonstrations, Refreshments**

## Dawn's Pre Show News

Dear Members, Here we are in April and with our show being the first weekend in May, (one weekend prior to Mothers Day) we find ourselves fairly organized, but as always, help is required to bring it all together. We need at least 4 helpers in the kitchen, so as to give everyone a rest. (Please contact me as soon as possible so I can draw up a roster to suit everyone.)

I will have a large noticeboard on display in the clubrooms in a week or so. If you can help, please put your name down where there is a vacancy. (Please include your phone number if you are a new member.)

Stephan would like to advise all traders that you may need your electrical tagging updated. His contact number is 0407 680 750. He will make a time available for this to be done.

Raffle books for the show will soon be distributed to all members. Please sell as many as you can, and leave the envelopes with ticket stubs and money in the club rooms with the DUTY OFFICER. Our raffle has been extremely successful in the past, so please help us to do the same this year.

We still have 3 showcases available. For any information, please contact either John Neville on 0419 550 587 or Dawn on 0400 208 968.

Cheers to all,

Dawn Lee, Show Co-Ordinator.

## Calendar of events

April	6-7	<b>Field trip to Rushworth Whroo &amp; Lake Cooper Quarry.</b> GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group, Gold, Crystal, Cabbing rough and Minerals. See your club field trip officer for details. Contact George at 7pm 5831 8466
	19-22	<b>GEMBOREE, 55th National Gem, Fossil, Mineral and Jewellery Show.</b> Rockhampton Showgrounds Queensland.
May	4-5	<b>Diamond Valley Gem Club Annual Show,</b> Masonic Centre, 23 Esther St. Greensborough. Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 9am-4pm. Contact Keith Billing 043435899.
	11	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-20	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Shepparton Workshop.</b> Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	18-19	<b>Valencia Creek Fossicking, Camping, &amp; Social Weekend.</b> Hosted by Morwell Lapidary Club. For more information contact Mrs Tobe Hearn. Ph 0351918405 Mob 0428918405
July	6-7	<b>Palmerston North Rock and Mineral Club Show.</b> Leisure Centre, Ferguson St. Palmerston North, NZ.
	13	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.

## Calendar of events Cont.

July	19-21	<b>Yowah Opal Festival &amp; Designer Jewellery Competition.</b> Information phone Gwen, 0427068254. Stall Bookings, phone Peter Coulton 0427899943 Email: yowahcommunity@gmail.com For more Info WWW.opalhut.com.au
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.
	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	<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	9	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
	17	<b>Cheong Park Rockswap,</b> corner Bayswater and Eastfield Rd, Contact Les Vargo 98763716

## Calendar of events—cont.

November	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
April	10-15	<b>GEMBOREE,</b> Albury Show Grounds.
September	12-13	<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
<b>GEMBOREE 2021 Tasmania, 2-5 April</b>		
<b>GEMBOREE 2022 NSW, 15-19 April. Australian Rural Education Centre MUDGEE</b>		



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**ABN 49 690 669 155**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

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**Meeting opened:** - 7:20 pm

**Present:** - Maureen Boyle, Leigh Carbines, Robert Cooper, Keith Kerr, Dawn Lee, John Milner, Douglas Ramsay, Darren Srblin, Roger Williams

**Apologies:** - Jaci Anderson, Gary Benson, Keith Billing, Anne Brewster Neil Crammer, Vicki Srblin  
Brendan Meagher, Adele Satchiw, Berenice Williams

**Visitors:** - Amrei Bertelsmann, Mike Griffin

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

- Minutes accepted.

Moved – John Milner, seconded – Maureen Boyle - CARRIED

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

- The Membership Card will be credit card size and printed on quality cardboard (held over)

- Relocation of notice board etc. (completed)

- Decision on spending HWS grant (see motion below)

- Investigation of alternative club rooms/premises (ongoing)

Agreed to spend \$5,000.00 to replace and install new hot water system and services to the club room.

Moved – Dawn Lee, seconded – John Milner - CARRIED

All other business arising Moved – Roger Williams, seconded – Keith Kerr - CARRIED

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

Total funds \$39,786.36 as at 31/03/2019

Moved - Keith Kerr, seconded – Maureen Boyle - CARRIED

Accounts to be paid –

Glass replacement	\$140.00	Consumer Affairs	\$115.60
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Moved - Keith Kerr, seconded – Maureen Boyle - CARRIED

**Correspondence:** – Read by Robert Cooper, see report

Moved – Leigh Carbines, seconded – Dawn Lee - 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

Library: -

Agreed that the Club subscribe to two periodical publications. Metal Stone & Glass (AUD \$46.00 – two-year subscription) and Lapidary Journal Jewellery Artist (USD \$72.95 incl postage – two-year subscription)

Moved – Leigh Carbines, seconded – Robert Cooper - CARRIED

Faceting Machines -

Agreed to send two (2) faceting machines to Graeme Young for servicing.

Moved – Leigh Carbines, seconded – Douglas Ramsay - CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9:15 pm