



# GEMCLUB JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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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: 7.00 – 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 03.07.2018 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

Neil Crammer and Rahn Krammaer  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 Commencing at **7.15pm and Closing at 8.40pm.**
- 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**

- **June-July 2018 Club copy is available at the Club Rooms**

#### **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. Currently reviewing quotes.
- An Emergency Evacuation Procedure for the Club is being prepared and signs located in the club. Fire blankets are to be purchased.
- The Pointer (VGCA) is to be sent each month, electronically to each DVGC Member
- The Museum Visit is still being considered.
- Robin Jongbloed has been appointed as our Field Trip Coordinator Officer.

# **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**

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**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

## **Newsletter Notice**

If all members with an email address could give it to **Neil Crammer** or send an email to **dvgcnewsletter@gmail.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 the Club Newsletters and emails.

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

## **Field Trips DVGC 2018**

Field Trips:

There are no field trips organized for August.

If a club member has a suggestion about what may be able to be organized for future field trips please contact me on the following mobile phone number. Alternatively, you can give a suggestion via a notice on the notice board I will be putting up leaving your phone number so I can contact you.

I will put on the notice board any field trip that may be coming up for anyone interested to put their name telephone number on for that particular field trip. I will contact those people who are interested.

DVGC Field Trip Officer - Robin Jongebloed – 0418806410

# **Club Members Thank you**

**Thank you to the 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.***

- From Dawn Lee: I would like give a belated thank you to Douglas Ramsay for his help on running the Rock Stall at our Gem Show. We really do appreciate all your effort you put in. Thank You Dawn.
- Thank You to Robin Jonebloed for becoming our Field Officer for the Club. For further details Field Trip DVGC 2018 in this newsletter

## **Jaci's Findings**

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

Retail therapy anyone?

Here are just a handful of web links that some of you may find useful:

<http://folk-stone.com/>

<http://www.spiritrockshop.com/index.html>

<https://rubymountain5rocks.com/>

<http://www.therockery.com.au/product>

## **A day at the Cartier Exhibition**

### ***Fossicking for diamonds at the National Gallery of Australia***

By Jaci Anderson



I decided to brave the cold weather, and fly to Canberra for the day on the 5th July to see the Cartier exhibition. I didn't want to miss seeing more than 300 of their dazzling pieces of tiaras, necklaces, brooches, watches, plus a history of such an iconic Maison. It didn't disappoint! Luckily, the weather was a warm-ish, sunny day.

Naturally, I started the day the only way with with cuppa (complete with a biscuit) in their members lounge. What a view!

I saw a glittering collection of master craftsmen at their best. The jewellery came from all around the globe and belonged to royalty, aristocrats, socialites, stars of stage and screen and music. Even some pieces from Dame Nellie Melba's collection were on display.

Not everything was jewellery. There was a stunning array of docks and cigarette cases, even two sculptured kangaroos!



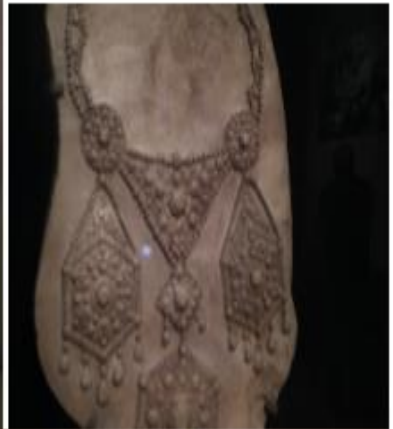
Diamonds were everywhere; on tiaras (even Kate Middleton's that she borrowed from The Queen for her wedding) brooches, bracelets, even a pair of crocodiles. It was also great to see the workshop displays - with hopefully a little more understanding of the creative process thanks to being a Diamond Valley Gem Club member.

There were pieces of carved emerald that were exquisite. The model of the first moon landing was an unexpected surprise.



Without a doubt my favourite piece was also the biggest and belonged to the Maharaja Bhupinder Singh which he wore, in 1928. Made from: platinum, old-and rose-cut diamonds, cushion-shaped yellow zirconia, white zirconia, white topaz, synthetic rubies, smokey quartz and citrine. It was lost during the 1940s where many stones were removed. Luckily, Cartier is restoring it using synthetic stones until perfect replacements can be sourced.

There was so much to see that after a lunch break I went through the exhibition again. Then went for a wonder around the rest of the gallery, before going back in again. By then it was closing time - and I had a plane to catch! It was hard to leave all the shimmering and such incredible workmanship. However, a trip to the gift shop helped ease things. The flight home was on time and I am now left with some fabulous memories.



## 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**

### Workshop Notes

- A Neon light is to fitted above the Silversmithing/Lost Wax Casting Table.
- Power Leads to be fitted to Machines No 2 & 3 grinding Wheels.
- Large Cutting Saw No 6 switch is being attended to.
- Out door Shed lighting is being attended to.
- Bookcase. A Clean out is under wayto remove unused info/magazines and will be offered to club members.

# Diamond Valley Gem Club .inc Web Page

Report from Jeff Hill

- 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 have sent out the June/July VGCA Pointer on line in conjunction with VGCA. This will allow more of our members to be able to read this Monthly Magazine in detail. You will receive a monthly Email with an attachment. Open up the attachment and you will be able to veiw the monthly Pointer Issue. NMC Download the attachment to your computer. Save or Print out a copy
- 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

- **Please refer to page 2 Pointer. June – Jul 2018 for Details of the Forward Diary.**
- **This diary page is located in your Email copy of the Pointer which was emailed to all members earlier this month.**