



GEM CLUB MAY 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 – 3.00 pm
Tuesday: 7.00 – 9.00 pm
Thursday: 7.30 – 10.00 pm
Saturday: 1.30 – 4.30 pm



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MONTHLY NOTICES.

Gem Show.

The 2016 DVGC Gem Club Show Report by Dawn Lee

CONTACTS.

Office Bearers.

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899.
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Treasurer:	Jason Ewing	0490 103 071.
Secretary:	Leigh Carbines	9846 2335.
Minutes Secretary:	Kevin Leahy	0425 744 987

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(9435 5710).

Newsletter Editors.

Neil Crammer and Rahn Krammaer.

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

Our newWeb site ;

WWW.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au

Check it out!!

THE DIAMOND VALLEY GEM AND CRYSTAL SHOW.

Message from Dawn

The After Show Report

Another great Show result due to the fabulous contributions from many club members.

Thank you's prior to Show.

- Cutting of slabs by our Ron (of Course)) and Jaci who didn't mind in the least of getting up to her elbows covered in oil. Marvellous efforts. Thank you. Thank you!
- All of our signs needed to have the dates changed and was Jaci and Adele who wrestled with those 12ft. banners. . The finished done to perfection. Thank you very much Ladies.
- Our Show Shed needed a great deal of organizing and it was John Neville who battled tirelessly for weeks the show to get things in order. Fabulous job, John, you are a champ!!
- I would like to thank Pauline for putting hours sorting, pricing slabs and specimens. Very much appreciated. Pauline.
- Roger's work table needed a paint job and Gary did that for us. Big Thanks, Gary
- Our new cash register continually gave many of us a massive headache. It wasn't until Friday (our preparation day) that our Heroine Tracey sorted it out. A million thanks, you clever Lady.
- The window display at Greensborough Plaza is usually done by one or more of our ladies. This year it was done by Miss Billing with the assistance of Miss Meagher. Very good effort ,it looked great, .You are booked for next year.!!
- Our Banners were put up by Keith and Ian, all placed in very noticeable positions. Unfortunately, two of the banners were stolen prior to the show which is very disappointing. I have reported the matter to the police but do not have much faith in them being recovered.
- Late Friday night John Milner distributed all the arrow signs in readiness for Saturday. Many Thanks again, John.

Our raffle created a lot of attention and sales were very satisfactory. All the winners have been notified and were delighted with their win.

Draw 1. John Milner	Club Member	Quartz Crystal Tree
Draw 2. Robin Jonebloed Onyx	Club Member	Onyx Drop Earrings.
Draw 3. Brendan Meagher	Club Member	Selenite Heart
Draw 4. Marion Cordy-Howel	Club Member	Apophonite Specimen
Draw 5. Fiona		Specularite Slice
Draw 6. Keith Kerr	Club Member	Citrine Cluster

Many Thanks to Tracey Biagioni for the photographic layout of 4 advertising sheets. Beautifully done, Thank you, Tracey.

How many stones in Jar Competition?

The Winner was Hannah.(The No of stones was 314,Hannah was nearest with 318.

The Winners of the "Popular Showcase Were Aaron and Alli. Congratulants to you both for a lovely display.

Thank you also to John, Max, Les, Anne and Christine and Jaci for greats displays.

Jason battled on with his Flu On Saturday but come Sunday he needed tom stay home. Sorry you couldn't be around on Sunday to experience your first show with us as our Treasurer. Unfortunately Jess also lost her fight with the flu and was unable to stay.

Kevie was able to spend Saturday with us and did a great job on the cash register.

Pixie Hollow

This year our indoor children's game featured "Pixie Hollow" (that's where Fairies Live) Tenedia was our Saturday fairy in charge and on Sunday we had Therese. They both looked beautiful and they gave all the little visitors a big welcome to "Pixie Hollow" Wonderful job Dear Fairies.

Fossicking Game

Savanah and Marley once again did a great job on our Fossicking Game. Unfortunately Sunday turned out a bit cold but they still did their job. Thank you once again "S" & "M".

Our Kitchen

Our Kitchen Staff once again excelled themselves, their service was second to none. Once again Brendan's Sausage rolls were in great demand. He made 100 rolls and by 3.00pm all were sold. Great effort, Brendan. You are a champion!

We give great thanks to Greg and Helga for their wonderful attention to detail, everything ran so smoothly. We had Sarah helping us this year also(She is Greg's Niece). Thank You Sarah.

At the end of the Weekend the Kitchen sparkled and once again the Masonic President congratulated us on care of their premises.

Club Members

- This year we had Jeff displaying his marvellous Smokey Quartz carvings accompanied by Photos telling the story of his mine. Great to have you with us. Jeff.
- Usual, as our Amrei did a great job on the information table. We have some new members signing up and eager to start their Cabochon Course. Also Amrei blew up all the balloons (Without the Compressor)Well Done Lovely Lady.
- Our In House security boys Chris & Tony once again baby sat everyone's Treasures. And we all slept peacefully knowing that they were there. Thanks you guys, see you next year.
- Our Faceting Lady (Adele) and John and Neil did their usual great job letting everyone know what we can do in our Faceting Room.
- Adele also took on the job of explaining how "Cabbing" is done. Due to the fact that can't house a noisy machine to demonstrate just what can be achieved. Adele had photos and Show case containing member's lovely work. Wonderful Effort , Adele
- Roger was busy with an attentive audience while his was explaining the How's and The Why's of Silver smithing. Well Done, Roger.

Hang in There- I am almost though!!Dawn

Ps .So am I. Neil

- It was great to have Claire with us, this has been a very trying year for her with major surgery and rehab! She put in a great effort to entertain the kids and their parents as well. Wonderful Effort, Claire.
- Our Lyndal unfortunately was not able to work with us due to upcoming surgery but nevertheless she still made her delicious " Rocky Road" which was enjoyed by all. (Not True. The News Editor did not get any of the Rocky Road. My Favourite Sweet!!!!)
- Setting up all the tables with tablecloths prior to the show is a long and tedious chore. Huge thanks to my helpers Tracey and Claire.(Also to anyone else that I can't remember, Sorry.)
- Each year Linda comes in at the end of the show to fold up all of the tablecloths, this year was no exception. Huge thanks, Linda.(Also thanks to all that assisted in this Big Job.)
- To all of our helpers that loaded and unloaded the truck, we thank you sincerely; we couldn't have done without you!
- To all our Traders who presented their tables in such a professional way, we thank for making us look so good
- Once again our Ron had a great Rock stall and also some really great Bromeliads. Great Effort, Ron.

- Ziggy and Max were kept busy with a steady flow of interested visitors. Well Done, Fella's.
- We had Anita and Family trading as Anita and Peter's Rocks. I am very happy to say that all went very well for them, by the end of Trading they had cleaned all stock.
- Our Club Stall was very efficiently manned by Keith, Christine and John and on Sunday ,a very lovely lady named Paula volunteered to work on the Rock Stall and promised to do the same next year.(I just love Volunteers!!) She is not even a club Member!!!
- Once again, Berenice, Barbara and Marilyn paid us a visit, so lovely to see you dear Ladies.

Finally I have come to the part where I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone, if I have I offer my Sincere Apologies.

I give a huge thanks to my Show Committee John, Neville, Leigh Carbines and Keith Billing

Your support is what makes it all come together. Many Thanks!!

Dawn Lee

Ps Many Thanks to you Dawn for your Total Input, Effort and Energy to achieve this very Successful Show.

On behalf of all Members, the Executives and The Committee of the 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. Minutes taken by Leigh Carbines/ Kevin Leahy

Diamond Valley Gem Club
Registered Number A7700

ABN49690669155

AGM 5 th May 2016

Present Neil Crammer Kevin Leahy
Anne Brewster John Milner Jeff Hill Jason Ewing
Maureene Boyles

Apologies Brendon Meagher Berenice Williams Keith Billing Dawn Lee
Garry Benson Barbara Kirkbride Claire Gleeson Ron Kirkbride Roger Williams

Meeting opened 7.15

Visitors Chris Bell

Minutes of previous AGM moved Neil Crammer seconded Leigh Carbines

Matters arising from the previous minutes

Hot Water System still faulty council too be contacted again
New motor on feceting machine still noisy , decision made to keep it as it is going on a spare machine

Treasurers Report

Presented by Jason Ewing
Several head aches with show results and Jason to design a new method of collecting and reporting monies next year
Acceptance of report moved Jason Ewing seconded Neil Crammer

Inward correspondence

Other clubs newsletters

Outward correspondence

Letter sent to "no show trader" advising that any further request to participate in our show will not be accepted

Interim Show Report financial

Presented Jason Ewing reconciling monies and will report to the next monthly meeting

General Business

Discussion was held re the fees for our courses , it was decided that all courses are to be charged as" plus materials "

Jeff Hill reported that the web page is up and running

The preferred sign on is " diamondvalleygemclub.com.au"
dvgc.com.au will also suffice

The web page project is on going and will assist in covering a much greater field for new membership

Correspondence

April - May 2016

Inward

- **Mordialloc** - The Mordi-Agate News April 2016
 - Stone of the month – Tourmaline
 - Article drilling holes in stones
 - Gemfair Show 22,23 October 2016
- **Nunawading** -Gem form
 - Workshops
 - History of Gemkahana
 - Note – Course fees - \$40 /\$45
- **Frank stone chaser** – sent by email
 - Rubies – Central Australia
- **Waverely** - The Rockafella

Inward Correspondence

- Forms from two new paid up Members

Activity Report – March 2016

Show - Receipt of Raffle Monies

A letter of gratitude to be sent to Dawn Lee for her tireless work in making the show the success that it was

A new show committee must be formed with an increase in help for Dawn to be a priority

Belts in cab room are worn out , a motion was put to purchase replacements ASAP

It was decided to purchase 2 each of 300,600,1200 and one each 5,000, 8,000 50,000 grit

Moved Jason Ewing seconded Kevin Leahy

Johnn Milner pointed out that there is a need for 2x3000 laps and 2x1200 laps

And also 6x 10,000 diamond spray

A motion to purchase moved John Milner seconded Neil Crammer

Duty officers sorted

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

Signed

Keith Billing

Next Meeting: 7.15. 7th June 2016.

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

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL.

Dear Member

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

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

Thank You.

The Committee

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 DVGCC 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.

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FORWARD DIARY

May	14	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melways 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 Canberra. Contact Canberra lapidfly^ 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. Melways Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	11-12 18-19	WA Lapidary and Rockhunting Club Annual Exhibition . 10 to 4.30 at their club rooms, 31-35 Gladstone Rd, Rivervale, Perth WA.
July	9	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	15-16	Yowah Opal Festival and Yowah Designer Jewellery Competition . Festival Info & stall bookings. Contact Linda 0476419211 email yowahcommunity@gmail.com , Jewellery Comp Info Bob 0438554791. More info on www.opalhut.com.au
August	13	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melways Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	12-15	Victorian Facetors Group Workshop , Maiden Gully. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	20-21	Ballarat & District Gem Club show . "The Farm," 800 Norman Street Nth Ballarat (Invermay Park)
	27-28	Frankston and Peninsula Lapidary Club Gem show . Cranbourne Public Hall. 9.00am - 5.00pm. Contact Heike 0401305707
September	3-4	Mildura & District Gem & Mineral Club, Gem and Jewellery Show Sunraysia Masonic Centre, Calder Highway Irymple. Contact Hellyn Parker (03) 50245 451 or 0408 502 340 or e-mail milduragemclub@gmail.com
	10	V.G.C.A. Meeting , Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-18	Waverley Gem Club Exhibition , Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day. Contact Gwen 0407512883, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
	30-2nd Oct	Broken Hill Mineral show , Memorial Oval Williams St Broken Hill NSW. Registration and information, website; brokenhillmineralclub.wikispaces.com or PO BOX 747 Broken Hill NSW 2880 or contact Jason 0427743940.
	29-2nd Oct	New Zealand National Show , hosted by the Marlborough Rock and Mineral Club, Marlborough Boys College Hall, Stephenson Street, Blenheim.
October	6	Field trip to Flinders Island, Topaz . GV Gem Mineral & Craft Group. If you are interested, please contact George Fadersen, Ph. 58318466 after 6.30pm Note: date is to be confirmed and is dependent on minimum numbers. Approx. cost \$890 5 days, airport return & accommodation