



# GEM CLUB JUNE 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).  
[www.diamondvalleygemclub.com.au](http://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



*Diamond Valley Gem Club Inc.*

## MONTHLY NOTICES

It has been decided that the **monthly minutes and treasurers report** will only be displayed on the club's community notice board at the clubhouse – Not in the newsletter

**Annual Subscription Renewals are overdue**  
(see page 4 for further information)

## 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	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](mailto:newsletterdvgc@outlook.com)  
(only for issues relating to the newsletter)

## 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.

## Club News

- A very big thanks to Paul Alexander for his work on the saws and carrying out the onerous work on emptying the dirty cutting oils from the saws and refilling the saws. A great effort!
- Again a very big thanks to Jeff Hill for his Website assistance and for all the work he has done to get it up and running!!!

### Correspondence

May – June 2016

#### Inward

##### Pointer

Article on Prehnite Crystals

Summary of Essendon Gem and Lapidary Show and Mordialloc Lapidary Club and Upper Yarra gem Club Shows

Field trip report - Ulverstone Gemboree,

Article on the Malachite room in the Winter Palace in St Petersburg, Russia,

##### Mordialloc

The Mordi-Agate News May | 2016

Grey Nomads heading North / West

New Zealand - Jade carving

Classes – Silver Smithing, Carving, Enamelling, Chain Mail & Wire

Art Jewellery

Gem Fair 24, 25<sup>th</sup> October - 964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Stone of the month – Nephrite Jade / Pounamu “ Greenstone”

Drill holes in Gem Stones

## **Taslap**

Presidents Report – Trip to Tucson, Arizona and their Gem Show

Article on the Argyle Violet - the largest violet diamond from Rio Tinto's Argyle Diamond Mine

Article on 2016 Hobart Gem Show .19, 20 March 2016.

Drilling Holes in Gem Stones

10 Largest Stones ever found

Moldavite – tektites!

**Rockfella** -sent by email

**Frank stone chaser** – sent by email

South Gippsland Gemstone and Lapidary Club – winter timetable, the club is looking to purchase a Faceting Machine!

**DVGC New Members** - A warm welcome to new members

Tania Keays

Rosemary (Josephine) Thuring

Julia Kirschbaum

## **Outward**

### **Outward Correspondence**

Letter to the Lapis Lazuli Trader

## **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 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 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 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 This matter is now Urgent!**

#### **Annual Subscription Renewal.**

#### **Dear Member**

**Please be advised that your Annual Membership Subscription are **overdue** as from the Annual General Meeting held on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**ps. Neil will be chasing you up if you haven't paid as yet!!!!!!!**

### **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 premiseses for each sessions. They see that the premises are clean and tidy, along with water, lights, power and heating are switched off. They are responsible for collecting the daily Workshop money Membership Subscriptions ,issuing a reciept 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.**

### FORWARD DIARY

<u>June</u>	4-5	<b>Gemstone &amp; Mineral Exhibition.</b> Horsham & District Lapidary Club, Club rooms, 24 Roberts Ave. Horsham. Sat. 10 am -5 pm. Sun.10 am – 4 pm.
	11	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading, Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	11-12 18-19	<b>WA Lapidary and Rockhunting Club Annual Exhibition.</b> 10 to 4.30 at their club rooms, 31-35 Gladstone Rd, Rivervale, Perth WA.
<u>July</u>	9	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> GV Gem, Mineral & Craft Group, 12 Gilchrist Street SHEPPARTON, 12 midday for lunch prior to the meeting.
	15-16	<b>Yowah Opal Festival and Yowah Designer Jewellery Competition.</b> Festival Info & stall bookings. Contact Linda 0476419211 email yowahcommunity@gmail.com, Jewellery Comp Info Bob 0438554791. More info on www.wopalhut.com.au
<u>August</u>	13	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading, Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	12-15	<b>Victorian Faceters Group Workshop,</b> Maiden Gully. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	20-21	<b>Ballarat &amp; District Gem Club show.</b> "The Farm," 800 Norman Street Nth Ballarat ( Invermay Park)
	27-28	<b>Frankston and Peninsula Lapidary Club Gem Show.</b> Cranbourne Public Hall. 9.00am - 5.00pm. Contact Heike 0401305707
<u>September</u>	3-4	<b>Mildura &amp; District Gem &amp; Mineral Club, Gem and Jewellery Show</b> Sunraysia Masonic Centre, Calder Highway, Irymple. Contact Hellyn Parker (03) 50245 451 or 0408 502 340 or e-mail milduragemclub@gmail.com
	10	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading, Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	17-18	<b>Waverley Gem Club Exhibition,</b> Brandon Park Community Centre, 645 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley. 10-5 each day. Contact Gwen 0407512883, or waverleygemclub@gmail.com
	30-2nd Oct	<b>Broken Hill Mineral Show,</b> 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	<b>New Zealand National Show,</b> hosted by the Marlborough Rock and Mineral Club, Marlborough Boys College Hall, Stephenson Street, Bienenheim.
<u>October</u>	6	<b>Field trip to Flinders Island, Topaz.</b> 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
	8	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading, Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	8-9	<b>Combined Gippsland Gem Show.</b> Hosted by the Bairnsdale Lapidary Club, Lucknow Hall, Omeo Highway, Lucknow. Contact Leigh Roberts 0400190066
	15-16	<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

	22-23	<b>Mordialloc Lapidary club GEMFAIR.</b> Moorabin Senior Citizens Hall, 964 Nepean Highway, Moorabin (near the House & Home Centre) Mel Ref 77, E6. Contact The Club on 95800401...
	30	<b>Warragul lapidary club rock market,</b> logan park Warragul, contact Karen Lindorff 0438 283238 or Ruth Mc Donald 0427 287555
	29-30	<b>Canberra Lapidary Club Spring Gemcraft &amp; Mineral Show,</b> 10am to 5pm, Mallee Pavillion, Exhibition Park in Canberra. Contact canberralapidary@gmail.com or 02 6260 5322.
<u>November</u>	5-6	<b>Southern Rockhounds Annual Gemfair,</b> 10.00 am to 4.00 pm both days, 17 Gerald Court, Christie Downs SA, contact John McTier 08) 8298 1949 or email johncmct@vmpdev.com
	12	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	13	<b>Cheong Park Gem and Mineral Club Rock Swap.</b> Corner Bayswater and Eastfield Roads Croydon South. Contact Henk Holmer 98709336 or Mark Woods 0417531587
	18-20	<b>Victorian Facetors Group Workshop,</b> Beechworth. Contact Graham Young 9363 1803. Mob: 0487283598.
	26-27	<b>VGCA Jewellery Judging Course.</b> Conducted by Barbara Try. Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10.
<u>December</u>	3	<b>V.G.C.A. Meeting,</b> Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm
<b>2017</b>		
<u>March</u>	11-12	<b>2017 GEMKHANA,</b> Kialla Raceway near Shepparton, hosted by the GV Gem & Mineral Craft Group.
<u>APRIL</u>	14-17	<b>2017 GEMBOREE,</b> Tony Luchetti Showground, Lithgow N.S.W.
		<u>GEMBOREES:</u> 2018 South Australia.