



GEMCLUB SEPTEMBER 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

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 Correspondence** will only be displayed on the club's community notice board at the clubhouse – Not in the newsletter.

September 2016 Monthly Meeting. Minutes and Correspondence is on the Club Room Notice Board

Office Bearers

President:	Keith Billing	0413 435 899
Vice President:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198
Treasurer:	Keith Kerr	0409 504 021
Assistant Treasurer:	Maureen Boyle	9434 3198
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 Billing/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)

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 to 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 it 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 September Monthly Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 commencing at 7.25pm and Closing at 9.00pm.

A copy of the Minutes and Correspondence has 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 from the Minutes

- A Purchasing Supplies list is being completed to assist the Committee to provide items required for the club members. The list will name Lapidary Suppliers available for requested items.
- A Purchasing Officer is still required.
- An Organisational Flow Chart has been completed to assist Members in the running of our Club. This Flow Chart is on the Notice Board for comments.
- Change of the Show Date is yet to be discussed at the next Meeting.

Correspondence

- As per the Secretary List on Notice Board.
- Pointer.
- VGCA 2017 Gemkhana. Request for Competition entries from our Club.

From Other Clubs

- The Gemini.
- Gemform August 2016. Page 11. See the Largest Diamond found in 100 years.
- The Mordi-Agate.
- The Eureka Echo.
- Frank Stone.
- Taslap.
- Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Inc. 50th Exhibition 15th – 16th October 2016.

Annual Subscription Renewal has now been completed

Dear Member

We have updated our current membership list as at September 2016.

Note If you did not receive this email copy of the News Letter you are no longer a current paid up member of the club

We have a number of Members listed who are listed as members and have not paid their membership or have not indicated to the club if they wish to continue to be a Member. These unfinancial members email addresses have been deleted and will not receive any more News Letters.

Leigh Carbines, Our Secretary has posted out statements to confirm your non payment to the Club.

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 for 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
Life Members: \$10.00**

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 premises 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 visitors are entered on the days worksheet.

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

50 YEARS YOUNG

Next Year 2017 is our Club 50 Years celebration (approx Mid Year)

We need ideas or suggestions on how you would like to celebrate this Club milestone?

Please contact The Committee with your **Reasonable Suggestions**.

Vale

Our Dear Member Passing

It is with deep regret to inform members of the Death of Marion Schilling, a long standing member of our club and the Wife of Frank. We offer our Sincere Condolences to Frank and His Family for their sad loss at this time.

From all the Members of our Diamond Valley Gem Club

A Private Funeral With a Celebration of Life will be held on the 7th of October 2016

Details will be available at the Club

Contact Dawn Lee for further details

GIVE IT A GO

DANIEL PAPROTH CUTS IT FINE

We try LAPIDARY

The promise

Diamond Valley Gem Club members meet five times a week in an establishment a few minutes from Greensborough's main strip to engage in lapidary – the collecting, cutting and polishing of gemstones. It's a practice with roots deeper than most hobbies or professions – it dates back to the Stone Age. The group, a friendly bunch who laugh as hard as they work, welcomes new members.

The reality

Members spend hours refining their stonework, turning found, donated or bought stones into pieces that catch the eye. There are several rooms with machinery that can clean, cut, refine, sharpen and more. I drop in on a Tuesday afternoon, finding a hive of activity; members hunched over machines running a careful eye over their handiwork.

The pay-off

Inside a protective case, in a locked box in a room of the Grace Park Cottage in Greensborough sits one of the most stunning things I've seen, a striking emerald diamond.

(ISTOCK)



It is the product of about 15 to 20 hours of work. Having seen some of the stones in a supply room – these have been donated or bought by club members – it is hard to reconcile that something so beautiful began life looking decidedly shabbier.

The pain factor

I'm told with a laugh that broken fingernails are the most common casualty.

The cost

Less than a meal. Starts at \$10 and can include a range of courses run by the club, field trips to find gemstones, and their annual gem and crystal show.

Who should do it?

Those with some spare time to join a friendly community engaged in a somewhat less-than-common activity.

WOULD I DO IT AGAIN?

This will be how I save money on a ring to propose, I reckon. ●

Diamond Valley Gem Club
Grace Park Cottage, cCorner Henry Street
and Duncan Avenue, Greensborough
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Editor's Note

Re the Pay off Paragraph

In The WEEKLY REVIEW / AUGUST 31st /2016

Another Journalist misquote of the truth The most stunning thing he had seen was a striking Emerald diamond in a protective case in a locked box?

This Stone was not a Diamond!!!

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

FORWARD DIARY

<u>June</u>	4-5	Gemstone & Mineral Exhibition. Horsham & District Lapidary Club, Club rooms, 24 Roberts Ave. Horsham. Sat. 10 am -5 pm. Sun.10 am – 4 pm.
	11	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway 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.
<u>July</u>	9	V.G.C.A. Meeting, GV Gem, Mineral & Craft Group, 12 Gilchrist Street SHEPPARTON, 12 midday for lunch prior to the meeting.
	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
<u>August</u>	13	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway 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
<u>September</u>	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.
<u>October</u>	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
	8	V.G.C.A. Meeting, Nunawading Clubrooms, 2 Silver Grove, Nunawading. Melway Ref 48 E10. 4pm.
	8-9	Combined Gippsland Gem Show. Hosted by the Bairnsdale Lapidary Club, Lucknow Hall, Omeo Highway, Lucknow. Contact Leigh Roberts 0400190066
	15-16	Nunawading & District Lapidary Club Annual Exhibition, Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Ave, Croydon, Melway Ref 50 K7. Contact Phil Toland 9761 3169 or ndlclgem@hotmail.com