



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au

GEMFIELDS MEALS ON WHEELS 2024 RAFFLE WINNER IS:

A local Sapphire resident with Ticket Number 0233
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets a
Grand Total of \$1648 was raised.

GRAND PRIZE

STUNNING 9CT WHITE GOLD SAPPHIRE PENDANT

A Natural Australian Yellow Parti-colour Sapphire weighing
0.50 carats. Claw set in 9ct white gold.

The Sapphire is flawless with excellent clarity and
brilliance.

The pendant is 35mm long and 13mm wide with a total
Weight of 3.1 grams. The chain is Sterling Silver

TOTAL RETAIL VALUE: \$1,100.00



**Thank you to Taylors Fine Sapphire for their
Generous Donation**



Thank you to **FURA** for supporting the Gemfields Community
Support Assoc. Inc in their continued community assistance.

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Dubai, UAE
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Gemfields Community Support Assoc. Inc. (Multi Purpose Centre)

The following are some of the services that the GCSA supply to the Gemfields Community.

Meals on Wheels— “We are more than just a meal” A hot, or ready-to-heat subsidised meal is delivered at low cost to those who would otherwise be nutritionally at risk, including the frail aged and people with disabilities.

Social Support— A friendly visiting service provides outreach support for the aged, ill, housebound and those with disabilities.

Personal Care— Personal Care services provide assistance at home with daily living for the frail aged, the ill and those with disabilities to help with showering, grooming, dressing and general hygiene.

Respite Care— Provides respite care of the frail elderly and those with disabilities in order to allow their families or carers free time. Planned regular respite, emergency respite or occasional respite can be provided in the clients' homes or on outings.

Domestic Assistance— Home Care services are available for frail elderly, incapacitated or ill residents and those with disabilities to help with household duties including cleaning, laundry, meal preparation and shopping.

Our aim is to help the elderly, incapacitated or those with a disability to remain independent in their own homes without being prematurely forced into an aged care or other facility.

If you, or you know of someone who can benefit from the services that the GCSA provide, please ring us and make an appointment.

PHONE: 4985 4664 Monday - Friday 7.00am - 3.00pm
admin@gemfields.org.au



SAY G'DAY



REGULAR
CONTACT

SHOPPING

HAVE A
LAUGH

SHARE A
CUPPA & CAKE



RUN
ERRANDS

TRIVIA
CARDS
SCRABBLE
GAMES

CHAT OVER
THE FENCE

GARDENING

CAN YOU
HELP THEM?

SHARE A
MEAL





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The Gemfields Community Support Assoc. Inc. delivers and coordinates the in home services to the Gemfields and surrounding districts. The services provided are aimed at enabling the frail aged to stay living as independently as possible in their own homes rather than premature entry into residential care. These services are delivered by our dedicated and compassionate support personnel.



**DOMESTIC
ASSISTANCE**



**PERSONAL
ASSISTANCE**



**DELIVERED
MEALS**



**SOCIAL
SUPPORT**



TRANSPORT



**CENTRE
BASED
RESPIRE**

If you need assistance the My Aged Care website, www.myagedcare.gov.au, has a step by step guide to help you. The My Aged Care team can answer most of your questions over the phone- 1800 200 422

Or you can give us a call at the MPC office, 49854 664, for more information.

*Thank you to the
Central Highlands Regional Council
for supporting the
Gemfields Community Support Ass..Inc.
(www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au)*



**Central Highlands
Regional Council**

Gemfields Community Support Association INC.
Would like to thank HOY for their continued support
of the Gemfields “Meals on Wheels”





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PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

**The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. currently have a
Part Time Position available for an Accounts Person.**

The successful applicant would need to have:

Current Working Accounts Knowledge

Quickbooks Experience

Must be willing to complete an Australian Federal Police Check.

References Essential

Please forward your resume to:

admin@gemfields.org.au

Or drop it into the office

Mon-Fri 8am - 2pm

Phone: 49854664

Applications Close Friday 13th September 2024

GEMFIELDS ELECTRICAL

***YOUR LOCAL
ELECTRICIAN***

Grant & Michelle Smith

REC 73638

***Phone:
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Gemstone and Jewellery valuations

Gemstone identifications

Exciting news:

***We will be attending the Festival of Gems
next to the GAA at Roy Day Park in Sapphire***

Fully Registered Gemmologist - FGAA

Full member of National Council of
Jewellery Valuers - NCJV Q216 (Dip Val)

Fully Registered Appraiser with the
ISG reg no 82151

Contact Janet on 0408665896

By appointment only

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**Phone: 0480 398 603
Keilambete Road, Rubyvale QLD**



HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT FROM CAPTURED IN TIME HISTORICAL BOOK

RUBYVALE IDENTITIES PHOTOS: COURIER MAIL ANNUAL 1951



FRANK BURRIDGE MINING UNDERGROUND



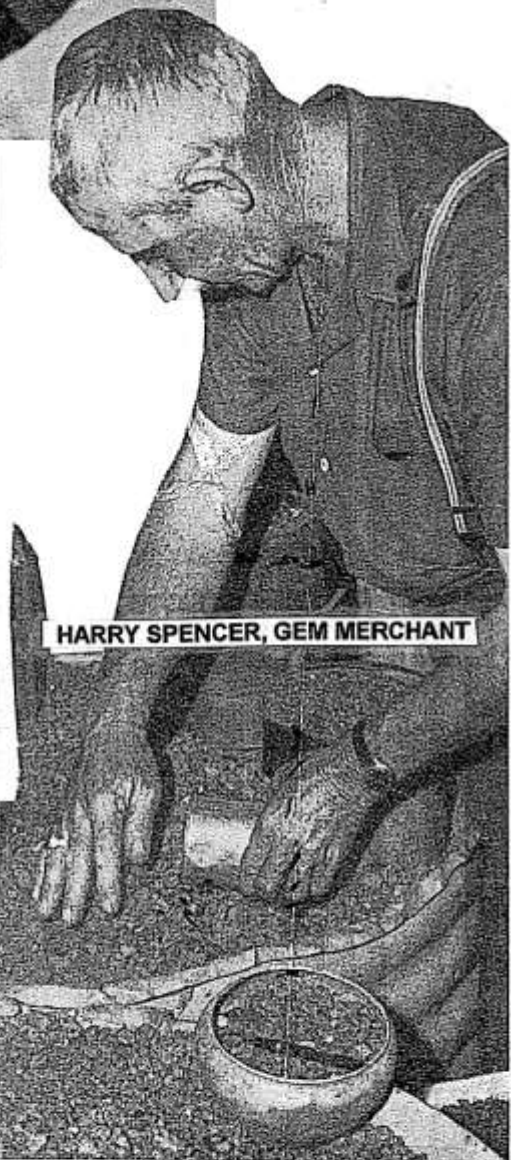
**CHARLIE BRADFORD
GEM CUTTER**

These four men had a number of things in common:- They helped develop the sapphire industry; they each became an integral part of the history of the Gemfields and they lived all – or the greater part – of their lives at Rubyvale.

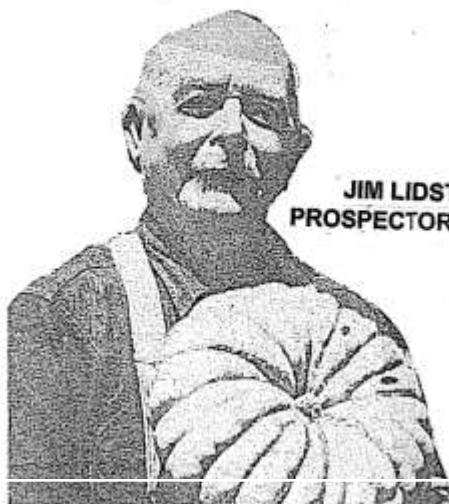
Frank Burridge came, with his parents, from Clermont to Rubyvale in 1920 at the age of six. He attended the Rubyvale school and lived, except for a period in the army and some time away working, the remainder of his 93 years at Rubyvale. Frank died in 2006 and to commemorate his long sporting history, his ashes were spread on the Rubyvale tennis courts. Frank never married.

Charlie Bradford's grandparents settled in Rubyvale in 1908. Charlie was born in 1920 and went to the Rubyvale school, as had his father before him. He enlisted in the Army in WWII and, after discharge, married Eileen White of "Tadcaster", Withersfield. He spent his working life as a gem cutter. Charlie died in 2005 aged 84. He and Eileen had no children.

Harry Spencer married Emily Bradford (aunt of Charlie) at Rubyvale when he was twenty years of age. They reared a family of three boys and two girls. Harry became a gem buyer and, in the 1950s, was paying \$2 for a jam-tin of rough sapphire. In 1951, he was reputed to have amassed four and a half ton of sapphire in an old tin shed in his back yard. Harry bought and sold many famous rough gems, including those that were carved into the President's Heads. He died of a heart attack near May Creek aged just 64 years in 1958.



HARRY SPENCER, GEM MERCHANT



**JIM LIDSTONE
PROSPECTOR-MINER**

Jim Lidstone came to Anakie as a sleeper cutter for the railway in 1891 when he was 19. He soon developed a keen interest in sapphires and set off as a prospector and miner. In 1909 he married Anakie lass, Grace Broun, and they set up home in Rubyvale where they raised a family of four. Jim spent 68 years on the 'fields. He lies with a son who died aged two, in the local cemetery.



Gemstone Identifications & Valuation Certificates

ABN: 65 750 573 533

Email: iTechprogramming@bigpond.com

Kelvin Johnston- **Gemchecker Registered Valuer**: Cert.No. 010

Ph: **Kelvin** - 0437 476 512.

Carol - 0488 55 55 92

We offer reports & valuation certificates for - all gemstones, jewellery, diamonds, opal, pearls, gold, etc and have natural untreated gemstones for sale, also cutting of gemstones.

Our Gemmological Laboratory is located in Emerald: Over the years we developed a unique electronic overall coloured gemstone description eg: yellowish Orange (yO) - Hue, Tone, Saturation, our system was first reported by the GAA in The Australian Gemmologist - no longer do you guess. This is so Important so that an accurate price can be established. Our Services include the Identification of gemstones ie: natural/synthetic, enhancements, which includes the classifications - colour clarity, cut, gem polish brightness, pattern uniformity and size etc.

Once again treatments and enhancements have kept the Gemmologists of the world on their toes. Many sellers of gems have difficulty ascertaining the true enhancements of the gemstone. We have the latest technology and the experience. If you don't identify and classify the stone correctly, you cannot certify and value it.

Kelvin Johnston - 45 years Research in the Gem Industry, (Scientist/Inventor) of Gemchecker Equip. and Gem Testing, Appraisal/Valuation software programming and Instruments. He was evaluated & reported by (G.A.A), (G.I.A) & (Dr. Read G.A.G.B.) Magazines. OVER THE YEARS HE HAS LECTURED AT GEMMOLOGICAL INSTITUTES/ CONFERENCES IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, USA, INDIA, BRITAIN & EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Carol Johnston—19 years Gem Cutting experience and has obtained Certificates in Levels 1, 2 and 3 in Advanced cutting of Coloured Gemstones issued by John Broadfoot and the Australian Facetors Guild.

PHONE: Carol - 0488 55 55 92 OR Kelvin - 0437 476 512



GEMFIELDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED INC.

2024 HORSE MANURE FOR SALE.

Do you require some horse manure for your garden?

We deliver to your place.

\$30.00 per large trailer load within 20 kms radius Sapphire. (Delivery charge if more than 20kms.)

Or \$25.00 bring your own trailer and we will load you

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Pick a number from 1—100 for \$2.00 each

Pop in to the Multi Purpose Centre for your Lucky
Chance

Winning numbers are picked once board is completed.



Proceeds go to Multi Purpose Centre

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EVERY SUNDAY

8:00 AM TO 12:00

COME ALONG AND BROWSE THE MANY STALLS

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Ron
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www.rubyvalecaravanpark.com.au



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The Rubyvale Caravan Park is situated jus opposite the Pub and is centrally located to local amenities including the PO, café & jewellery shops, fossicking parks and underground mines. We will give you all the information on what to do around the area.



CABINS

Family cabin self-contained for up to 6 people

Queen Bed self contained for 2 people

Value cabin self-contained NO en-suite for up to 6 people



FOSSICKING

CAMP KITCHEN



FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE



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OPEN DAY

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Friday 18th October 2024

10am - 12pm



—meet— OUR TEAM



Discover what we do in the
Community

INFORMATION ABOUT :

AGED CARE IN HOME SUPPORT
WE PROVIDE



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meal examples, taste test and
Information



LIVE MUSIC



KIDS ACTIVITIES

**COLOURING
COMPETITION**

Scavenger Hunt



**CRAFTY
ANGELS**



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GEMFIELDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED INC.

Congratulations to Greg from Rubyvale 1st prize in Gemfields Riding for the Disabled raffle at 3 day market Jewel of the Gemfields on 11 August 2024

Two of our young volunteers Kayla & Brooke Anderson who did an amazing job looking after selling the tickets at our fortnightly Sunday market canteen.



Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club Inc

The winners of the Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club raffle are:

1st Jeanette Pearce

2nd Tammy Louch

3rd Vonnette from Sapphire Central Post Office

Congratulations to the winners.

The Lapidary & craft club thank Coolamon mines for their generous donation of the prizes and thank everyone who purchased and sold tickets to support the Lapidary club.

Thank you



NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS THAN YOUR BEST.

The Coolamon Mining Team would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Gemfields Community for making our annual festival possible. Thank you to the three main organisations: The Jewel of the Gemfields Committee, the Gemfest Committee, and the Rubyvale Progress Association, without whose dedication towards managing the "behind-the-scenes" responsibilities, these events would never happen.



SAPPHIRE SHOWCASE

1052 RUBYVALE/SAPPHIRE ROAD, SAPPHIRE.

We invite you to view our dazzling range of natural sapphires and zircons, mined right here on the Central Queensland Gemfields.

We have simplified your choice in finding the right gemstone/s with our stunning design sets and ready-matched pairs in a rainbow of colours. Your jeweller will delight in creating a unique piece to enhance your choice.

Come in for a free coffee and chat with our friendly staff while browsing our display of affordable, fine-cut sapphires and zircons.

OPEN DAILY

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Phone: 0407 881 551

Email: coolamon.showcase@yahoo.com

Sapphire Gemfields



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Fri: BLINGO w Heidi Hole

Sat: PARADE & DINNER SHOW

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Wanda Dparke

**4 & 5 OCTOBER
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Cracked Pepper Catering



My name is Annette, I am a nutritionist, dietitian and diabetes educator based at The Hub in Emerald. I have started up my own locally based business servicing the Central Highlands region. I provide outreach services and will be at the Gemfields Outpatient clinic (984 Rubyvale Road, Sapphire) fortnightly.

Thursday 1st August

Thursday 7th November

Thursday 29th August

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 10th October

Thursday 5th December

Thursday 24th October

Thursday 19th December

Individual sessions are available under:

- Aged Care Package (ACP)
- Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)
- Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA)
- Medicare (Enhanced Care Plan or Chronic Disease Management)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Private Health Funds (HICAPS)
- Rural Primary Health Scheme (RPHS)

Call me on 0412 998 729 or email info@highlandsnutrition.com.au to check your eligibility for a funded session or to book an appointment.



Experience Tai Chi



Graciously hosted by the Gemfields Multipurpose Centre

Mondays 9 - 10am

“Traditional Chinese Medicine ... encompasses the remedial exercises of Qi Gong and Tai Chi.”ⁱ
Qi means “life energy” and *Gong* means “to work at, takes time to be proficient”ⁱⁱ

Initiating what Western Science calls the ‘relaxation response’ is the fundamental principle underlying the health benefits of Shibashi, Tai Chi, Qigong (Chi Kung)...If one cannot initiate the ‘relaxation response’, one not only cannot perform these arts correctly but the major health benefits of the exercise systems will be lost.”ⁱⁱⁱ

We look to this gentle form of exercise to improve our physical, mental, and spiritual health. In the past few weeks, we have returned to the basics – learning the common steps in the forms and starting to progress through the Yang Style 24 Form, whilst enjoying video tutorial instruction from several different Tai Chi masters.

We love meeting people and sharing their knowledge and experiences, and it has been encouraging to meet and welcome some fresh faces recently. Please join us at the Gemfields Multipurpose Centre at 9am on Monday mornings and come for coffee after! We are a friendly group, open to all ages and genders, and participation is free.



Father's Day

Father's Day in Australia is celebrated on the first Sunday of September each year. In 2024, it will be celebrated on September 1.

It is a day to honour and show appreciation for all the fathers and father figures out there who have played a pivotal part in shaping our lives. This includes stepfathers, adoptive fathers, older brothers, uncles, grandfathers and so on.



The concept of Father's Day originated in the US. Sonora Smart Dodd is known as the 'Mother of Father's Day' who wanted to establish Father's Day after hearing about Mother's Day. The first Father's Day celebration took place in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910.

However, the date of Father's Day in Australia differs from that in the US or the UK. While these countries celebrate it on the third Sunday in June, Australians observe Father's Day on the first Sunday of September. This coincides with the beginning of spring in Australia, adding a fresh and vibrant atmosphere to the celebrations.

Although Father's Day originated in the US, one of the first mentions of Father's Day in Australia, was in the Newcastle Sun. It was this article that first promoted a meeting for Father's Day in baptist tabernacle church. The aim behind it was to make Father's Day as popular as Mother's Day. Another 1964 article published in the Western Herald mentioned that Father's Day was first designated to be celebrated in Australia on the first Sunday of September.

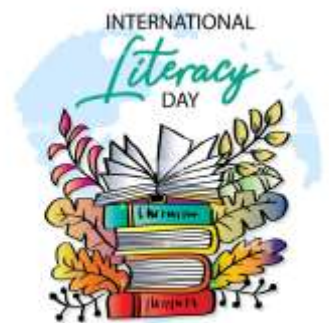
Children often give handmade cards, gifts, or purchased presents to Dad or maybe surprise him with breakfast in bed.

International Literacy Day

International Literacy Day is a United Nations holiday observed every year on **September 8**. The day was created to highlight the importance of literacy, as well as to raise awareness of the literacy problems that impact around 771 million adults and children around the world.

International Literacy Day was created by UNESCO, or the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization in 1966 and first commemorated in 1967. The goal of the day is to remind people that education is important and that good literacy greatly improves an individual's quality of life.



International Literacy Day began because a global need was identified to improve education and diminish illiteracy rates around the world. Currently, one in five adults is illiterate, with two-thirds of those being women. At the same time, around 61 million children don't attend school, and 250 million children lack basic literacy skills.

Literacy and reading are essential skills that help us learn and achieve an understanding of the world around us. They also help in proper communication and making communities stronger

Like many United Nations Days, International Literacy Day has a different theme every year. which have ranged from "Literacy and Health", to "Literacy and Empowerment". The theme for 2024 is "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace".

There are many ways to take part in International Literacy Day, including simple ways such as reading a new book or challenging yourself to write a poem or short story.

ROCK THE 'GEMMIES'

Chill-Out, it's Spring!

BRING A CHAIR / BLANKET
GEMFIELDS RSL
BAR / FOOD / RAFFLES
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SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024
\$5 ENTRY / \$10 FAMILY

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Sapphire, QLD 4702
PH: 0499 186 251**

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page for daily menu
specials*

Fossicking Park

- Buckets & Bags loaded with local CQ Sapphires & Zircons
- Take away bags of wash (Some include a faceted Sapphire)
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- **Bakery - Bread orders welcome**
- **Deli Fridge**
- **Breakfast & Lunch**

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Freshly made Juices
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Merlo Coffee
Bilsons range of cordials,
soft drinks & alcoholic
options
Large range of beers, wine &
sprints

Bakery

Freshly baked Bread- Including
White, Sourdough, Wholegrain,
Wholemeal and Dark Rye
(Thursdays)

- Orders welcome to avoid disappointment

Kitchen

Breakfast & Lunch Menu's

Range of breakfast options including:
Large and small brekky, bacon & egg roll,
omelette, breakfast wrap, croissants,
sourdough toppers, french toast, eggs
benedict

- Burgers - Mince, steak, chicken or works
- From the sea - Fish & Chips, seafood basket, prawn cutlets
- Classic meals - Chicken Schnitzel, Parmi or Rib Fillet
- Chips and Wedges, With sour cream & sweet chilly, Loaded with bacon, cheese and shallots or cheese and gravy

Deli fridge loaded with Sweets, Grab & Go options, wraps, sandwiches. Plus ready to heat and ready to cook options.

All toasties made on yummy freshly baked bread





Gemfields RSL Presents

THE GREAT
'GEMMIES'
BAKE
OFF

FUNDRAISING FOR ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL



Kids & adults categories

Death by chocolate

Show stopper - bakers choice

Anzac biscuits / muffins / scones

(nominations \$2 / close 3.30pm on the day)

AUCTION / RAFFLES / PRIZES



Sunday 8 Sept / 2pm - 5pm

FREE ENTRY - GENERAL PUBLIC

p: 0438 973 333 for more info



Decommission of television towers in the Gemfields

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RATEPAYERS?

All savings made on no longer maintaining the towers will be spent on providing services to Gemfields residents.

WHY CAN'T THE TOWERS BE FIXED?

Without repeater towers, signals only have one path from the tower to your television. TV signals simply aren't strong enough to pass through some buildings, trees, and some weather events can cause interruptions.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES?

From November 30 2024, you will not receive a TV signal over your antenna. To maintain access to free-to-air television services after November 30, those affected will need to use alternate methods such as the VAST service or Internet streaming.

WHEN?

The television towers in the Gemfields will be decommissioned from **NOVEMBER 30, 2024.**

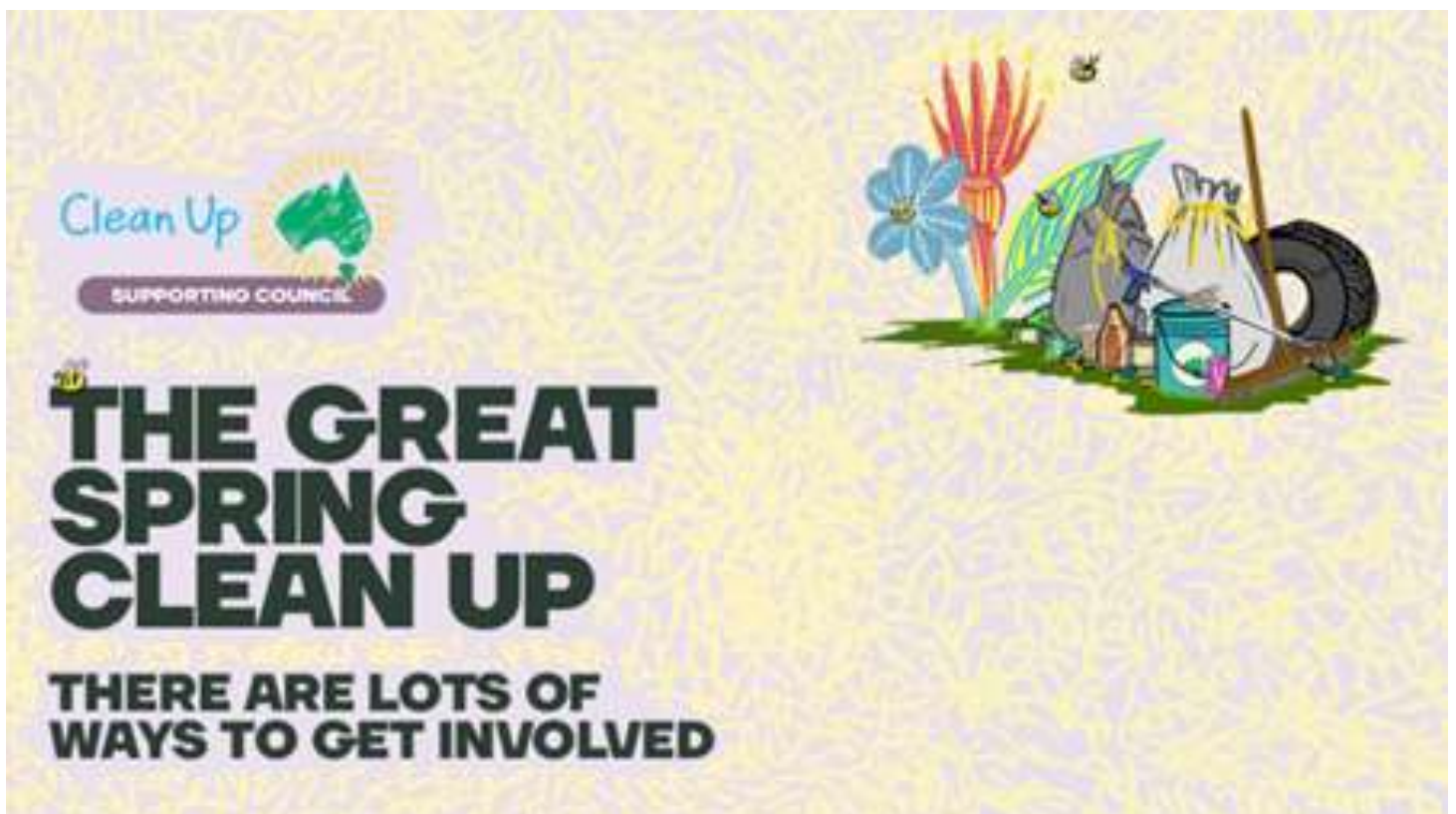
WHY?

Council has been advised by specialists that a lack of repeater bases, weather events and interference from newly built structures are preventing consistent signals from reaching residents.





Put your mental and physical health first by attending the second annual Women's Health Night on Thursday 5 September from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm at the McIndoe Park Function Centre. The night will include information stalls, giveaways, health checks, raffles and light snack.



Clean up Australia has now launched The Great Spring Clean Up to accommodate communities in the hotter regions! Central Highlands Regional Council is proud to join the new event on Sunday 8 September 2024 in Emerald. Just like in the past, council will be hosting a family fun day of litter collection, followed by a free sausage sizzle and activities for



Guided Walk-in Underground Mine Tour

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Underground Museum

Richardson Sapphires

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PH: (07) 4985 4444



Tours

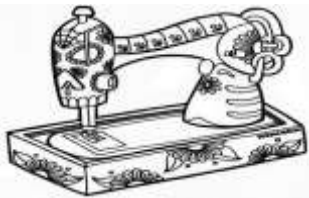
Monday to Sunday from
9am to 3pm and run
hourly on the quarter past.

**Bookings are
essential.
Minimum of 2 people.**



The Miners Café ph; 0486029237
situated at Miners Heritage. 97 Heritage Rd Rubyvale.
Open 7 Days 8am—2.00pm.
Breakfast and Lunch.

Follow our signs from the highway crossroads at Anakie, or on the Clermont/Capella Road.
1.5km from the Rubyvale Hotel and Post Office.



GEMMY QUILTERS



SEPTEMBER 2024

Well I think winter is just about behind us now and wasn't the rain lovely apart from spoiling the last day of the Jewel of the Gemfields Market. I still think everyone had a good time.

A few of our quilters had the chance to take a trip to visit Springsure Quilting Services early last month. It was our first visit there but will not be our last. Linda, the owner made us very welcome and we had a lovely few hours prowling through the goodies on sale there. We all came home with new projects to do and full of enthusiasm for our new material projects.

We are planning on holding a workshop some time later this year, depending on numbers. It is lovely to see our visitors with us and really enjoy their company, short time though it is. We lost one of our longtime members, Val Lee from the Willows as they have now sold the caravan park and returned to Victoria. All the very best to both of you, Val and Dave and best wishes to the new owners.

Remember, if you enjoy a craft come along and join us any Tuesday from 9.00am at the Sapphire Hall.

Till next month

Happy Stitching – Gemmy Quilters.

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

We hope everyone has recovered from the enjoyment of Jewel of the Gemfields and Gemfest. It certainly was a busy time for us with our weekend market stall. Unfortunately the rain made Sunday a short day for us but all in all we had successful time.

Our raffles are going well and will be drawn 22nd September at the Markets so if you don't have a ticket yet come on down and purchase one or two. They are the Brolga screen by Neville House and the lovely quilt made by Linda Oliver. Only \$2.00 a ticket.

We have just purchased a new dummy for giving demonstrations of bandaging on. Call in and see and suggest a name for us to call it.

Only a few weeks until we see the markets slow down and the warmer weather kicks in so do call in and see us to say hello. As usual, we are always looking for volunteers so if you have any spare time to help that would be much appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you all,

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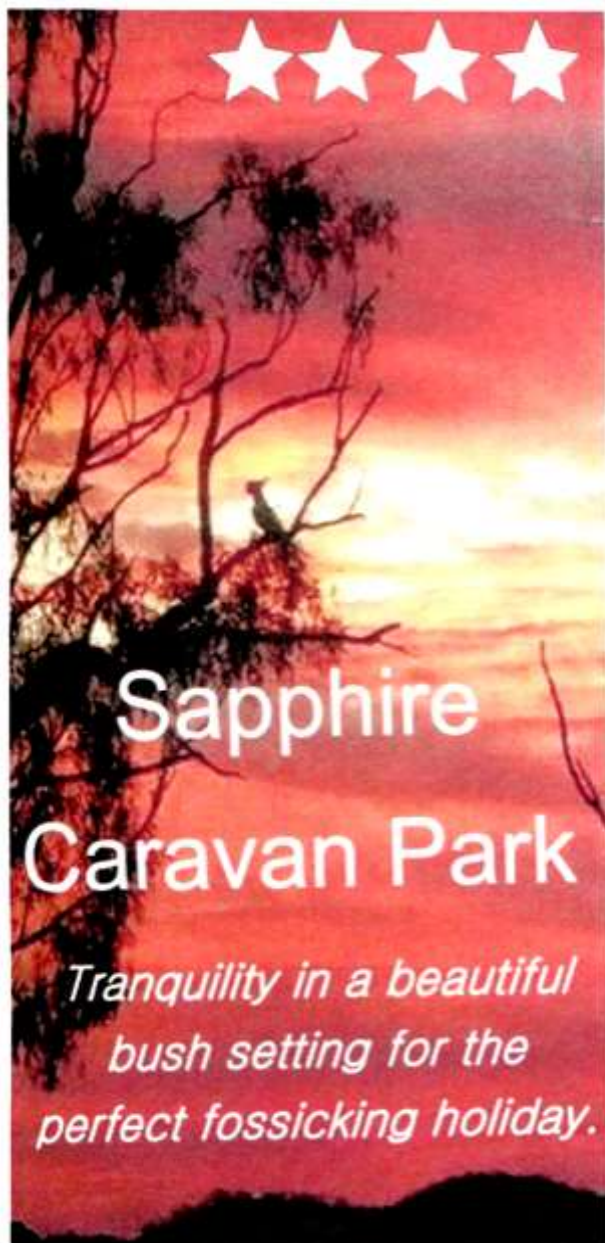


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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER –September 2024

What a great three days we had for our Jewel of the Gemfields/Gemfest festival despite the rain on Sunday. Here at the RSL we kicked off the event with a Karaoke night on Friday, and a Sunday session with Willow and Charles Hatte closed it on Sunday night. Two great events which were well supported by our community. A huge thank you to our entertainers, we couldn't have done it without you.

Congratulations to our RSL raffle winner at Roy Day Park, Jewel of the Gemfields, Frank Foley, well done Frank, we hope you enjoy your prize.

We are continuing to provide meals Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. These nights are usually fully booked so bookings are essential.

WE HAVE A NEW DESIGNATED NUMBER FOR MEAL BOOKINGS

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We have an exciting event coming up -The Great Gemmies Bake Off will be held on Sunday 8th September to raise funds for Anakie State School. There will be categories for primary and secondary kids as well as adults. Flyers will be available at the school and posted around the gemfields with further information.

We are looking forward to seeing some amazing creations all of which will be auctioned at the end of the day.

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It is also a day dedicated to those who promote peace in conflict zones by providing humanitarian aid. On the International Day of Peace, UN countries declare a ceasefire for the day, personally and politically.

Background of International Day of Peace

In 1981 the United Kingdom and Costa Rica presented a joint resolution proposing a day for the commemoration and strengthening of the ideals of peace. The United Nations General Assembly declared this day to be known as International Day of Peace, and to be observed on the third Tuesday of September.

In 2001, Secretary-General Kofi Annan changed the date of the commemoration to September 21. It was also this year that the International Day of Peace was declared a day of non-violence and an international ceasefire.

The United Nations created this day to improve relationships between countries and encourage cooperation, world peace, and an end to war and conflicts.

The countries that observe this day declare an official 24-hour ceasefire so on this day there is no conflict, and world leaders put their differences aside as an example to all citizens.

To mark the International Day of Peace, the Peace Bell is rung at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The bell was a gift from Japan and is made with coins donated by children from most continents, as a reminder of the human cost of war. The bell is inscribed with "Long live absolute world peace".

As is common with United Nations observances, the International Day of Peace has a different theme every year. The theme for 2024: Cultivating a Culture of Peace.

International Symbols of Peace



The Peace Dove: An ancient symbol of peace and pacifism that has been around for thousands of years, used by Early Christians and Jews to symbolize God's peace. The Dove carries an olive branch in its beak.

A White Poppy: In the 20th century, the white poppy has become a symbol of pacifism and peace. In Great Britain, people have worn red poppies to remember those who fought in the world wars. In recent years however white poppies have become a popular symbol to emphasize the value of peace over war.



The Paper Crane: In Japan, the paper crane became a symbol of peace after the bombing of Hiroshima. One victim of Leukemia from exposure to the atomic bomb named Sadako Sasaki started folding 1000 paper cranes, believing if she did she would get a wish granted by the Gods. After Sadako Sasaki passed away, paper cranes became a symbol of World Peace and The Children's Peace Monument was erected in Hiroshima.

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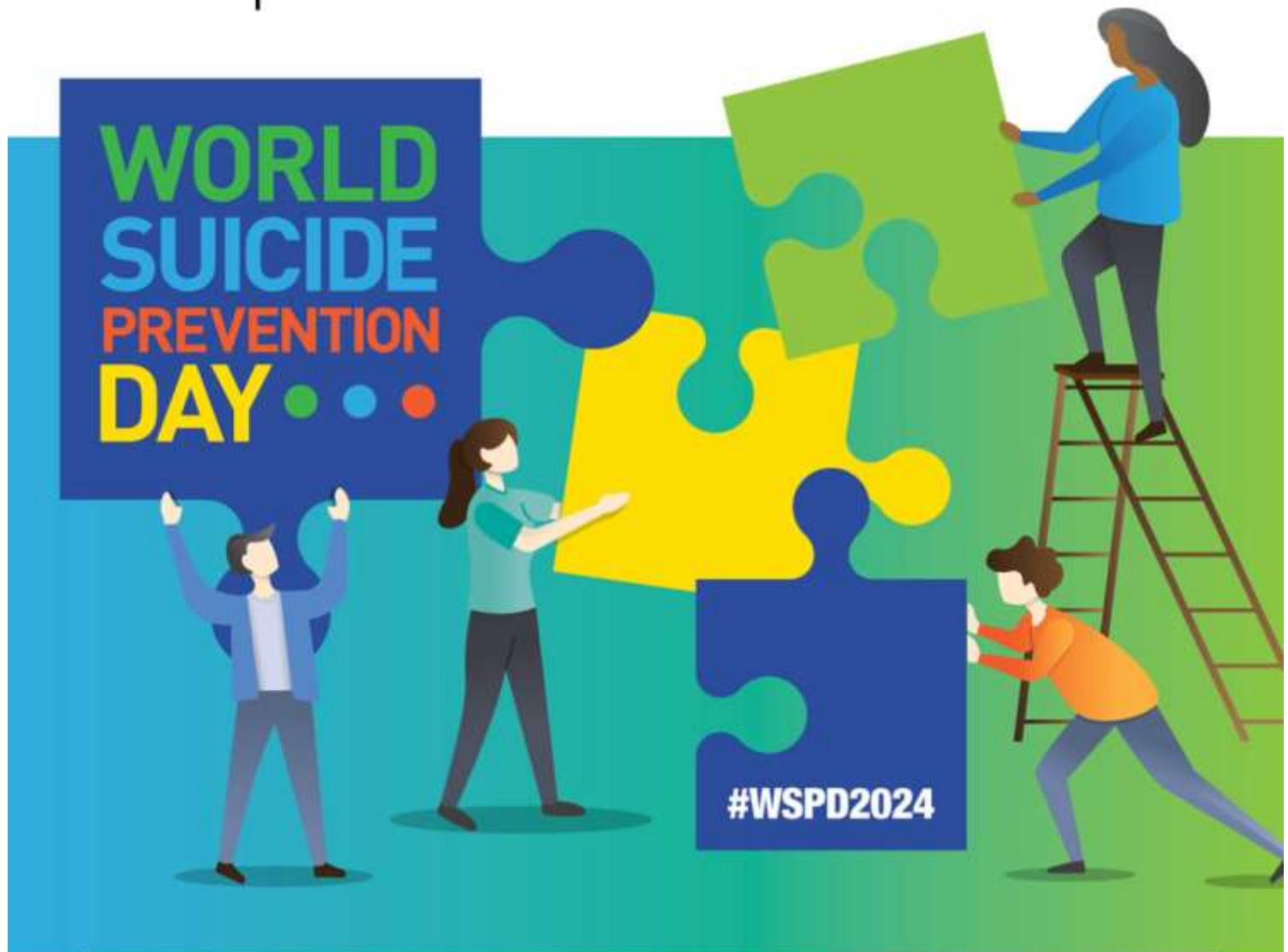
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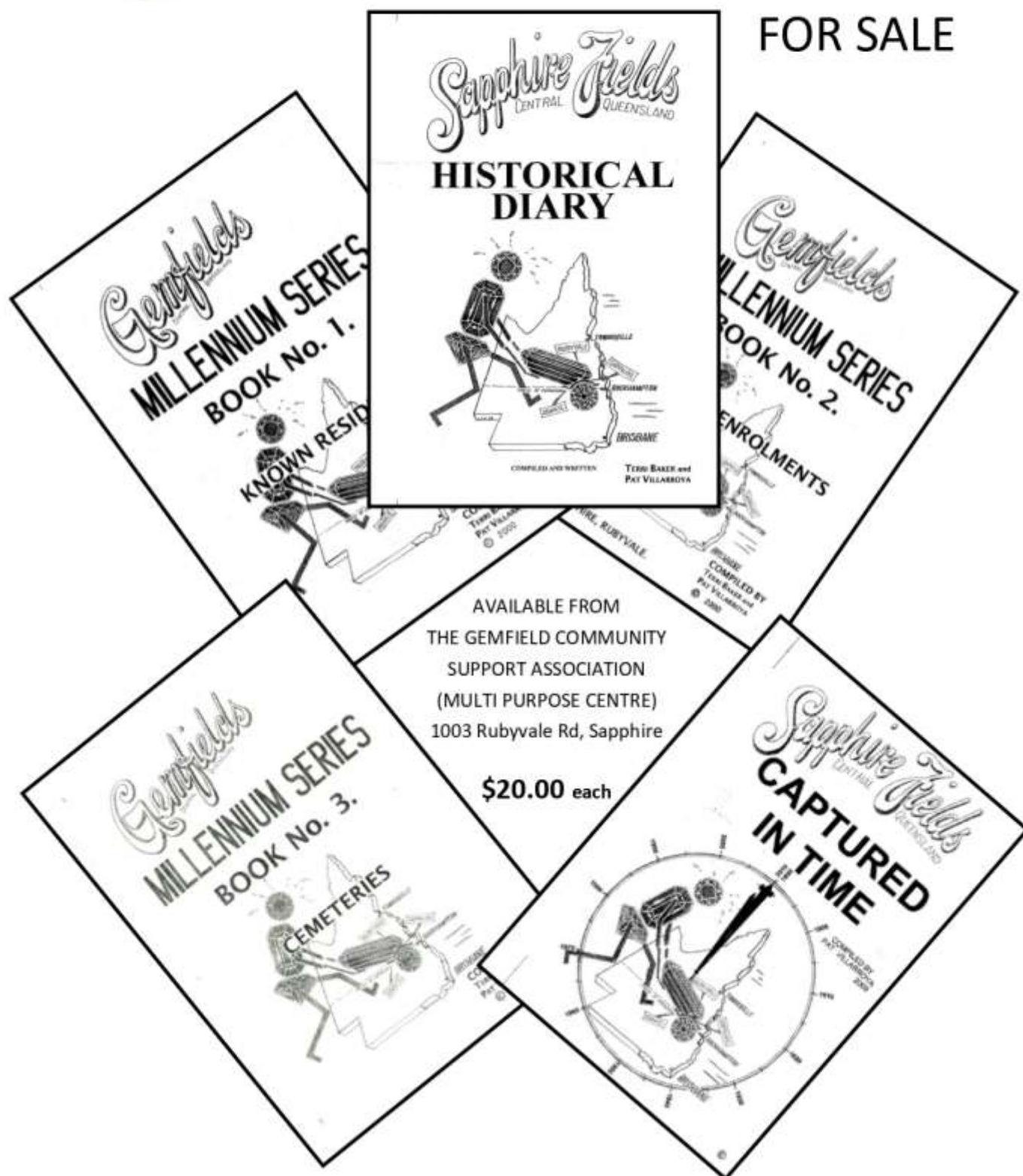
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Garden Club



Garden News September 2024

Looking back on a successful Gemfest, as a mild winter peters out. Most people spoke highly of this annual event, the zenith of our season. The “Saturday Night Spectacular” was well attended. The fireworks, sponsored kindly by Andrea from the friendly grocery shop in Rubyvale, was spectacular as ever. The bonfires kept us warm and the music by different artists was well liked by all; in short, it was a pleasant night put on by the Rubyvale progress association, headed by the tireless Tyler Brown and a number of volunteers. It was a busy time all round.

Two gemological courses run by the GAA, over two days each, sponsored by the Rubyvale Gem Gallery, been well received. The four gemologists teacher, including our own Janet Young from “Gem Val,” did an outstanding job. Let’s hope to have them back next year again.

Rain started at the last day of Gemfest but didn’t dampen our spirits. It was a good soaking rain for our gardens and lawns.

Jenny Elliot donated some seedlings for our garden club; thank you! We appreciate our sponsors, big or small, like Veronica from the Sapphire second hand shop, Michelle from the coffee van at the cross roads or John from the Emerald tip shop, to mention a few.

Keep the old time dance at the Capella town hall in mind; every second Saturday of the month, starting at 8pm to midnight. Ladies bring a plate, free tea and coffee provided and a lucky door price. Ring Noela on 0408721707 for more info. Good exercise and companionship!

Here is some info from our busy secretary Robyn of our Garden Club: “For this month’s Community Newsletter I would like to mention the CANTEEN facilities that are on the ground’s of our Community Garden Club. From the month of April till September every second Sunday for the Sapphire Markets, Gemfields Riding for the Disabled (RDA) run the Canteen for their yearly fundraising. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of the horses and facilities, so this wonderful community venture can keep going. Paula works tirelessly (give yourself a pat on the back) for this venture to keep it going with a couple of volunteers. This not for profit organisation offers not only therapeutic riding for the disabled but abled bodies as well within the community. If you love horses come down and see Paula and get involved. When your down the markets looking for a bargain, pop in and say hello to our wonderful girls in the canteen and get a yummy breakie while you there.

Please contact me, Robyn on 0497991672, if you need more information about the RDA or helping in the canteen, I’d love to hear from you.” Thanks Robyn for your thoughts, let’s hope we will get some more much needed volunteers! “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein. Well, that is a quote to “chew on!”

To join our Garden Club at Roy Day Park Sapphire is \$15- per year. You get a garden plot, free seeds and use of tools, stored in a well appointed club house with facilities. We have bi monthly meetings, the next on the 7th of September at the club house, 9am. We also have fruit trees and shrubs for the benefit of our members, all in a tranquil setting. Come, join us and benefit on our journey.

If you have any news to share, pertaining of gardening or related matters, please let me know. Or maybe, you got some unwanted stuff to donate which fits with our venture?

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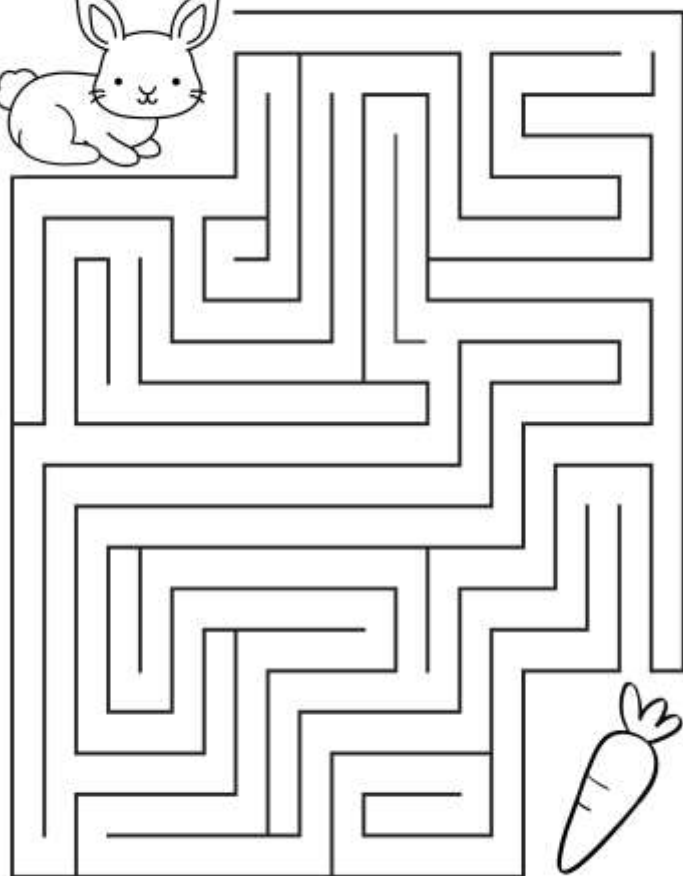


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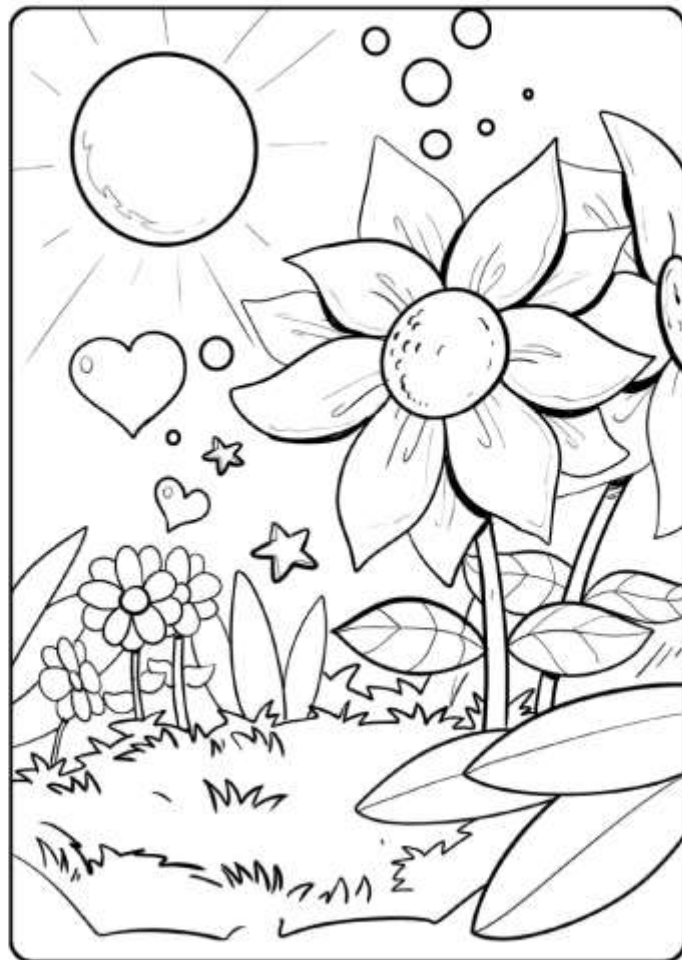
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Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 red onion, halved, sliced
- 6 shortcut bacon rashers, trimmed, chopped
- 500g butternut pumpkin, peeled, cut into 2cm cubes
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 250g spaghetti
- 1 head broccoli, cut into small florets
- 1/4 cup thickened cream
- Toasted pine nuts, to serve
- Fresh basil leaves, to serve
- Finely grated parmesan, to serve



Method

- Heat oil in a large heavy-based saucepan or flameproof casserole dish over medium-high heat. Add onion, bacon and pumpkin. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until onion is softened. Add garlic and thyme. Stir to combine.
- Add chicken stock and 2 cups cold water. Cover. Bring to the boil. Add spaghetti. Reduce heat to medium. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broccoli. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until pasta and broccoli are tender and the sauce has thickened.
- Remove from heat. Remove and discard the thyme sprigs. Stir in cream. Season with salt and pepper. Serve pasta sprinkled with pine nuts, basil leaves and parmesan.

LEMON DELICIOUS

Ingredients

- 150g unsalted butter
- 2tsp finely grated lemon rind
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups caster sugar
- 3/4 cup self-raising flour, sifted
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 4 eggs, separated
- Icing sugar mixture, to serve



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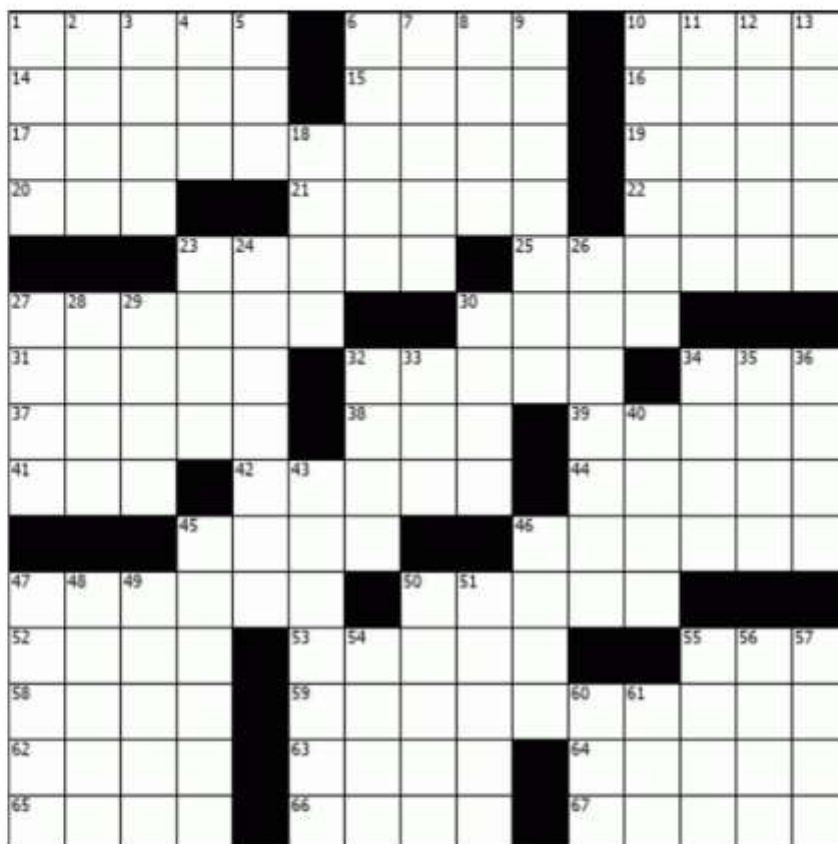
- Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease six 1 cup-capacity ovenproof dishes.
- Place butter, lemon rind, lemon juice, sugar, flour, milk and egg yolks in a bowl. Whisk to combine.
- Using an electric mixer, beat egg whites on high speed until soft peaks form. Using a metal spoon, fold one-quarter of the egg white into lemon mixture. Gently fold in remaining egg white.
- Spoon mixture into prepared dishes. Place dishes in a large baking dish. Pour boiling water into baking dish until halfway up sides of smaller dishes. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden and just set. Dust



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1. Map book
6. Dress for Caesar
10. Con game
14. Asian country
15. Christmas
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17. Principal
19. Dines
20. Poet's eternity
21. Cowboys' contest
22. Mild expletive
23. ____ acid (protein component)
25. Smudges
27. Approached
30. Revolving ____
31. Zodiac sign
32. Spicy dish
34. Plead
37. Papas' partners
38. Fib
39. Comic ____ Martin
41. Tricky curve
42. Take as one's own
44. Possessive pronoun
45. Ripened
46. Ladybug, e.g.
47. What Moses parted (2 wds.)
50. Very small
52. Preceding nights
53. Stage offering
55. Washington bill
58. Inlet
59. Orchestra section
62. Related
63. Initial bet
64. Laid bathroom flooring
65. Fur
66. Facial feature
67. Chasm



Down

1. Feel bad
2. "Of ____ I Sing"
3. Pinocchio, e.g.
4. Furthermore
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6. Heavyweight Mike ____
7. Exceed
8. Merriment
9. Hairspray type
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11. Barton or Bow
12. Communion table
13. Sail supports
18. Moistureless
23. Region
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26. Dampen
27. Designate
28. Distinct times
29. Goals
30. Food plan
32. Lump of dirt
33. With it
34. Red root
35. Corrupt
36. Richard ____ of "Pretty Woman"
40. Those people
43. Without expression
45. Concur
46. Suitor
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48. Bring to mind
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Clinic Rd (Behind the Sapphire Post Office)

Meals on Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday from 6pm
During the tourist season usually from May—October

Social Annual Membership - \$10.00

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*** WHAT'S ON ***

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	WHERE
TRIVIA	Mary 0415 830 505	MONDAY 10am to Noon	SAPPHIRE HALL
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	COL 0423767490	MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 7.30 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
GEMFIELDS LIBRARY	JOANNE GIBSON	TUES 10am - 2pm THURS 12 noon - 4pm SAT 9am - 12 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
MUSEUM & INFORMATION CENTRE	MINERS COMMON MUSEUM	MEETINGS FIRST Sunday 5pm MARCH * JUNE* SEPT* DEC	1621 RUBYVALE RD RUBYVALE
HOY	FUN, SOCIAL CARD MORNING	EVERY TUESDAY 9.30am	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
TAI CHI	Gemfields Community Support Association	Every Monday morning 9am - 10am	MPC Hall
Sapphire Markets	Tricia Murphy 0457 582 830	Every Sunday 8am to 11.30am	Sapphire Central Roy Day Park
Rubyvale Markets	Bev Winks 0428 399 591	Every Saturday 8am - till 1pm	Rubyvale Flats
CHURCH SERVICE	CATHOLIC	2nd & 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 10.30am	ANAKIE HALL
GEMFIELDS MEALS ON WHEELS	MPC 49854664	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY	MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE SAPPHIRE
GEMMY QUILTERS	PATCHWORK GROUP	TUESDAY 9.30am-3pm	SAPPHIRE HALL
Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club Inc	0474 277 122	Wednesday & Saturday 9am to 12 noon	Roy Day Park
Rubyvale Tip	CHRC	Open/ Tuesday—Friday& Sunday 8am - 12pm	Opposite Quarry
OPPORTUNITY SHOP	SALVATION ARMY	MON - FRI - SAT 8.00 am- 12pm	ANGELO'S SAPPHIRE 4985 4690
GEMFIELDS RIFLE CLUB	Debbie Hickman Ph. 0429 009 354 / 4985 4484	LONG RANGE TARGET SHOOTING EVERY SUNDAY 9am	RIFLE RANGE RD SAPPHIRE
Gemfields Community Support Association	MPC 4985 4664	Mon-Fri 9am - 12pm Closed Public Holidays	MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE SAPPHIRE
RUBYVALE PROGRESS ASSOC. INC.	Secretary Eileen Brown 4985 4388	RUBYVALE HALL	2nd MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM
Gemfields Fire Warden	John Riley 042 758 0654	Mon—Fri 9am - 5pm	60 Fairview Lane RUBYVALE
YOGA	Kelly Corbishley	SATURDAY 7.30AM	KANGOULU PARK (Opposite Blue Gem)