



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



OPEN DAY CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



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

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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



STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS



Avoid being outdoors in the hottest part of the day



Drink water throughout the day even if you don't feel thirsty and carry a bottle of water when going outside



Keep your home cool by closing blinds and using fans or air conditioning



Cool yourself down by wetting your skin with cool water and having cool showers and baths



Keep in touch with friends and family





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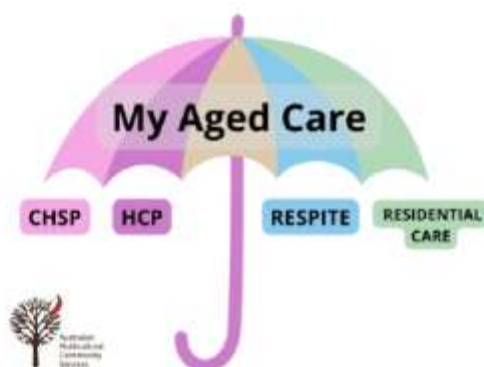
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The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. aims to provide and coordinate Home Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program over 65 years (CHSP), and Meals on Wheels services, as well as in-house activities on the Gemfields. These services are designed to help elderly individuals live as independently as possible in their own homes rather than having to move to residential care.

You can access the My Aged Care Website, www.myagedcare.gov.au if you need assistance. It's a convenient way to get help, with a step-by-step guide available. The My Aged Care team can assist with any questions over the phone – 1800 200 422

The Gemfields Community Support Association is also here to help you navigate the My Aged Care referral process. You can reach their friendly staff by calling the office on 07 49854 664 or visiting the office at 1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central.



Ph: 1800 200 422



The types of assistance provided include Domestic Assistance, Social Support (group or individual), Personal Care, Respite (in-house or Centre based), Transport, and Meals on Wheels. These services are delivered by our dedicated and compassionate support personnel.



Meals on Wheels offers complete and nourishing meals, including a comforting soup, a hearty main course, a delicious dessert, and two slices of wholesome wholemeal bread. Our dedicated kitchen staff runs the kitchen, and meals are delivered by enthusiastic and supportive volunteers.



Meals on Wheels Queensland

On Fridays, clients are invited to join in on activities from 8:30 a.m. onwards, and the public is welcome from 12:00 p.m. for lunch service. Booking is essential by midday Wednesday, and all current members receive their meals at a discounted price.



We also offer facilities for hire, books for borrowing or swapping, photocopying and laminating for a small charge between 8 am and 1 pm, and a free monthly newsletter. Advertising in the newsletter is available for a fee, depending on size.



**Feel free to call us to find out how we can assist you.
1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central
07 49854 664**

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for supporting the
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Hi all, from your local paramedics, Andrew and Dave. Wow, the year is flying by...November already. This month we're going to talk about anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction, and is considered a potentially life threatening medical emergency.

In Australia, the peak body for anaphylaxis, the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCI) defines anaphylaxis as:

- Any rapid onset illness with "typical skin features" (i.e., red welt-like rash or redness/flushing, and/or puffy swollen skin), plus involvement of respiratory and/or cardiovascular and/or persistent severe gastrointestinal symptoms; or
- Any acute onset of low blood pressure or bronchospasm (wheeziness, shortness of breath) or upper airway obstruction (e.g. throat tightness) where anaphylaxis is considered possible, even if typical skin features are not present.

To put it simply, anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction, often with rashes (but not always), which also includes any one of the following symptoms (as per ASCIA guidelines):

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling or tightness in the throat
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale, clammy, and (in young children) floppy
- Stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhoea.

What should you do if you suspect a person is suffering from anaphylaxis?

- If still present, try to remove the allergen (e.g. the food, animal etc, causing the reaction).
- **CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000) for an ambulance. DO NOT DELAY. DO NOT MOVE or DRIVE THE PATIENT – we will come to you. This is a code one (lights and sirens) job for us.**
- Lay the person flat (in the side position if they're unconscious) – DO NOT allow them to stand or walk, as they can have a very low blood pressure and standing them up may result in a profound drop in blood pressure and reduction of blood flow to major organs.
- If the patient has been prescribed their own adrenaline auto-injector (known by the brand names of "EpiPen" or "Anapen"), assist the patient to use it. It's always best for the patient to administer the adrenaline, as they would have been provided training. We'd also urge EVERYONE to do their first aid course every three years, as you'll be taken through auto-injector use during these classes too.



Scan this QR code for instructions for both types of injectors.

- If in doubt, the patient should use the adrenaline auto-injector – don't delay its use.
- Commence CPR at any time if the person becomes unresponsive AND is not breathing normally.
- If you or a family member have had anaphylaxis, obtain a treatment action plan from the ASCIA website, and discuss ongoing treatment with your GP.



The Gem in the Gemfields

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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.

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SERVICES AND UTILITIES

The expansion of the 'fields with the opening of machinery mining in the late 1960s saw a steady rise in population. This rise brought a demand for better services (and lower rates) and saw the 'fields prosper as it had not done since the great hand mining expansion after the end of the First World War

LOCAL BENEFITS - IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER

PUBLIC TOILETS:

Pictured at the council reserve at Sapphire is the new up-market public shower and toilet block that replaced the one-seater thunder box leaning precariously in the foreground. A third edition, built in the 1990s has now replaced the 1975 version. Rubyvale's public toilets – behind the hall – found a rare moment of fame when they were used as a polling booth for the 1977 elections.

SAPPHIRE JULY 1975



WATER:

Water in Anakie was initially sourced from the Railway Dam. The Willows, in the early days, had one dam but Sapphire and Rubyvale had adequate underground supplies for bores, windmills and tanks. In 1974, after an exploratory drilling program by the Department of Irrigation and Water Supply, a bore on Retreat Creek was used to supply two 5,000 gallon tanks at Sapphire from where bulk water could be purchased.

Anakie was connected to reticulated supply from May Creek in August 1979. Sapphire/Rubyvale followed almost 20 years later when their reticulated supply was commissioned in March 1998. The Willows – with no known underground aquifer – has greatly increased its dam supplies.

POWER:

Anakie was only connected to a reticulated power supply in August 1976, Sapphire/Rubyvale in August 1977 after guaranteeing to use a minimum of \$150 of supply per annum. The Willows waited until November 1985 for their supply. The peace and quiet after the usual evening's cacophony of individual generators was a pleasure.

TELEPHONES:

With the construction of this tower at Sapphire in 1978, automatic phones replaced the antiquated manual switch boards at each Post Office of Anakie/Sapphire/Rubyvale that provided a basic, limited hours service. The Willows went automatic in 1987.

TELECOM TOWER UNDER CONSTRUCTION



BRIDGES:

The original low level Retreat Creek Bridge built in 1926 of logs and rough-sawn timber was replaced in 1982 by the present high-level concrete construction. On the Willows' Access Road, the first Woodbine Creek Bridge was opened in August 1975. This bridge was replaced in 2009.

LIBRARIES:

Anakie Library, operated by Ellie Pacey for 24 years was opened in 1963. The Rubyvale Library has operated continuously since January 1975.

Continued

FIRE BRIGADES

The Willows was the first to form a Rural Fire Brigade in 1976 with their Fire Station opened in November 1987. The formation of the Anakie Brigade was in 1981 and Sapphire/Rubyvale followed in July 1984.



**THE FIRST SAPPHIRE/
RUBYVALE APPLIANCE**



STREET NAMES:

After the formation of the Sapphire/Rubyvale Brigade, local residents were encouraged to name their own streets to speed emergency response times (some obviously had more imagination than others). Both Anakie and The Willows chose names along more traditional lines. Originally hand painted, street signs were eventually replaced by the Council.

PLAYGROUP/DAY-CARE:

First opened in the Rubyvale Hall in April 1975, this group eventually moved to Sapphire. In November 1992, a limited-hours Day-Care Centre was opened under the auspices of the Gemfields Kids Care Association. This body surrendered its incorporation in 2003 and, after several attempts by other bodies to keep the centre running, it closed in 2007. Local parents are now running Playgroup again.

R.S.L. SUB BRANCH:

This group formed in May 1984. The Cenotaph at Anakie was officially opened in September 1985. Functions are held at the Sapphire Club Room most weeks.

FREEHOLD:

Owners of Miners Homestead Perpetual Leases serviced by a designated road were offered Freehold Title commencing in March 1991. The cut-off date was extended from 1994 several times.

STATE EMBLEM:

The sapphire was declared the official State Gem in August 1985.

A FEW OTHER INTERESTING FACTS:

- Construction of the Rubyvale air-strip was completed in 1960. In 1978 six locally owned aircraft were based there.
- The first commercial underground tourist mine – "Desperado" – was opened at Rubyvale in October 1980 by Rolf Matzler and Richard Fisher.
- The inaugural Gemfest was held at Anakie in August 1988.
- The Gemfields Giants was formed in May 1990 – the first local football team for over 55 years.
- The Pyramid of Peace was a building project of Yugoslav born Nic Plecas to atone for the horrors of previous wars and the atrocities committed upon children.



Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

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www.qsma.com.au

Community Update: 18th October 2024

A big thank you to all of those who took part in our first workshop on Mining Claim renewals, and well done to all.

The next workshop is planned for January 25, so if any Claim holder wishing to take advantage of these workshops and has not already registered, please put your name down on the QSMA sign on sheets at the Rubyvale Post Office Notice board.

To those who wish to Renew their Mining Claim themselves, and a bit concerned by what is required these workshops would greatly benefit you. During these workshops claimholders complete their Renewal themselves and they will be ready at the end of the workshop session for you to lodge it at the Department in Emerald.

These workshops last about two hours and will be held at the Rubyvale Hall. Once your name is placed on the list at the Post Office you will be contacted and given further details of when the workshop will be held.

Please note that the cost to members will be \$150.00. Membership applications are available at the Sunday Markets or Laurie Bell, 0417054869 Carol Graham 0749854290 (you can also leave message) or Megan Harwood by note to the above QSMA address with your details on it.

Claim holders are advised that the committee is currently in consultation with the Department of Resources regarding proposed changes to a range of official forms including renewals and mining plans to simplify these processes. These changes can be expected in the immediate future, claim holders will be advised of the outcome and details in due course.

QSMA have been notified that [Resources Safety and Health Legislation Amendment Act 2024](#) (the Act) passed through Queensland Parliament on 18 June this year, with implementation occurring in a staged process over the next few years

We are in the process of confirming if any of this will affect our Small-Scale mining Community and if these changes will affect you in your current role in any way. We will keep you updated on this issue should it affect us. The Act contains changes that affect anyone who is currently an SSE (Site Senior Executive) and wishes to continue in this role. This may only pertain to larger staff numbers, but we will seek written clarification in the meantime.

Thank you,

QSMA Committee



HISTORY OF REMEMBRANCE DAY AUSTRALIA

On November 11, 1918, after four years of nonstop warfare, the conflict on the Western Front came to a standstill and complete silence. Germany, the last remaining opponent of the allies, signed the armistice that ended World War I.

The Allies' victory would not have been possible without the five divisions of the Australian Corps, who were at the forefront. With their spectacular victory at the Battle of Hamel in the summer of 1918, turning the tables of the war at Amiens, capturing Mont Saint-Quentin and Péronne, and overcoming German defenses at the Hindenburg Line, the Australian troops displayed true valor. By the time the exhausted soldiers had withdrawn by early October, they had achieved a reputation as a force to be reckoned with. Their sweet success came at a heavy cost, however. Almost 48,000 Australian casualties were reported during 1918, including 12,000 deaths.

In the four years of the Great War, more than 330,000 Australians had served, and 60,000 of them were killed. The loss has cast a shadow over the social sphere, even in post-war times.

Remembrance Day was observed for the first time in 1919 by the British Commonwealth. The day was originally named Armistice Day in commemoration of the armistice agreement signed by Germany on Monday, November 11, 1918 — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Until 1930, the observance of Armistice Day took place on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. This changed in 1931 when a Member of Parliament for Comox—Alberni, Alan Neill, forwarded a bill to observe the day on November 11 every year. The bill also proposed changing the name to Remembrance Day, which was approved, making the first observance of Remembrance Day on November 11, 1931.





Experience Tai Chi

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Mondays 9 - 10am



Tai Chi QiGong and Lotus, are exercises for health and wellness. They are mostly done standing within one or two steps of personal space (not a lot of room is needed) and therefore can be done in your bedroom, or lounge. They are low impact, slow movements that use the tai chi technique of mental imagery, and diaphragmatic breathing, and assist us to clear energy blockages in our meridians. At the same time, they improve all circulatory systems in our bodies - blood, lymph, neurovascular.

Don't worry about getting the exercises perfect from the start, as you will improve with practice. In the beginning, focus on doing the exercises, being in the moment, feeling your body becoming lighter and more in harmony with the world around you. As you become more proficient you can focus on the fine-tuning, and then you will really start to see how Tai Chi exercises work as a health system.

If you are interested in learning Tai Chi, please join us at the Gemfields Multi-purpose Centre on Mondays at 9am for an hour, followed by coffee at Pat's. We practice different styles through a mix of demonstrations and video instruction from several Tai Chi Masters. We are a friendly group which is open to all ages and genders and participation is free. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy your November!



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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.

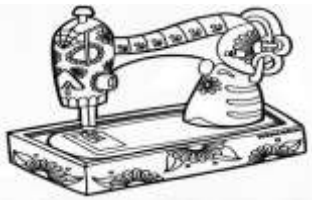
WHEN?

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.





GEMMY QUILTERS



NOVEMBER 2024

We had a great time at sewing last month with a couple of our regulars returning after a break and a new visitor we hope will become a regular as well. Our member who trekked up to Karumba has returned and we greatly admire her for driving all that way while towing a van on her own. She had a great time and now needs to replenish her flea market wares for next time.

We are all working on individual projects at the moment – one working on a quilt made from offcuts from someone else's projects. Another on a quilted blanket for a much loved grandchild – very pretty.

We are in the planning stages already for our next Quilt Show to be in August next year. Why don't you come and join us - we are a friendly group and enjoy the company of crafty people. Bring your sewing, knitting, crocheting, jigsaws, diamond dots with you and enjoy the airconditioning in the Sapphire Hall. We meet each Tuesday around 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Morning tea supplied – bring your own lunch.

Happy stitching to all

Gemmy Quilters.

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



NOVEMBER 2024

November already and we have finished for the year at the Sapphire Markets. We would like to thank all our friends and visitors who helped us through the year with our fundraising and information sessions which we will continue next year only bigger and better.

Our two raffles were a huge success and our winners were –

Patchwork Quilt donated by Linda Oliver was won by

Pink ticket No.L 40 - Ysolde a local/visitor from Kansas in the U.S.

Garden Screen donated by Neville House was won by

Red ticket R 90 - Lilly from the Willows.



Lilly with her prize.

Lilly is a stallholder at the markets so was thrilled to win the screen and fortunately had her brother, with his ute, there to take the it home for her.

We raised almost \$500 from these raffles so once again a very BIG thank you to all our supporters.

Cheers for now and please drink plenty of water in the hot weather.



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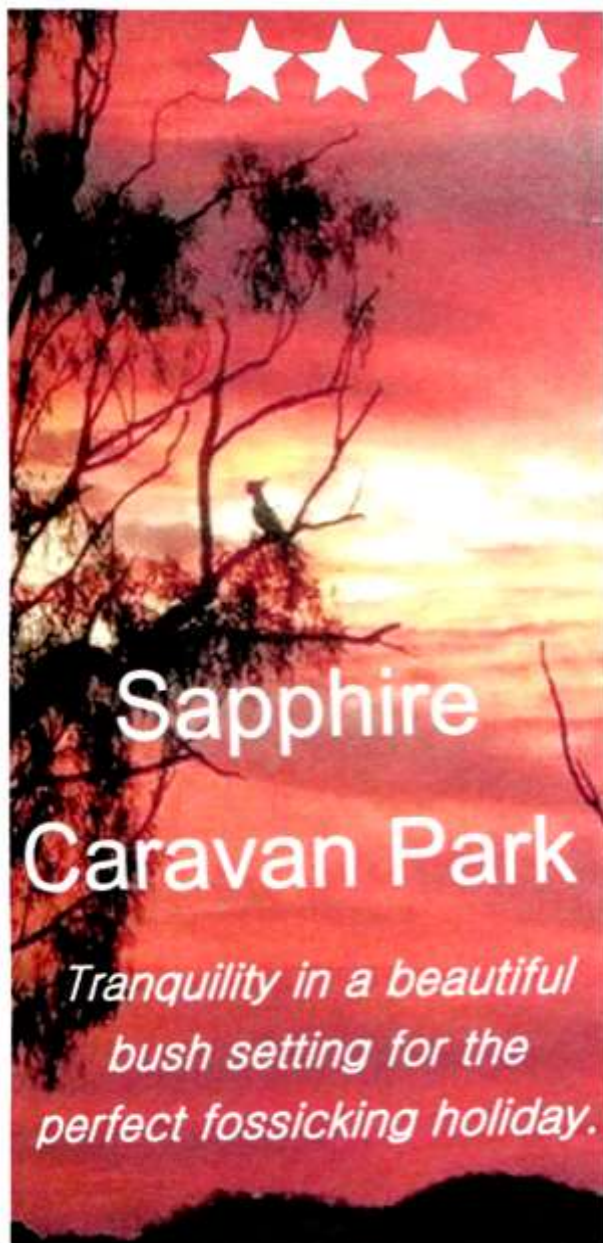
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MEETINGS HELD ON THE
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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—November 2024

October saw the RSL hosting the annual Outback Mardi Gras. This community event was a great success, and a fun time was had by all who attended. A huge thank you to Willow for organising this event.

Also in October we presented a cheque for \$3,200 to the Anakie State School being proceeds from our inaugural Gemmies Bake Off. We look forward to a bigger and better event next year when the money raised will be donated to the RFDS and Bush Kids.

Our main focus in November is, of course, Remembrance Day, held on the 11th. The service will be held at the Anakie Memorial, starting at 10.40am followed by a light lunch at the RSL. We are hoping for a large turnout of veterans and members of the public as we 'Remember to Remember' those who served and continue to serve in our armed forces.

Our president, Sue Ansford has visited the Anakie, Alpha and Jericho State Schools to deliver Draw to Remember packs and we are very excited to see their drawings.

We are currently seeking quotes for insulation materials to improve the RSL camp kitchen, to make it a more comfortable space for veterans and their families who use these facilities.

Did you know the Bottle Tree at the Anakie Station has been severely damaged by recent wild weather. We are currently trying to save the carvings of the initials of local diggers who served in WW1 and WW2 so that this piece of history is not lost.

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Friday's

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Garden Club



NOVEMBER 2024

Another month gone! Shops displaying Christmas decorations, and other related goods, foreboding the year comes to an end as we move closer to those usual, timely celebrations. There is a Christmas old time dance, second Saturday of this month in Capella and a New Years dance, at the same venue, the community hall, to ring in the New Year 2025! Noela on 0408721707 got all the information. Doors open at 7.30 and the music starts at 8.00 pm. Entrance fee is \$10-, a lucky door price and free coffee or tea is provided. Ladies bring a plate. Dancing, like gardening, is excellent exercise. Also, interacting with other like minded people, mental stimulation, kindness, works wonders for good health.

From time to time I take advantage of the services of our local library, 7 Burrridge Rd., in Rubyvale. They have a number of books and magazines related to gardening and provide a free internet service and linked advice. For a small fee you can use the printer; all other services are free for residents. The staff is very friendly and helpful. Show support for this valuable service. Reading books is much more stimulating to the brain than just watching television or your mobile phone.

At times I visit the cemetery in Rubyvale to water some trees and to reflect and ponder. The last resting place of some of our residents, friends and relatives is in a good condition but there is always room for improvements. Any feedback is welcome.

Here is a message from our secretary Robyn Farmer:

November and the weather warming up in the Gemmies having a vegetable or herb garden can use a lot of water over the summer period. We pray for rain but it seems to go around us. Most mining claims rely on the water station supplied by the Council for our water supply.

If you are keen to have a vegetable or herb patch why not take advantage of the Garden Club and become a member for \$15.00 a year. You can pick your own plot, seeds are supplied or you can choose to buy your own and have access to the variety of gardening tools on site plus we have water on tap so your veggies can have the drink they need to survive the hot months ahead.

For more information please contact Robyn on 0497 991 672 and have a chat or come down and see what we are growing in our beautiful garden. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks Robyn. Let's hope for some new members to join us, to share our activities in our well established garden and club house. We got quite a few banana trees and mango trees with a good crop coming on; to be shared between the members. The soil in the garden is of high quality and the water is free!

Well, that's all that comes to mind. If you have any input for the newsletter, let me know. We value your opinion.

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
News Coordinator 0419854333



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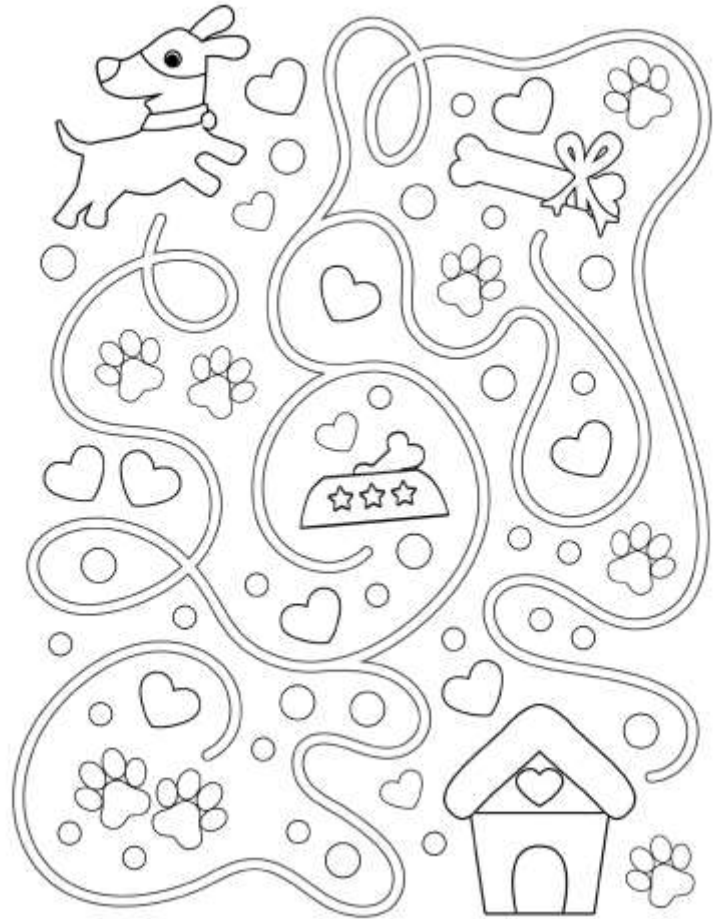


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Help the dog find his way to the doghouse.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



BLAT LOADED PASTA SALAD

Ingredients

- 250g dried farfalle (bow tie) pasta
- 4 Streaky Bacon Rashers chopped
- 400g punnet cherry tomatoes halved or quartered
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 50g mixed salad leaves
- 1/3 cup small fresh basil leaves
- 2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2tbsp Red Wine Vinegar
- 1tsp wholegrain mustard
- 1/3 cup shaved parmesan



Method

- Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling, salted water following packet directions. Drain. Refresh under cold water. Drain well.
- Meanwhile, heat a frying pan over high heat. Cook bacon, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes or until crisp. Drain on paper towel.
- Place tomato, avocado, salad leaves, basil, pasta and bacon in a large serving bowl. Toss to combine.
- Place oil, vinegar and mustard in a small bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk to combine. Add dressing to salad. Toss to combine. Sprinkle with parmesan. Serve.

CHOC CHIP BANANA MUFFINS

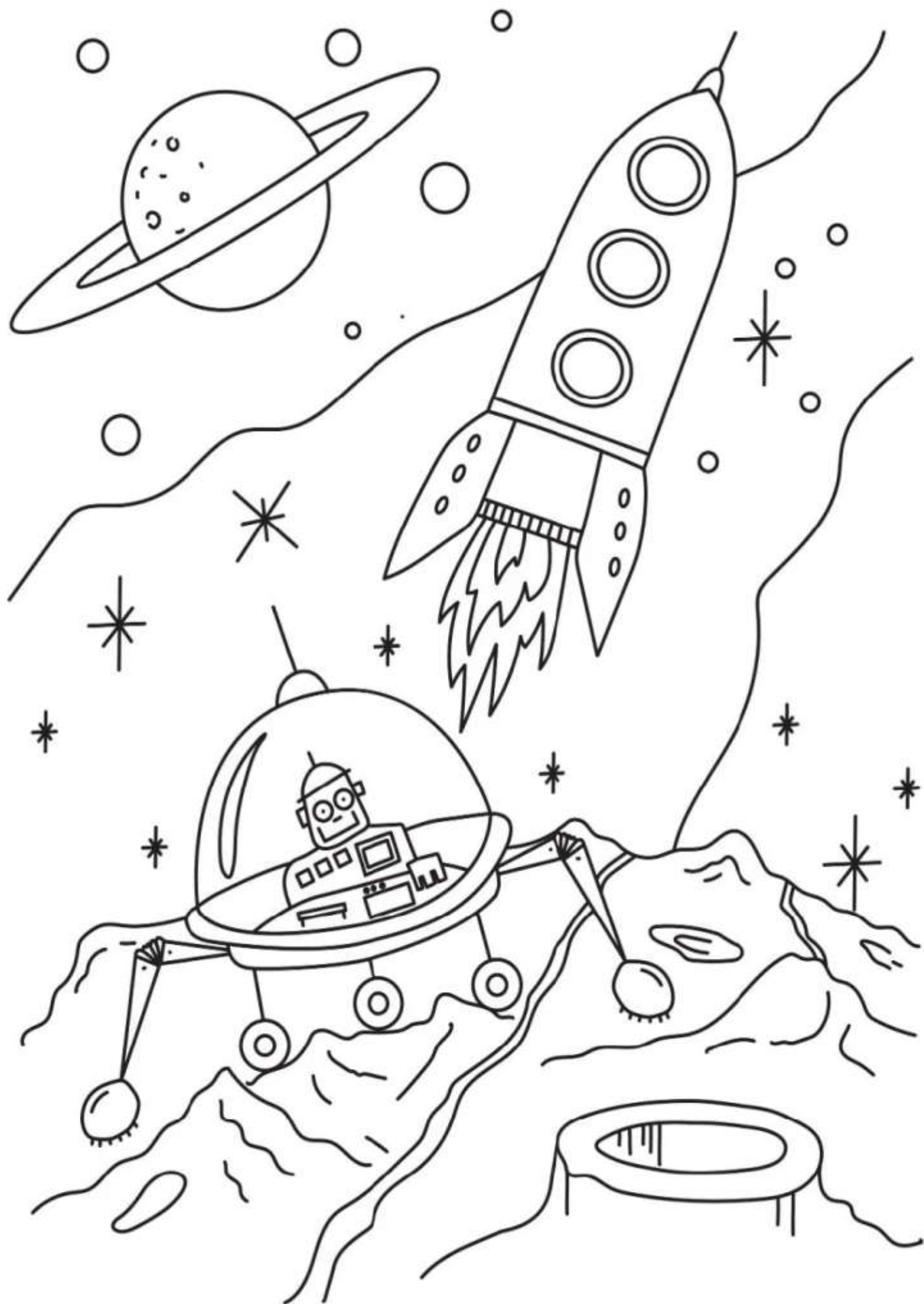
Ingredients

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 60g butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 cup (200g) dark chocolate bits



Method

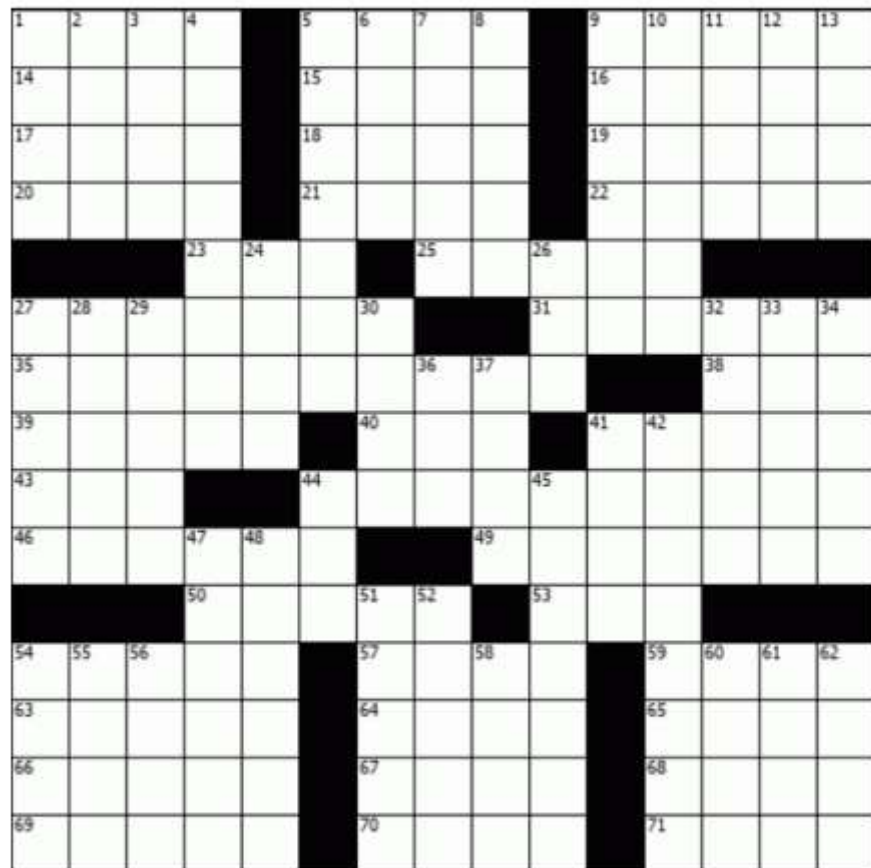
- Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced.
- Sift flour into a mixing bowl. Stir in sugar. Make a well in the centre of dry ingredients.
- Melt butter in a small saucepan or heat-proof bowl in the microwave. Set aside to cool slightly
- Add milk, eggs and butter in to dry ingredients, along with mashed banana. Using a wooden spoon, gently mix ingredients until just combined. Stir in choc bits. Don't beat the mixture or the muffins will be tough.
- Line a muffin tray with paper cases. Spoon the mixture evenly into the muffin cases. Bake for 20 minutes or until firm on top when lightly touched.
- Leave in the tray for 3 minutes. Transfer the muffins to a rack to cool.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Use the pool
5. Corn cores
9. Not fresh
14. Skirt length
15. Track shape
16. Uncanny
17. On top of
18. Roman emperor
19. Test
20. Hardens
21. Farm yield
22. Rips
23. "War of ____ Worlds"
25. Diamond and Armstrong
27. Muscle-building drug
31. Closer
35. Walker
38. Rhyming boxer
39. U.S. symbol
40. Capone and Roker
41. Bicycle part
43. Wind direction (abbr.)
44. Wipe out completely
46. Crave
49. Self-____ (confident)
50. Atoll material
53. Bunny's motion
54. Item of value
57. ____ Moore of "A Few Good Men"
59. Norse god
63. Defraud
64. At all times
65. Dubuque's state
66. Door hardware
67. Cheeky
68. Follow orders
69. Brought to a close
70. Casual tops
71. Indicates assent



Down

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| 1. Arrogant | 24. Nylons | 44. Atop, poetically |
| 2. Use a paper towel | 26. Tavern | 45. Casual tops (hyph.) |
| 3. Revered person | 27. Swiftmess | 47. Cold era (2 wds.) |
| 4. Medieval singer | 28. Taunt | 48. Decayed |
| 5. Vanity | 29. Borders | 51. Proficient |
| 6. Concluded | 30. Lackluster | 52. River embankment |
| 7. Red ____ (fighter pilot) | 32. Speed checker | 54. Tooth problem |
| 8. Skiing hill | 33. Make ecstatic | 55. Leg front |
| 9. Decide | 34. Made angry | 56. Mail |
| 10. Calcutta's Mother ____ | 36. Unwell | 58. Nothing more than |
| 11. Operatic melody | 37. Japan's continent | 60. Tramp |
| 12. Perjurer | 41. Acapulco coin | 61. Was in debt |
| 13. Snakelike fish | 42. Volcano outburst | 62. Beams |

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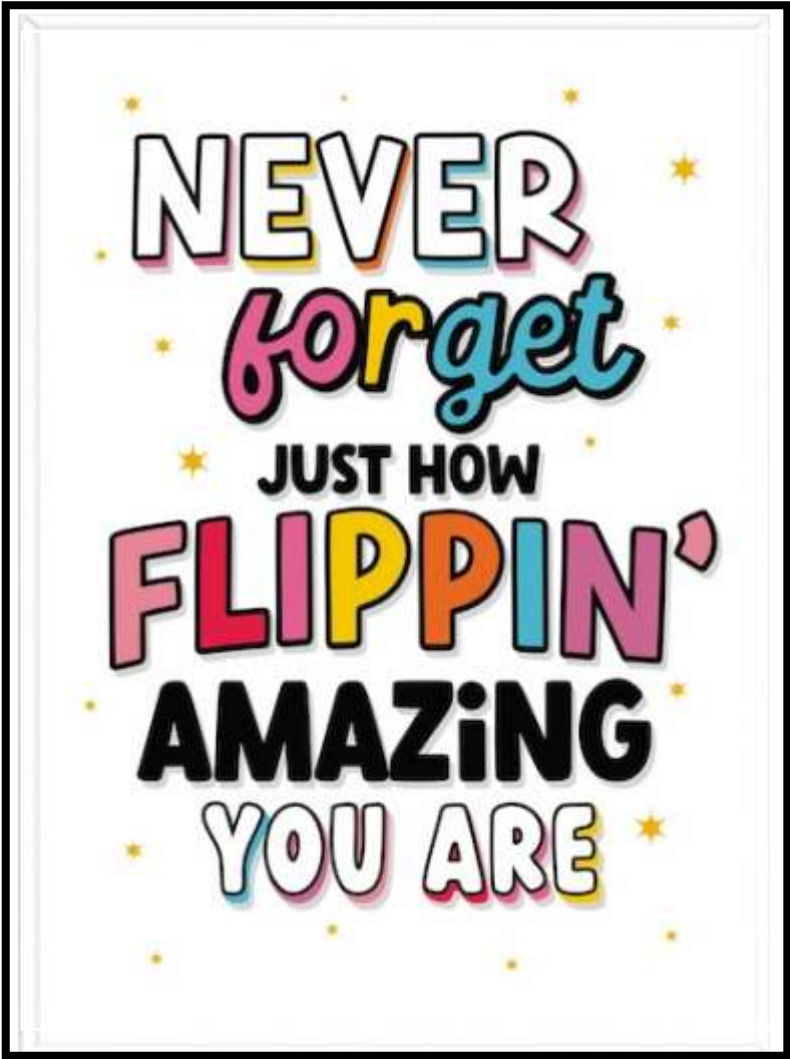
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