



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

PO Box 391
Sapphire, QLD 4702

Tel: 07-4985 4664
Fax: 07-4985 4606

ABN 15 200 469 724
E-mail: admin@gemfields.org.au

Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



A great time was had by all at the
Annual Christmas Party at the
Multi Purpose Centre Hall

Music and games hosted by
Willow

Santa made an appearance
with presents for everyone

Lucky Door Prizes

Raffles

Fancy Dress Competition

And a wonderful
Aussie Style BBQ



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

Australia
Capricorn Sapphire Pty Ltd
2 HICKS Street Emerald 4720
QLD Australia Po Box 1985

Dubai, UAE
FURA GEMS INC DMCC
Unit NoAG PF 197
AG Tower Dubai UAE

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





Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.
(Funded by State and Federal Government)

PO Box 391
Sapphire QLD 4702

Tel: 07-49854664
Fax: 07-49854606

ABN 15 200 469 724
E-mail: admin@gemfields.org.au

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 9.00am onwards, and the public is Welcome from 12.00pm for lunch service. Booking is essential by midday Monday, 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**

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



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





GEMFIELDS GEMS

Birthdays, births, marriages, anniversaries, get well, thank you, and sympathy messages, etc...

Please let us share your messages here:

Send to admin@gemfields.org.au or bring in to Office

Welcome to one of our new pages:

Gemfields Gems, a place to give a shout out to your neighbours or anyone in the community that deserves recognition, be it a celebration, or a job well done.

We look forward to sharing all your positive messages to the community.

Our other exciting new page is dedicated to Poems, Short Stories, Wholesome Jokes etc. from residents in the community. Again, please send in your contributions to admin@gemfields.org.au or bring in to the Office.

We are looking for "Catchy" names for these pages, so please let us know any ideas you might have.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy these new inclusions



A SHOUTOUT TO THE
RUBYVALE FRIENDLY GROCER
AND ALL THEIR FABULOUS STAFF:



Andrea
Deanne
Tammy
Lisa
Linda
Tracey
Richard
Jenny
Corinne



FOR THEIR WONDERFUL RANGE OF GROCERIES, FRESH
MEAT, FRUIT & VEGIES, FUEL, GAS, ICE & SO MUCH
MORE THAT YOU PROVIDE FOR US ALL
WITH FRIENDLY SERVICE
THAT GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND



TO

ROBYN GREENWOOD

&

WENDY MASON

For JANUARY 2025



Central Highlands
Regional Council

**GEMFIELDS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
NOMINEES**

CONGRATULATIONS

MARC HENDERSEN

&

ANDREA SHAWMARSH



to

Wylma Aston

Marjory Jacobson

Fred Jansen

Neta Mitaros

Gunilla Nilsson

Karen Penn

Thelma Slater

**Many Happy Returns for your special days
this month**

WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?
Then one may be *that* and three would be *those*,
Yet *hat* in the plural would never be *hose*.

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his* and *him*;
But imagine the feminine...*she*, *shis* and *shim*!

LIFE *is*
TOO SHORT TO WAKE UP WITH REGRETS
**SO LOVE THE PEOPLE
WHO TREAT YOU RIGHT
FORGET ABOUT THOSE WHO DON'T
BELIEVE**
EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON
IF YOU GET A CHANCE, TAKE IT
IF IT CHANGES YOUR LIFE, LET IT
NOBODY SAID LIFE WOULD BE EASY
THEY JUST PROMISED IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE
WORTH IT

SAPPHIRE SUNDAY MARKETS

EVERY SUNDAY 8:00 AM TO 12:00

COMMENCING SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

COME ALONG AND BROWSE THE MANY STALLS

HOT FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE

COME AND SUPPORT THE CANTEEN RUN BY

GEMFIELDS LAPIDARY CLUB FIRST

MARKET THEN ALTERNATING SUNDAYS WITH

GEMFIELDS RIDING FOR DISABLED

BOTH NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

ON THE GEMFIELDS

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SITE WITH

TRICIA 0457 582 830 or ELAINE 0458 740 625

TAYLORS FINE SAPPHIRES

Michael and Jane Taylor
 Invite you to Visit their Shop
 @ 35 Heritage Rd
 Rubyvale

Jewellery Just for You!
Mined, cut and set on the
Sapphire Gemfields since 1986.

Or Shop Online:



@TaylorsFineSapphires
 .com.au



Ph: 07 49854 518



Gemstone and Jewellery valuations
 Gemstone identifications

Thank you for your support in 2024 may
2025 be a prosperous year for us all!

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

Follow US on facebook to know
 when we will be there next.

SAPPHIRE PURE WATER CO!



NEW BOTTLE 15L \$35

REPLACE BOTTLE 15L \$15

CERAMIC WATERWELL \$70

(Ring after 5.30pm for water bottles)



START UP SPECIAL

2 NEW BOTTLE + WATERWELL \$100

CONTACT



DAVID BUCK

PH: 0467 606 378



SAPPHIRE

—Gem Cuts—

LOCAL MINED GEMS & JEWELLERY

SAPPHIRES ♦ JEWELLERY ♦ SETTINGS

Here at
Sapphire Gem Cuts
 our passion is your satisfaction

- Fine quality local hand mined Australian Sapphires and Zircons
 - Exclusive Handmade Jewellery Designs
 - Quality Jewellery Findings
 - Handmade Engagement and Wedding Rings
- SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOME-

Why not create your own jewellery design or select your own sapphire and have it set in one of our findings.



Phone: 0480 398 603

Keilambete Road, Rubyvale QLD





Sneaky Heart Attacks

Not all heart attacks present with the “typical” symptoms such as crushing chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, sweateness, nausea etc. We are often presented with quite subtle symptoms or perhaps just one or two of the above symptoms in isolation, e.g. unusual dizziness and clamminess.

If you think something “isn’t right”, and/or perhaps you’re experiencing symptoms including:

- Unusual fatigue, for no good reason
- Unusual and/or sudden shortness of breath, particularly if this is worsened by mild exertion.
- Unusual and/or unprovoked dizzy spells and/or fainting.
- Unexplained nausea, particularly in combination with the above symptoms.
- Unexplained pain – obviously chest pain, but also out-of-the-blue or unusual indigestion, unexplained pain or discomfort to the arms, shoulders, upper back, or jaw, or perhaps palpitations (a feeling of a racing and/or bounding heart),

–
then please call **TRIPLE ZERO (000)** and ask for the ambulance, without delay.

We will visit, have a chat about your symptoms, and check your vital signs including performing an ECG. If we definitively diagnose a heart attack on scene we’ll treat that, often using “clot busting” drugs, and then transport you to Emerald Hospital. Not all heart attacks show up on ECGs though, so even if that’s the case, and if we can’t otherwise explain your symptoms, we’ll still start some treatments, and always strongly recommend transport to hospital for blood tests, x-rays etc.

The longer you leave a heart attack untreated, the more heart muscle might be literally dying off, which can (worst case) lead to cardiac arrest and death, so just call us on Triple zero (000).

Risk factors for heart attack include advancing age, personal and/or family history of cardiac disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and smoking. Again, anyone in doubt about their symptoms should just call us, but this is particularly the case if you have any of these risk factors.

Addresses!!!

We can’t tell you just how important it is for you to have a **CLEARLY MARKED** street number outside your house, and for you to give an accurate address when calling triple zero (000).

When we arrive on scene, people will often say something like “but you were here last year, we thought you’d know the way!”. There are two problems with this: 1) in the meantime, we’ve literally visited thousands of other patients so your particular location has become a tad fuzzy in our memories, and 2) you’re not always going to get the same paramedic, or one of the local/permanent officers.

People also say “but I thought your satnav would get you here”. The GPS does help, but once we get to the street, we need to see a big, clear number to find the actual address. The GPS is not always clear. We know not everyone has a street address, but if you do, please check – can it be seen clearly, at night, from the road, from a moving vehicle? If not, please do something about it today.

We find most people on claims are pretty good giving us their claim number, and we can find these most times without too much trouble. We also appreciate it when people are able to send out a person to wave us down, and to put some hazard lights on at night. That’s really, really helpful - thank you to all the people who’ve helped us that way over the years!

Physiotherapy Student-Run Group Exercise program

- Now receiving applicants

WHAT we focus on?



Neurological Group Rehab

- Parkinson's, Post-stroke, Mobility decline (aging)

How we run?

- ✓ **Student-run clinic** under supervision of registered physiotherapist
- ✓ **Fun, Group-based socialising** program
- ✓ Weekly sessions held on a Tuesday, for **free of charge**

Who can benefit from these programs?

- **Chronic ongoing neurodegenerative** conditions to flatten the curve.
- **Mobility declines** due to aging
- Individuals who want to **improve overall body strength**
- Suitable for individuals **aged more than 65**

**Please return to Lee Cotter at the Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.
1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central Contact 07 49854 664**

- Once finalized, applicants will be having initial consultation with students to gather medical histories/ assessments.
- After the initial consultation process, group schedule will be published.
- Due to quality of student learning – group size will be capped to certain numbers.



JCU
CENTRAL QUEENSLAND
CENTRE FOR RURAL
& REMOTE HEALTH

Central Queensland Centre for Rural and Remote Health

Allied Health Referral Form

Family name:

Given name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Date of birth:

sex: ☐ M ☐ F ☐ I

PLEASE CHECK CONTACT DETAILS ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT

Client consent for referral: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Next of Kin/carer name:

NOK/carer Ph no:

Does the person identify as Indigenous and linguistically diverse?

☐ No ☐ Yes

PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION

Diagnosis:

Current Treatment Diagnosis (including medications and any restrictions)

Co-morbidities:

Discipline Specific Reason for referral (If not included please detail below)

Physiotherapy

☐ Individuals who want to improve overall body strength

☐ **Neurological group rehab** – Parkinson's, Post-stroke, Mobility decline (aging)

☐ Other (please specify below)

Detailed information:

**SELF
REFERRAL**

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Designation:



The Gem in the Gemfields

Ron
Your Host
16 Main St Rubyvale QLD 4702
Phone 07 4985 4118

stay@rubyvalecaravanpark.com.au

www.rubyvalecaravanpark.com.au



RUBYVALE CARAVAN PARK has flat, shady, easily accessible sites for caravans, motor homes, camper trailers and tents. We even have a few sites for BIG RIGS.

The park is PET Friendly and has—LAUNDRY FACILITIES, A well equipped CAMP KITCHEN with FREE gas BBQ, and A SWIMMING POOL and offers FREE WI-FI.

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

Gemfields Community Support Association

MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE



EVERY WEDNESDAY

10am - 12pm

FEBRUARY - CARD GAMES



Tea and Coffee available for a Gold Coin Donation.



SENIORS CONNECT

PEAK DOWNS HALL

MONTHLY MORNING TEA



HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 9.30AM

WHERE:
PEAK DOWNS HALL - SUPPER ROOM

CAPELLA CULTURAL CENTRE

CINEMATIC MORNING TEA



HELD ON THE LAST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 9.30AM

WHERE:
CAPELLA CULTURAL CENTRE



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

FRIDAY IN HOUSE LUNCH

Has restarted for 2025



CRAFTY ANGELS START AT 9.00 AND
CRAFTY ANGELS MORNING TEA WILL BE SERVED

10.00 - 10.30AM

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FROM

12.00PM



COME ALONG TO SOCIALISE WITH OLD FRIENDS
& MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS TOO
FEEL FREE TO LINGER OVER A CUPPA & CONVERSATION
IN OUR AIR CONDITIONED HALL



IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING PLEASE ADVISE THE MPC BY

MONDAYS 12.00PM TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION IS NOT AN ISSUE

\$15 for Members

GEMFIELDS RSL PRESENTS

The Gemmies Summer Games

Wet Wet Wet

22 March 2025

**WATER FUN DAY
TEAM GAMES
ADULTS & KIDS
FREE ENTRY**

BAR / BBQ + KARAOKE 6PM-11PM
Gates open 2pm / Games from 3pm

INFO / BOOKINGS P: 0438 973 333

GEMFIELDS BOBCAT AND TIPPER HIRE

www.gbth.svnthasite.com

Kris Nilsson (*Proprietor*)

Phone:- (07) 4985 4451

Fax:- (07) 4985 4481

Mobile:-(07) 0429 803 381



Box 49 RUBYVALE 4702 Locally Owned & Operated
For all your bobcat, mini excavator, and tipper hire needs.
Serving the Gemfields since 1994

Attachments:- trencher, post hole borer, rock breaker, spreader bar,
bucket broom, fork lift attachment, lifting jib, hydraulic grab
Both truck and dog trailer are side tippers.

Therapies available:

- *Swedish Massage
- *Remedial Massage
- *Pregnancy Massage
- *Myofascial Cupping
- *Emmett Technique
- *Neurovascular Release
- *Vibration Therapy
- *Hot Stone - Rubyvale only



Gemfields
MASSAGE
THERAPIES

Appointments available in
Rubyvale or Capella

For prices and information please call
or visit the website.
gemfieldsmassage.net
gemfieldsmassage@yahoo.com

*In the heart of the beautiful
Sapphire Gemfields*

CALL NOW 0437 921 970

The Joy Collective

Come Join in the Fun!

Monthly Program Starting 9am 6th Feb 2025

Where: The Multi-purpose Centre, Sapphire Central, Qld

Week 1 – Guided Meditation: Each month we will explore a different meditation modality such as: In the present moment, Colour the Universe, Sahaja Yoga Meditation, Emotional Freedom Technique, Chant, and, breath work. If you are not sitting in a chair please bring a mat to sit or lay on – we want you to be comfy!

Week 2 – Laughter Yoga: The mind, body and spirit does not know the difference between fake laughter of real so lets get those happy hormones flowing and bring a smile to the dial. *(Note: Laughter Yoga will start in March 2025)*

Week 3 – Singing for non singers: If you like to sing but feel self-conscious, then this is a group for you! We actually don't care if your tone deaf or hit a wrong note. Participants will be encouraged to bring along a favourite song, and with a bit of a warm up, we will sing it together! Please note: This is not karaoke, nor to be a choir and neither is there a singing coach as such. Guided vocal warm-up exercises there will be, and we will be accompanied by a local guitarist. Backing tunes will be provided one way or another As the song goes!

Week 4 – Freedom Dance: Come express your free spirit through groovin' and moovin' to some tunes under lowered lights. You are welcome to boot scoot like Russell Coight, be a ballerina or simply be creative with your own interpretive dance. We are toying with the idea of themes too ie: latin music one month, celtic the next, classical, pop, hiphop, swing, rock & roll, country, etc – what-ever blows your hair back!



Disclaimer

Participation in the Joy Collective Activities

Whilst these activities are constructed for all ability level participation, please note that self-monitoring your own level of fitness and ability to participate will be your (or your carers) responsibility and not that of the facilitator.

Note: Above activities may be subject to postponements should the facilitators have non-changeable prior commitments or be away on holidays.

{As communally understood by the Unofficial Gemfields Resident's Decree!}

THE RFDS DENTAL SERVICE



The RFDS Dental Service is a fully-equipped mobile dental surgery featuring state-of-the-art equipment, including an OPG machine. It is staffed by qualified dentists and dental assistants who provide a wide range of services direct from the mobile unit, including:

Oral health maintenance

X-rays and extractions

Treatment for acute or pre-existing conditions

Treatment for gum disease

Referral to specialist dental services.

To book an appointment, please phone 1800 002 507.

Next Scheduled Visit in 2025:

Sapphire: 1 April to 10 April

Excerpt from Historical Book CAPTURED IN TIME

MAY GERTRUDE BRADFORD 1896 – 1937

May was born in the Bega area of NSW in July 1896 and, in the very early 1900s, May's parents and other family members took up residence at Policeman Creek (later called Rubyvale). May was recorded as student No.22 when she was enrolled at the newly opened Rubyvale School on 19.10.1908. She was then 12 years and three months old.

May married Francis (Frank) Shepherd who was a tailor from Copperfield on 24.11.1919. There followed three children. The first, and only daughter, Ruth, died at birth and is buried at the Rubyvale cemetery. She was followed by two boys Francis (Frank) junior and Henry (Harry)

In the early 1930s, May choose to follow a career in aviation. After training with the Queensland Aero Club she obtained her pilot's licence in 1931. In 1933 she qualified for her Commercial Pilots Licence and also her Ground Engineers Licence. May then went on to operate an Air Taxi/Charter service from the Kingsford-Smith (now Mascot) Airport in Sydney. When not flying, May worked as aviation ground engineer and helped to build her own plane – *"The Golden Eagle"*.

May Bradford was the first Australian woman to gain a Commercial Pilots Licence, the first to become a registered Aviation Engineer and the first to operate an Air Taxi Service.

May Bradford entered the South Australian Centenary Air Race, starting from Brisbane on the 16.12.1936. In the November prior to the race, the Women's Weekly published an article titled *"They Swoop to Conquer"* that gave an insight into the five female pilots entered in this race. (The other women were: Nancy Bird [later Nancy Bird-Walton], Mrs H. Bonney, Miss Ivy Pearce and Miss Freda Thompson). In the article May was quoted as saying *"I consider every entrant in the Centenary Air Race has a good chance. No race is lost until it is won. I am not making any elaborate preparations for the event. All I am doing is keeping my engine in perfect order as usual, and carrying on my work. I think 95% of engineering is cleanliness. A clean engine means safety. I adore my bus, and live for my flying. When I get up in the clouds I am really happy. Only two things matter then, my machine and my destination"*.

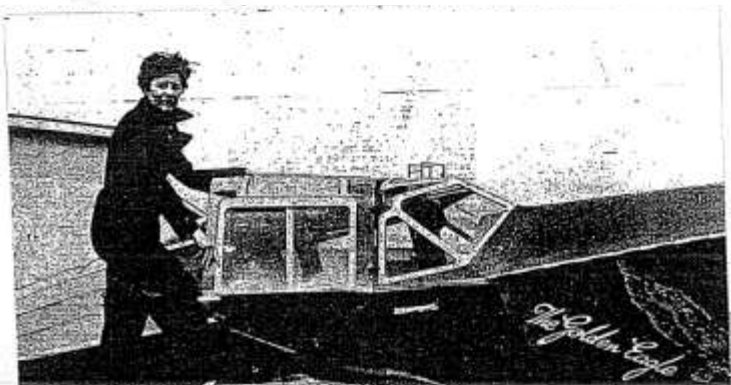
May come 12th overall – the second woman - in the race but may have lost some placings when engine trouble in Nhill (Victoria) caused her to loose time until she fixed it herself. The overall winner was the well-known Reg. Ansett.

Just a little over a month after the Centenary Air Race, a freak collision at Kingsford-Smith Airport, caused *"The Golden Eagle"* to flip and burst into flames". May was carrying two women charter passengers on a Joy Flight. All three were burnt to death in front of horrified witnesses. It was Sunday the 24th of January 1937. May was 41.

A headline of the *Sydney Mail* read ***"Tragic Death of Courageous Woman Pilot"***

May had met and overcome many challenges during her lifetime and accomplished a number of achievements for which she and her family could be duly proud. We too can be proud that May Bradford, an early Gemfields resident was one of Australia's female aviation pioneers.

****** May's husband Frank died in Cairns 20.11.1933. Of their two sons, Frank served in the Army during the Second World War and is recorded at Rubyvale with his wife, Thelma, and children during the 1950s. Harry and his family returned to Rubyvale as machinery miners during the 1970s. May's grandson, Dale, now resides at Rubyvale and, with other local relatives, the family has had a continuous connection to this area for over 100 years.





SAPPHIRE SHOWCASE

1052 RUBYVALE/SAPPHIRE ROAD, SAPPHIRE.

We are open Friday to Tuesday each week throughout the warmer months and look forward to continuing our service into the future.

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 Friday - Tuesday
10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Phone: 0407 881 551

Email: coolamon.showcase@yahoo.com

Aged 40 and over?

**The BreastScreen bus is
coming to you!**

**Sapphire – Gemfields Community
Support Association**

(13th February – 25th February 2025)

**Book via the QR code or
Phone 13 20 50**



**Call 13 20 50 or visit
breastscreen.qld.gov.au**



**Queensland
Government**



Gemfields RSL
Valentine's Dinner

Two Course Meal

Alternate drop for main course
Death by Chocolate for dessert

\$30 p.p



Love Songs by Willow

Be serenaded as you enjoy your
evening with the love of your life
and/or those who are special to you.

Dinner from 6.30p.m.



Bookings essential - ph 0438 973 333



Experience Tai Chi

Graciously hosted by the Gemfields Multipurpose Centre

*Mondays 9 - 10am



The second principle of Tai Chi is slowness and timing. When we are new to Tai Chi, it can be confusing as to how fast/slow to go, and when to stop one form (movement) and when to progress to the next. Also, different styles have a faster or slower pace. With practice your body develops a sense of timing. That is, when to flow from one form into the next. You will know when this starts to happen. You could call it muscle memory. It is a tangible compulsion that feels almost spiritual. This is the Chi flowing through your body. Once you start to sense this, yield to it and enter a state of peacefulness and mental calm. Practice the form at your own pace, relaxed, free of apprehension, and allow your Chi to guide you.

Have you been wanting to learn Tai Chi? Participation is free and is open to all ages and genders. Our friendly group meets at the GMPC every Monday at 9am (*unless it's a public holiday), and we would love to see you there!



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

PLEASE CALL TIM RILEY 0408 301 401
OR EMAIL DETAILS TO

sapphire.rda@gmail.com

HUNDRED DOLLAR BOARD

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT
ASSOCIATION FUND RAISER

Be in the running to win \$100

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

The top half of the poster features a sunburst pattern with rays emanating from the center, set against a light yellow background. This section is enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

**WE
WANT
YOU**

VOLUNTEERS

Gemfields RSL

Seeking wonderful individuals
to be a part of our team in 2025

POP IN OR PHONE 0438 973 333 FOR
MORE INFORMATION



GEMMY QUILTERS



A New Year has just begun so how about making a start on that sewing project you have in the back of your cupboard and come on down to join us – any problems we will do our very best to solve.

We have welcomed a couple of new members already this year and looking forward to others returning to the district (when the weather cools down a bit). New members are always welcome.

We are holding our Biennial Quilt Show in August this year so more hands sewing more quilts or other items are needed.

In the meantime, the rest of us meet at the Sapphire Hall each Tuesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Morning tea is provided, just bring your lunch and a big smile. Don't forget – the Sapphire Hall is now air conditioned which is wonderful these hot days.

All the very best to everyone for 2025

Keep stitching

GEMMY QUILTERS

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the New Year - we hope it will be a great one for everyone. The area around is looking really good, all green and lush. It doesn't take much to turn our area into a green paradise. I imagine we are all getting our exercise with mowing and weeding.

We are looking forward to the Sapphire Markets returning in April and catching up with friends. Hopefully we will be able to give demonstrations such as bandaging, CPR and general safety awareness.

Our Lucky Tickets are still going and we have it on good authority they are a relic of past times so come on down when we are up and running again for a touch of nostalgia and maybe a prize!

As always, we are looking for new members so do think of us if you have some spare time. All information available from Judy tel: 0137 331 812.

Till next time, keep safe,

Your Local Ambulance Committee



Guided Walk-in Underground Mine Tour

Jewellery & Gift Showroom

Underground Museum

Richardson Sapphires

Fossicking – *We'll show you how!*

97 Heritage Road, Rubyvale.

PH: (07) 4985 4444



Tours

Thursday to Sunday from
9am to 1pm 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.

Closed until next Season

Café available for lease

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



GEMFIELDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED INC.

As the weather starts to warm up Gemfields Riding for the Disabled is winding down. Lessons have pretty much come to a halt as it is just too hot for riders, volunteers and horses.

We hope to commence again around end March so keep watching the newsletter for our start date. Don't forget to watch out for Fair Play vouchers being offered about February, these can be put towards rider insurance etc.

Even though we have wound down the horses and general maintenance still needs to be taken care of and if you are interested in volunteering, please give us a call 0408 798 340.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has given their time or donated to us throughout the year whether it be your time, goods, funding or return it cans and bottles. Every little it helps.

In closing Gemfields RDA wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

From Tim and myself and of course the horses.

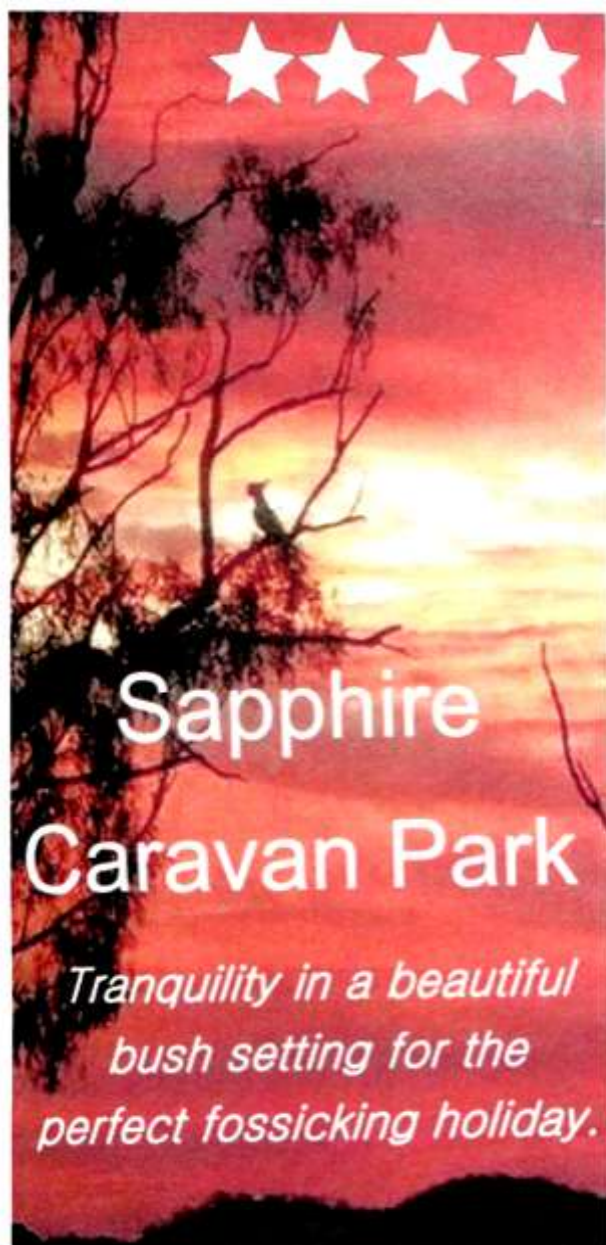


Kohnke's Own
Top Quality Supplements for all Horses

Thank you to the

**RETREAT CREEK
WORKING HORSE CLUB**

For their generous donation to the
Gemfields Meals on Wheels



- BILLY BOULDER CABINS
- BUDGET MINER HUTS
- CARAVAN & TENT SITES
- POWERED/UNPOWERED
- LARGE CAMP KITCHEN
- SWIMMING POOL
- 4 ACRES OF BUSHLAND
- MAGICAL SUNSETS

Sapphire Caravan Park

57 Sunrise Road
Sapphire QLD
Ph. (07) 4985 4281



Bookings can be made online;
www.sapphirecaravanpark.com.au
sapphirecaravanpark@gmail.com

**Long term rates available*

**Pet friendly—conditions apply*

** Mobile phone & TV reception available*

Situated in beautiful bushland, which offers guests a peaceful and tranquil stay. Relax by the pool or try your luck at finding a Sapphire at the many designated fossicking sites.

Watch the wildlife feeding before a captivating sunset.

We are conveniently located near the post office, chemist, general store, fossicking parks, fuel, take-away and medical centre.

COME AS STRANGERS - LEAVE AS FRIENDS



Every Tuesday
9.15am—12noon



Where
Rubyvale Hall
How Much
1 Hand—\$3
More Info
0429 787 039



Lucky
DOOR



Party Day 1st Tuesday
every Month

TRIVIA MONDAY'S

Sapphire Hall
10am till Noon

Plenty of PRIZES



Everyone Welcome to come along

**All monies raised
donated to local
charitable
Organisation's**

For Info please call Mary
on 0415 830 505



WILLOWS GEMFIELDS BRANCH

MEETINGS HELD ON THE
1st WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
ALTERNATING AT THE WILLOWS REC CLUB
AND RUBYVALE HALL
10.00AM

- February 5th Willows Rec Club
- March 5th Rubyvale Hall
- April 2nd Willows Rec Club
- May 7th Rubyvale Hall
- June 4th Willows Rec Club

Social Day every 3rd Wednesday Willows Rec Club
9am to 12noon. All Welcome.

New Members Welcome

Meeting dates may change, members will be
notified where possible



RUBYVALE FRIENDLY GROCER NEWSAGENCY AND FUEL



Open 7 days



NO NEED TO GO TO EMERALD

ALL THE GROCERIES YOU COULD POSSIBLY NEED

(At competitive prices)

***FUEL, GAS, AUTO BITS
MINING STUFF & MORE...***

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am - 6:30pm Weekends 8am - 6pm



Right next door to the pub - Phone 4985 4190



Returned & Services League of Australia

(Queensland Branch)

Gemfields RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

ABN 15 781 906 571

P.O. Box 328, Sapphire QLD 4702.

Enquiries: Phone 07 4985 4588

Email: secretary@gemfields.rslqld.net.au

NEWSLETTER – February 2025

Welcome back everyone!

After a nice break we opened again on Australia Day with roast lamb and apple pie for dinner. A great start to another year of great meals.

We are looking forward to having some exciting events throughout the year and hoping you can all join us. Keep an eye on this newsletter, and Facebook, for details. Follow our page, *RSL Gemfields Sub-Branch Inc.* (facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565724555411).

National commemorative days will be held, as usual, and the sub-branch appreciates the communities continued support of these special events. Our first one, of course, being ANZAC Day on 25th April, with a dawn service followed by a mid-morning march.

Just a reminder that membership fees are due now. League membership is \$20 and Non-League/Social is \$10. Renewals can be done online or by filling out the membership form available at the bar.

**WE HAVE A DESIGNATED NUMBER FOR MEAL BOOKINGS
Ph 0488 256 005 - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

LEST WE FORGET

Thank you to:



For their generous donation of goods to assist the Gemfields Meals on Wheels in their delivery of Fresh meals to our clients.



GEMFIELDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED INC.

2024-2025 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

Delivery days will be on a Thursday between 8.00-10.00am

PLEASE CALL TIM RILEY 0408 301 401
OR EMAIL DETAILS TO
sapphire.rda@gmail.com



JP available at the Gemfields Library

Library hours are

10am-2pm Tuesday

12 midday-4pm Thursday

9am-12 midday Saturday

For more information please call Joanne at the library
on 4981 0299

Salvos in Sapphire (Angelos)

Monday's
Wednesday's
Friday's
Saturday's
8.00am - 12.00pm



Gemfields Lapidary Club

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Roy Day Park Sapphire
9am - 12 noon

Membership Fee: \$25.00/ \$5 Session
New Members \$40.00/ \$5 Session

We
have

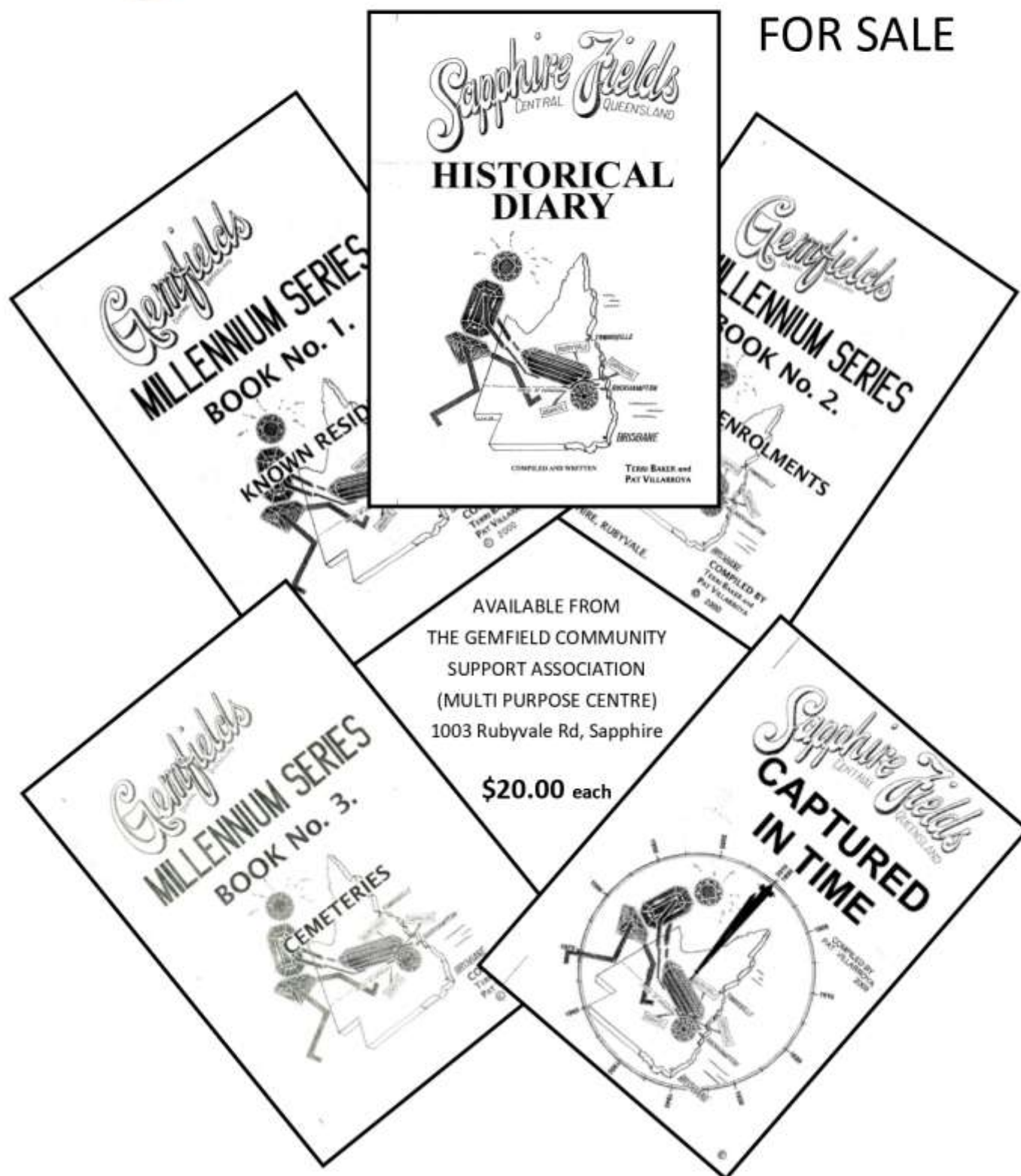
**Lapidary Activities, Silversmithing, Skin
Polishing, Wire Wrapping, Chain Maille**

Phone: 0474 277 122
Email: gemfieldslapiary@hotmail.com

Gemfields

Central Queensland

HISTORICAL BOOKS FOR SALE



AVAILABLE FROM
THE GEMFIELD COMMUNITY
SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
(MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE)
1003 Rubyvale Rd, Sapphire

\$20.00 each



"Your local Fresh Fruit and Vegetable family in the Gemfields"

Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday 7.00am – 1.00pm

19 Rifle Range Road, Sapphire (behind the pool)



Selling a large range of Quality Fresh Fruit & Vegetables and also;

- Amazing coffee made by our barista Lucy and scones
- Bluemac Bakehouse pies from Clermont
- Bread, Milk, Eggs, Nuts, Confectionery, Juices and Cold Drinks
- Smallgoods, Spices, Sauces, Ready-made meals & Pizzas, Yoghurts
- Coarse Laying Mash & Seasoned Firewood

Quality produce at a fair price!

Adam & Maree Willison - Ph: 0427 772 613

adamsapphire@hotmail.com



gemfields

Garden Club



Garden News February 2025

The New Year has started with some very good rain. The garden loved it; also the lawn; and last not least, those pesky weeds! Never mind, one has to take the good with the bad in life. Enjoy the exercise!

On a very positive note, the yearly Christmas lunch at Sapphire, Roy Day park pavilion, was enjoyed by around 200 happy people! Kudos to the organisers, headed by Rose Christie, and the many helpers whose tireless work was appreciated by all. Adam and his team provided fresh fruits and vegetables. Barbara and Andrew cooked a variety of tasty meats; just to name a few. The music by John was enjoyed and the ubiquitous appearance of Santa (aka always obliging Bruce,) facilitated by the local police, to the children's delight, of course. The venue had ample space and an intermittent breeze eased the summer heat.

If you like to become a helper for next year, join the "Christmas Gemfields Group" by ringing Rose on 0458771153 for details. We certainly like to keep this event going.

Not long ago I had a split water pipe just outside my place and one inside. Not far away, on Lakeview Drive, are leaks all the time. The last ones are not attended for over two months now, water gushing on the road! What is the matter? Did we get sold some inferior pipes, prone to splitting? Why can't leaks be fixed in a reasonable time frame? I think the council owes us answers?

The council also tells us the repeater station in Sapphire will be closed down, this time for good. Over 10 years ago the council told us the same, offering free satellite installation to receive the TV signals for pensioners and a \$200- capped fee for everyone else. I took the \$200- offer and receive the free TV channels since then via a satellite dish. Why they didn't close the repeater then and spend \$700000- to keep it going, we have not been told?

Our club house gets an extension. As usual, with storing sheds, they get full all that quick! The grounds look lush and green. The banana trees are producing well, so did the mango trees.

On a sad note, our long term member and pillar of our small community, Tim Riley, passed away in December. He will be difficult to replace. Our hearts go out to his wife Paula, another member.

Always advocate gardening as an excellent exercise. As an avid old time dancer, I also like to mention the monthly dance at the Capella Community Hall; doors opening 7.30 pm. Entrance fee \$10- includes a lucky door price ticket. Ladies bring a plate, free tea or coffee and water supplied. More info by calling Noela on 0408721707. Go on, shake a leg!

We have bi monthly meetings at the Garden Club venue, Roy Day Park Sapphire, starting at 9am. Membership is \$15- a year, it includes a garden bed, use of tools and well appointed club house with amenities. Seeds provided. What you waiting for? Join us and meet some new friends in tranquil surroundings.

If you have anything to contribute to this monthly column, please let me know. Communication is of vital importance. On this note, also try to reach out to the older members of our community; there are a lot of aged people out there who appreciate a smile and a few kind words.

Here are a few words from our outgoing secretary who is leaving the Gemfields:

Hi readers here we are back for another year. Not much has been happening over the Xmas break except odd jobs and gardening that need to be done. The garden is looking beautiful with all the green grass returning after all the rain we have had.

The men have been busy adding an enclosed storage/meeting room which has still some work to go when the weather starts to cool down. Chris and Jon finally done the retic and planted 14 more fruit trees in the orchard and are coming along.

The club will have our AGM and first General meeting on Saturday 1st March 2025 at 9.00am at Roy Day Park will confirm closer to date. Some positions will be vacant for nomination and these positions need to be filled for our club to keep operating. If you are interested, want to volunteer or just want something different to do for the new year please come down and say hello.

On a sad note I'd like to mention the passing in December of Tim Riley our Vice President and friend he was with our association for many many years and will be sadly missed. Our condolences to all his family.

I am available at any time if you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact me Robyn 0497 991 672.

Thanks robyn for your terrific work for the club. You leave big shoes to be filled!

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
News Coordinator
Ph 0419854333



TLM DIESEL SERVICES PTY LTD



Tyres

- Repairs
- Small tyres
- Car tyres
- 4WD tyres
- Truck tyres
- Machinery tyres

In stock or available
in a couple of days



Hydraulic Hoses

Large quantity of
hose and fittings in
stock.

Hoses made on-
site while you wait



Industrial Supplies

- Nuts
- Bolts
- Washers
- Grease
- Trailer Plugs
- and much
more

More Information



Call Us
0493 497 604



Find us next to Blue Gem Caravan Park

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Mother Goose

Word Search Puzzle

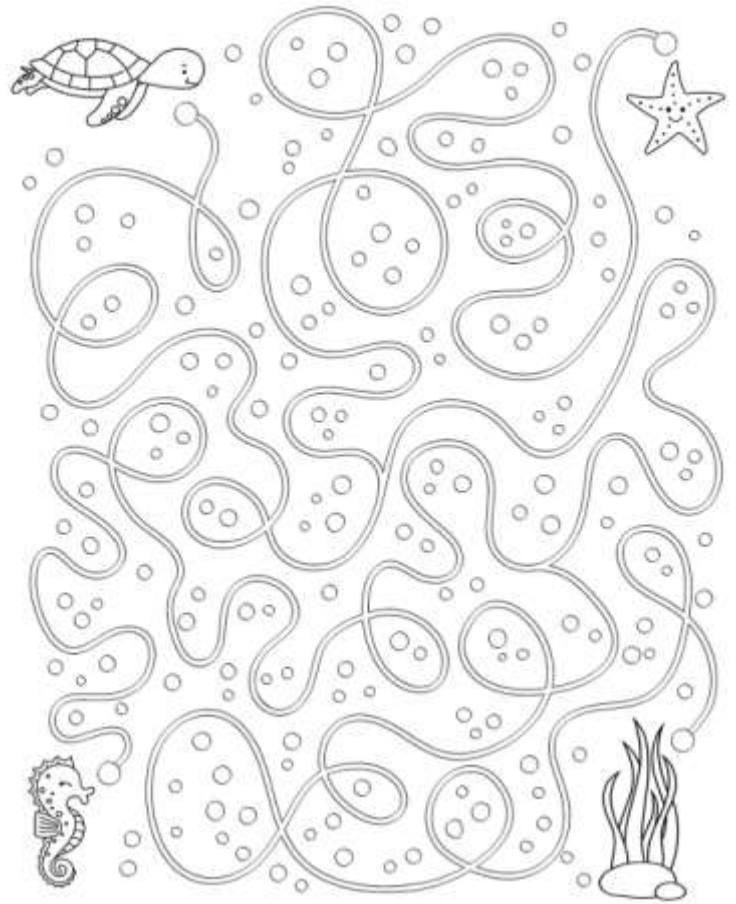


HEYDIDDLEDIDDLEDIFFHFBXEW
OCFKCPTCSBCTCZUVVWELUYA
SGQDIWILUAXILUQSYTRIFSW
LYOXJJWDGHEHBUELBKNOCBGM
XRRLTABMMAYVHJAGOFBSSOYQ
GSOEDUCQAQSPKDYIIMFLPA
SUZSDKMKBPWTWCQTPTPRVTETZ
TXLAEIEIEBEIOUPWLDYFEGTM
TEBIPSLNFERUMESNXKHNRHI
PUNMTTAFGWNUDAHUFSEYARA
RECLTTURECDIEILVKWRYIEM
OYTIIMLKEYOIMJACKHORNERN
WILESTAETROGLXBAUZUZXRBU
YVFSRCTPBRXELLEPSJHALI
OAIIFAPMLQSDDBXHEPHMYI
UMMTVUIPEXPACGWNZAITNNI
RCAXHPEPFIZEPFBYWBQEGDX
BPOYWIVDEJNPEDDMNYKFOMR
OXQJGUATCRMDUPSEAEVIAI
AAURJACKANDJILLEJBCGWCT
TTOHJVGVGJSGHAPNDANXAES
JESIMPLESIMONCNYUBJEYDC
GTHISLITTLEPIGKSDYOQUJB



BLACK SHEEP	JACK HORNER	ROCK-A-BYE
EENY MEENY	LITTLE BO-PEEP	ROSES ARE RED
GEORGIE PORGIE	LITTLE BOY BLUE	ROW YOUR BOAT
HEY DIDDLE DIDDLE	MISS MUFFET	RUB-A-DUB-DUB
HUMPTY DUMPTY	OLD KING COLE	SIMPLE SIMON
HUSH-A-BYE BABY	PAT-A-CAKE	TEN LITTLE INDIANS
JACK AND JILL	PETER PIPER	THIS LITTLE PIG
JACK BE NIMBLE	RAIN RAIN GO AWAY	THREE BLIND MICE

Help the sea turtle find his way to the seaweed.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



BEEF STROGANOFF PASTA BAKE

Ingredients

- 300g Spiral dried pasta
- 1tbsp plain flour
- 500g beef stir-fry strips
- 1 1/2tbsp olive oil
- 1 brown onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 150g mushrooms, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1tsp sweet paprika, plus extra pinch to serve
- 1tbsp tomato paste
- 1 beef stock cube
- 1 1/2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 65ml Sour Cream, plus extra 2tbsp to serve
- 55g (1/2 cup) Shredded Cheese



Method

- Cook pasta in a large saucepan of salted boiling water following packet directions or until al dente. Drain, reserving 250ml (1 cup) pasta water.
- Toss flour and beef in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Heat 2tsp oil in a large, deep frying pan over high heat. Add beef and cook stirring occasionally, for 3-4 minutes or until browned. Transfer to a plate
- Reduce heat to medium-high. Heat remaining oil in the same pan. Cook onion and mushrooms, stirring for 3-4 minutes or until soft. Add garlic and paprika, cook, stirring for 1 minute. Add tomato paste and stir. Add stock cube, Worcestershire sauce and reserved pasta water, then bring to a simmer. Add beef, sour cream and pasta, stir until just heated through. Transfer to a greased 2-litre baking dish.
- Preheat an oven grill to high. Sprinkle pasta mixture with cheese and grill for 2-3 minutes or until cheese is golden and bubbling. Serve pasta bake dolloped with extra sour cream and sprinkled with extra paprika.

PINEAPPLE COCONUT SLICE

Ingredients

- 440g can pineapple pieces in juice
- 150g butter, softened
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 1tsp vanilla essence
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/4 cups self-raising flour
- 2/3 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/4 cup shredded coconut



Method

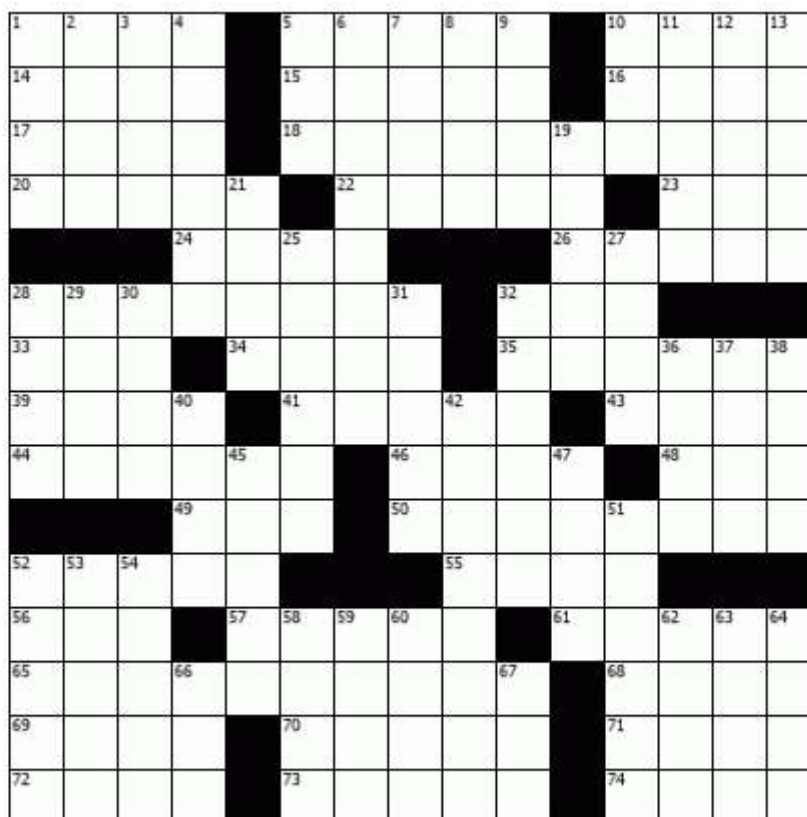
- Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Grease a 3cm-deep, 16cm x 26cm (base) slice pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, leaving a 2cm overhang at long ends. Drain pineapple, reserving 1/3 cup juice.
- Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each addition. Add flour, desiccated coconut and pineapple juice. Stir until just combined. Spread mixture into prepared pan. Top with pineapple. Sprinkle with shredded coconut. Press into top.
- Bake for 40 minutes or until a skewer inserted in centre comes out clean and slice is firm when lightly touched in centre. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Lift out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Cut into 12 squares. Serve.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Health clubs
5. Out on ____ (2 wds.)
10. Polish furniture
14. Spanish house
15. Comic ____ O'Donnell
16. One time only
17. Not written
18. Admission
20. Moderately warm
22. Ship's rear
23. Wee one
24. Ballot
26. Helps a crook
28. Rose Bowl city
32. Get by
33. Bride's vow (2 wds.)
34. Unrefined metals
35. Religious beliefs
39. Speak
41. Archie Bunker's wife
43. Be bold
44. Changes for the better
46. ____ Carvey of "Wayne's World"
48. Prosecute
49. Baseball stat
50. Evoked
52. Cowboy show
55. Yodeler's feedback
56. Big monkey
57. Frequently
61. Decree
65. Slow down
68. Unemployed
69. Wrought ____
70. Make merry
71. City light
72. Paddles
73. Necessities
74. Dines



Down

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Aberdeen native | 21. Flightless bird | 47. Pain |
| 2. Trim | 25. Mother ____ (missionary) | 51. Antiseptic substance |
| 3. PDQ's kin | 27. Curve | 52. AM-FM ____ |
| 4. Spit | 28. Mideast bread | 53. "Phantom of the ____" |
| 5. Rainbow shape | 29. Eve's mate | 54. Room theme |
| 6. Made less tight | 30. Food fish | 58. Leafy plant |
| 7. Fails to exist | 31. Apart | 59. Forest plant |
| 8. Rodents | 32. Cultural | 60. Roof part |
| 9. Pub drink | 36. Bridge position | 62. Mental image |
| 10. Pedro's "two" | 37. Accurate | 63. Coagulate |
| 11. Join | 38. Poppy or sesame | 64. Certain bills |
| 12. Hurry | 40. Leg hinge | 66. Naval rank (abbr.) |
| 13. Camp shelters | 42. Skilled | 67. Chicago trains |
| 19. Slithering reptile | 45. Slobber | |

DEC/JAN CROSSWORD SOLUTION

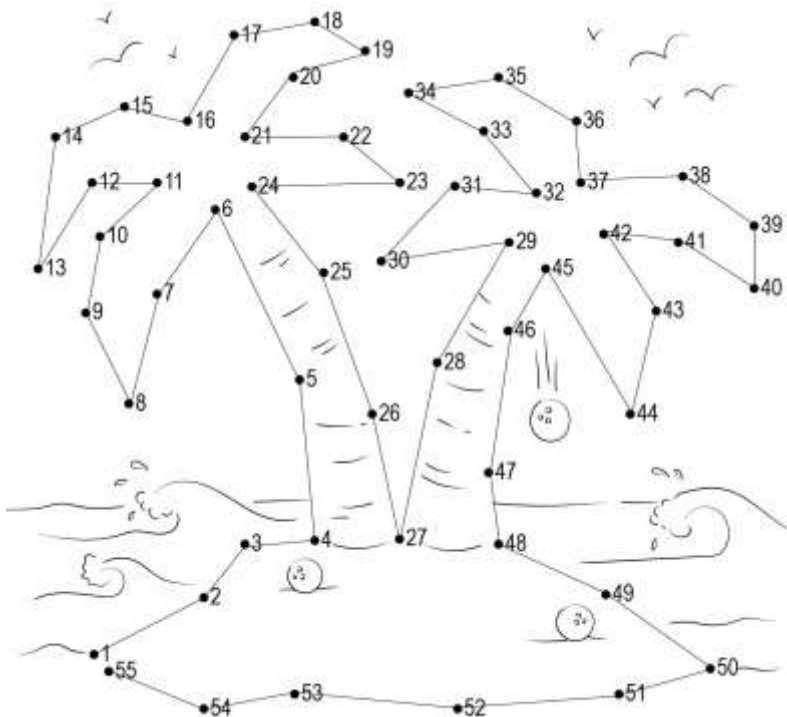
S	M	A	S	H		S	T	U	N		O	N	T	O
T	A	S	T	Y		W	I	N	E		P	A	W	N
A	R	E	A	S		A	R	I	A		E	P	I	C
Y	E	A	S	T		P	A	T	R	O	N	A	G	E
			H	E	N		D	E	E	D				
M	A	D			R	U	D	E			R	E	C	E
E	M	E	R	I	T	U	S				L	A	M	A
D	I	S	E	A	S	E			A	R	R	I	V	A
I	N	K	S						S	L	E	E	P	E
C	O	S	T	A	R				T	I	E	S		S
					N	O	N	E			D	E	M	
E	S	S	E	N	T	I	A	L			T	A	L	C
C	L	O	D			A	C	M	E		T	R	O	O
H	A	L	E			T	E	E	N		L	I	B	R
O	M	E	N			E	R	R	S		E	A	S	E

SUDOKU

5			1				2	
	4	6	2					5
	1	7				3		
1	5			9			7	3
		4	8		3	6		
3	6			2			5	8
		5				8	3	
6					8	5	9	
	9				5			4

DEC/JAN SUDOKU SOLUTION

4	7	8	5	2	9	1	3	6
3	9	5	6	1	8	2	4	7
2	1	6	3	4	7	5	9	8
6	8	1	4	7	3	9	5	2
7	4	9	1	5	2	8	6	3
5	2	3	9	8	6	7	1	4
8	5	4	2	6	1	3	7	9
9	6	7	8	3	5	4	2	1
1	3	2	7	9	4	6	8	5



NEVER SETTLE FOR LESS THAN YOUR BEST.

**GEMFIELDS PRIMARY HEALTH
CLINIC**

984 SAPPHIRE - RUBYVALE RD SAPPHIRE
PO BOX 342 SAPPHIRE Qld 4702

Doctor on: Mon/Tue/Wed - By Appointment Only
8.30am- 3.30pm

Closed 12.30 - 1.30 for lunch.

Pathology Collections: Mon/Tue/Wed

Registered Nurse 5-days 8.30am - 3.30pm

PHONE: 49854 547 FAX: 49854 693

EMAIL: Gemfields Outpatients@health.qld.gov.au

ANAKIE POLICE STATION

PHONE : 49854 200

Office Hours:

Monday 8am - 12pm

Emergencies-Phone 000

**Please leave your name and
phone number on the voicemail.**

GEMMY QUILTERS

**** Everybody is welcome ****

Each Tuesday of the month 9.30 am -3pm.
at the Sapphire Hall

For more information please call in and see us

GEMFIELDS GARDEN CLUB

**** Everybody is welcome ****

.For more information call Pat on 4985 4544

GEMFIELDS RSL Sub-Branch Inc

Phone : 07 49854 588

PO Box 328 SAPPHIRE Qld 4702

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

ATTENTION

If you are a not for profit organisation and have
an event coming up that you would like to
advertise, please phone or drop into the MPC
office and we can discuss placing a free notice
in the monthly newsletter.

Ph: 49854 664

Newsletter Advertising Prices

Full Page.....\$45.00
Half Page.....\$35.00
Third Page.....\$25.00
Quarter Page.....\$23.00
Sixth Page.....\$20.00
Business Card.....\$18.00

A discount applies for advertisements that run for a
minimum of 3 months.

Information must be sent by **20th** of month before for
it to be included in the next months print.

ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 000

POLICE..... 000
AMBULANCE.....000
FIRE.....000
S.E.S. Call Centre.....132 500
SAPPHIRE MEDICAL CENTRE 4985 4547
EMERALD HOSPITAL.....4987 9400
POISONS INFORMATION.....13 11 26
LIFELINE.....13 11 14
R.A.C.Q.....13 11 11
MPC Sapphire.....4985 4664
CENTACARE Emerald.....4982 4358

DISCLAIMER

While every effort has been made to ensure
the accuracy of the information in this
publication, no responsibility can be accepted
by the publishers for omissions, typographic
or printing errors, inaccuracies or changes that
may have taken place during publication. The
committee reserves the right to not
publish any article considered inappropriate.

The views and opinions expressed in this
publication are not necessarily those of the
management committee, staff or volunteers.

*** LOCAL SERVICES ***

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	WHERE
EMERGENCY SERVICES	000	EMERGENCIES	POLICE AMBULANCE FIRE BRIGADE
SES	132 500	NON-LIFE THREATENING FLOOD & STORM EMERGENCIES	
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	COL 0423767490	MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 7.30 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
GEMFIELDS MEALS ON WHEELS	MPC 49854664	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY	MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE SAPPHIRE
GEMFIELDS FIRE WARDEN	John Riley 042 758 0654	Mon—Fri 9am - 5pm	60 Fairview Lane RUBYVALE
RUBYVALE TIP	CHRC	Open/ Tuesday—Friday & Sunday 8am - 12pm	Opposite Quarry
OPPORTUNITY SHOP	SALVATION ARMY	MON - WED - FRI - SAT 8.00 am- 12pm	ANGELO'S SAPPHIRE
GEMFIELDS LIBRARY	JOANNE GIBSON	TUES 10am - 2pm THURS 12 noon - 4pm SAT 9am - 12 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD

*** WHAT'S ON ***

SAPPHIRE MARKETS	Tricia Murphy 0457 582 830	Sunday 8am to 11.30am	Sapphire Central Roy Day Park
RUBYVALE MARKETS	Bev Winks 0428 399 591	Saturday 8am - till 1pm	Rubyvale Flats
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
GEMMY QUILTERS	PATCHWORK GROUP	TUESDAY 9.30am-3pm	SAPPHIRE HALL
GEMFIELDS LAPIDARY & CRAFT	0407 056 089	Wednesday & Saturday 9am to 12 noon	Roy Day Park
GEMFIELDS RIFLE CLUB	Debbie Hickman Ph. 0429 009 354 / 4985 4484	LONG RANGE TARGET SHOOTING EVERY SUNDAY 9am	RIFLE RANGE RD SAPPHIRE
YOGA	Kelly Corbishley	SATURDAY 7.30AM	KANGOULU PARK (Opposite Blue Gem)