



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



One of the main goals of World Senior Citizens Day is to highlight the challenges that older adults face, including health concerns, financial stability, aged care and social isolation. By bringing these issues to the front of people's minds, the day encourages the wider community to advocate for policies and programs that support the wellbeing and longevity of everyone as they age.

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with chores
and
errands

Spend
time with
a senior
citizen

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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

Seniors Luncheon returns to Emerald this August



Central Highlands seniors are invited to enjoy great food, entertainment and connection at the annual Seniors Luncheon, returning to **Emerald Town Hall on Tuesday 26 August.**

Running from **10.00 am to 2.00 pm**, the event is a well-loved tradition that brings together senior residents from across the region to share stories, enjoy local entertainment and celebrate community spirit.

Come along and reconnect with friends, enjoy a delicious meal and celebrate the vibrancy of our senior community.

The luncheon is free to attend, but bookings are essential as numbers are capped.

Free bus transport will also be available, with limited seats. Booking is required for all passengers.

To reserve your place for the luncheon and/or transport, contact council on 1300 242 686.



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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 WheelsTM
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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
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for supporting the
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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

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. Please send in your contributions to admin@gemfields.org.au, phone 4985 4664 or bring in to the Office.

happy birthday AUGUST!

Mark Nicholls
Lee Cotter



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Pat Bailey

for her generous donations for
The Gemfields Meals on Wheels

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you so much!*

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To our Raffle Winners:

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1st Prize winner of the
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Fran Dougall

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A Little Poem For Seniors

Another year has passed
And we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
And winter seems much colder.

There was a time not long ago
When life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
About 'Living in the Past'

We used to go to weddings,
Football games and lunches..
Now we go to funeral homes
And after-funeral brunches.

We used to go out dining,
And couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
Come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
To places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
From riding in the car.

We used to go to nightclubs
And drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
And watch the evening news.

That, my friend is how life is,
And now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old!



"The doctor will be in shortly to type on the computer and update your chart. If he has time, he will ask how you're feeling and take a look at your rash."

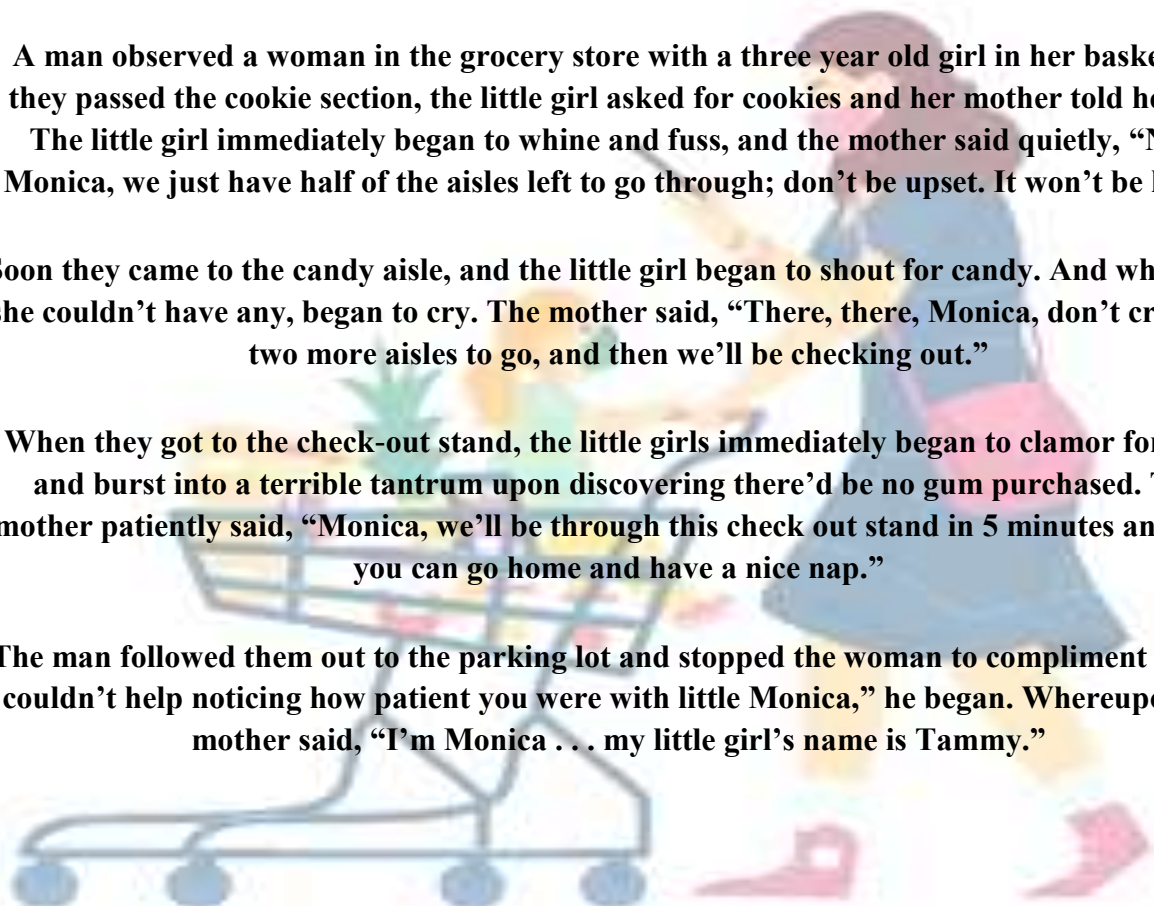
A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three year old girl in her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the little girl asked for cookies and her mother told her no.

The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss, and the mother said quietly, "Now Monica, we just have half of the aisles left to go through; don't be upset. It won't be long."

Soon they came to the candy aisle, and the little girl began to shout for candy. And when told she couldn't have any, began to cry. The mother said, "There, there, Monica, don't cry—only two more aisles to go, and then we'll be checking out."

When they got to the check-out stand, the little girls immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there'd be no gum purchased. The mother patiently said, "Monica, we'll be through this check out stand in 5 minutes and then you can go home and have a nice nap."

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. "I couldn't help noticing how patient you were with little Monica," he began. Whereupon the mother said, "I'm Monica . . . my little girl's name is Tammy."



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Hi all, from your local paramedics, Andrew, Dave, and later this month for a guest appearance, Rhys.

It's flu season, and you'll be no doubt aware there is a lot of it around Queensland including the Gemfields. Added to this are large COVID and RSV patient numbers. This may have some impact on Queensland Health services, including the QAS, possibly leading to increased wait times at the hospital and for the ambulance, although we will always try our very best to mitigate against this.

Common signs and symptoms of influenza are a sore throat, high fever, chest infection and cough, headache, aches and pain, fatigue, and nausea/vomiting (particularly in children).

Those at particular risk of complications from influenza are the very young (newborn to four years old), those over 65 years old, people who have compromised immune systems, those with chronic diseases including asthma, diabetes and heart disease, smokers, and pregnant people.

Most fit and healthy people's symptoms will pass after one to two weeks, with the best treatment being rest, plenty of fluids (water), and if you can, taking over the counter medication to relieve symptoms (as per the manufacturer's and your pharmacist's direction).

Most people with flu like symptoms will not need ambulance or hospital attention. However if you are in a vulnerable group as above and/or you know you've been particularly knocked around by flu in the past (e.g. it's led to pneumonia), we'd recommend talking to your GP or calling 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for advice at the first signs of flu like symptoms. You may benefit from prescription antiviral medication, best taken within 48 hours of onset of symptoms.

Call the ambulance if you or someone you're caring for have difficulty breathing, have unusual chest pain, have fevers that aren't significantly reduced with paracetamol or ibuprofen (especially children), have seizures, have severe lethargy (again, particularly children or the elderly), have altered level of consciousness, severe and prolonged vomiting and/or diarrhoea, have severely reduced urine output despite drinking adequate water, have concurrent skin rashes or blotchy skin, and/or prolonged light sensitivity. As always, do not delay asking for advice (GP, 13HEALTH or the ambulance) if you have concerns or doubts about your or your family's health.

Finally, as the cliché goes, prevention is always better than cure (but it is true). Yearly flu vaccination is very important, particularly if you're in one of the risk groups. People tell us they don't get it because "they got the flu" from the vaccine, among other excuses. You can not get the flu from the flu vaccine. It does not contain live viruses. You may get mild flu like symptoms for up to 48 hours after a flu vaccine as your immune system responds to the vaccine (this is a good sign, as it means the vaccine is doing its job). The vaccine may not stop you entirely from getting the flu, but it greatly reduces your chances, and if you do get it, it's usually far, far less severe.

Amongst patients currently in hospital with serious cases of the flu, 90% of them have NOT had the flu vaccine. Your yearly flu vaccine protects you, your family and your community from the flu. It is free and widely available in Queensland, and it's never too late in the season to get it. It's not over-the-top to say, it may literally save your life.

Other ways to prevent getting or spreading the flu are to wear a face mask and stay home if symptomatic, wash your hands regularly particularly after touching phones, door handles, shopping trolleys etc, and before eating or drinking (get one of those small bottles of alcohol hand rub for your pocket when out and about).

Cheers from Gemfields QAS, and stay healthy if you can!



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Gemfest – Festival of Gems



Originally started in 1988, Gemfest – Festival of Gems was originally a small event that raised funds for the Flying Doctor services that flew into Rubyvale at the time to offer their services.



After three years the Flying Doctors were no longer required to come to the area any more and so the aim of Gemfest changed to become a promotion for the The Gemfields.

Today, 37 years later there are still traders attending that were at the first event. Gemfest is an annual event that takes place over several days usually in August.

Celebrating the rich gem and mining history of the Gemfields and surrounding areas, the event fosters a sense of community. Showcasing a wide array of gemstones and minerals including sapphires, opals, diamonds, pearls, zircons and crystals - the festival provides opportunities for gem enthusiasts to connect and share their passion.

This year, the festival is spread throughout the main 3 towns at the Gemfields - Anakie, Sapphire and Rubyvale.

Gemfest – Festival of Gems is held at Alan King Memorial Park in Anakie.

Jewel of the Gemfields is hosted by the Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club in Roy Day Park Sapphire.

Both feature a large variety of Gem Traders, artisans, craft and food stalls and are held on 8-10th August.



The Saturday Night Spectacular with Live Music and a laser light show will be hosted by the New Royal Hotel in Rubyvale at the Paddock behind the Pub on Saturday 9th August.

Gemfest - Festival of Gems has evolved from a small fundraiser to a major gem show, becoming a vital part of the Central Queensland Gemfields community and a celebration of its unique gem and mining heritage.



**Gemfields
Lapidary and Craft
Club Inc.**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sam Zanghi Memorial Hall, Roy Day Park, Sapphire at 12.30 pm on
Saturday 23th August 2024**

All financial members of the club are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

The items to be raised at the meeting are:

1. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements
2. Election of officers
3. Any other general business

All committee positions are declared vacant at the meeting. The election of the following positions will be held:

- President
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nomination forms are available at the club or by telephoning 0474 277 122 or email gemfieldslapidary1@gmail.com For any member who cannot attend and wishes to vote, proxy forms are available from the Secretary.

The nomination, in writing, signed by the member and by his/her proposer, together with a seconder, shall be lodged with the secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the annual general meeting to be held on the 24th of August 2024

Secretary
Helen Pawson
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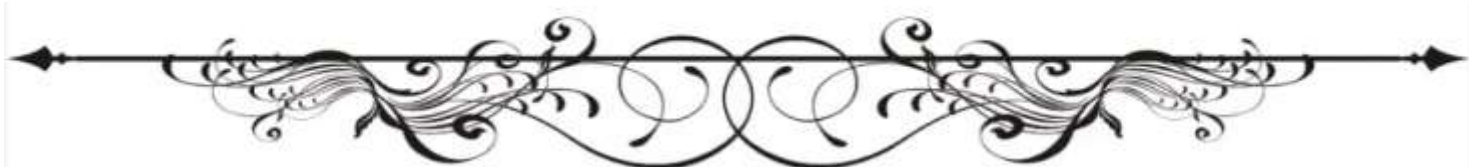
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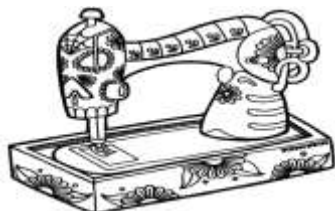
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GEMMY QUILTERS



GEMMY QUILTERS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

Welcome to wonderful sunny days and cold frosty mornings. Just what the tourists order. Be mindful of the long dry grass when lighting campfires.

We have all been busy with our Quilt Show and hope everyone comes to see and enjoy and especially to support the Royal Flying Doctor Service which is our chosen charity this year. Our raffle is going well but we have plenty more tickets for sale so come on down and get some for your chance to win lovely prizes.

We also have another special raffle of a lovely quilted vest in black and gold, absolutely stunning and one you would love to wear. This raffle will be held over the three days of our quilt show and will be \$2.00 a ticket. Come down, see, admire and buy a ticket.

Don't forget you are always welcome to join us any Tuesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm at the Sapphire Hall. Morning tea provided but if you are staying all day, bring your lunch. Come and see what our ladies are working on – all different crafty things.

Till next month, when we will have recovered from our busy time,

Gemmy Quilters.

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025

We are looking forward to the Festival of Gems coming up and will be manning our stall. It is going to be a busy time for all and hopefully the weather stays fine and the tourists come flocking. It is certainly getting busier on the roads so we urge everyone to take care and not speed and certainly watch out for the local wildlife – animal or human!

The number of stalls at the Sapphire Markets have been steadily increasing over the last few weeks and all looks set to be a great weekend. We will have our stall there and look forward to saying hello to everyone. Come down and have a browse around.

We wish to advise the local community of our upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held at the Local Ambulance Centre, Rubyvale Road, Sapphire Central on Sunday 24th August at 12.00 midday.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Festival and keep safe and well.

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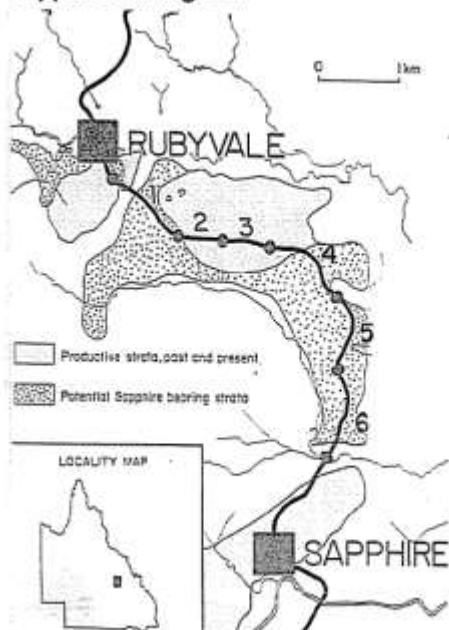
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Controversy raged over this Gemfield road for many years – residents wanted it sealed – machine miners wanted to recover the sapphires first. The Department of Mines settled the situation by calling for Expressions of Interest in September 1984 to mine the 5.3km unsealed section. By the end of October, six submissions had been received. A consortium comprising Noel Deeley, Brian Herbert and Elliot Constructions was selected and Mining Lease 2246 was issued to their company Queensland Sapphire Mining Co.



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OFFICE ONLY



July 2025 Update.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

QSMA will have its General Meeting and AGM on the 6th of September at the Rubyvale Hall beginning at 1pm. We invite anyone wishing to hear what we have been doing this past year to the General Meeting beginning at 1pm. Our AGM will be held directly after that, but only current financial members will be able to attend.

The updates proposed by the Queensland Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) seem to only benefit SSM due to a transition to a “Mandatory code” which will simplify compliance making the rules easier for the lay man to decipher. This would replace the need for an Environmental Authority (EA) so no new restrictions will apply to your operations and financial surety will be removed thus eliminating EA payments and a possible refund.

QSMA Executive Laurie Bell and Carol Graham will be attending the Ministers Small-scale Mining forum in Brisbane next month as part of the Queensland Small Miners Council delegation.

In attendance will be the Director General of DETSI (Environment) and DNRMMRRD (Resources) the discussions will centre on Departmental issues with these departments which tend to overlap with our mining problems. We see this as a path forward for the Departments to better understand some of the SSM obstacles we face and how policy affects us as small-scale miners as opposed to large scale.

QSMA will also be addressing future proofing our Mining and Tourism industries, the size and extent of the ERE on the Miners common, water bores/and water storage and increasing the extent of the RA1 as some issues.

You will find QSMA memberships and renewals and information as stated above, available at the QSMA stall at the Sunday Markets or you can use the QSMA Membership & Renewal form attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards

QSMA Committee

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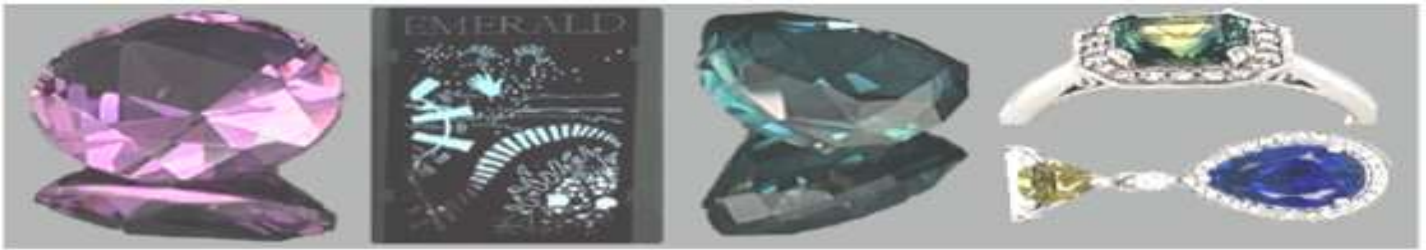


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Gemstones_Opals_Pearls_Jewellery - Analysis - Assessment - Appraisal Criteria

GEMSTONE/JEWELLERY APPRAISAL/VALUATION

Over the past 45+ years, in my Gemmology journey, I developed a unique, accurate, digital, electronic grading system for grading coloured gemstones, and through electronic instruments that I originally patented and then wrote and copyrighted, computer software codes for gemstones, diamonds, opals, pearls and gold, resulting in nomenclatures standard with major gemmological institutions worldwide. I have travelled the world with the system, which has been evaluated by not only the GAA in Australia, but in USA, UK, Europe, India & NZ.

Harnessing modern technology in this rapidly evolving technological landscape, we are changing the way we do Analysis - Assessments and Appraising of gemstones. We at **iTechprogramming** have combined all my decades of research and extensive databases with the Integration of **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**. **Automated Grading and Identification:** We are developing algorithms trained on extensive gemstone image and spectral datasets to automatically evaluate critical parameters. This not only enhances grading consistency but also enables us to now, be better able to predict how certain treatments or environmental factors may affect gemstone durability and value over time, paving the way for more accurate long term assessments.

Importance of Accuracy: In Gemstone Appraisals, accuracy is paramount, and it is not acceptable to collect general information from books and the internet and copy, cut and paste it without actually testing and identifying the gemstone in question.

"Disclaimers of non-responsibility" for the information are not acceptable. The stone in question must be carefully tested and classified using all updated instruments and information about minerals, inclusions, and any enhancements or treatments. Failure to complete this process correctly, prevents an honest and accurate assessment and value for the said stone. Human error is inevitable, but do our best and our commitment to deliver the most accurate and honest assessment of the stones we appraise, is of utmost importance. **Challenges and Solutions:** Detecting treatments and enhancements, such as HT, HP Heat (5 grades of heat), Lead, Glass, Resin or Oil filling, Beryllium, Irradiation, Dyeing, Bleaching, Flame Fusion, etc., and determining the location of origin can be challenging. These factors significantly affect the stone's value. Our extensive, constantly improving database addresses these challenges.

Appraisals Include: Advanced, cutting edge 5+ Spectroscopy and Multi-modal Imaging Techniques, are playing a major role in detecting treatments, revealing trace elements, and confirming a gemstones natural origin versus a synthetic one and more. Standard and advanced description of the gemstone, includes - Colour - Cut Grade - Clarity - Polish - Transparency - Pattern - Enhancements - Size - Shape - Location plus additional Density-Mineral graphs, showing minerals under different Light Frequencies and then deleting the light source, leaving only the pure elements/minerals. This advanced technology with traditional gemmological techniques is fostering a more precise, efficient, and transparent field. As researchers refine these methods, we can expect greater consistency in gemstone evaluation, improved consumer confidence in gemstone provenance, and a strong push toward sustainable practices in both mining and synthesis. As our research continues, we endeavour to continue fine tuning our Appraisal analysis of gemstones, to provide unparalleled accuracy, efficiency and accountability.

Gem Cutting: Carol, our resident gem cutter with 20 years experience and a member of the Aust Facets Guild, will cut all groups of gemstones and different patterns.

Gemstone and Jewellery Items: We have a range of various gemstones of different groups, colors, and sizes, as well as a variety of jewellery, including rings, earrings, pendants, on display for sale.

Conclusion: Our passion for gemstones, combined with knowledge gained from courses, research, learning, and lecturing at Gemmological Institutions and Conferences in Australia, New Zealand, the USA, India, Great Britain, and Europe, as well as attending Trade Fairs and Teaching Seminars, drives our continuous improvement. Valuable discussions with notable scientists such as Dr. Richard Hughes, Dr. Peter Reid, and Antionette Matlins, among others, enhance our knowledge. We are continuing to learn each day in an ever-changing gemstone world. Our appraisals are professionally presented in laminated form in a presentation folder, and we use both US and AU\$ for pricing for insurance and replacement purposes

We would be honoured to assist you with your stones and jewellery. We are available Monday to Friday in Emerald. We look forward to meeting you and we are available to discuss any queries you may have and you're welcome to call us and pop in.

Kind regards, Kelvin, Carol & Lynelle.

14th March, 2025.



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The [6th Principle of Tai Chi](#) is Connection. Movement starts at our feet, energy flows upward through our legs, which moves our waist, our ribcage, and flows outward to our arms and finally our hands. One connection may appear more noticeable than the rest sometimes – e.g. our left foot or leg to our left arm or hand. Or sometimes the opposite arm or hand.

Just like music has rhythm and melody, smooth coordination and timing of our movements maintains connection from one articulating muscle group to the next. Connection should feel effortless and flowing.

Have you ever wanted 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.

<https://taichiaustralia.com/articles/ADiscussionOfBasics.htm>

<http://taichisociety.net/taichi-principles.html>

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Enjoy your August ☐



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Membership and rider registration is due now. Membership is \$5.00 and rider insurance \$175.00. Lessons have stayed at \$25.00.

Should you wish to commence lessons or further information, please call Paula on 0408798440 or email sapphire.rda@gmail.com and I will send to you necessary forms.

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AND RUBYVALE HALL
9:30AM

- August: Monday 11th Rubyvale Hall
- No meeting in September
- October: Monday 13th Willows Rec Club
- November Monday 10th Rubyvale Hall
- December Monday 8th Willows Rec Club.

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Joy Collective

Announcement

All Joy Collective Activities will no longer be held at the
Multi Purpose Centre in Sapphire, Central, Qld.

For venue information on Singers for non-singers and
Ukulele lessons, please phone Seren on 0432 346 090

We especially wish to extend our thanks to the Staff of the
Multi-purpose Centre, for the use of the Mutli-purpose Centre
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Seren & Don

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NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2025

July saw a lot of things achieved in the sub-branch!

Our renovations have continued, with painting completed. Wow, what a difference it makes! Now the big task of putting all the memorabilia back on the walls is the next step. This is a slow process because of trying to put things together. Once this is completed, we can place the pool table and dart board in position to make the rec room look like somebody owns it. If anyone has a couple of decent comfy lounge chairs, and maybe a coffee table, they would like to donate for this area it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to express my huge thanks, on behalf of the committee and members, to the volunteers who helped make this vision come alive.

Dave Jack, Ray Stewart and Bevin Ansford for removing the roller doors and replacing with windows and sliding glass door.

David Kurtz, Donna Ury, Bevin Ansford, Greg Jose, Greg Harrigan, and Darrel Bentham for all their painting work.

Greg Jose and Bevin Ansford for replacing the memorabilia.

The Veterans Morning Tea was held again in July and was attended by about 16 people. Thank you to those that attended. It was an enjoyable morning and don't forget to spread the word. Now that we have a few veterans staying with us in the retreat, they have also enjoyed coming along for a cuppa. Our next Veterans Morning Tea will be held on 6th and 20th August at 1000. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with a bikkie to snack on.

Don't forget the committee will also be present at the sub-branch office between 0900 – 1100 Mondays if you have anything you wish to discuss. This applies to both league and non-league members.

Our Christmas in July was a sell out! What an enjoyable day it was for everyone. There were a lot of new faces, which was great to see. Hopefully they will become regulars. A huge thank you to Jill Munro for the absolutely awesome decorations. A big thank you to the ladies that did all the work in the kitchen, Tricia, Mandy, Helen, Sharon, and supplied us with a beautiful meal. Also, thanks to Ambo Dave for being our MC and, of course, Santa.

Dates to Remember for August:

Mondays 0900 – 1100 office open for members who wish to discuss things to do with sub-branch, or veterans needing help with computers etc.

6th August & 20th August: Veterans morning tea at 1000

18th August: Vietnam Veterans Day. Service will commence at 1100, with a light lunch provided at 1200.

Please consider volunteering to help our hard-working committee on future projects. Pass along your details, and availability, to our friendly bar staff.

We are now open Thursday, Saturday and Sundays for meals. Bar opens at 3pm and meals are served, after the Ode, at 6pm.

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Garden Club



Gemfields Community Garden Club Inc. Newsletter

August, the pinnacle of our season has arrived, coupled with our unique Gemfest and a plethora of activities. After a year absence, the well received "Wine and Cheese" night in unison with an art exhibition is also on the program.

As I never miss to mention, gardening is an excellent means of exercise. Dancing also falls in this category. The old time dance at Capella town hall this month is on the third Saturday of the month. Usually it is the second. Ring Noela on 0408721707 for further information.

Grant Funding Success for a Vegepod Garden System

Perhaps the most thrilling news to share is our successful application for grant funding, which will enable us to install a Vegepod garden system at our site. This achievement is the result of planning, writing, and collective visioning from our group members.

- **About Vegepod:** The Vegepod is a self-watering, raised garden bed system designed to make growing vegetables easy and accessible for everyone. Its innovative design includes a protective canopy and water reservoir that saves time and reduces water use, making it ideal for our climate and community needs.
- **Funding Process:** Our grant application highlighted the community benefits of the Vegepod, including improved accessibility for members with limited mobility, enhanced learning opportunities for local schools, and the potential to increase our yields. We extend sincere thanks to the grant provider The Capricornian, whose support reflects confidence in our vision and project.
- **Project Timeline:** With funds now secured, we will be preparing the site for installation. Members will have the chance to participate in assembling the Vegepod, with a workshop planned to ensure everyone feels confident using this new resource.

The introduction of the Vegepod system marks a significant step forward for our group. Its user-friendly features will allow even those with physical limitations to participate fully in growing fresh produce from the elevated beds, easy-access design. Additionally, the Vegepod's protective cover will help us reduce losses from pests, birds, and variable weather, ensuring a more reliable harvest.

Our President Dave had the following comments:

- "It's wonderful to know that our garden will be even more accessible. I look forward to seeing more folks getting their hands dirty and enjoying the experience of growing food.
- With the Vegepod, we'll have more to offer. I can't wait to see how crops grow with this different planting method. This grant is a vote of confidence in our Gardening Group, the Vegepod will be a great addition".

If you are not yet a member or would like to learn more about our projects, we warmly invite you to join us. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a complete beginner, there's a place for you in the Garden Group. Together, we are growing not only vegetables, but also community spirit. Ring Jenny on 0497748010 if you would like a tour of our gardens and more information.

As always, thanks Jenny for your exemplary work. Do come and join us; for \$15- membership fee you get a garden bed, free use of tools and a well appointed club house plus a share of the produce of our different fruit trees. Feedback and input is appreciated. Just give me a call or leave a message.

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
News Coordinator
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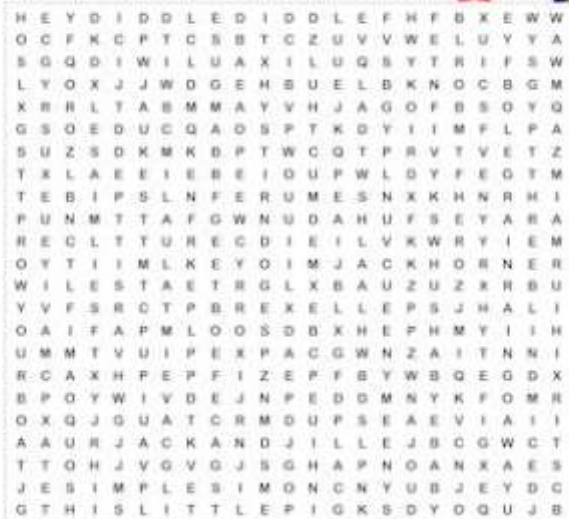
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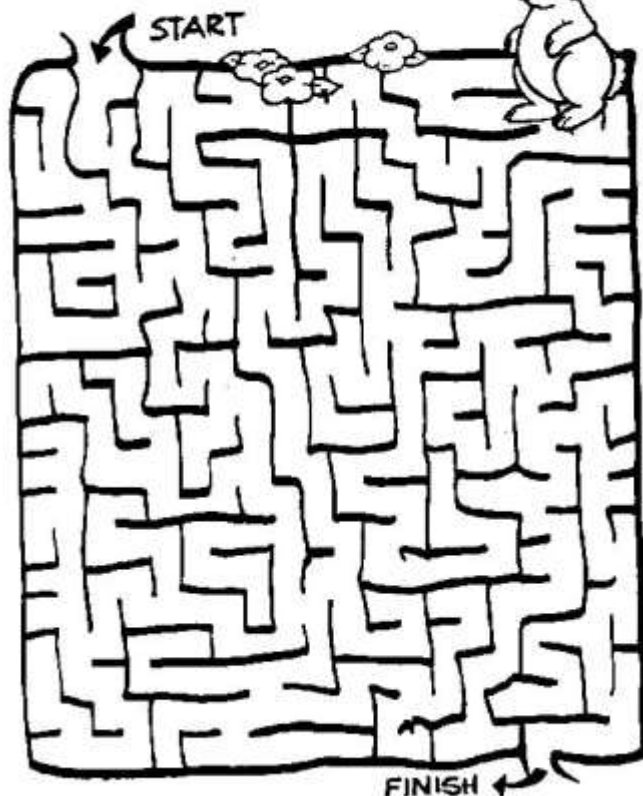
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Word Search Puzzle



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JACK BE NIMBLE	RAIN RAIN GO AWAY	THREE BUND MICE

Will you help this bunny find his way?



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 12 differences between these two pictures?



EASY SEAFOOD RICE

Using pre-prepared mixed seafood makes this healthy rice dish very easy to put together. Plus, using one-pot means you save on washing up

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 leek or onion, sliced
- 110g chorizo sausage, chopped
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 300g long grain rice
- 1 litre hot fish or chicken stock
- 200g frozen peas
- 400g frozen seafood mix, defrosted



Method

- Heat the oil in a deep frying pan, then soften the leek for 5 mins without browning. Add the chorizo and fry until it releases its oils. Stir in the turmeric and rice until coated coated by the oils, then pour in the stock. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 15 mins, stirring occasionally.
- Tip in the peas and cook for 5 mins, then stir in the seafood to heat through for a final 1-2 mins cooking or until rice is cooked. Check for seasoning and serve with lemon wedges.

IMPOSSIBLE PUDDING

An easy throw-together dessert that forms a crust, custard and topping while in the oven. Easy.

Ingredients

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 125g butter, melted
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 1 tsp vanilla essence



Method

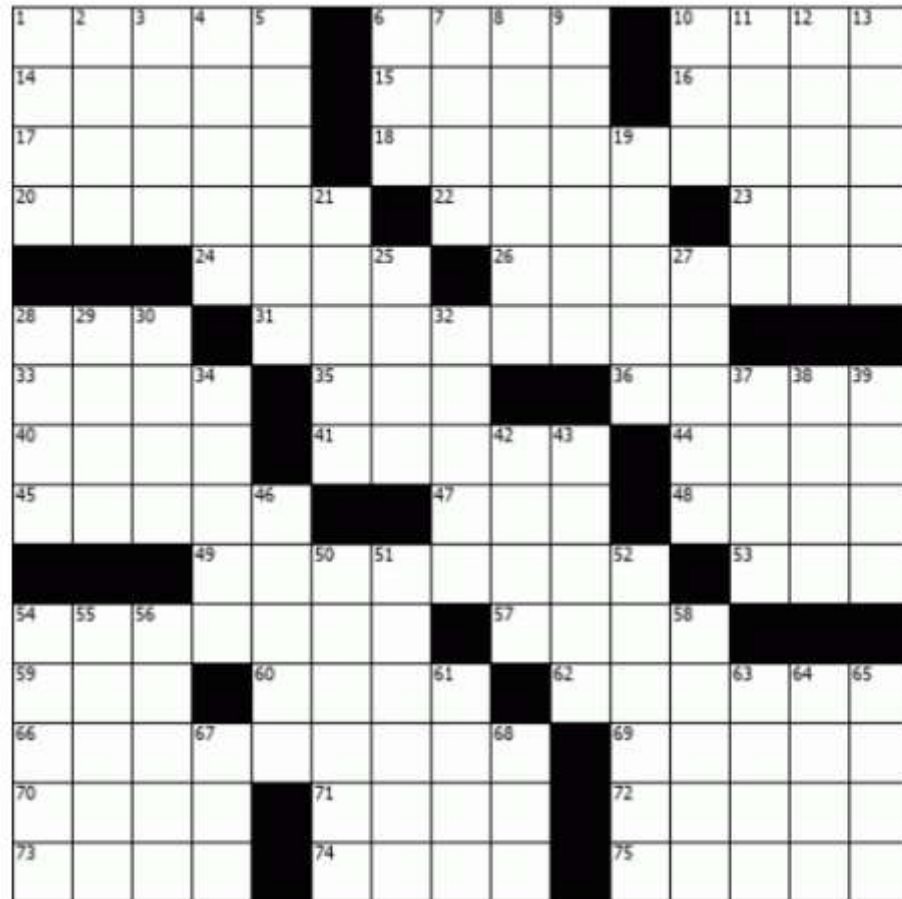
- Lightly beat eggs in a large bowl. Add milk, butter sugar, coconut, flour and vanilla. Mix well.
- Pour into an 18cm pudding bowl or casserole dish. Bake at 180C for 35-40 minutes or until custard is set and top is golden.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Ceases
6. Mythical giant
10. Appraise
14. Chicago's airport
15. Enemies
16. Scored on serve
17. Caesar's language
18. Full of calories
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28. Rotten
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33. Not theirs
35. According to
36. Of the countryside
40. Right away!
41. Legislate
44. Horse's gait
45. Venomous snake
47. Caribbean ____
48. Songstress ____ Turner
49. Parasol
53. Relaxation room
54. Lizard or snake, e.g.
57. Building sites
59. " ____ Lost You"
60. Brief letter
62. Tidy up
66. Rectory
69. Burning
70. Revise copy
71. Makes a hole
72. Large trucks
73. Bank (on)
74. Otherwise
75. Construct



Down

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| 2. Not this | 25. Paradise | 51. Not wholesale |
| 3. Promise | 27. Burst forth | 52. Military command (2 wds.) |
| 4. Fabric pattern | 28. Pear type | 54. Less green |
| 5. Junior's dad | 29. Car | 55. Avoid |
| 6. Out of tune | 30. Lackluster | 56. Risk |
| 7. Objective | 32. Delete | 58. Less hazardous |
| 8. Go to bed | 34. Swagger | 61. Hen products |
| 9. Self-____ | 37. Incursion | 63. Use a stopwatch |
| 10. Dashed | 38. Teen's woe | 64. Guitarist ____ Clapton |
| 11. Etching fluids | 39. Slender | 65. Cozy place |
| 12. Doctrine | 42. Prison room | 67. Pig's digs |
| 13. Margins | 43. Falcon's claw | 68. WNW's opposite |
| 19. Join in | 46. ____ acid | |

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KIDS CROSSWORD



JULY SUDOKU SOLUTION

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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

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If you are a not for profit organisation and have
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Ph: 49854 664

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*** 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 0423 767 490	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 4985 4690
GEMFIELDS LIBRARY	JOANNE GIBSON	TUES 10am - 2pm THURS 12 noon - 4pm SAT 9am - 12 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVICE	Call ANNE 4985 4154 For Willows & Sapphire Venues	2nd & 4th SUNDAY 10.30am 1st SUNDAY 11.00am 5th SUNDAY 11.00am	ANAKIE HALL WILLOWS SAPPHIRE
SALVATION ARMY SERVICE	Kathleen & Byron Hill 0472 958 888	SUNDAY 4PM	ANGELO'S SAPPHIRE

*** WHAT'S ON ***

SAPPHIRE MARKETS	Tricia 0457 582 830 Elaine 0458 740 625	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	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	Roy Day Park
GEMFIELDS RIFLE	Debbie Hickman Ph. 0429 009 354 / 4985 4484	LONG RANGE TARGET SHOOTING	RIFLE RANGE RD
YOGA	Kelly Corbishley	SATURDAY 7.30AM	KANGOULU PARK (Opposite Blue Gem)
TRIVIA	Mary 0415 830 505	MONDAY 10am to Noon	SAPPHIRE HALL