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(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



All of us experience ups and downs in life - there are times of joy and celebration, as well as life events or periods that are challenging, and some moments will contain a bit of both.

In these tough times, it's the support of family, friends and colleagues that can help us through.

That's why we're calling on Community Members to ask your friends or neighbours R U OK?



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
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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.



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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
07 49854 664**

*Thank you to the
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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.



Life is short, so do
what makes you
happy. Be with those
who make you smile.
Laugh as much as you
breathe, and love as
long as you live.



The Gemfields Community
Support Association
would like to thank
Wendy Mason for all her
Dedication and hard work
over the years

Thank You...

Dad's Perfect Gift

by Lill Pluta

I picked some yellow flowers
that were growing in our yard,
put them in a fancy vase,
and made my dad a card.
My sister laughed and boldly said,
"Your gift is very silly.
Dads like ties and grills and tools,
not stuff that's sweet and frilly."
But when I gave my dad his gift,
his face was all aglow.
"Why thank you, son, for pulling weeds,
now I'll have less to mow."



'Newspapers, vinyl records, landline telephones and FM radio. Those are MY favorite dinosaurs.'



My 4-year old granddaughter asked:

"Where does poo come from?"

To make it simple, I said:

"You just had breakfast?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Well, the food goes in your mouth down into your tummy. Our body takes all the good stuff it needs out of the food, and then what's left goes down to your bottom—and when you go to the toilet, that comes out as poo."

She looked confused and stared at me in stunned silence for a few seconds.

Then she asked:

"And Tigger?"



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Hello everyone from Andrew, Dave and the QAS Gemfields volunteers.

Chest Pain

Chest pain, as you might expect, is one of our more common emergency presentations. It's been great to see people heeding advice to not delay calling the ambulance if they're experiencing unusual chest pain. The sooner we can attend, the sooner we can start treatment. If you are found to be having a heart attack, quicker treatment can lower the odds of more serious damage occurring to your heart.

What can cause chest pain? This can be a long list, but briefly, you might experience chest pain due to a muscle strain, damage to your rib cage, pleurisy (inflammation of the membranes around your lungs), a clot in your lung, a racing heart, or perhaps reflux that mimics chest pain. However, the granddaddy of chest pain is what we variably call ischaemic chest pain, acute coronary syndrome, myocardial infarct, or simply, a heart attack.

Put simply, a heart attack occurs when one or more coronary arteries become blocked, preventing blood and therefore oxygen from getting to parts of the heart muscle. This can quickly lead to dysfunction of that heart muscle and then to death of the muscle. If enough muscle is affected, sadly, this can result in a heart attack patient going into cardiac arrest – i.e. their heart stops beating, which then requires resuscitation (chest compressions, defibrillation).

It can be very difficult to differentiate between the different causes of chest pain, and because of this, if you're in any doubt about unusual chest pain, call us on triple zero (000) and we'll come around and perform some checks, provide initial treatment, and then discuss options from there (eg. transporting to hospital for further tests).

What can you do while you wait for the ambulance to arrive? If the patient has their own medications for this situation (eg GTN), you can assist them to take these medications. However, don't give the patient other people's medications – only the ones their doctor has prescribed for them.

Keep the patient comfortable and as relaxed as possible, as this will reduce their heart rate and take some load off the heart. Often a conscious patient with chest pain will be most comfortable sitting upright, as they'll frequently also have some shortness of breath, and this position aids with breathing.

Any patient that has altered levels of consciousness should be carefully positioned laying down, in the lateral position (on their side). This could be on a bed, but even better is on the floor, in an open area with easy access. Continue to make the patient comfortable, provide blankets, protect them from the weather if outside, etc.

Frequently continue to monitor the patient for levels of consciousness, and for their breathing rate and effort. If the patient becomes UNRESPONSIVE and is NOT BREATHING, and it is SAFE TO DO SO, commence compressions (hard, fast compressions to the centre of the chest), update the ambulance on triple zero, and if at all possible, send someone to obtain one of the publicly accessible automatic defibrillators.

Thanks again for your continued support. We love working here and serving such a great community.

And the usual reminder, ALWAYS – if you require the ambulance, only call Triple Zero (000). There are no other numbers to call, just triple zero (000), no matter the severity of your condition.



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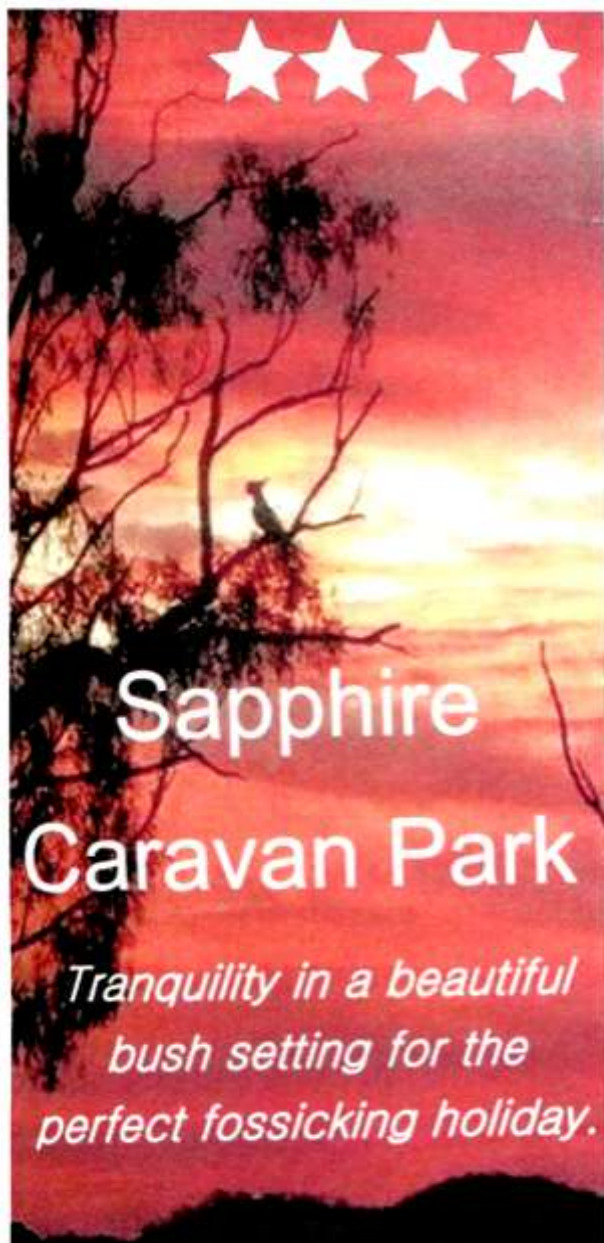
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Miners Common Museum



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the showing of BUDDIES 04 July raised \$350 through meat tray raffles

Thank you Sparrow's Perch

New Royal Hotel Pig Races 26 July raised \$1000 from charity auctions

Thank you New Royal Hotel

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time & energy & to those who bought our raffle tickets!! All for a great cause!!



We ran our very popular mini wheel barrow races at the Pig Races and Saturday Night Spectacular
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Harry The Specker – Helmut Josef Langer, Born 1933,
passed away at 92 years of age, Gemfields.

Harry was born in Germany but moved to Australia sometime in the 1970s and was a long-time resident of the Sapphire Gemfields.

He was often seen walking (3-4km per day) by locals and visitors alike, up and down the roads, generally specking on his way to and from his camp out in the bush.

Those that knew Harry knew he was a quiet and reserved man, a complete Gentleman.

Friend Silvia, who knew Harry for 30 years, spoke the following at his service in May 2025.

Harry lived a very uncomplicated life, living in a tent out in the bush in Sapphire life, with very few comforts, living in a tent for much of his time.

His campsite was very clean and tidy; this may have been due to the fact he had a fascination with snakes.

Harry kept snakes as pets, which he was known to handle – he caught mice to feed them.

Whilst walking, Harry was specking for sapphires, which he sold to fund his travels.

Harry explained to Silvia and her husband that through his travels he had been to 70 countries throughout his life.

The most enjoyable of his journeys was to South America in 1972 by passenger ship.

Harry arrived in Panama from where he travelled to many places over 122 days.

He recorded his modes of transport as follows – two passenger ships, three ferries, four flights, four private cars, five river boats, 10 trains, three taxis, 44 buses, two trucks and one motorboat.



In his later years Harry left the Gemfields, moving to Emerald, which he didn't enjoy greatly after having lived peacefully in the bush for many years.

He returned to Gemfields and did spend a short time back at his old camp, then into a local rental before again moving back to Emerald.

He was moved to a couple of different townships across the Central Highlands - finally moving back to the Gemfields just before passing away.

There are other stories of Harry that were recounted both at his service and by those who knew and remember him.

May the specking be good wherever you are Harry



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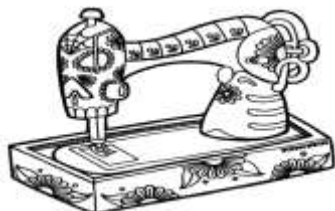
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GEMMY QUILTERS SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

A great big thank you to all our supporters during our Quilt Show. We had a wonderful response from everyone and raised the magnificent sum of \$3,737.30 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Our raffles were drawn and the lucky winners were -

1 st Prize	Ticket Black E61	Lyn Thomson
2 nd Prize	Ticket Blue E90	Matthew Laycock
3 rd Prize	Ticket Purple E29	Bruce Roots

The winner of the vest was – Ticket Orange B09 Val Shaw

All our winners were very happy with their prizes and look forward to having a go at our next Show in 2 years.

Our thanks go especially to our best ticket seller, Sharon and to the ladies looking after the Coffee Shop which was kept busy dispensing teas, coffees and cakes. Big thanks go to our President, Carol for her hard work organising us all and to the various partners of members who were essential to the job of hanging the quilts and removing them at the finish.

A very small selection of our quilts on display.

Once again – big thanks to the Gemfields Community and Visitors for helping to make our Show such a success. Come and join us any Tuesday at the Sapphire Hall 9.00am to 3.00pm.



Till next month-Gemmy Quilters.

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

Winter is coming to an end and so does our tourist season. The Festival of Gems at Roy Day Park was very successful and we had quite a busy three days at our stall. We had hoped we could have the ambulance for display with Andrew demonstrating CPR but unfortunately he was called out each day. We do hope the patients are recovering.



Andrew at our stall just before being called away.

We are really hoping to be able to do more demonstrations in the weeks remaining before the markets close for the year. Come and say hello, but better yet, how about joining us. Our Committee is very small and we desperately need new volunteers to help. The work is not very hard and does not take up a lot of time so please give it some thought.

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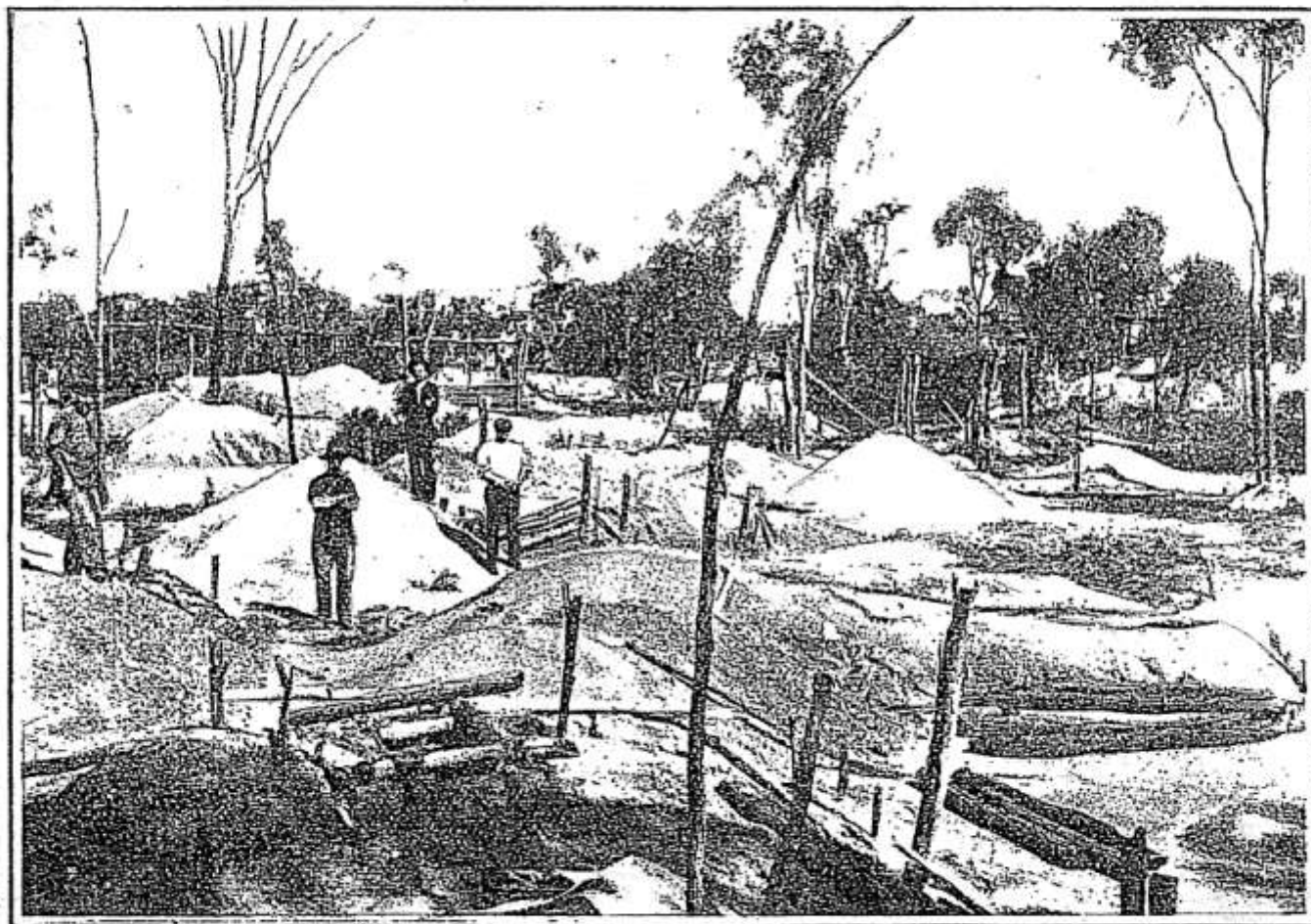
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Excerpt from Historical Book CAPTURED IN TIME



MACKIE'S CARNIVAL CLAIM, RUBY VALE 1913

From "Notes on the Anakie Sapphire Fields in 1913"

By Lionel C. Ball Assistant Government Geologist

An excerpt from his report:- 'In all there are now 17 buyers and of these ten are stationed at Sapphire and seven at Ruby Vale.'

Values given for buying sapphires were:

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<i>Parcel blues</i> [these of medium size]	35s. per oz
<i>Small blues</i> [mostly less than one carat]	7s.6d. per oz.
<i>Machine stone</i> [off colours up to ½ oz in weight]	3s. to 3s.6d. per oz.
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1 pm AT THE RUBYVALE HALL. Please sign in at the Door.

Thank you all,
QSMA Committee



2025-2026 Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

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Membership & Renewal Application Form \$35.00 Per Year

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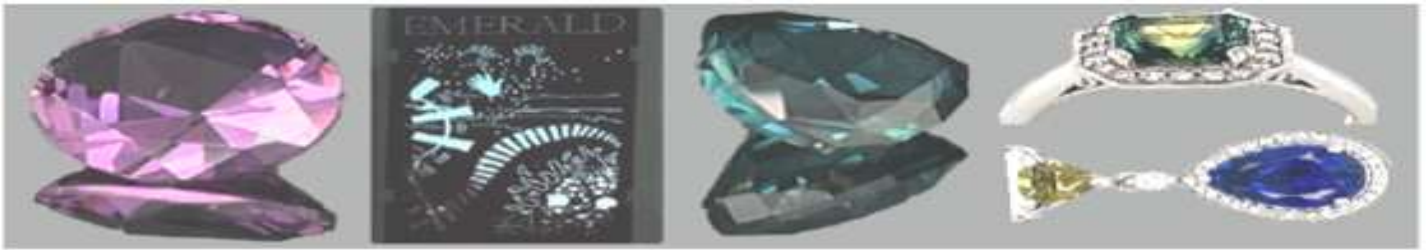
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Importance of Accuracy: In Gemstone Appraisals, accuracy is paramount, and it is not acceptable to collect general information from books and the internet and copy, cut and paste it without actually testing and identifying the gemstone in question.

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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.

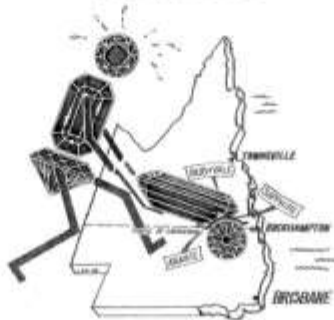
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Have you every wanted to learn Tai Chi? Participation is free and open to all ages and genders. Our friendly group meets at the GMPC every Monday at 9am (unless it's a public holiday) and we would love to welcome you there.

Enjoy your September :-)

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

<https://www.clearaichi.com/blog/tai-chi-error-of-double-weightedness-6816.html>



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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2025

Along with the rest of the community August was a busy time! Our retreat has been full with a lot of wonderful campers, some returning and some first timers, with new visitors saying I wish we could stay longer but we will be back.

We had a lovely three days at Roy Day Park during the festival weekend. A lot of visitors came through the gate and bought some merchandise or tickets in our Father's Day Raffle.

Our wonderful volunteers have been busy replacing the memorabilia on the walls inside, which is still a work in progress. They have also stripped the old roof off the camp kitchen and replaced it with a new insulated colourbond roof. Wow, what a difference it makes, not only to how it looks but also the temperature underneath. I can't thank our volunteers enough for the efforts they have been putting in to help with renovations around the sub-branch.

The only downside to our renovations is that our pool table has split at a join in the slate and needs to be repaired. This is a costly exercise but if we have anyone in the community that can repair it, please contact us.

On 18th August we had a small, but poignant, service for Vietnam Veterans Day which was attended by approximately 30 people. A light lunch, supplied by our campers, and a couple of coldies were enjoyed after the service. Thank you to all who attended.

The Veterans Morning Teas' have continued to be held. Thank you to those that attended. We have had enjoyable mornings, with our campers supplying some of our treats. Don't forget to spread the word! Our next Veterans Morning Tea will be held on 3rd and 17th September 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.

Dates to Remember for September:

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

3rd September & 17th September: Veterans morning tea at 1000

7th September: Father's Day – Come along and see if you win our raffle. If you win 1st prize you have a choice between two prizes!

12th September: Gatsby Night – Come and enjoy a night of festivities in the style of the roaring 20's! Get your Gatsby gear on and show off!

20th September: INTERFET Day.

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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LEST WE FORGET



Garden News September 2025

Gemfest, our premier display of sapphires and workmanship, has come and is gone. A spectacle enjoyed by all of us thanks to the many exhibitors and volunteers, workers behind the scenes; kudos to all of them! Last not least, the pleasant weather played its part too.

One of my favourites is the “Wine and Cheese” night, staged at the Rubyvale hall. Linda and her sister Andrea with their busy team did a tremendous job! An occasion in one can mix with the locals and tourists in a hall decorated with local art over a drink and gourmet cheese platters. Jasons “strudels,” also a well received addition, enjoyed by many.

Also worth a mention is the magnificent Sapphire display by Ray Richardson in Sapphire; a truly world class, mouth watering exhibition of unique gemstones professionally displayed.

Those are just a couple of examples that makes our Gemfest shine and attract the public eye in a positive way. Keep it up and let's build on it!

The monthly “old time dance” at the Capella town hall is on the second Saturday of the month again, 8pm till late. Ring Noela on 0408721707 for more info. A pleasant way to exercise, just like gardening.

Sadly, our eminent Rubyvale post mistress, Sue Anderson, passed away on the 31.07.2025. We fondly remember her, RIP.

Spring is around the corner. Here is our valued secretary with some gardening tips:

Spring Planting Guide for Arid Queensland

Spring in arid Queensland brings new life and opportunity to our community garden. With a bit of planning and water-wise habits, your plot can flourish, even in tough conditions.

Rain may be scarce, but mild temperatures and occasional showers make spring the best season to start resilient crops. Mulch and careful watering are key for success.

What to Plant in Spring

- Tomatoes: Drought-hardy ‘Roma’ or ‘Cherry’ types thrive with compost and thick mulch.
- Capsicums & Chillies: Love heat and need good drainage; establish from seeds or seedlings.
- Carrots: Sow directly in sandy soil; keep moist until sprouted.
- Beetroot: Hardy and reliable, best in mulched rows.
- Sweet Corn: Needs space, deep watering, and lots of compost.
- Zucchini & Squash: Productive in warm weather, plant in mounds for drainage.
- Pumpkin: Loves sun; mulch well and water deeply.

Flowers for Pollinators

- Marigolds: Bright, pest-repellent, and easy to grow.
- Sunflowers: Tall and cheerful, attract birds and thrive on little water.
- Alyssum: Low and fragrant, pulls in beneficial insects.

Quick Tips

- Mulch well to conserve moisture and suppress weeds.
- Water early morning or late afternoon; use drip irrigation if possible.
- Add compost each season for healthier soil.
- Shelter seedlings from harsh winds and midday sun.

What have we been up to:

- Labelling of trees in our gardens completed
- Purchasing of Vegepod garden bed funded by the Capricornian Bank in progress.

Get involved: Volunteer, plan your own garden bed. Membership is \$15, call Jenny if interested on 0497748010.

Thanks Jenny; growing your own vegetables and fruit is not only rewarding but very healthy! Sickness seems to be on the increase; plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables strengthen the immune system to keep us and bring us to good health!

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
News Coordinator
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- October: Monday 13th Willows Rec Club
- November Monday 10th Rubyvale Hall
- December Monday 8th Willows Rec Club.

New Members Welcome

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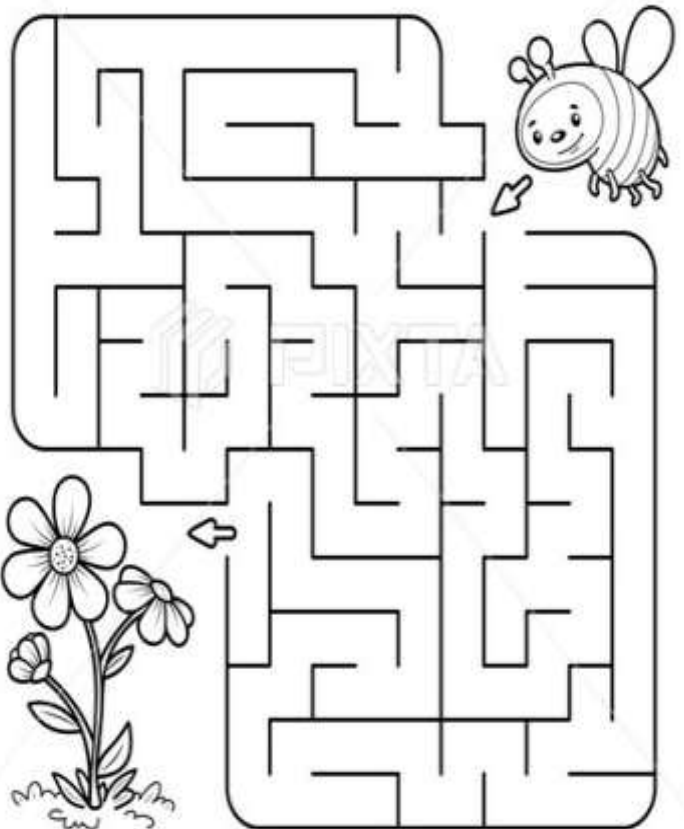
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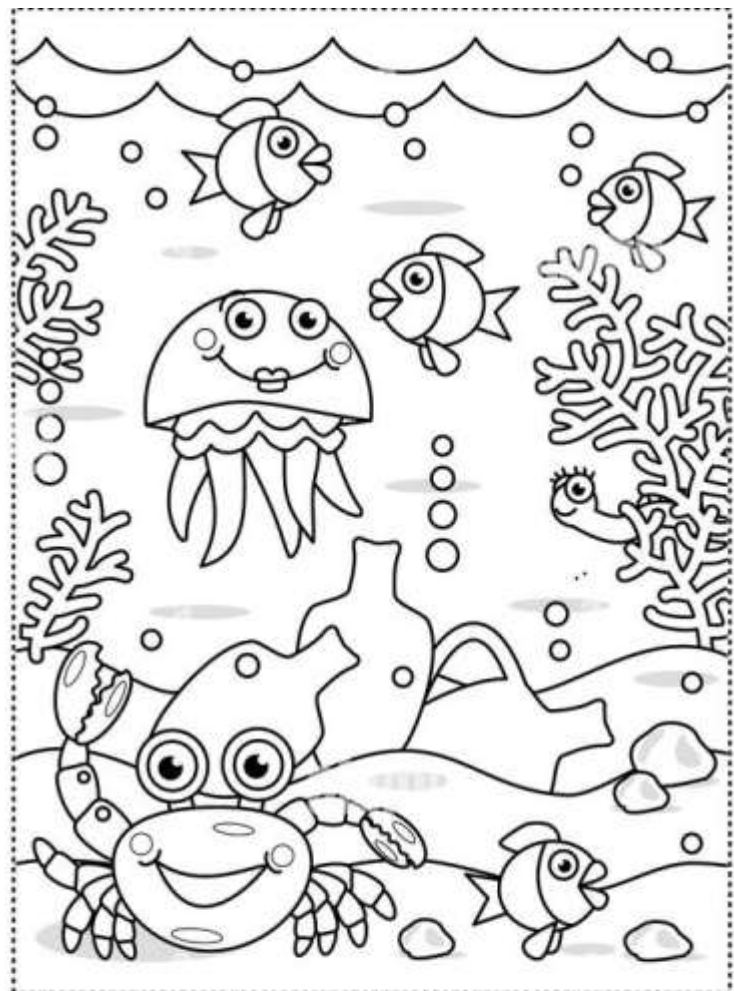
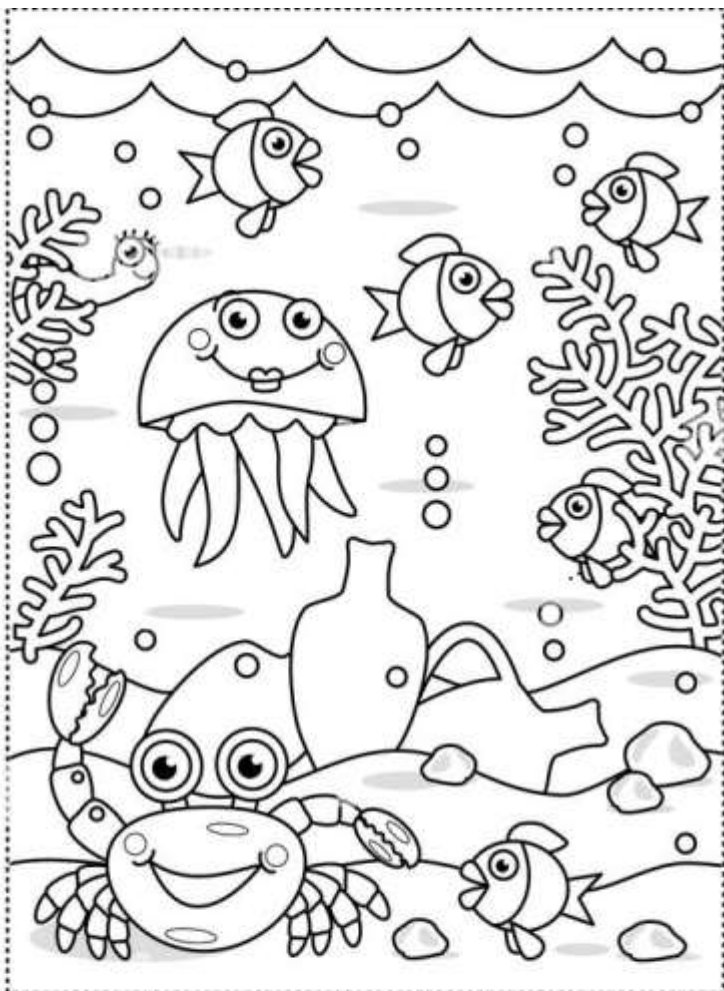
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MAZE GAME



Find 10 differences.



GREEN OLIVE SPAGHETTI WITH BROCCOLINI & BACON

Ingredients

- 1 bunch Broccolini, finely chopped
- 500g Spaghetti
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1 leek, pale section only, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 150g diced bacon
- 1/2 cup pitted green olives, halved
- 2 tbs panko breadcrumbs, toasted
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan



Method

- Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Add Broccolini and cook for 4 minutes or until bright green and just tender. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a plate. Bring water to a boil. Cook pasta for 8-10 minutes or until al dente. Drain
- Meanwhile, heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add leek and cook for 3-4 minutes or until softened. Add garlic and bacon. Cook for 5-6 minutes, tossing occasionally until bacon is browned and crispy. Add Broccolini, pasta and olives to pan. Cook, tossing for 1-2 minutes or until heated and combined.
- Top with breadcrumbs and parmesan. Season with freshly ground black pepper. Serve

DATE AND OAT SLICE

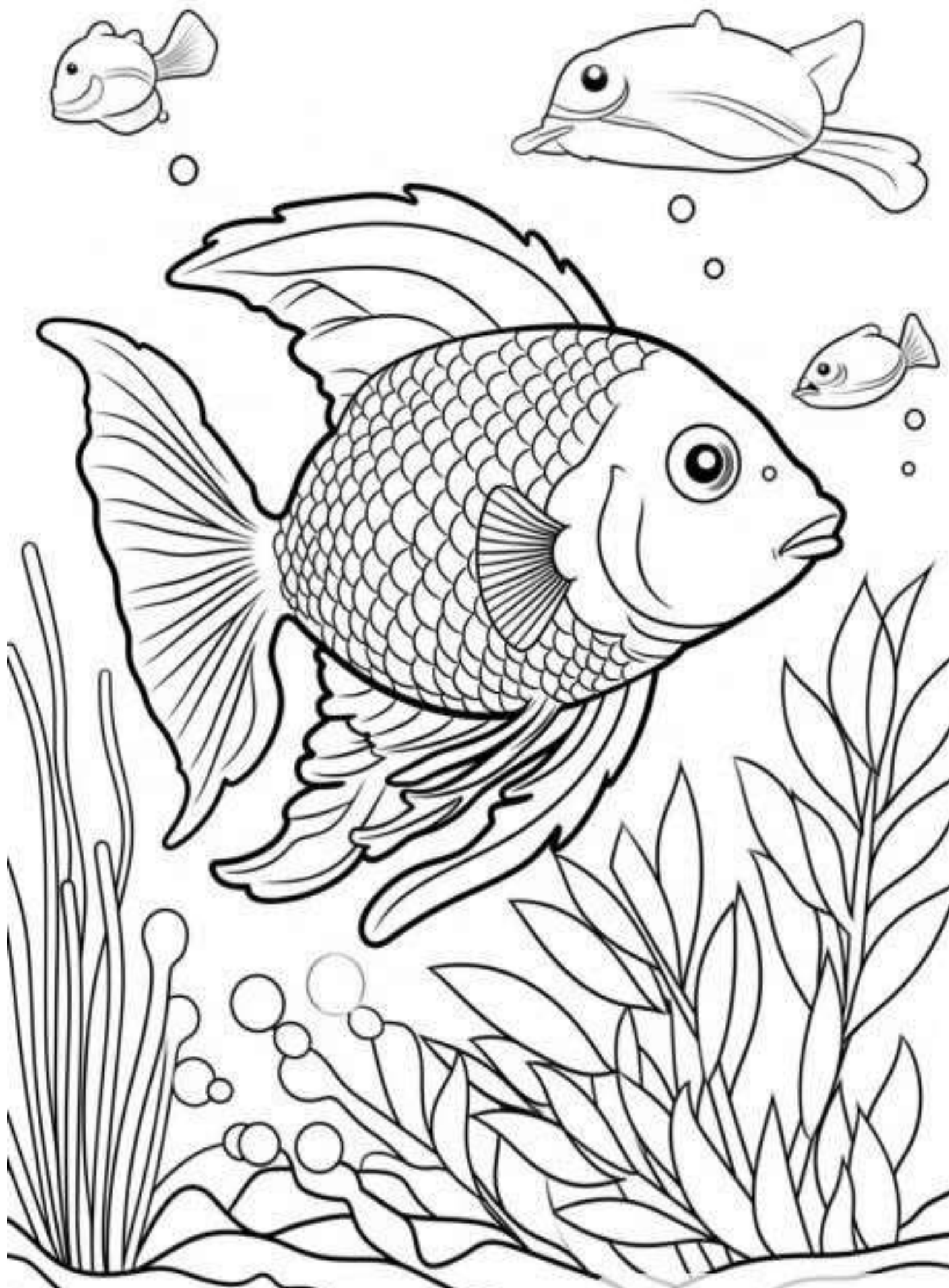
Ingredients

- 2 cups chopped pitted dates
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup caster sugar
- 185g butter, chopped, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 tbs golden syrup
- 1 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped walnuts



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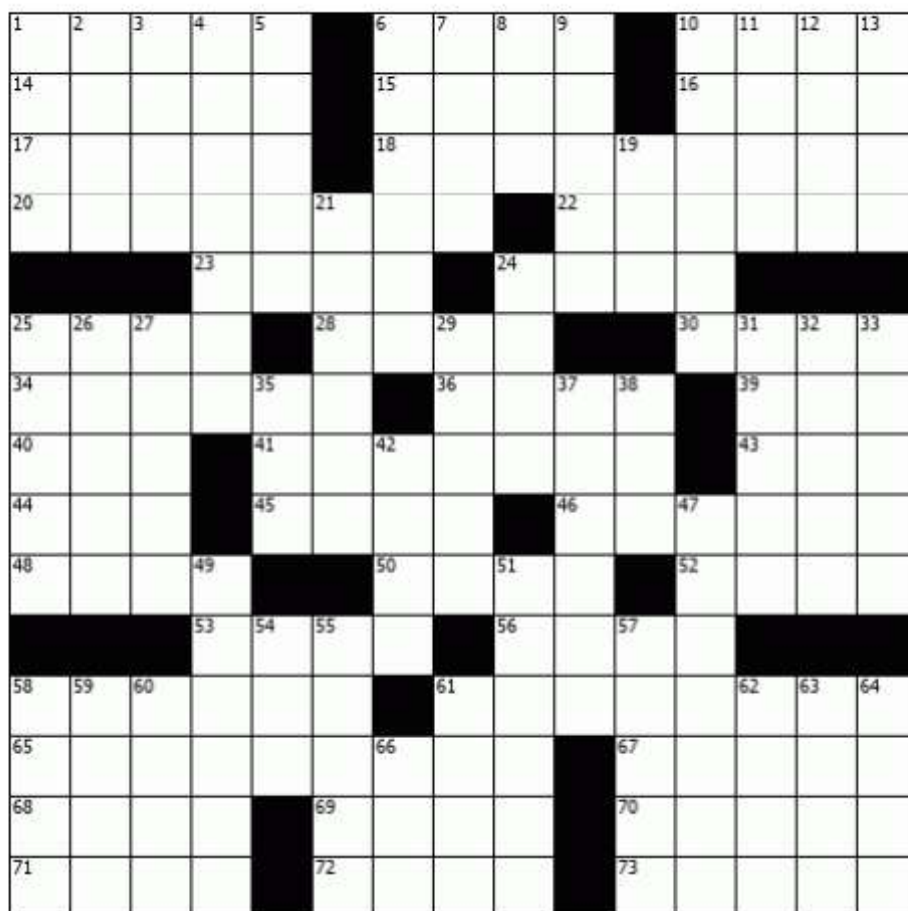
- Preheat oven to 180C (160C fan-forced). Lightly grease and line a 20 x 30cm slice pan
- Combine dates, water and caster sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, 10-15 minutes, until dates have absorbed most of the liquid. Set aside to cool.
- Meanwhile, in a bowl, using an electric mixer, cream butter, brown sugar and syrup together, until light and fluffy. Sift flour and soda over butter mixture. Fold in lightly. Add oats; mix well.
- Press half the oat mixture into base of prepared pan. Spread date mixture over the top.
- Mix walnuts through remaining oat mixture. Crumble over date mixture, pressing lightly. Bake date and oat slice for 30-35 minutes, until golden. Cut into slices when cold.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Waltz, e.g.
6. Seafood choice
10. Sorrowful word
14. Atlantic or Pacific
15. Knoll
16. Mediocre (hyph.)
17. Commence
18. Play host
20. Respected
22. Finnish baths
23. Love deity
24. Common contraction
25. Shadowbox
28. Land document
30. Shade sources
34. Sneeze need
36. Modernize
39. Lick up
40. Congressman (abbr.)
41. Made happy
43. Pierre's friend
44. Expert
45. RR terminals
46. Sailor
48. Took off
50. Trickle
52. Flower holder
53. Dislike strongly
56. Easy gait
58. ___ down (turned over)
61. Second self (2 wds.)
65. Support for an institution
67. Christmas song
68. Wallet stuffers
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71. Politician ___ Gingrich
72. Historic times
73. Necessities



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| 3. Tidy | 25. Drinking tube | 54. Bustle |
| 4. Vocations | 26. Fragment | 55. High-strung |
| 5. Register | 27. Poplar type | 57. Praline nut |
| 6. Cheddar, e.g. | 29. Wipe out | 58. On top of |
| 7. Fruit peel | 31. Andean animal | 59. Window glass |
| 8. Computer key | 32. Papas' partners | 60. Fret |
| 9. Make holy | 33. Backbone | 61. Water (Sp.) |
| 10. Perceptive | 35. Raises | 62. Historic canal |
| 11. Borrowed money | 37. Dictator | 63. Prospector's quest |
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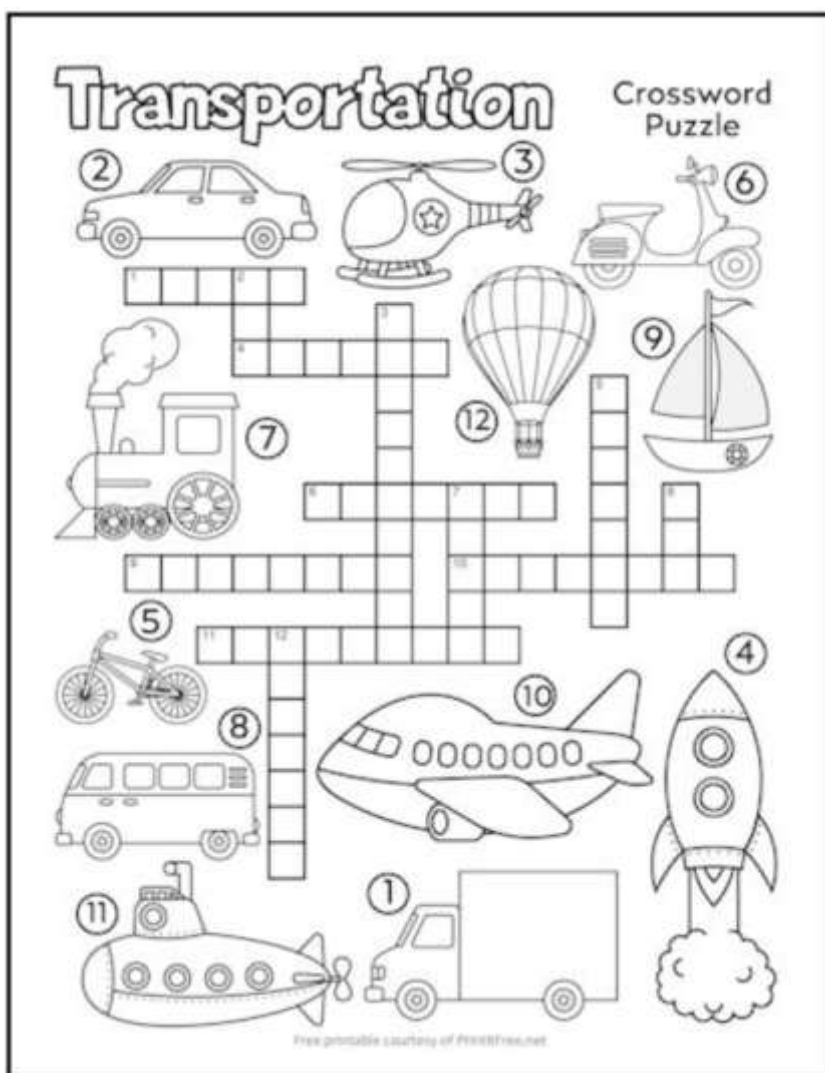
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GEMFIELDS GARDEN CLUB

**** 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

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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

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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