



**Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.**

*(Funded by State and Federal Government)*

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# Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## October 2025

**GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: [www.gemfields.org.au](http://www.gemfields.org.au)**



### **A Message from the Gemfields Community Support Association**

*On November 11, we join Australians across the nation in honouring Remembrance Day — a time to pause and reflect on the bravery, service, and sacrifice of all who have served our country in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions.*

*At 11am, we observe one minute of silence to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and those who returned home forever changed. As a community, we extend our gratitude to past and present service members and their families. May we always remember their courage and the peace their sacrifice has given us.*

***Lest we forget.***



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**



### **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**



**Gemfields Community Support  
Association**

Would you like to make a difference in your local community?

We're looking for caring, reliable people to lend a hand at the Gemfields Community Support Association. Whether you can spare a few hours each week or just occasionally, your time and kindness can go a long way in supporting our community programs and neighbours in need.

To find out more, contact the Gemfields Community Support Association — we'd love to hear from you!



[ceo@gemfields.org.au](mailto:ceo@gemfields.org.au)



49 854 664



**WE'RE STAYING OPEN!**  
**SAPPHIRE SHOWCASE**  
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Commencing Friday 3 October, we will be opening Friday to Tuesday each week throughout the warmer months and are looking forward to continuing our service into the future.

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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](http://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



myagedcare

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**<sup>TM</sup>  
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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  
Central Highlands Regional Council  
for supporting the  
Gemfields Community Support Ass..Inc.  
([www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au](http://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](mailto:admin@gemfields.org.au) or bring in to Office

### Got something to celebrate?



Birthdays, anniversaries, good news?  
We'd love to share it!



Send your shout-outs to  
[admin@gemfields.org.au](mailto:admin@gemfields.org.au)

## Community Shoutout Congratulations Bruce!

A big congratulations to Bruce Masters, who recently completed his **Certificate IV in Waste Management** and was named **Student of the Month for September** by *Academy Green Learning*!

Bruce's dedication, eagerness to learn, and outstanding effort have truly paid off. This award recognises his consistent commitment and hard work — well done, Bruce!



## GEMFIELDS PET OF THE MONTH: SUNNIE!



**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

**Age:** 2

**My human:** Chelsea

**Sunnie's funniest habit?** Her mad zoomie dashes around the yard!

**Send a photo of your furry friend for next month's feature!**

[admin@gemfields.org.au](mailto:admin@gemfields.org.au)

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Meals on Wheels volunteers who have been braving the heat to bring warm meals and smiles to our local community!

**THANK  
YOU!**

# POEMS - STORIES - FUNNIES

## ● NICKNAMES FOR YOUR COWORKERS ●

KITKAT: Always taking a break.

BUTTER KNIFE: Not the sharpest tool in the box.

ARTHUR: Does "half a" job.

MOTION LIGHT: Only works when someone walks past.

E.T.: Always wants to go home.

SEAWEED: Floats around all day and stinks up the place.

LANTERN: Not very bright and has to be carried.

DECK CHAIR: Always folds under pressure.

DAISY: Some days in, some days isn't.



## Things to ponder

1. What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
2. If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or less poisonous?
3. Which letter is silent in the word scent, the S or the C?
4. Everytime you clean something, you make something else dirty.
5. The word swims upside down is still swims
6. Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
7. Is your future self watching you right now through memories?
8. If you replace W with T in What, Where and When, you get the answer to each of them.
9. How many animals need glasses and no one knows it?
10. If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than before.





Hello everyone, from Andrew and Dave, your local ambos.

### **Car crashes**

We've seen an increase in motor vehicle crashes and near-misses over the past few months.

Each crash usually has multiple contributing elements, but we continually find one of the major factors is speed. Emergency services see up-close the real-life consequences of high speeds – that is, broken bones, amputations, brain injuries, and traumatic deaths. When you're speeding, you can feel very isolated. Sometimes it's not until you see the results of high speed crashes that it really hits home.

There are crashes we go to where the driver was going at or below the speed limit (driving to the prevailing conditions), and it is clear their slower speed has helped to minimise the impact, with less damage to the car, and the occupants able to get themselves out of the vehicle, largely injury free.

In contrast, the effect of being "*just*" 10km/h over the limit has also been evident to us – the vehicle had that much more kinetic energy, and stopping distances were that much longer, that an otherwise survivable crash ended up being life changing – for the occupants, the occupants' family, and for us.

Here are some numbers for you to consider:

A 1500kg vehicle travelling at 100km/h possesses 578kJ of kinetic energy

At 110km/h, that same vehicle possesses 700kJ of energy, **OVER 20% MORE**

### **KINETIC ENERGY**

To compare, if you dropped from a plane without a parachute, at terminal velocity your body would possess 280kJ of energy. The speeding vehicle has 2.5 times the energy.

Another comparison: when we shock people with our defibrillators, we use 200J (not kJ) of energy – that is, the speeding vehicle has 3,500 times more energy than the defib shock.

Obviously, a heavier vehicle such as a 4WD has higher numbers again, but on top of that also has significantly poorer driving dynamics.

Stopping distances are affected too. In ideal conditions, in a standard car, your stopping distance is approximately 98 metres at 100km/h, but 113 metres at 110km/h. This gap increases considerably on a wet road and in heavier vehicles. That 15 metres can make the difference between you staying on the road or leaving the road and hitting a tree. Or whether you hit a child on the side of the road.

We stand outside the station and routinely see vehicles including heavy 4WDs speeding past and shake our heads about how oblivious those drivers are about the risk they pose to themselves and others. It's a 50 zone through Sapphire and Rubyvale for a reason – it's a more built up area, with blind drive-ways, wildlife, livestock, children nearby etc. Please slow down, don't drink and drive, don't drive while fatigued, put your phone away, wear your seatbelt, ensure your vehicle is well maintained, and just drive rationally – that seemingly slight increase in speed **WON'T** get you there much quicker, but CAN have a serious **IMPACT** – literally.

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A huge thank you to Gemini Caravan Park and all the community that donate their cans and bottles, Ron's Raffles that donate proceedings from raffles at Sunday Markets

# SENIORS CONNECT

## PEAK DOWNS HALL

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AT 9.30AM

WHERE:  
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Come join the lovely Hayley - she has set up a Heart Foundation walking group in Emerald on Wednesday Mornings. Being active on a regular basis is an important part of a social, happy & healthy lifestyle. Registration not necessary but would be appreciated (enables us to contact you should we need to cancel the walk due to weather) - meet at the windmill 7am



Walking groups are a social, supportive, and simple way to **boost your health and make connections** in your community.

When you join a Heart Foundation Walking group, every step is a victory. Because for a healthy mind, body and heart, **WALKING WINS**.

Take the first step and join your **free** local walking group.

**Group:** Emerald Walkers  
**When:** Every Wednesday starting 2nd April 2025  
Meet at 7.00am, start at 7.15am  
**Where:** Emerald Botanical Gardens, meet at the windmill  
**Contact:** Hayley Butler [hayley@heartfoundation.com.au](mailto:hayley@heartfoundation.com.au)

Visit [walking.heartfoundation.org.au](http://walking.heartfoundation.org.au) to register or for more information



# The Gem in the Gemfields

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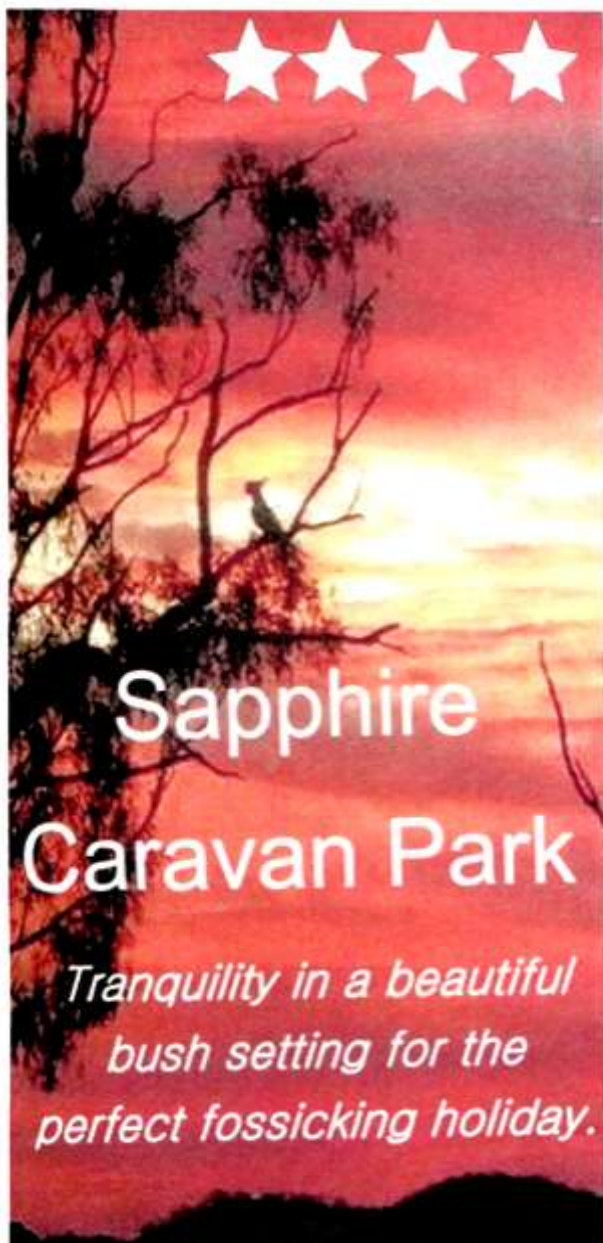


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The winning ticket was Blue C 87- Gabe Kirk

## \* Thanks again to all the supporters

of our 2025 raffle. We made \$738 towards our Future  
Preservation Fund. Every little bit helps!

## \* Creative Collective- Public Art/Info

If you are interested in creating a public art/ info space on the  
Sapphire Gemfields then please join us. Phone Helen Pinn for  
details of next meeting on 0409 626 997

## \* Sapphire Gemfields Directory

Don't forget to list your not-for-profit, event, or business details



Miners Common Museum is now closed for summer

# GEMFIELDS BOBCAT AND TIPPER HIRE

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*Rev apologises to anyone who may have been missed — your contribution is truly appreciated.*

GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY

# THANK YOU DAY MEGA RAFFLE FUN DAY

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## Excerpt from Historical Book

### MACHINERY MINING

In June 1965 the Central Queensland News reported that there had been a resurgence in sapphire mining that saw ... *"Two enterprising gem miners using a small bulldozer to shift the overburden"*. In October Mr. O. Anderson, Inspector for Mines, wrote ... *"Mining on the field in the past was performed by small operators yet the field lends itself to large scale operations"*.

THIS WAS THE START OF THE MCHINERY MINING ERA. By January 1969, buyers were paying \$2,000 per ounce for first grade blues and the "boom" years of the 70s were just around the corner. By the mid 1970s the area had been invaded by operators with mechanized equipment, many of them working around the clock. Buyers from Thailand became semi-permanent and the prosperity of 'easy' money gave rise to full employment and a greater population.



### THAI BUYERS NOTICES



Some machinery miners from the 1970s and 80s were: NORRIS, GRAHAM, HICKENBOTTOM, RICHARDSON, LITZ, JUETT, McKAY, BIRSE, KIRKWOOD, SALMON, READ, MOSLEY, WHITE, GREGORY, POLL, KEATING, GLEESON, WARNER, GOWLAND/JONES, WICKHAM, HUDSON, O'NEIL, BAKER, McCORMICK, VELLA, SHEPHERD, FAHRMANN, GILES, DEELEY, FANCOURT, SMITH, NUEL, BOETJE, KINGSLEY, HALLAM, WILSON, MEYER, BUCKNER, KERR, WALTERS, ALLEN, ZIMMEREKNER, NIELSEN, MORGAN, IMRAY, DOUGHTY, STRACHAN, COMMINO, SCHMAUSER, SCHIPP, WOOD, TIMMS, DAY, NIMMO, BELLAMY, SCARLETT, ARCHIBALD, HAINSWORTH AND COMPANIES LIKE MOUNT ARTHUR, GREAT NORTHERN AND QUEENSLAND SAPPHIRE MINING.

By the new millennium high fuel costs and lack of bulk buyers and, at times, lack of water for processing has meant that the field has mostly reverted to the hand mining process – both by permanent miners and winter semi-permanents who join the thousands of tourists who visit, mostly during the cooler winter months.

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October 2025

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

QSMA attended a teams meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in Emerald with DNRM (mines) & DETSI (Environment) Policy Department heads, along with Queensland Opal Miners Assn & Queensland Small Miners Council to discuss and review the released information paper, Proposals to Streamline Small Scale Mining Activities which aids the interpretation of the exposure draft of the Environment Protection (efficiency & streamlining) and other legislation bill 2025.

#### Key proposed changes are:

- Prescribed conditions for SSM to automatically transition to ERA (Environmental Relevant Activity) Codes for Mining Claims and Exploration Permits.
- Conditions and Definitions moved to codes and made clear and enforceable.
- Codes to look different but will not impact daily operations to conduct your operation as usual.
- No longer need to provide Financial Assurance i.e surety and refunds will be given.
- Prospecting permits managed by general environmental duty rather than ERA Codes.

After reviewing submissions from stakeholders,

The Department is expected to seek government approval to introduce the Bill into Parliament later this year. They expect transitioning will take some time and will be over a phased in period.

QSMA lodged our submission to this paper on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Our key points centred on:- (1) Clarification of rehabilitation responsibilities (2) Establishment of an appeals process (3) Transparency on compliance fines (4) Improved support for miners (5) Clear guidance on Water testing (6) Revision of watercourse definitions.

DNRM also briefed those in attendance with the upcoming change to the Myminesonline Portal and re-working it with a new title of the RAR Project. We will be notified in the lead up of the implementation. They have assured us it will be more user friendly. Now that would be nice!

Thank you all,

Kind regards

QSMA Committee



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## **GEMMY QUILTERS NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the warm weather and thank goodness for the air conditioning in the Hall.  
Thank you CHRC. We do appreciate it.

Well our numbers are getting smaller as our winter visitors leave but we still have a good time each Tuesday stitching and chatting. Come and join us and see what we do. We are at the Sapphire Hall each Tuesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Morning tea is provided but bring your own lunch if staying all day.

April has just finished a lovely quilt for her bed – she has come on in leaps and bounds. Can't wait to see her next project.

Helen has finished two lovely crocheted dolls for Carol's granddaughters for Christmas – I'm sure they will love them. The rest of us are working on our individual projects. Mandy – crazy patchwork, Lola – potholders, Sharon – a new quilt (can't wait to share that one with you), Val – a table runner. Jenny – dolls clothes for granddaughters. We are all keeping busy enjoying ourselves. We are coming to grips with our quilting machine.



Thanks to Joanne who has become our mentor. Practice is the word for this.  
Till next time keep stitching and smiling

Gemmy Quilters

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# **GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE**



## **NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to November, nearly another year done and dusted! Have you given any thought to volunteering? WE NEED MORE PEOPLE. Please give this some thought. Contact Judy on 0437 331 812 for more information.

We are often asked where the money we raise goes? Your donations are used in purchasing equipment for our local ambulance station such as the lifter which enables our ambos to lift heavy people who have had a fall. This is done so easily using the proper equipment with minimum effort from those helping and much less trauma for the patient.

We also assist in the purchase of text books for our paramedics to further their studies. As well, we furnish the relieving quarters with linen and kitchen items to make our short term ambos more comfortable.

We have also purchased equipment to enable us to help us hold information sessions at our stall at the markets i.e. snake bite treatment, CPR, wound dressing etc. We are planning on holding more of these next year. We have now finished for this year with the markets ending and look forward to a break but look out for us next year and we look forward to seeing you.

Until then, Keep safe

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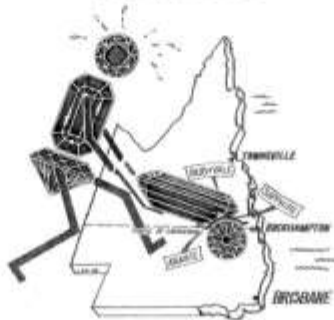
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Have you been wanting to learn Tai Chi? Participation is free and is open to all ages and genders. Our friendly group meets at the GMPC every Monday at 9am (unless it's a public holiday), and we would love to see you there!

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

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

<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/essential-tai-chi-principles-2/>

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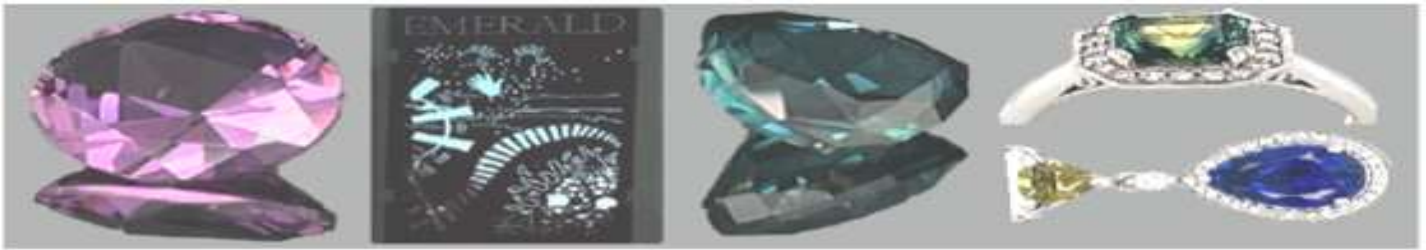
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## **GEMSTONE/JEWELLERY APPRAISAL/VALUATION**

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.



Gemfields Riding for the Disabled would like to advise that lessons have commenced.

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](mailto:sapphire.rda@gmail.com) and I will send to you necessary forms.

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### **NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025**

**REMINDER:** Don't forget the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month. Yes, It's Remembrance Day. A service will be held at Anakie Cenotaph commencing at 1030 for a 1045 start. A light lunch will be available at the sub-branch after the service.

We have had a busy time!

The playground is all built but we need to put sand under and around it. Ergon very kindly donated some old power poles to use to keep the sand in place. A big thank you to all the people that helped with the construction.

Our mental health/suicide awareness day and bake off were held on 18<sup>th</sup> October. The day started off slow but what a finish we had! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Gemmies Bake Off raised \$5000 to be donated to local organisations supporting mental health & suicide awareness.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November we are holding our Community Thank You Fun Day starting at 10am. The water slide will be out for a bit of fun! The draw for our MEGA Raffle will commence at 11am. Lots of awesome prizes that will be drawn randomly so get your tickets or you'll miss out. A BBQ will be available for when you feel a bit peckish and bar will open early.

Don't forget a committee member will 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 November:

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

**11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day, service at Anakie Cenotaph, 1030 for 1045 start**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November:** Community Thank You Fun Day commencing at 10am. Mega raffle draw starting at 11am. BBQ available

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 Thursday and Sunday only, after the Ode, at 6pm.

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Ph 0488 256 005 - BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL***

**LEST WE FORGET**

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9:30AM

- No meeting in September
- October: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Willows Rec Club
- November Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Rubyvale Hall
- December Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Willows Rec Club.

### New Members Welcome

Meeting dates may change, members will be  
notified where possible





## Garden News November 2025

Summer has well and truly set in. Lucky to have a reliable water supply to keep our garden alive. Collecting rainwater is also a good idea; “nothing like rain water” one can say, as the plants just love it. Soaking cow manure in half a drum for some time, makes an excellent, inexpensive fertiliser. Just pour the liquid around plants, they will thrive on it! And as always, don’t forget to use mulch to keep moisture in the ground and the sun off.

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**Hello to all our green-thumbed mates and supporters of the Gemfields Community Gardens.**

### **Feature Plant: The Chocolate Sapote Tree**

This month, our spotlight falls on the Chocolate Sapote (*Diospyros digyna*), a unique and much-loved fruiting tree in our garden. Also known as the “chocolate pudding fruit”, the Chocolate Sapote is native to Central America but has found a happy home in our subtropical Australian climate. The real magic happens when it bears its distinctive fruit which is round, green-skinned and, when ripe, filled with soft, dark brown flesh that tastes remarkably like chocolate pudding.

### **Growing Chocolate Sapote at Gemfields**

Our Chocolate Sapote tree are thriving, thanks to the regular TLC from our volunteer team. The tree prefers well-draining soil, plenty of sun, and a sheltered spot out of the wind. While it can take a few years to start fruiting, the reward is well worth the wait. Water deeply during dry spells and mulch generously. Pruning isn’t usually required but removing any dead or crowded branches will help keep the tree healthy. Try growing a Chocolate Sapote tree.

### **Recipe Corner: Chocolate Sapote Mousse**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 ripe chocolate sapote fruits
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 1/4 cup coconut cream

**Method:** Scoop out the sapote flesh, blend with remaining ingredients until smooth, and chill before serving. Too easy, and a guilt-free dessert!

Stay Connected

Want to get involved or learn more? Phone secretary Jenny on 0497748010.

Christmas breakup for members will be Saturday 6th December at the Club grounds for a morning tea at 9am.

Happy gardening, everyone! Jenny

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There will be a Christmas breakup on the 6th of December, a morning tea at the grounds at 9am. To join the Garden Club is \$15- a year. You will receive a garden plot, use of tools and a well appointed club house with amenities. Make friends with the crew and share gardening experiences.

Happy Gardening

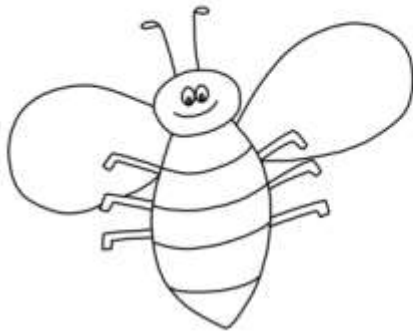
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## *Happy Gardening*



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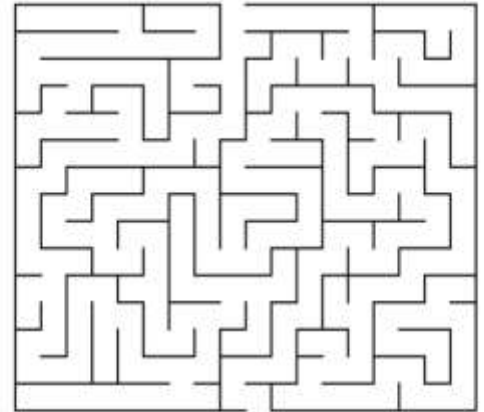


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| Honey   | Hive        |
| Queen   | Colonies    |
| Worker  | Drones      |
| Pollen  | Nectar      |
| Flowers | Yellow      |
| Black   | Insect      |
| Wax     | Royal jelly |
| Bee     |             |

# Spring Maze

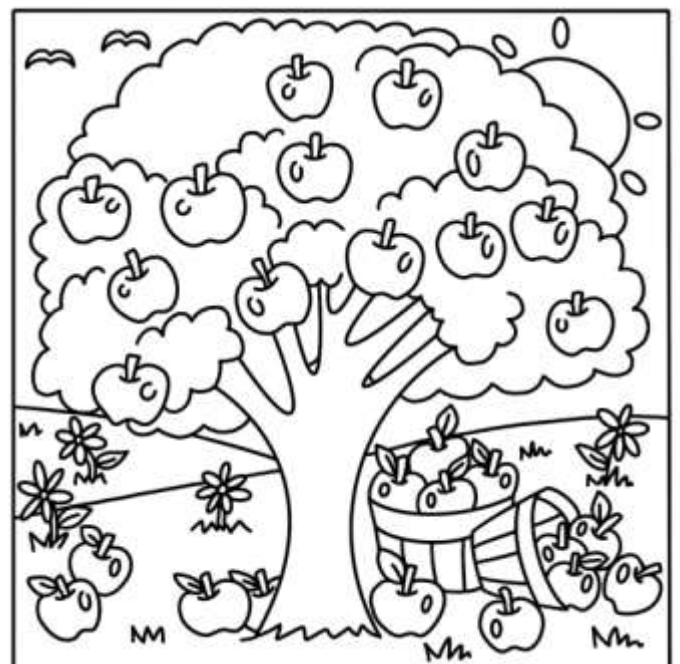


Can you find the way through the maze to water the plants?



# Apple Tree Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 10 differences?



# Broccoli, Corn and Haloumi Fritters

## INGREDIENTS:

- Half a large head of broccoli (about 150 g)
- 75 g self-raising flour
- 1 egg
- 80 ml milk
- 300 g canned corn kernels, rinsed and drained
- 100 g haloumi, coarsely grated
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- 60 ml olive oil
- To serve: baby spinach, sliced avocado, halved grape tomatoes, sweet chilli sauce



## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Chop the broccoli (including the stem) and pulse in a food processor until finely chopped.
2. Whisk the flour and egg in a bowl, gradually adding the milk until smooth.
3. Stir in the broccoli, corn, haloumi, chives and lemon rind, and season to taste.
4. Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Drop quarter-cup portions of the mixture into the pan and flatten slightly.
5. Cook for about two minutes on each side until golden and cooked through.
6. Repeat in batches with the remaining oil and mixture to make about eight fritters.
7. Serve with spinach, avocado, tomatoes and sweet chilli sauce.

# LEMON CURD

## INGREDIENTS:

- 4 large lemons (zest and juice)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 4 large eggs

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Juice the lemons to obtain 1 cup of fresh lemon juice.
- In a heatproof bowl, whisk together the lemon zest, lemon juice, granulated sugar, and softened butter
- Add the eggs to the bowl and whisk until fully incorporated.
- Cook the mixture over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a whisk or spatula, until it thickens. This usually takes about 10-15 minutes

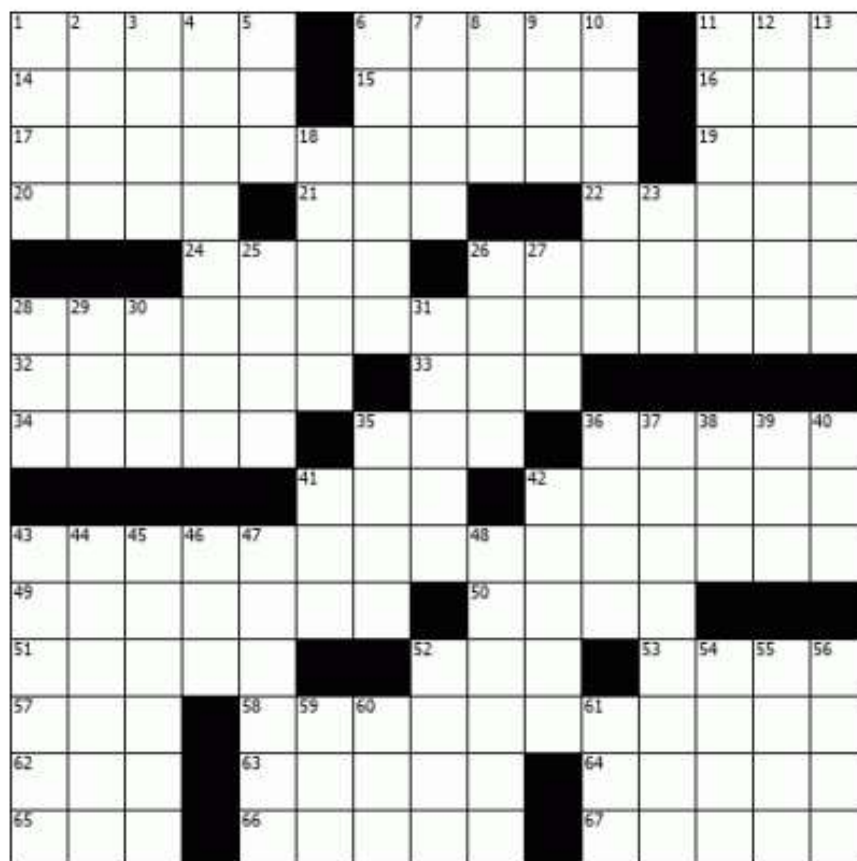




# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Across

1. "Land of the rising sun"
6. Heidi trademark
11. Gender-specific pronoun
14. Novelist Zola
15. Rope fiber
16. "Blessed \_\_\_" (Baez album)
17. Definition of statesmanship, Part 1
19. Fried rice cooker
20. Roman date
- 21.
22. It requires many keys
24. Serve up the drinks
26. Sentiment
28. Part 2 of the definition
32. Double-cross
33. It's often broken
34. Gather
35. Giovanni, for one
36. Swindled
41. Romance
42. Earthy color
43. Part 3 of the definition
49. Mighty soldier
50. Tool with teeth
51. Quiescent
52. Curiosity victim
53. No Doubt's Stefani
57. Pres. Truman creation
58. End of the definition
62. Word with real and cracking
63. Dodge
64. Ark invitees
65. Golfer Ernie
66. Uncomfortably full
67. Beam



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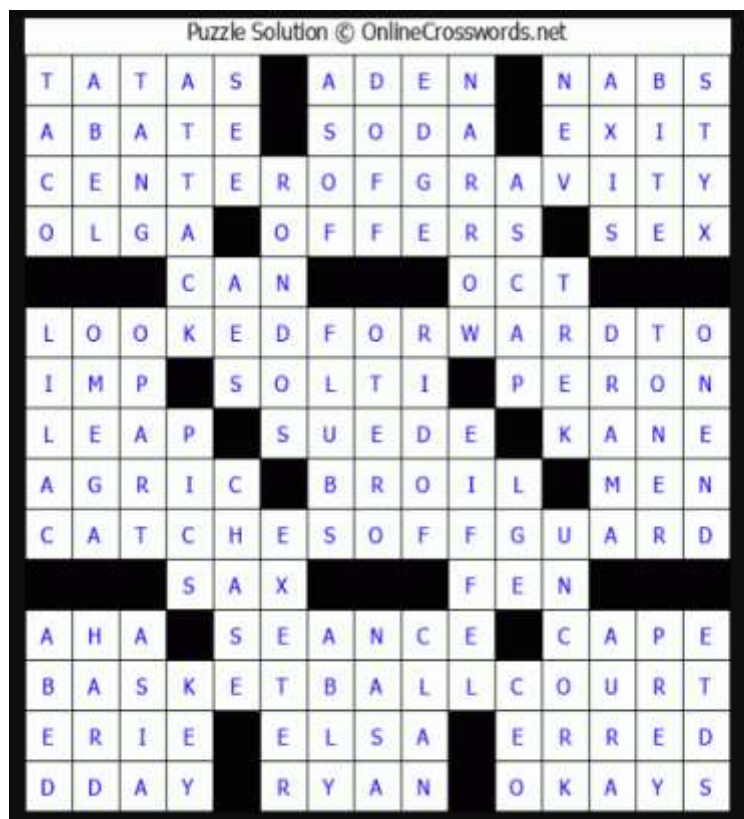
1. "Star Wars" elite
2. In between
3. Peace offering, once
4. Cream of the sports crop
5. New beginning?
6. Actor who declined an Oscar
7. Billiards item
8. Sister of Meg and Beth
9. Trilogy ending
10. Tyrant
11. Michener classic
12. Patch type
13. Laos-Thailand border river
18. Like a candy cane
23. Addams' cousin
25. Geological periods
26. Flair
27. Sound after littering, sometimes
28. Schedule uncertainty (Abbr.)
29. Clothes line
30. Fraternity letter
31. Astound
35. Activist
36. Crepe de Chine
37. Wire
38. Not quite nada
39. L.A.-to-Santa Barbara dir.
40. N2O, e.g.
41. One of the five W's
42. One-time NATO cousin
43. Sudden pang
44. Grimm guy
45. Puts up
46. Celeb on ice
47. Church supporters
48. Ragged
52. Relinquish
54. D.D.E. concern
55. Baseball's Weaver
56. Exchange letters?
59. She was Julie in "Show Boat"
60. Large container
61. Increases

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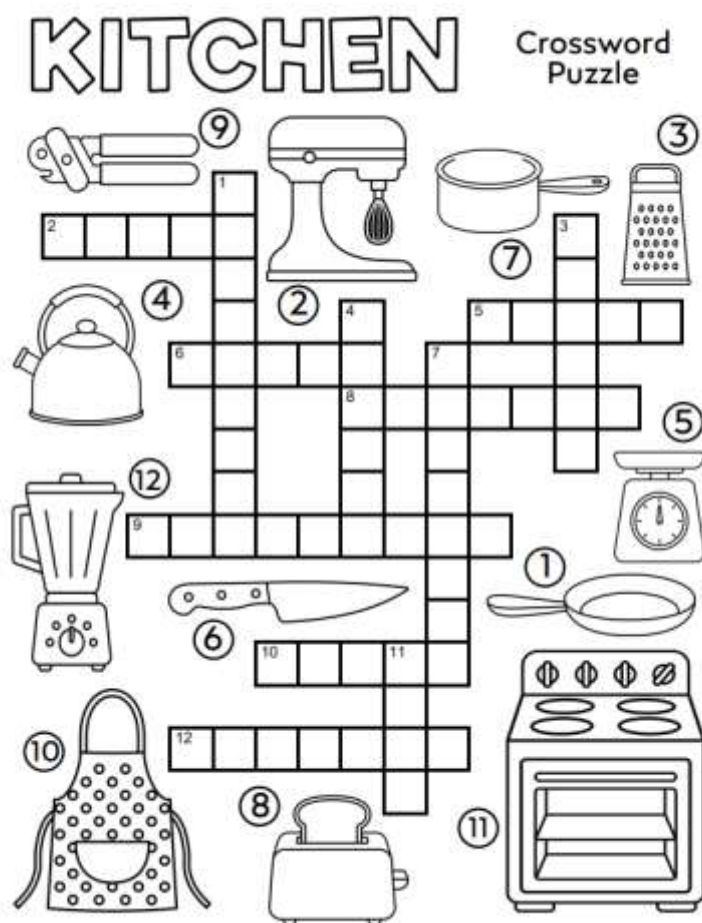
## OCTOBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION



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## KIDS CROSSWORD



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You're always  
winning as long as  
you keep going.

**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**

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.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**

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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  
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CENTACARE Emerald.....4982 4358

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# \*\*\* LOCAL SERVICES \*\*\*

| WHAT                         | WHO                                                     | WHEN                                                                 | WHERE                               |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| EMERGENCY SERVICES           | 000                                                     | EMERGENCIES                                                          | POLICE<br>AMBULANCE<br>FIRE BRIGADE |
| SES                          | 132 500                                                 | NON-LIFE THREATENING<br>FLOOD & STORM<br>EMERGENCIES                 |                                     |
| ALCOHOLICS<br>ANONYMOUS      | Col<br>0423 767 490                                     | MEETINGS EVERY<br>TUESDAY 7.30 pm                                    | RUBYVALE HALL<br>BURRIDGE RD        |
| GEMFIELDS MEALS<br>ON WHEELS | MPC<br>49854664                                         | MONDAY, WEDNESDAY<br>AND FRIDAY                                      | MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE<br>SAPPHIRE    |
| GEMFIELDS FIRE<br>WARDEN     | John Riley 042 758 0654                                 | Mon—Fri 9am - 5pm                                                    | 60 Fairview Lane<br>RUBYVALE        |
| RUBYVALE TIP                 | CHRC                                                    | Open/ Tuesday—Friday &<br>Sunday 8am - 12pm                          | Opposite Quarry                     |
| OPPORTUNITY<br>SHOP          | SALVATION ARMY                                          | MON -WED - FRI - SAT<br>8.00 am- 12pm                                | ANGELO'S<br>SAPPHIRE<br>4985 4690   |
| GEMFIELDS<br>LIBRARY         | JOANNE GIBSON                                           | TUES 10am - 2pm<br>THURS 12 noon - 4pm<br>SAT 9am - 12 pm            | RUBYVALE HALL<br>BURRIDGE RD        |
| CATHOLIC<br>CHURCH SERVICE   | Call ANNE 4985 4154<br>For Willows & Sapphire<br>Venues | 2nd & 4th SUNDAY 10.30am<br>1st SUNDAY 11.00am<br>5th SUNDAY 11.00am | ANAKIE HALL<br>WILLOWS<br>SAPPHIRE  |
| SALVATION ARMY<br>SERVICE    | Kathleen & Byron Hill<br>0472 958 888                   | SUNDAY 4PM                                                           | ANGELO'S<br>SAPPHIRE                |

# \*\*\* WHAT'S ON \*\*\*

|                               |                                                |                                    |                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| SAPPHIRE<br>MARKETS           | Tricia 0457 582 830<br>Elaine 0458 740 625     | Sunday<br>8am to 11.30am           | Sapphire Central<br>Roy Day Park     |
| RUBYVALE<br>MARKETS           | Bev Winks<br>0428 399 591                      | Saturday<br>8am - till 1pm         | Rubyvale Flats                       |
| HOY                           | FUN, SOCIAL CARD<br>MORNING                    | EVERY TUESDAY                      | RUBYVALE HALL<br>BURRIDGE RD         |
| TAI CHI                       | Gemfields Community<br>Support Association     | Every Monday morning<br>9am - 10am | MPC Hall                             |
| GEMMY QUILTERS                | PATCHWORK GROUP                                | TUESDAY 9.30am-3pm                 | SAPPHIRE HALL                        |
| GEMFIELDS<br>LAPIDARY & CRAFT | 0407 056 089                                   | Wednesday & Saturday               | Roy Day Park                         |
| GEMFIELDS RIFLE               | Debbie Hickman<br>Ph. 0429 009 354 / 4985 4484 | LONG RANGE TARGET<br>SHOOTING      | RIFLE RANGE RD                       |
| YOGA                          | Kelly Corbishley                               | SATURDAY 7.30AM                    | KANGOULU PARK<br>(Opposite Blue Gem) |
| TRIVIA                        | Mary 0415 830 505                              | MONDAY<br>10am to Noon             | SAPPHIRE HALL                        |