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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2025

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



Share your love this October with the return of Queensland Seniors Month.

The month-long celebration, held from 1—31 October, will promote positive community attitudes towards older people and ageing, provide opportunities for community participation to enhance community connections, and celebrate older Queenslanders and their ongoing contribution to the state—whether as volunteers or in the workforce, community leaders or carers, grandparents, or advocates.

Seniors Month is all about increasing the social connectedness of older people and their communities, and we want older people to be:

- Connected to their communities and the important people in their lives.
- Cared for and supported if care and support are needed.
- Celebrated as valued community members.



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

Grandparents Day

Sunday 26 October 2025



www.qld.gov.au/grandparentsday

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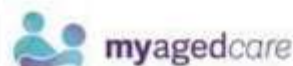
The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. aims to provide and coordinate Home Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program over 65 years (CHSP), and Meals on Wheels services, as well as in-house activities on the Gemfields. These services are designed to help elderly individuals live as independently 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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**Feel free to call us to find out how we can assist you.
1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central
07 49854 664**

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Gemfields Community Support Association INC.
Would like to thank HOY for their continued support
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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.



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A big thank you to the James Cook University team for continuing to bring such a diverse range of student-led allied health programs into our community. Your ongoing support and care make a real difference!

From the management at
The Gemfields Community Support
Association

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BRING YOU FLOWERS



Birthday Shout-Outs OCTOBER

Bradley Morgan



Carole Daly



McComiskie; Jan

Of Capella, formally of the Gemfields

Passed away peacefully on
Tuesday the 2nd of September 2025
aged 71 years

Beloved mother and mother-in-law of
Tania & Danny, Jody & Travis,
Gay & Jeff, Warren & Trudy,
and Tammie & Robert.

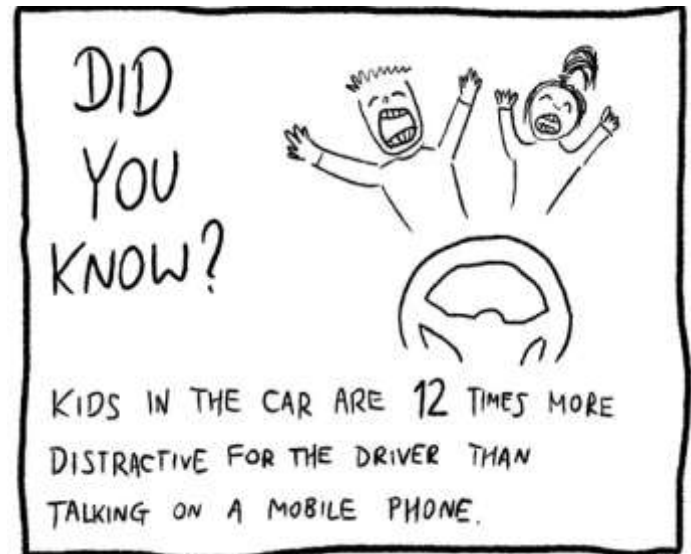
Privately Cremated as per Jan's Wishes



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Email: manager@centralhighlandsfunerals.com.au

Don't Mess With the Elderly

Myra Rhodes, a resident of Great Baddow, Essex, had an unusual visitor one Friday: a young man with a vacuum cleaner insisting on a demonstration. When she refused, he shoved the door open and dumped a bucket of horse manure on her carpet, daring to eat any leftovers if the vacuum didn't clean it. Calmly, Myra replied with a smile, "Let me get you a spoon, young man—they cut off my electricity today."



Whatever you do,
always give 100%
— unless you're
donating blood.



Mr. Grumpledump's Song

by Shel Silverstein

Everything's wrong,
Days are too long,
Sunshine's too hot,
Wind is too strong.

Clouds are too fluffy,
Grass is too green,
Ground is too dusty,
Sheets are too clean.

Stars are too twinkly,
Moon is too high,
Water's too drippy,
Sand is too dry.

Rocks are too heavy,
Feathers too light,
Kids are too noisy,
Shoes are too tight.

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Why can't they see it?
Everything's wrong!



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\$25 per person/session - ticket fee is refundable if you provide a current GP referral - you can email info@highlandsnutrition.com.au for a referral form if required.

Queensland Ambulance Service

GEMFIELDS



Hello everyone, from Andrew and Dave.

Road traffic crash first aid

This month, a talk about what you can do to help if you are first on scene of a road traffic crash (RTC).

The first thing to consider is **DANGER**. If you are at risk, say, due to fire, explosion or because the crashed vehicle may be in a precarious position, do not put yourself or others at risk. Remain a safe distance back and call for emergency services on triple zero. That being said, the chances of an explosion, particularly from modern vehicles is low, and is most likely to occur in severe crashes when the vehicle's fuel tank has been ruptured. Be very careful if you see or smell leaking fuel, and definitely no naked flames or cigarettes etc around a crash site.

If safe to approach, perform these tasks -

If there are multiple casualties, perform a simple triage. Assess - how many casualties are unconscious; conscious but injured to the point they can't walk; and then the number of "walking wounded". It's important information, so we can send the appropriate level of resources.

Call emergency services on triple zero (000). When calling, try to establish as accurately as possible where the RTC is. One great tool for this is the Emergency Plus App, which gives you your latitude and longitude. Google "Emergency Plus app" for more information. Another good tool is "What3Words".

Provide first aid where you can, and where it's safe. Simple but effective things you can do are:

- Open people's airways – if they're sitting unconscious and their heads are slumped forward, carefully supporting their head in a more upright position may open their airway and assist them to breath. This also provides a level of spinal protection.

- Using a towel or pad, apply pressure to stop serious bleeding.

- Reduce movement – RTCs can involve very high forces. Ensure movement of casualties is minimised to prevent injury, unless you need to move them for safety.

- Provide rest and reassurance, and maintain their temperature. If the patient is in the hot sun, provide cover, and very importantly, if they're even mildly cold, keep them warm.

These basic measures will go a long way to ensuring a better outcome for RTC casualties. In addition, consider completing a first aid course, where all this and more will be covered. We find your help at crash scenes invaluable, and we thank all the people who have helped us in the past.

Calling the ambulance

Just the regular friendly reminder, please don't call ambulance staff directly if you need an ambulance. The only way to contact the ambulance is via Triple Zero (000), no matter the reason for calling. It's more than okay to call triple zero for all ambulance needs.

Calling individual officers (or trying to find the station's number) wastes time for you (if you do call us directly, you'll just be asked to hang up and call triple zero). It's also not great for the officer involved as they may be on a job, driving, sleeping, or on days off or holidays. Calling triple zero means the Operation Centre in Rockhampton can handle the call, and then efficiently allocate the most appropriate resource.

Kind regards, from Andrew, Dave and our fantastic volunteers.



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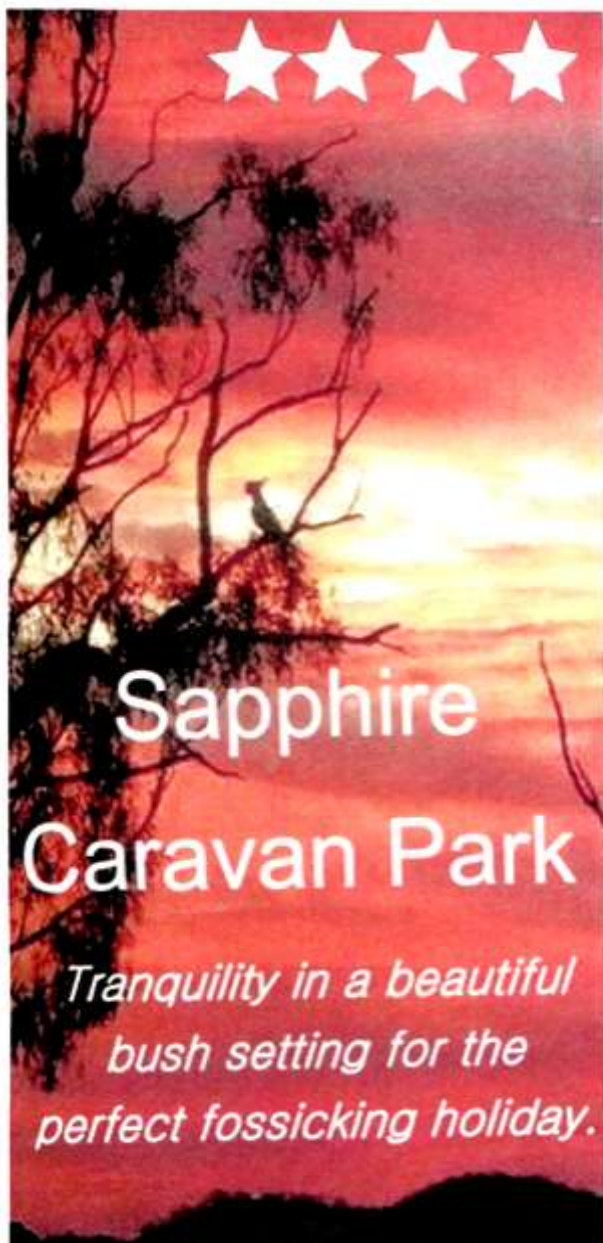
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MARKET ROUND-UP!

What's On Around Our Region

Lions Club of Springsure presents

SPRINGSURE MARKETS IN THE PARK

📅 Sunday 19 October 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Springsure historic village, William Street, Springsure QLD



These markets are held in Rich Memorial Park, 17 William Street, Springsure.

Venue has playground.

Emerald Show Society presents

PRE-LOVED WARDROBE MARKET

📅 Tuesday 21 October 2025, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

📍 Skillshare Bldg Capricorn Hwy, Emerald QLD 4720



The Emerald Show Society's Pre-Loved Wardrobe Market is back!

It's the perfect time to clear out your winter wardrobe as the seasons change and maybe make a little extra cash to put towards fresh summer styles.

- Got kids who've outgrown their clothes?
- Need a new look for the warmer months?
- Want to recycle and reuse while helping others find a bargain?

Book a stall now and turn your pre-loved fashion into pocket money.

Spaces fill quickly, so don't wait!

QLD Country Women's Association - Capella branch presents

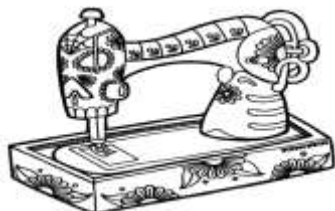
CAPELLA COMMUNITY MARKETS

📅 Sunday 26 October 2025, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 41 Peak Downs St, Capella QLD 4723



These markets are held on a semi-regular basis across the year at the Capella Community Hall on Peak Downs Street.



GEMMY QUILTERS



GEMMY QUILTERS OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

With the tourist season drawing to a close our numbers have shrunk slightly. We do have a core of local crafters who join us each week for a shared day of sewing, knitting, embroidery and just company and chatting. Do come and join us if you feel like it. We meet each Tuesday at the Sapphire Hall, 9.00am to 3.00pm with morning tea provided. Bring your lunch if staying all day.

Now the Quilt Show is over for this year we will be working on getting our new (2nd hand) quilting machine into service. We look forward to achieving this and will enjoy making good use of this new equipment. Keep an eye on Facebook for our work once we get started on it. Thanks to Heather for keeping this up-to-date in Wendy's absence. Another look at some of the quilts on show. Only 2 years until the next one.

Join us all next month
Gemmy Quilters.



GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

With the Markets winding up for the year it is time to take stock. We are asking you – **DO YOU WANT YOUR LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR YOU?**

The simple truth is, we are very low on numbers and without more people to help we are in danger of being unable to continue with our fundraising and awareness sessions.

Please think about this everyone. The work is not hard and does not take up too much time.

From now on we do have a quiet time until the Markets start again next year. If interested, please call Judy on 0437 331 812 for more information.

We held our AGM on the 24th August with all positions vacated. The results were as follows:-

President	Win Knighton
Treasurer	Denise Krco
Secretary	Judy Weier
Vice-President	John Carson

Thank you to our incoming Committee.

We had a very successful season this year and look forward to making improvements in our services to the Community. We like nothing better than spending the money raised for the benefit of everyone!

Join us next year

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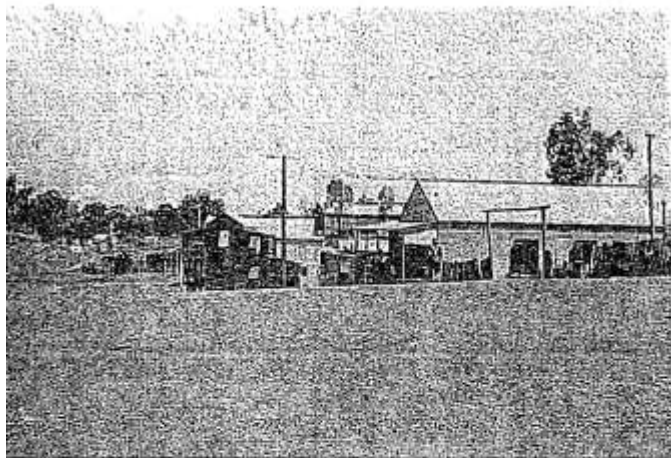


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Excerpt from Historical Book CAPTURED IN TIME

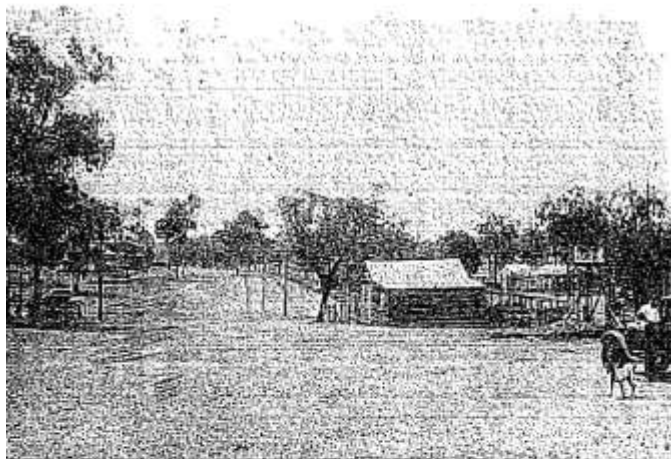
THE STREETS OF RUBYVALE 1935



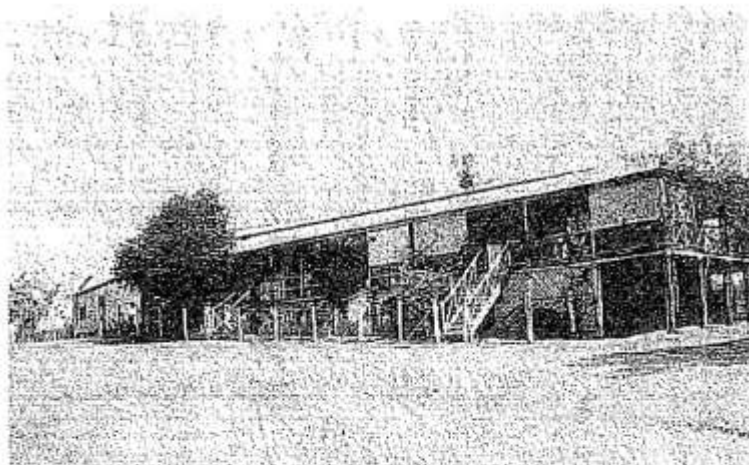
The road to Sapphire (from present intersection). The first building is the Picture Show Hall then Buffa's Refreshment Rooms and (obscured) McIntyres Shop. The roof of the Miners Hall (present location) is visible at the Rear centre.



The (then) road from Sapphire passed the entrance to the Miners Hall. It then went around Harry Spencer's Yard to the right and turned left to go up the hill towards the hotel.



Looking down Goanna Flats Road (present Caravan Park now to the right). The Rubyvale School is just visible to the left back. An unidentified building is at centre right with the (then) Rubyvale Post Office at back right.



The original Royal Hotel. Opened by Kate Leahy in 1907. This building was destroyed by fire on 9th March 1987. The New Royal was built at the same location and opened for business in March 1997.

Photos and descriptions provided by Mrs Margaret Peach, the daughter of the Police Constable Herman Eiser, based at Sapphire in the 1930s.

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September 2025

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Thank you all that attended the QSMA General meeting and AGM on Saturday 6th September 2025 and an even bigger thank you to those who were nominated and accepted their positions on the Executive and Committee.

Due to a request at the General meeting by a member of the public that it would be good if the General public knew what QSMA did for their members. So here goes for this year alone:

- Laurie & Trevor held several Mining Claim renewal Workshops for those wishing to do their own.
- Collaborated with DNR on New Mining Claim forms that finally came into effect in February making them more user friendly.
- Safety Meeting with RHSQ Re: Courses being proposed for new Miners and input to updated Miner's handbook.
- Carol & Laurie attended Ministerial meeting 18th June prepped the participants on what we will bring to the table for the Ministerial meeting on 2nd September. (Dale Last) Minister was very receptive to our issues. (Hence the positive and prepared Ministerial meeting on 2.9.25.)
- Reviewed the overview of the Native Title Future Acts regime in the RTN process. After discussion, Kev Philips QSMC took the lead on this to represent QSMA, QBOA & NQMA on the changes.
- Land title issues- seeking crown law advise and ombudsman.
- Reviewed the Mineral Resources Regulations 2013 statutory review by the Department of Resources, inviting submissions by May 5, 2025, rewording, and modernizing by removing redundant provisions of the Act making it more user friendly to read and understand.
- Reviewed Streamlining the EPA 1994 Act & Other Legislation amendments outcomes for SSM were positive as the Queensland Environmental Protection Act 1994 (EP Act) is expected to ease compliance for Small Scale Miners by replacing Environmental Authority requirements to a "mandatory code" with rules easier for Miners to understand. This will 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.

Laurie and Carol attended the Ministers Small-scale Mining forum in Brisbane on the 2nd of September representing QSMA as part of the Queensland Small Miners Council delegation. We submitted three written papers on key points we needed addressing: The ERE removal from the Miners Common, Expanding the RA1 Area to future proof our small scale mining industry and the resumption of land for new Fossicking areas these were a few of the issues raised and discussed. Our participation reflected QSMA's commitment to advocating for the interests of small-scale miners in Queensland with particular attention to our area and members. This is a biannual meeting held either Brisbane or Small-scale Mining district with the Minister, Director Generals, and key departmental officers from DETSI (Environment) DNRMMRRD (Resources) and Native Title in attendance. This time we also had our Mining Registrar Andrea Hewitt in attendance, which we felt was a fantastic win for our Gemfields Miners as she has first-hand knowledge of both sides of the isle and the issues being discussed at this level and was also able to facilitate much needed answers for Policy makers and Miners throughout the talks.

- We were assured the QSMC have Ministerial commitment for these biannual meetings and Laurie & I were pleased our submissions and other issues we raised were added to the agenda items and discussed on the day and our three written submissions were tabled and accepted by Ross Eddington. We were quite impressed that the Departmental attendees in the Resources section had a good grasp of our issues and were even prepared for some of them. This is an incredibly good sign the Department is finally listening to us.
- The Forum centred on Departmental matters that intersect with productive mining issues. These overlapping areas often present challenges for us as small-scale miners, and the forum provided an opportunity to highlight these challenges directly to decision-makers.
- Our core objective of QSMA at the forum was to offer departments deeper insight into the obstacles faced by our small-scale miners on the Gemfields and we emphasized how policy impacts can differ significantly between small-scale and large-scale mining operations, encouraging departments to consider the unique needs of small-scale miners in future policy development.

This is just some of the work QSMA do as unpaid volunteers for our whole community. We hope this helps clarify what we do.

Thank you all for your attendance.

QSMA Committee



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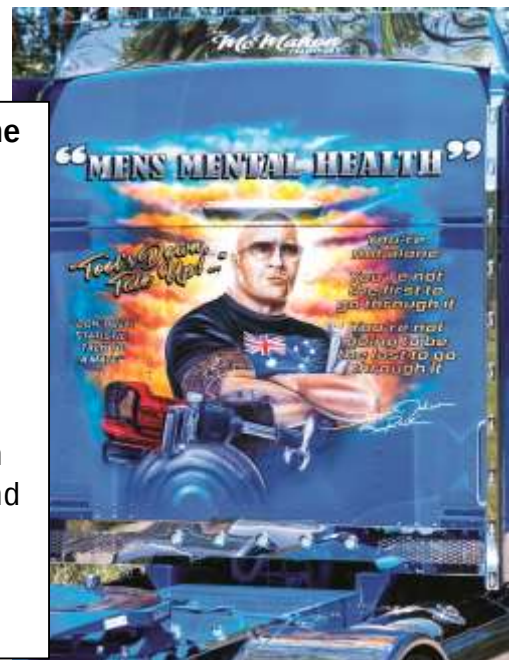
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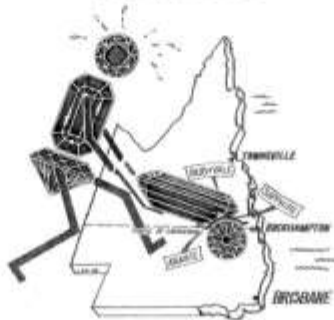
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Have you every wanted to learn Tai Chi? Participation is free and open to all ages and genders. Our friendly group meets at the GMPC every Monday at 9am (unless it's a public holiday) and we would love to welcome you there.

Enjoy your October :-)

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

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



FRIDAY IN HOUSE LUNCH



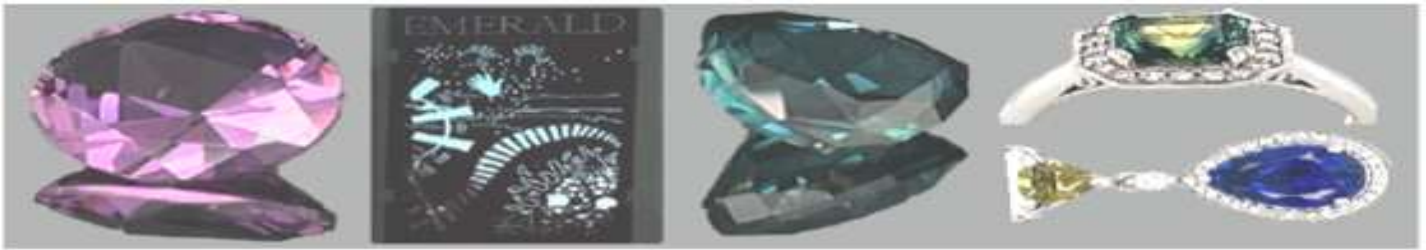
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Gemstones_Opals_Pearls_Jewellery - Analysis - Assessment - Appraisal Criteria

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.



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 and I will send to you necessary forms.

Should you require horse manure for your garden please call me or message me.

We look forward to seeing you again.

Paula

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2025

Wow! Haven't our wonderful volunteers been busy! The camp kitchen has been completed and looks awesome. Most of our memorabilia has been put back on the walls. We actually have some space left! The playground is a work in progress, thanks to some hard workers. It is going to be awesome when it is finished.

Our Father's Day raffle was drawn on 7th September. Winners were contacted by phone. *1st Prize – Drill Kit – Mick*, blue ticket E98, *1st Prize – Firepit+ - Scrubby*, black ticket D68, *2nd Prize – Men's Cologne, Shower Bag, Shell Pen – Shayne*, red ticket A61, *3rd Prize – Cap, Stubby Cooler Belt, Work Gloves – Joy*, purple ticket F01. Scrubby has donated the Firepit+ back to the RSL and its future will be decided later.

Gatsby night was held on the 12th of September and what a good time was had by all. Everyone looked fantastic in their best Gatsby attire. A huge thank you to Jill Munro for the awesome decorations, Tricia, Helen, Mandy & Kelly for the cooking, plus Lucy & Wendy for serving everyone.

On October 4th we are having live entertainment provided by Jolly Jingo from 5pm to 8pm so come along, bring your friends, have a few cold bevies plus a feed and listen to some music. He plays blues, country, rock and original music.

The next big day is on October 18th. There will be a mental health/suicide awareness information display, including the Men's Mental Health prime mover, from 11am to 3pm. Then the second Great Gemmies Bake Off. Get the ovens on and bake your best. As per last year there will be a \$2.00 entry fee per item, with multiple categories, entries close at 3pm. Judging to start at 4:30pm, with winners announced just after the Ode at 6pm. Like last year there will be an auction of the baked goods, starting at 6:30pm, so bring plenty of spending money as well. Funds raised will go to organisations that support mental health and suicide awareness.

Our next Veterans Morning Tea will be held on 15th October at 1000. Come along, enjoy a cuppa, have a bikkie or two, stay for a chat, or just put your head in the door to say hello.

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 October:

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

4th October: Live entertainment with Jolly Jingo from 5pm to 8pm.

15th October: Veterans morning tea at 1000

18th October: Mental Health/Suicide Awareness information from 11am to 3pm.

18th October: Great Gemmies Bake Off. 3pm to close. BBQ Dinner.

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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MEETINGS HELD ON THE
2nd MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
ALTERNATING AT THE WILLOWS REC CLUB
AND RUBYVALE HALL
9:30AM

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

New Members Welcome

Meeting dates may change, members will be
notified where possible





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Garden Club



Garden News October 2025

Summer is well and truly upon us now and it looks like it will be a hot one. Time to put mulch around our trees to keep the moisture in. Time to organise our shade house is another task, one of many, at hand now. Preserving water, using it wisely, is important in any situation.

Here is some gardening advice on mushrooms from our secretary.

October 2025

Welcome to the Gemfields Community Gardens Newsletter! This month, we're celebrating mushrooms!

Why Mushrooms?

- Rich in protein, fibre, and vitamins, great for every diet.
- Grow in small spaces, indoors or out.
- Boost soil health and garden biodiversity.

Best Mushrooms for Our Region

- Oyster Mushrooms: Thrive in warmth and humidity on straw or sawdust. Easy and fast-growing.
- Shiitake: Grown on hardwood logs in shaded spots.
- Wine Cap : Robust, outdoor mushroom for wood chips and straw beds. Nutty flavour.
- Button & Portobello: Familiar, reliable growers.

How to Get Started

- Choose your growing medium: straw, logs, compost, or sawdust blocks.
- Inoculate with mushroom spawn and keep moist and shaded.
- In 2-3 months you should be feasting
- Watch for contamination and compost if you see unusual colours or smells discard.
- Visit Fresh Gemz if your busy and don't have the time for growing them

Recipes & Inspiration

- Sauté with garlic and local veggies.
- Add to stirfrys, soups and noodle soups. Stir into risotto with herbs.
- Invite your friends over for Beef Wellington

Safety & Community

Forage only with expert advice—many wild mushrooms are toxic.

Mushrooms are a delicious, nutritious, and sustainable addition to your patch.

Next month we will be featuring a story on our Vegepod, that's if we can work out how to put it together.

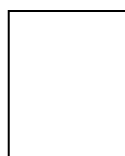
If your interested in joining the Community Gardens in Sapphire please contact Jenny on 0497748010.

Membership is \$15 annually and tools are available.

Thanks Jenny, we anticipating the outcome of the "Vegepod." As always, we are looking for new members to join us. Growing one's own vegetables and fruits is rewarding and brings multiple benefits.

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
0419854333
News Coordinator



Happy Gardening





Help the fire engine find its way to the fire station.



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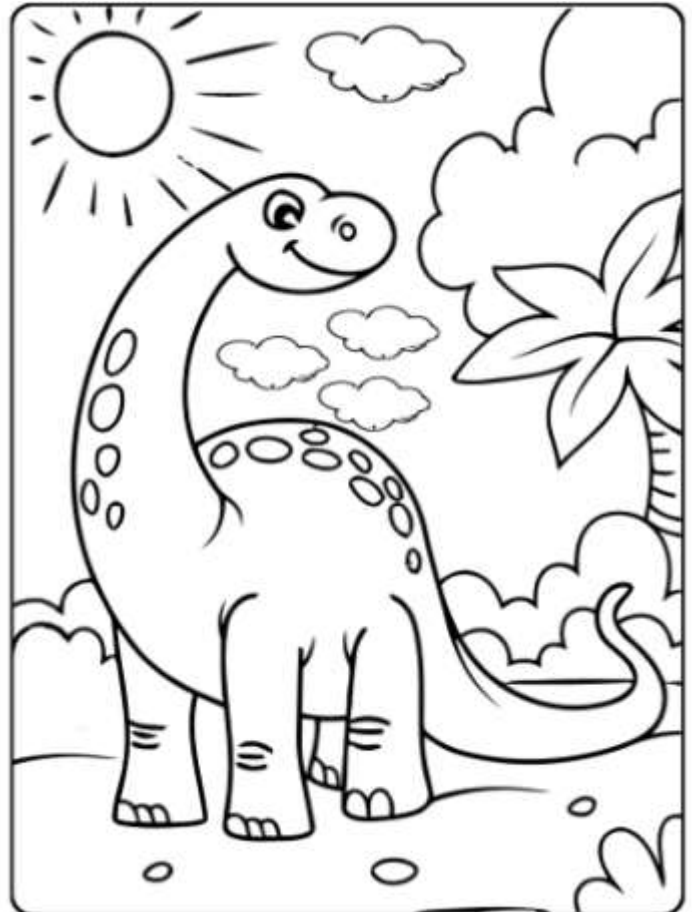
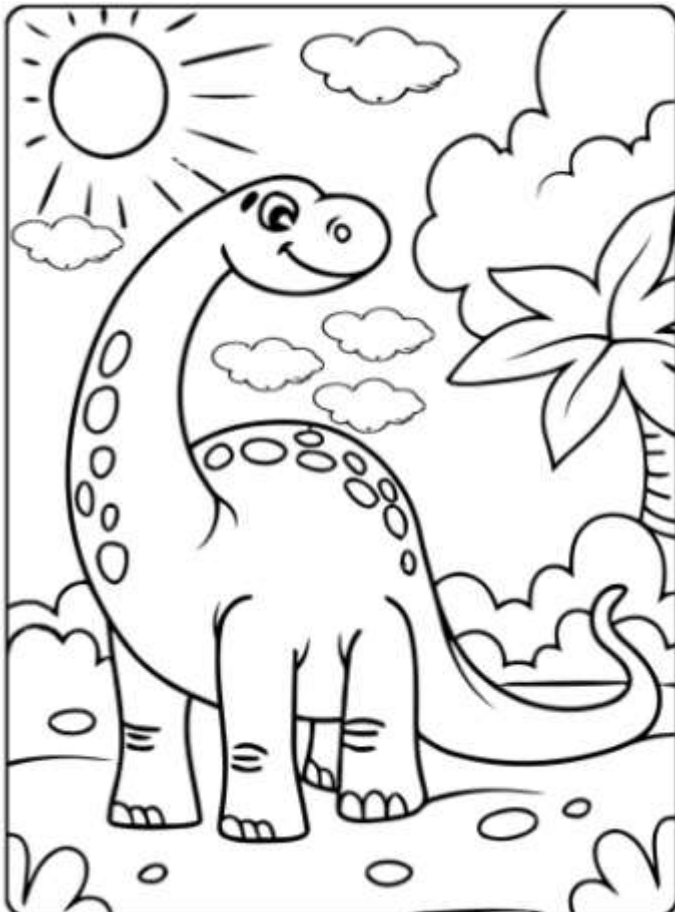
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Can you spot the 8 differences?



Sticky Pork Stir Fry with Noodles

Ingredients

- 150 g dried flat rice noodles
- 2 bunches Chinese broccoli (trimmed)
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 500 g pork mince
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced
- 80 ml (1/3 cup) plum sauce
- 2 Tbsp oyster sauce
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 cup coriander leaves
- 1 long red chilli, thinly sliced (optional)

1. Bring a large pot of water to the boil. Cook noodles as per packet instructions. Add Chinese broccoli in the last 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.
2. Heat sesame oil in a wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add pork mince and stir, breaking up lumps. Cook 3–4 minutes until colour changes.
3. Add spring onions and stir for 1 minute. Stir in plum sauce, oyster sauce and lemon juice. Cook another 3–4 minutes until sauce thickens and pork is cooked through.
4. Divide noodles and broccoli among bowls. Spoon pork mixture over. Garnish with coriander and sliced chilli if using.

*Add extra chilli or flakes for more heat.

*Adjust sauces to taste—sweeter with more plum, tangier with more lemon.

Lemon Weet-Bix Slice

Ingredients

- 175 g butter, melted
- 165 g caster sugar
- 3 Weet-Bix, crushed
- 150 g self-raising flour
- 85 g desiccated coconut
- 2 × 395 g cans sweetened condensed milk
- 310 ml lemon juice (strained)



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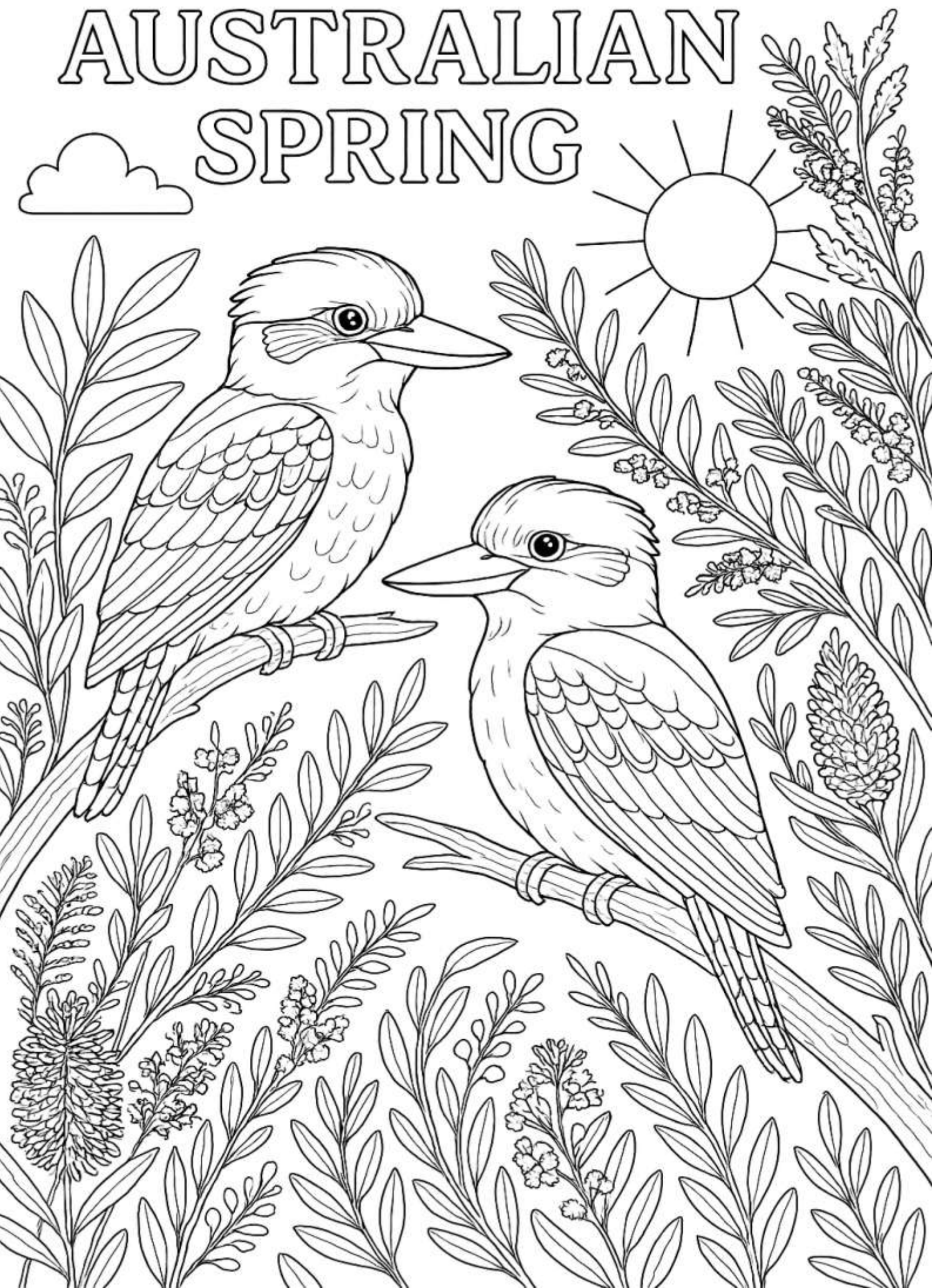
Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan). Line a 20×30 cm slice pan with baking paper.

Mix melted butter, sugar, Weet-Bix, flour & coconut. Spread into pan and bake 15 min until light golden.

Whisk together condensed milk and lemon juice. Pour over base. Bake further 20 min until edges bubble and top is set.

Cool to room temp, then chill overnight. Cut into slices to serve.

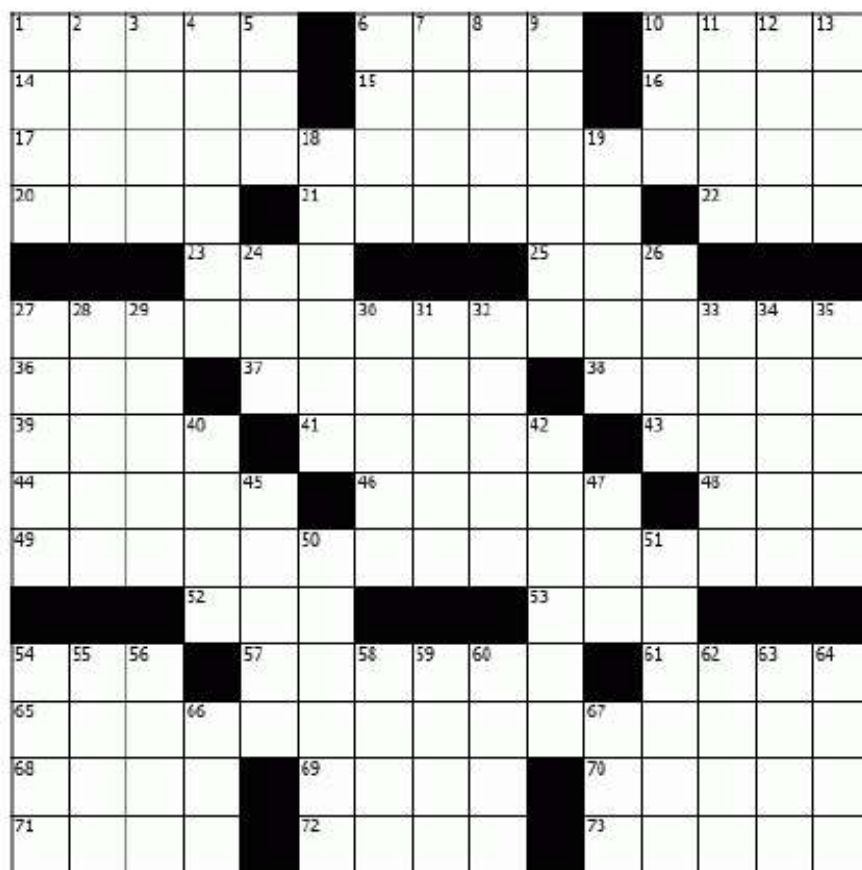
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43. Movie "Citizen"
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46. Cook, as steak
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52. Coltrane's instrument
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54. Shout of discovery
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61. Superhero garb
65. Sports area where this puzzle's theme is found
68. Lackawanna's lake
69. "Born Free" lioness
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71. June 6, 1944
72. "Saving Private _"
73. Approves



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2. Genesis victim
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6. Starting from
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9. Like AAA shoes
10. Carson City's st.
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47. More than med.
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SEPTEMBER CROSSWORD SOLUTION

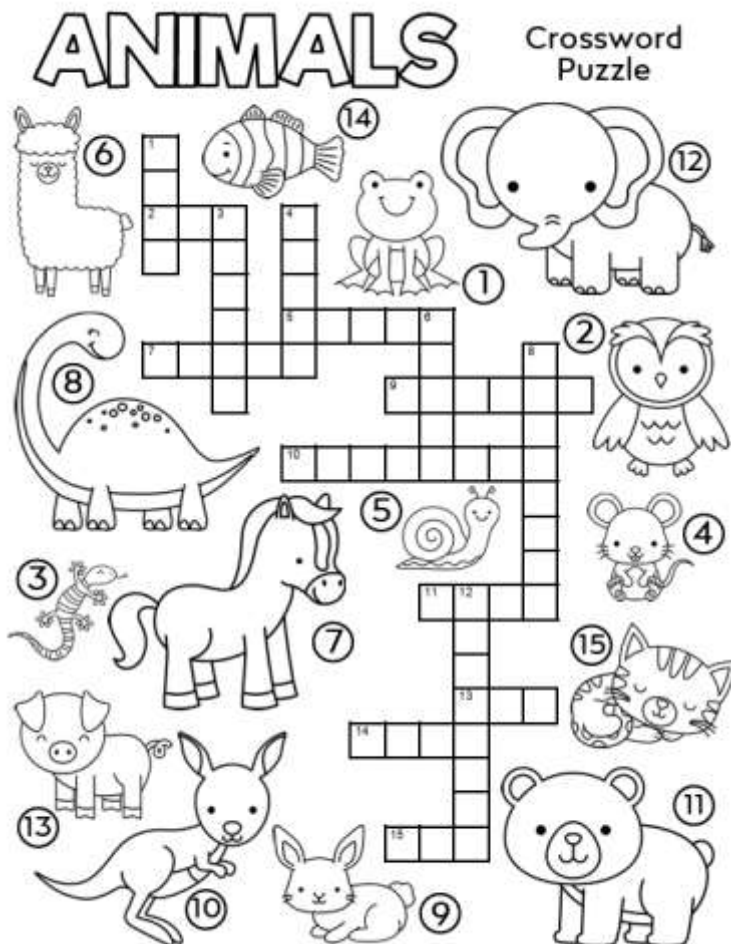
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you keep going.

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

**** 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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*** 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