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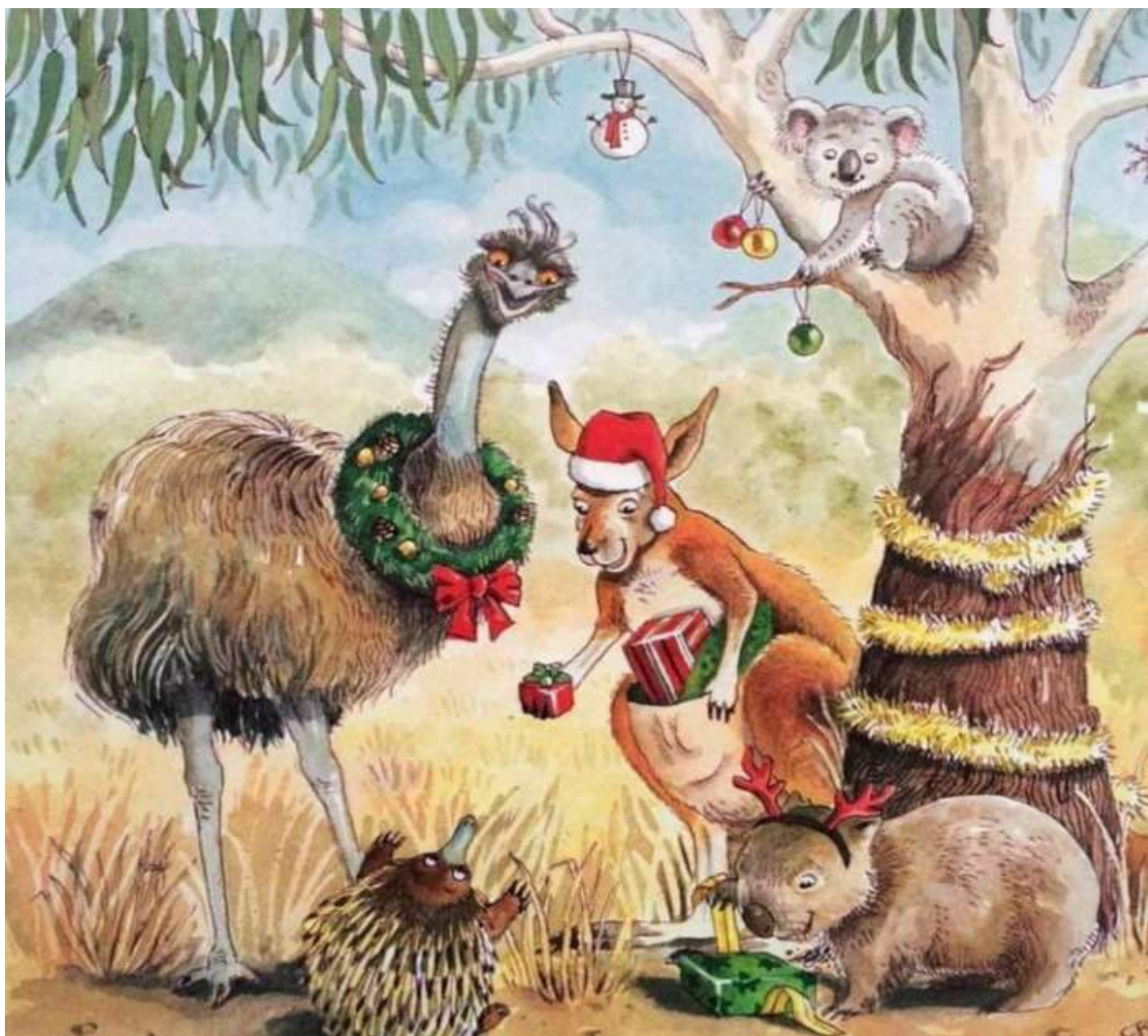
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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December 2025 January 2026

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



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



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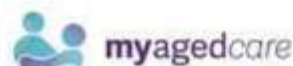
The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. aims to provide and coordinate Home Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program over 65 years (CHSP), and Meals on Wheels services, as well as in-house activities on the Gemfields. These services are designed to help elderly individuals live as independently as possible in their own homes rather than having to move to residential care.

You can access the My Aged Care Website, www.myagedcare.gov.au if you need assistance. It's a convenient way to get help, with a step-by-step guide available. The My Aged Care team can assist with any questions over the phone – 1800 200 422

The Gemfields Community Support Association is also here to help you navigate the My Aged Care referral process. You can reach their friendly staff by calling the office on 07 49854 664 or visiting the office at 1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central.



Ph: 1800 200 422



The types of assistance provided include Domestic Assistance, Social Support (group or individual), Personal Care, Respite (in-house or Centre based), Transport, and Meals on Wheels. These services are delivered by our dedicated and compassionate support personnel.



Meals on Wheels offers complete and nourishing meals, including a comforting soup, a hearty main course, a delicious dessert, and two slices of wholesome wholemeal bread. Our dedicated kitchen staff runs the kitchen, and meals are delivered by enthusiastic and supportive volunteers.



Meals on WheelsTM
Queensland

On Fridays, clients are invited to join in on activities from 9.00am onwards, and the public is Welcome from 12.00pm for lunch service. Booking is essential by midday Monday, and all Current members receive their meals at a discounted price



We also offer facilities for hire, books for borrowing or swapping, photocopying and laminating for a small charge between 8 am and 1 pm, and a free monthly newsletter. Advertising in the newsletter is available for a fee, depending on size.



**Feel free to call us to find out how we can assist you.
1003 Rubyvale Road Sapphire Central
07 49854 664**

*Thank you to the
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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 PET OF THE MONTH:

PICCO



Breed: Retired Race Horse

Age: 8

My Human: Lee



“Picco’s favourite treat is liquorice”



Got something to celebrate?



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



Send your shout-outs to

admin@gemfields.org.au



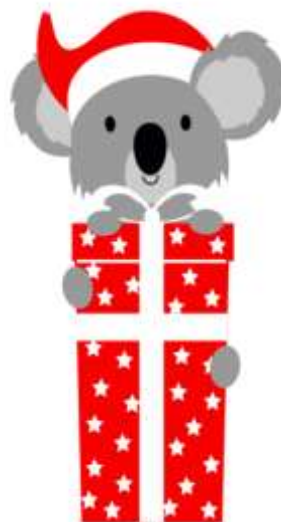
This Christmas, let’s remember to check in on our elderly neighbours. Especially those who might be spending the festive season on their own. A friendly chat or a quick cuppa can make all the difference.

Low Proberts Memorial Tree In Bloom



Planted in honour of much-loved community member, Lew Proberts, this special tree is in full bloom, reminding us of Lew’s dedication and lasting impact on the Gemfields.

*A special thank you to Paula for sharing this photograph.



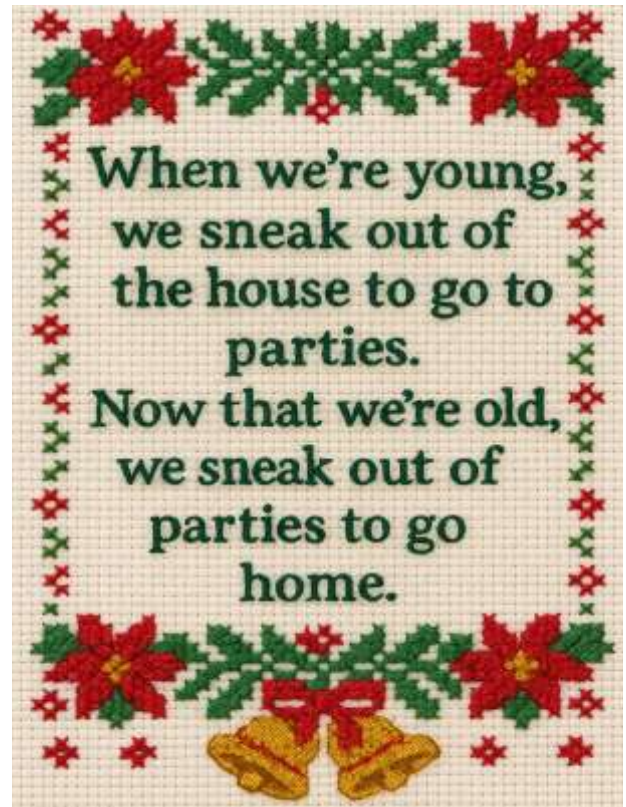


POEMS - STORIES - FUNNIES



Rudolph's Cousin.

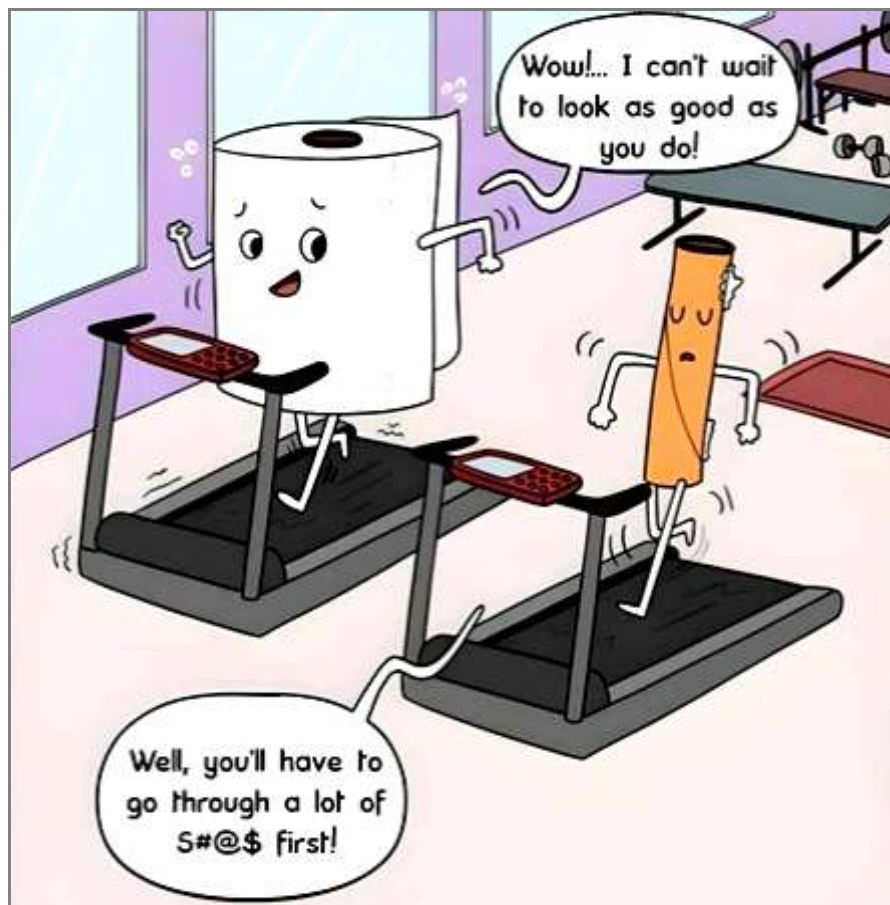
Randolph the Brown Nose Reindeer



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Except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

Weird.



Queensland Ambulance Service

GEMFIELDS



Hello everyone, from Andrew and Dave.

SNAKES!

Yes, it's that time of the year again when the snakes are becoming much more active. We talk about this most years, but it's worth repeating. If you or someone near you is bitten:

Take it seriously. The few people a year who do die of snake bites are often those who say "she'll be right", don't apply first aid and don't seek prompt medical treatment. If in doubt CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000) FOR THE AMBULANCE, we'll come take a look.

DO NOT try to kill the offending snake. We really don't need to see the snake (dead or alive), and a lot of bites are caused by people trying to kill snakes.

If confronted by a snake, stay calm, and slowly move away from the snake. It's more scared of you and if not threatened will want to move away from you too (well, that's the plan).

Promptly administer first aid. Apply a pad to the bite site to absorb venom for testing later, place a compression bandage over the site, and then continue bandaging the whole limb (eg. if an arm, from fingers to armpit). This bandage should be firmly applied and you should be unable to easily slide a finger between the bandage and the skin.

Finally, splint the limb to restrict movement, and encourage the patient to stay still.

If the bite is on a part of the body other than a limb, apply firm direct pressure to the site with a pad. Do not restrict breathing or chest movement and do not apply overly firm pressure to the neck or head.

The old cliché, prevention is better than the cure – if you can't see where you're putting your hands or feet, assume there's a snake there! If going outside at night, put on some lights or use a torch. Make lots of noise to scare them away. Be careful where you're putting your hands and feet.

The QAS has a number of videos online to take you through snake bite first aid. Just Google "QAS snake bite video".

Merry Christmas!

Everyone at the Queensland Ambulance Service wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. It goes without saying, the service works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a week, with no stopping over the Christmas period. We're here if you need us. Please, please stay safe, whether that's at home, at work, or on the road. Please don't be in a hurry when driving – when you drive patiently, when you drive rationally, you drive safely. Slow it down, put the phone in the glove box, take lots of rest breaks, have a really good kip before you start driving, and obviously, don't drive after drinking (or using any other mind altering substances!). We want to see everyone on the 'Fields fighting fit for 2026!

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PLEASE CALL Paula 0408 798 440

(Please leave a message as if you aren't in my contact list I wont answer)

OR EMAIL DETAILS TO

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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

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HELD ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AT 9.30AM

WHERE:
PEAK DOWNS HALL - SUPPER ROOM

EMERALD WALKING GROUP

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.org.au

Visit walking.heartfoundation.org.au to register or for more information



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FOSSICKING



CAMP KITCHEN



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TOP 9 SUMMER DANGERS FOR PETS

Summer is the best time to enjoy longer, warmer, brighter days and enjoy an active lifestyle with our pets.

While it's the ideal time to travel and bask in the outdoors, some precautions are necessary for cats and dogs alike.



HEATSTROKE

Exercise pets during cooler early mornings and evenings. Avoid walking on hot ground to avoid paw burns. If it's hot for you to touch with your bare hand, it's too hot for them to walk on.



ROAD TRIPS

Acclimatise your pet with short trips. Use proper safety restraints. Stop regularly for hydration and relief.



POOLS

Pets falling into pools can be fatal and pool chemicals can be toxic when swallowed. Always monitor your pet around the pool.



WATER SAFETY

Ensure dogs swim in cool, clean, moving water and avoid areas with the potential for toxic blue-green algae blooms.



CHRISTMAS FOOD

Avoid feeding leftovers like cooked bones and fatty ham. Also, chocolate, garlic, macadamias, and anything containing grapes, sultanas, or raisins (like mince pies).



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Keep your pets safe from tree ornaments, loose tinsel, gift wrapping, batteries, fairy lights and electrical cables that can pose serious risks.



BITES AND STINGS

Be vigilant for potential snake and spider bites. Use treatments against fleas and ticks.

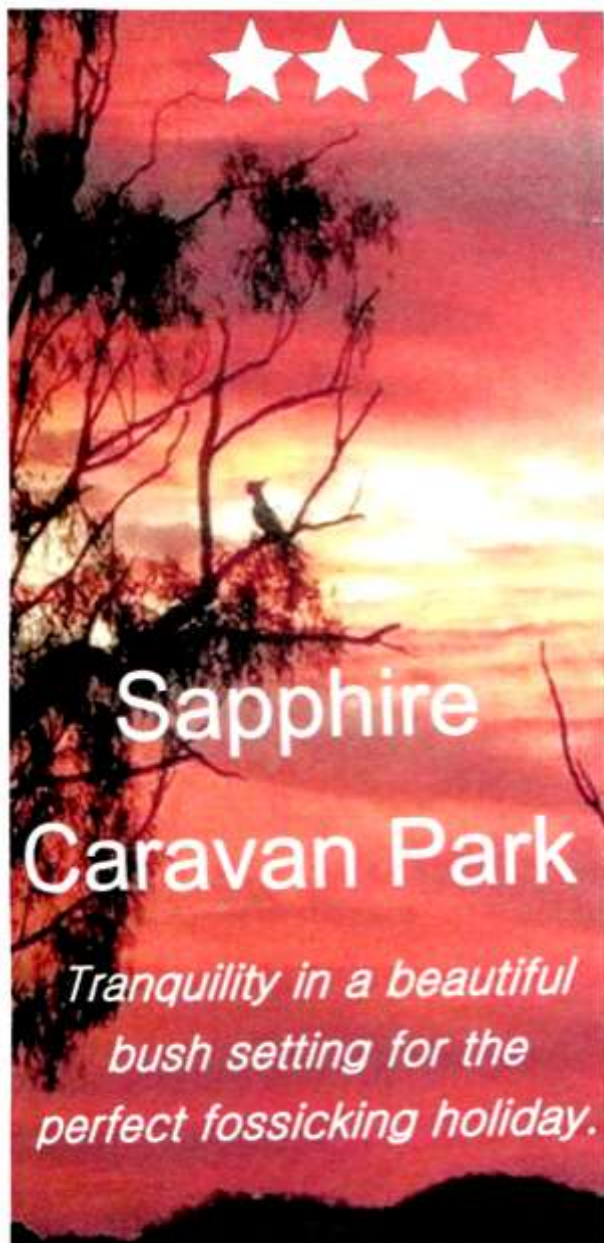


CAR SAFETY

Never, ever leave pets unattended inside vehicles to avoid potentially deadly heatstroke or dehydration.

SIGNS OF HEAT STRESS

- Excessive panting
- Excessive drooling
- Unsteadiness
- Lethargy
- Restlessness
- Dry, sticky gums
- Decreased urination
- Collapse



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Saturday, 8am – 1pm Rubyvale Flats

Rubyvale Flats Christmas Markets

Christmas music, surprise visit from Santa and the Grinch with small gifts for the kids, come along and support all our lovely stall holders with all their festive goodies.

Dec
6
2025



Sunday, 6pm – 8:30pm Emerald Showgrounds

Emerald Rotary Christmas Carols

Emerald Rotary Carols is an annual event that brings everyone together to share in the festive spirit. Everyone welcome!

Dec
7
2025



Saturday, 4pm – 9pm Gemfields RSL

Karaoke at Christmas

Hosted by 'Singers for non-singers' at the Gemfields RSL. Special guest appearance by the U.G.G.S (Ukulele Gemfields Group) Put on your Chrissy Tees and join us!

Dec
13
2025



Thursday, 10am – 1pm Emerald Village Shopping Centre

Make a Christmas Wreath

Get into the Christmas spirit these school holidays! Join us for a jolly good time as you design, decorate and dazzle with your very own handmade Christmas Wreath.

This workshop is recommended for children from 4 years to 12 years. Parents do not need to purchase a ticket but parental supervision is required. Cost: \$5.50

Dec
18
2025



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GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY

THANK YOU DAY MEGA RAFFLE FUN DAY

Was a huge success!

An enormous thank you to the amazing organisers and dedicated volunteers for putting together such a fun and successful Thank You Day Mega Raffle Fun Day! With a massive 200 prizes won, the excitement was high and it was wonderful to see the community come together and enjoy the day.

You can find a full list of prizes and winners at the Gemfields RSL

Returned & Services League of Australia

(Queensland Branch)

Gemfields RSL Sub-Branch Inc.

ABN 15 781 906 571

P.O. Box 328, Sapphire QLD 4702.

Enquiries: Phone 07 4985 4588

Email: secretary@gemfields.rslqld.net.au



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026

WOW!! WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE?? The holiday season has crept up and overtaken us this year. I can't believe it is the merry season once again.

What a great turnout we had for Remembrance Day. Thank you to all that attended.

The response to our Thank You Fun Day was absolutely overwhelming! The attendance was really great, even with the heat. The highlight of the day was, obviously, the dunk tank starring Sgt Kelly and Charmaine! Sgt Kelly came prepared, with her bright pink floaty ring, flippers, snorkel and goggles, and then proceeded to dunk herself before anyone else had a chance! Charmaine had a nice ice bath with about ten bags of ice being added for her swim! I bet it was appreciated though, considering how hot it was.

The other highlight, and the aim behind the day, was the drawing of our MEGA raffle to support our local volunteers. Final figures are still coming, but I'm sure it will be awesome. Congratulations to all our lucky winners and we hope you enjoy your prizes. The helpers on the day did an outstanding job, but without the presence of our community it wouldn't have been half as much fun. THANK YOU ALL!

The 6th December is our members Christmas party. Whether you are league or social members come along and bring the family for one of our last get togethers of the year.

On the 13th December Gemfields Singing for Non-Singers are going to host a karaoke night which should prove to be an entertaining night. Reckon you can sing like Elvis? Come along and let us hear you.

To give our volunteer staff, and the executive committee, a much needed rest we will closing from end of trade on the 14th of December and reopening on the 26th of January.

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 December/January:

Mondays 0900 – 1100 office open to all members who may wish to speak to one of the executive committee.

6th December: Member Christmas party. Come along and enjoy.

13th December: Karaoke for Christmas hosted by Gemfields Singing for Non-singers.

14th December: Our last trading night for 2025. Come and have a roast dinner with us.

26th January 2026: First trading day for 2026. Come along and celebrate Australia Day with us.

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



**STAY SAFE AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!**

LEST WE FORGET



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OCTOBER 2025



Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

PO BOX 364, Rubyvale, Qld 4702

COMMUNITY UPDATE

QSMA prepared and lodged our submission to the Fitzroy Water Catchment review raising the potential issue of Small-Scale Mining tenements not captured under the Water Act 2000 being able to access bores for mining purposes as requested during our SSM Ministerial Forum of the 2nd of September. This submission for amendment was forwarded to the Secretariat as per request. Below is a dot point of some of the recommendations.

- The amendment seeks to add a new provision to the Water Act 2000, specifically under Part 3, Division 2, to allow small-scale tenement holders in the Gemfields region to apply for a limited use bore water permit for production purposes.
- Permits would be subject to environmental safeguards and sustainable extraction limits, as determined by the Department of Resources, ensuring responsible and sustainable water use.
- The proposal also recommends negotiated caps on water extraction volumes per site, mandatory metering of bore water use, and a system that balances economic viability for small miners with environmental protection.



2025-2026

Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

PO box 364, Rubyvale, QLD 4702

Membership & Renewal Application Form \$35.00 Per Year

I wish to become a Member of the Q.S.M.A. and agree to abide by the Rules of the Association.

☐ New Application

☐ Renewal

☐ Change of Details

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Given Name: Surname:

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Signature of Applicant: Date:

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Gemmy Quilters



DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

We hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and wish all the very best for the New Year.

Our numbers are a little less and some are going away for the holidays to spend with family. We who stay and stitch and craft are still just as enthusiastic for what we are working on. Come and join us if you like. We are at the Sapphire Hall each Tuesday from 9.00am to 3.00pm –morning tea is provided but bring your lunch if staying for the whole day. You can stay as long and short as you like. Remember, we are air conditioned so it is a pleasure to come to sewing this hot weather.

At present we are making quilted blocks for a cover for our quilting machine to keep the dust off. Everyone is making a block be they a sewer, knitter or crocheter. We are all adding our effort. Will show you when it is finished.

We will be open over the holidays

Until next year, Happy stitching to all

Gemmy Quilters.

GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Well, what is there to say – this Newsletter covers the end of 2025 and the start of 2026.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Before everyone heads off on holidays we urge all drivers to read the message from Andrew and Dave in the November Newsletter regarding car accidents and the effect of speed. It is very interesting and definitely food for thought.

We hope everyone takes care of themselves over the holidays and all through the coming year.

Our Committee is having a break until the Markets start up again but if you want to contact us feel free to ring Judy on 0437 331 812 especially if you are thinking of becoming a volunteer, which we urgently need. More hands help keep the load lighter for everyone. Please give this some thought.

Once again all the very best to all –keep cool and enjoy yourselves.

Your Local Ambulance Committee.



JP available at the Gemfields Library

Library hours are

10am-2pm Tuesday

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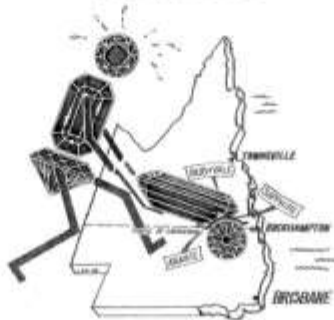
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SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
(MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE)
1003 Rubyvale Rd, Sapphire

\$20.00 each



Practise Tai Chi
Hosted by Gemfields Multi-Purpose Centre
Mondays 9am to 10am



There has been a lot of Facebook AI ads promoting “Tai Chi walking” for post-menopausal women, in particular. For losing weight, for building muscle tone, increasing bone density, for all the health benefits that come with practising Tai Chi regularly. Is it all rubbish? Short answer is no. But don’t rush out and pay for anything that Facebook promotes without independent investigation. And you can learn tai chi walking here at The Gemfields. I’ve included a link at the bottom if you want to practise at home.

“Tai Chi walking” is simply transitioning from one “bow step” to another bow step, and is often used as a warm-up exercise because a large part of tai chi practise involves using the bow step. If you speed up the bow step transitioning, you will find yourself just walking naturally, and with more flow, grace, balance and poise. What is really happening, is you are learning how to walk properly, and protecting your joints when you do. This practice teaches the correct angles of the different stages of our gait (how we walk) and the functional relationships between your hips, knees, ankles and upper body as well. Practised daily you will find yourself starting to walk with more strength and control, and notice yourself using your core muscles more effectively in everyday activities. This is a weight-bearing exercise (using your own weight) and together with correct breathing practice, will increase circulation, promote better muscle tone and increase bone density.

Losing weight is a multi-faceted goal. Enough of the right kind of exercise should be part of your weight-loss regime, but your diet is just as crucial. So yes, tai chi walking can help you to lose weight if you practise it often and use good form, but watch what you eat too!

The GMPC hosts Tai Chi practise every Monday between 9am and 10am. Participation is free, and open to all ages and genders. Join our friendly group for coffee at Pats afterwards. See you there!

FRIDAY IN HOUSE LUNCH

CRAFTY ANGELS (for over 65’s) START AT 9.00 AND
CRAFTY ANGELS MORNING TEA WILL BE SERVED

10.00 - 10.30AM



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FROM 12.00PM

COME ALONG TO SOCIALISE WITH OLD FRIENDS

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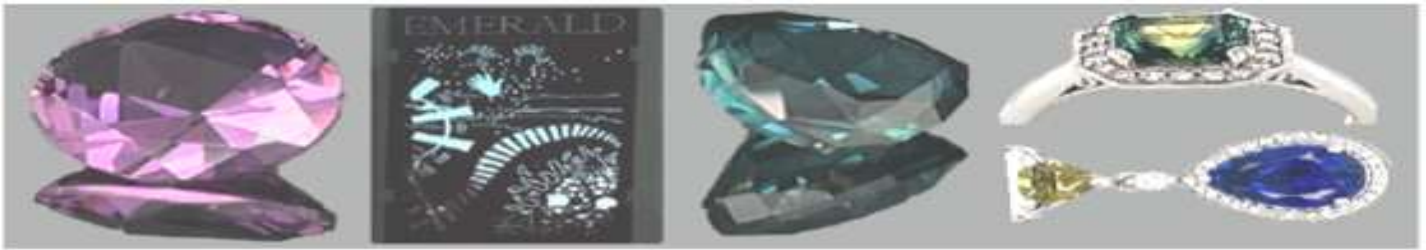
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LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION IS NOT AN ISSUE





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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 Christmas Luncheon Group

Sapphire Central

The Original

Free Christmas Dinner

On Christmas Day – 25th Dec at 11.00 am

Now at the Pavilion at Roy Day Park

Family Friendly

Entrees – Fruit and savory platters

Main meal – Cold roast pork and beef, cold roast chicken, ham, assorted salads.

Desserts – Fruit salad, ice cream, cream. Xmas pudding, custard, cream.

Drinks – Assorted soft drinks and water.

NOTE: Please enter through the front door to collect your free gift, door prize tickets, kids drink and icy pole tickets.

Santa Clause will arrive to distribute free presents to all kids.

To assist us to carry on this great tradition, there will be a voluntary donation tin and raffle tickets to purchase at the entry.

Come one and all. Spread the word.





MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gemfields Riding for the Disabled would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We thank everyone for their generous support and help especially our awesome volunteers who turn up every day to help with horses, lessons, maintenance and anything else that needs attention.

A big thank you to the Community & Gemini Caravan Park who donate their cans and bottles to us.

Thank you everyone and watch this space for our start next year.



Gemfields Riding for the Disabled Inc.

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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 December/January 2025

With Christmas in sight, we are heading into the New Year; looking forward to an unfolding season of festivities, parties, get togethers with friends and families. Also a time of sharing and kindness to our less well of fellow citizens. A time of giving. A time of reflection and planning ahead for the coming year 2026. Maybe considering joining a local club or association to take a greater part in the workings of our pleasant community. Joining our well established Garden Club is one of those options.

Here is our hard working secretary Jenny with some gardening advice:

Gemfields Community Garden Club Newsletter

As the heat of summer rolls in, we're turning our focus to a true Aussie favourite: mangoes! This month, we're spotlighting the remarkable journey of mangoes grown right here in Australia's arid regions and sharing tips, recipes, and local stories to keep your green thumbs busy.

Why Grow Mangoes in Arid Regions?

Resilience: Mango trees are hardy and can survive with limited rainfall making them a sustainable choice for water wise gardens.

Fruit Quality: The dry conditions in arid zones result in fewer pests and diseases, producing mangoes with a stronger flavour and firmer flesh.

Tips for Growing Mangoes in the Gemfields

Choose the Right Variety: 'Kensington Pride' (also known as Bowen Mango) is Australia's most popular variety and does well in hot, dry climates.

Sunlight is Key: Plant your tree where it will receive full sun for most of the day—mangoes absolutely love it!

Soil Preparation: Mangoes prefer well-drained, sandy soils. If your patch is a bit heavy, mix in some sand and compost to improve drainage.

Watering: Young trees need regular watering until established, but be careful not to overwater. Once mature, deep watering once a week should be plenty, especially during fruiting season.

Protection: Use mulch to keep roots cool and conserve moisture, but keep it away from the trunk to avoid rot.

Recipe Corner: Mango Magic

Mango Dessert : This is a layering desert, do 2 layers. In a bowl add crushed gingernut biscuits to bottom, vanilla yoghurt and then blended mango. Repeat the layers and add some sliced mango to top. Leave in fridge for a few hours or overnight.

Outback Mango Chutney: Combine diced mangoes, onion, ginger, vinegar and a pinch of chilli for a condiment that pairs perfectly with BBQ meats.

Simple Mango Salad: Toss sliced mango with cucumber, red onion, mint, and a drizzle of olive oil for a light summer dish.

Garden Club News

Next Meeting: Our last meeting this year is on 6th December at 9am followed by Christmas Morning tea.

Enjoy Christmas and definitely try out the Mango Dessert, it is a favourite in our household.

Happy gardening, Jenny.

Thanks Jenny, we all love mangoes. Your Mango Dessert is just mouthwatering!

Our president Dave and we all wish you:

"A HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!!!"

Happy Gardening!

Jim Varak
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News Coordinator



Happy Gardening



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

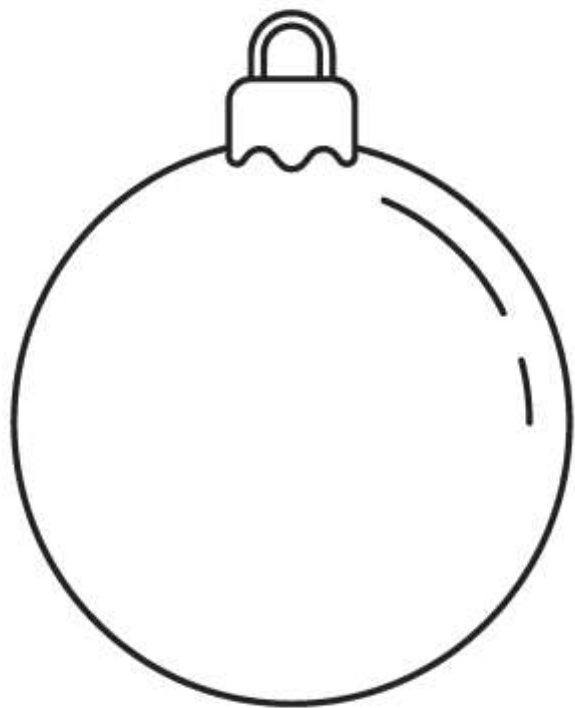
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CHRISTMAS
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Cranberry & Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Brie

Ingredients

Olive oil (2 tbsp)
Chicken breasts, boneless and skinless (4)
Fresh spinach, chopped (½ cup)
Dried cranberries (⅓ cup)
Brie cheese, sliced (about 110 g)
Garlic powder (1 tsp)
Dried thyme (½ tsp)
Salt (½ tsp)
Black pepper (¼ tsp)
Honey (2 tbsp)
Balsamic vinegar (1 tbsp)
Dijon mustard (¼ tsp)

Directions

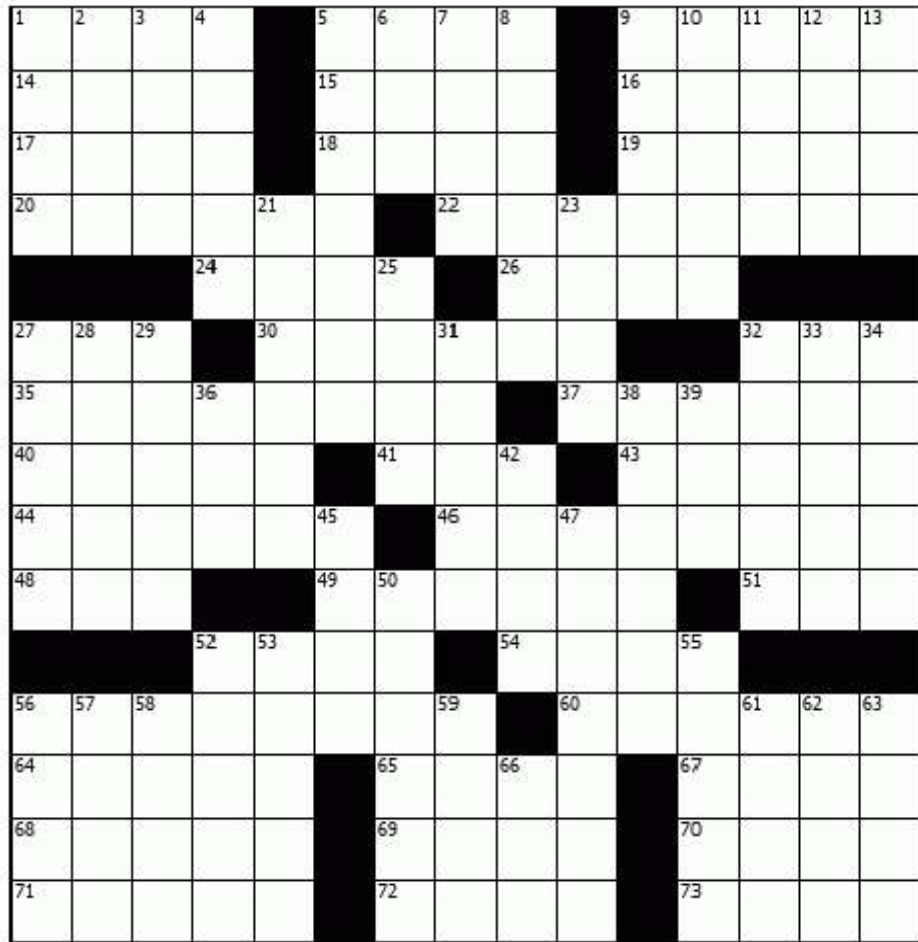
Preheat the oven to 190 °C and grease or line a baking dish. Cut a pocket into each chicken breast. Mix the spinach, cranberries and Brie, then stuff this mixture into the chicken pockets. Rub the chicken with olive oil and season with garlic powder, thyme, salt and pepper. Sear the chicken for 2–3 minutes on each side and then bake for 20–25 minutes until the internal temperature reaches 74 °C (165 °F). Meanwhile mix the honey, balsamic vinegar and Dijon mustard and heat until slightly thickened. Drizzle this glaze over the baked chicken and serve.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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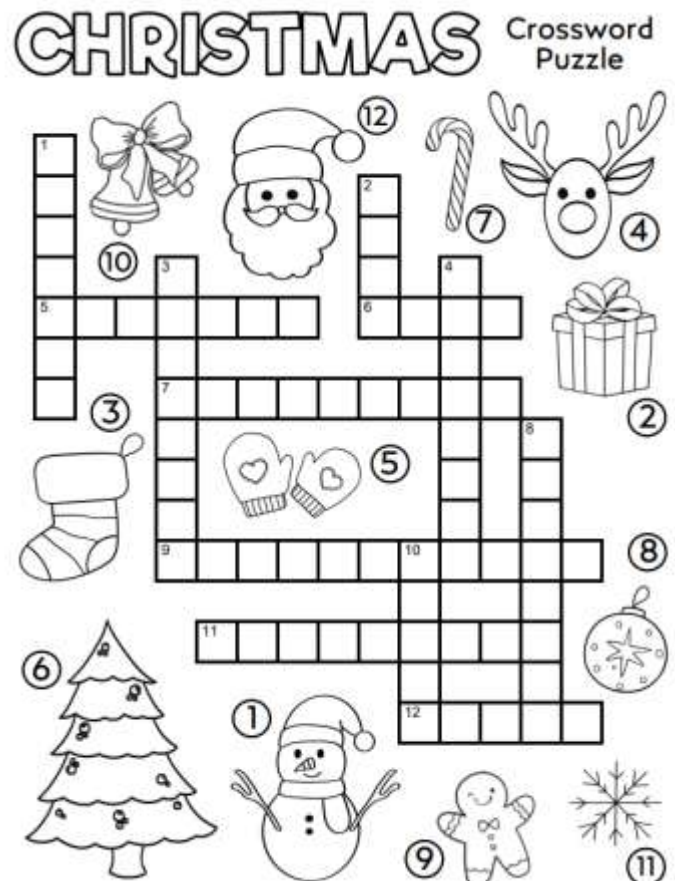
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SES	132 500	NON-LIFE THREATENING FLOOD & STORM EMERGENCIES	
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	Col 0423 767 490	MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 7.30 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
GEMFIELDS MEALS ON WHEELS	MPC 49854664	MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY	MULTI PURPOSE CENTRE SAPPHIRE
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