



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2026

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au

Looking Back:

March 1902 - The Drought That Tested Queensland



By March 1902, Queensland was deep in what became known as the **Federation Drought** - one of the harshest and most prolonged droughts in Australian history.

For years, rain had failed across vast areas of the state. Rivers shrank to muddy trickles. Waterholes dried out completely. Pastoral stations were losing cattle and sheep in staggering numbers, and many families were pushed to the brink. Across Australia, nearly half the sheep and around 40% of cattle were lost during this period.

It was a cruel twist of timing. Australia had only just become a nation in 1901, and already the young country was facing one of its toughest environmental challenges.

But hardship often shapes change. The drought accelerated the drilling of artesian bores and strengthened reliance on underground water supplies, helping rural properties survive future dry years. It also reinforced something that still runs deep in regional Queensland - resilience.

Here on the Gemfields, where dry seasons still test the land and those who live on it, that same quiet determination remains. The stories may be older, but the spirit hasn't changed. If you have memories or family stories of drought years past, we'd love to hear them and share them in a future edition.



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



VOLUNTEER WANTED!

Gemfields Community Support Association is seeking a friendly & creative volunteer to lead our clients craft group, *The Crafty Angels*. The role involves organising simple craft activities and guiding the group, which meets weekly on Fridays.

Phone **49 854 664** or email
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MARCH
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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



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.



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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)*



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

Got something to celebrate?



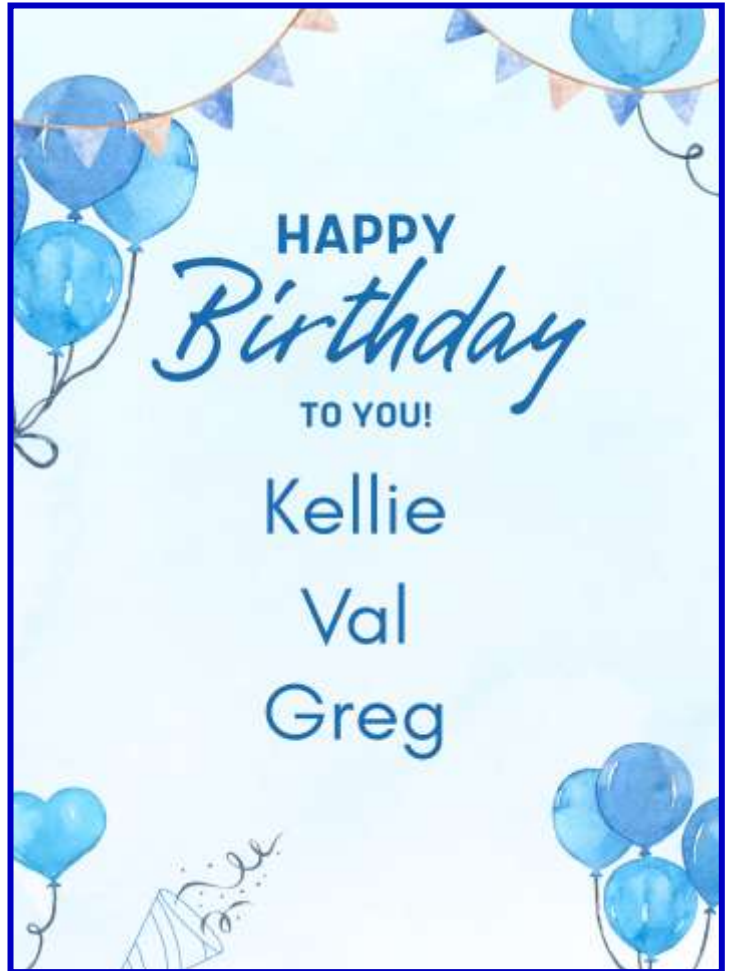
Birthdays, anniversaries, good news?
We'd love to share it!



Send your shout-outs to
admin@gemfields.org.au

Thank you to the incredible
volunteers across Queensland and
Australia who gave their time on
Clean Up Australia Day, 1 March,
helping keep our communities,
bushland and beaches clean.

Clean Up



Gemfields Pet of the Month!

Bad hair day...
still adorable.



Ollie-Bean

Humans: Robyn & Jimmy

Age: 8 years old

Ollie-Bean is
absolutely convinced
he's a cat.



POEMS - STORIES - FUNNIES



AUSSIE WISDOM

Shade is prime real estate.

Turn your boots upside down at night.

You know the smell of rain before you feel it.

A ute tray can carry anything if tied down correctly.

Snakes don't chase you – but stepping on one will ruin your day.

If the power goes out, you light a candle and carry on.

Australia has more kangaroos than people – and they're not afraid to use the road.

"Yeah nah" means no.

"Nah yeah" means yes. Everyone understands this.

You can experience all four seasons in one day... except in the north, where it's just hot and hotter.

A sausage sizzle can raise more money than most formal fundraisers.

We measure distance in hours, not kilometres.

Magpies remember faces and will absolutely hold a grudge.

The phrase "she'll be right" solves at least 60% of problems.



Why did the bicycle fall over?
It was two-tyred.





Queensland Ambulance Service

Gemfields



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

We're sometimes offered gifts by members of the public. While we greatly appreciate the very kind thought behind this, because we are Queensland public servants we must declare all gifts given to us in our role as paramedic, and in most cases have to relinquish the gift, or if we know who it came from, give it back. For this reason, we generally 1) discourage personal gift-giving to paramedics, and 2) if offered a gift, politely refuse it. This is particularly the case with higher value items such as alcohol, and definitely cash or lottery tickets.

We know this might sound a bit ungrateful, but the reason for this strict policy is so there is absolutely no suggestion or question of impartiality when it comes to our work. In addition, we are paid to do the job (through your taxes), and we both love serving you all here in the Gemfields, so no further personal remuneration or reward is ever necessary.

While we as paramedics are unable to accept gifts, if you're really keen to show your appreciation, we'd encourage you instead to donate a small portion of what you might have spent on a gift to the Gemfields Local Ambulance Committee. You can find them most Sunday mornings at the Sapphire Markets, Roy Day Park. Our dedicated committee volunteers raise funds for enhanced equipment for the station and ambulances, as well as for training materials.

In addition, if you feel any QAS staff member, including paramedics from here or Emerald, our volunteers, or the wonderful QAS Triple Zero call takers, went above and beyond in their work, we always welcome feedback. The best way to do that is via the QAS website.

We also really enjoy it when you update us on your progress, after we've taken you to hospital, either in person or via a letter to the station.

Thanks again for your wonderful support. We feel very blessed to work in such a terrific area.

As always, please remember, the only contact for ambulance attendance is TRIPLE ZERO (000). Anyone calling another number will be asked to hang up, and call triple zero. Thanks all!

Rubyvale Flats Markets

Wednesday 9am till 1pm
Saturday 8am till 1pm
To book a stall
Call Bev
0428399591



SAPPHIRE



Markets 2026

The Sapphire Markets will commence on Sunday 1st March 2026, hosted by the Gemfields Lapidary Club, alternating fortnightly with Gemfields Riding for the Disabled, who will host on Sunday 8th March 2026.

Stall holders are to be set up and ready to begin by 7:30am. Please ensure you bring your Public Liability papers with you.

Gates open to the general public from 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

Come on down and grab a bargain or two from our friendly stall holders, and enjoy a yummy breakfast of bacon and egg, beef pattie, or sausage and onion on bread. Hot and cold drinks available.

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Paula Riley – 0408 798 440

Debbie Wouters – 0407 056 089

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Sunday 29 March 2026



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Neighbour Day is held on the last Sunday in March, 29 March 2026, and encourages neighbours to connect, reduce loneliness, and build a stronger sense of community.

It serves as a reminder to check in, reach out and strengthen the connections that make communities safer and kinder. A simple hello can brighten someone's day and help people feel seen and supported.

Little ways to take part:

- Wave and greet neighbours during your daily walk
- Invite someone over for a cuppa and a chat
- Offer to help with a small task like watering plants
- Share local event information with those nearby
- Spend a few extra minutes chatting at the front gate

Small gestures build stronger, more connected communities. **Learn more: neighbourseveryday.org**



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Central Highlands
Regional Council



Dementia Friendly Community Workshop

Presented by: Nadia Licence
Dementia Australia

Dementia touches many families in our region. These friendly, practical sessions are about learning how we can look out for one another - at the shops, in the street, at the library, and in our workplaces.

What You'll Learn:

- ✓ A clear, everyday understanding of what dementia is
- ✓ How it can affect communication, confidence, and participation
- ✓ Small changes that make spaces more dementia-friendly
- ✓ Practical tips for respectful, supportive interactions
- ✓ How our community can work together to be more inclusive

TUES 17th MARCH

EMERALD - CH CoLab

9 - 13 King St

11:00am - 12:00pm

Dementia Friendly Workshop

WED 18th MARCH

BLACKWATER Activities Centre

31 Littlefield Street

11:30am - 12:30pm

Dementia Friendly Workshop

THURS 19th MARCH

CAPELLA Community Hall

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10am - 11:30am

Dementia Friendly Workshop



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www.qsma.com.au

February Update 2026

Here we are about to start a new year's activities, and it promises to be just as hectic as previous years.

First cab off the rank will be the next ministerial meeting in Brisbane which is anticipated to be held in March. The Qsma will again be in attendance as delegates of the Small-Scale Mining Council to make representations on behalf the Gemfields.

Items on the agenda include:

- Extension of the RA1 area (on-going).
- Review of the ERE (Endangered Regional Eco System).
- Water access for small scale mining.
- Protection for DFL areas not declared on unallocated state land.
- Progress and timetable for replacement systems for Myminesonline.

Members are invited to let us know if they have any other systemic issues or concerns, they would like to have raised at this forum. These concerns must be for the benefit of our industry as a whole and not individual grievances.

The Qsma will again be present at the Sapphire Markets from Sunday 29th March 2026. Anyone with a question or who needs to discuss a matter is welcome, membership renewals and applications can be accepted.

We need to remind Qsma members and applicants that our **banking details have changed**

to: **CBA BSB 064-704 A/C 10468833**

Did you know.....

..... that all claims are granted subject to "**Standard Conditions**" that all tenure holders are expected to adhere to?

Included in the standard conditions is that all local government rates, charges and penalties must be paid. The CHRC updates the Resources Department twice each year on the status of claims substantially in arrears. The department has advised us that there are currently more than 150 claims in this category and that a substantial number of these holders have been issued non-compliance notices.

Non-compliance notices are a serious matter and claim holders are strongly encouraged to address the issues raised urgently to avoid the potential consequences.

Claim holders should be aware that not meeting this condition of grant can have significant impacts for affected claimholders, such as:

- Dealings with resources including transfers and renewals cannot be progressed while rate payments are in arrears.
- Continued noncompliance can potentially result in cancellation of a claim.
- The Mineral Resources Act has provisions that allows for the deduction of unpaid rates from security deposits held by the department.
- Rates are a debt owed to the CHRC. Nonpayment not only attracts severe penalty interest but can also legally be pursued by council. Cancellation or expiry of a tenure does not cancel rates in arrears.

These notes have been reviewed and verified by the Department of Resources, if further clarification or information is required claim holders should contact the Small-Scale Mining team at (07) 3078 3031.

This is a reminder regarding access to the Emerald Mines office.

Please note that the Emerald office is closed to unscheduled walk-ins. Anyone needing to speak with a team member in person must **make an appointment by contacting the SSM Hub on 3078 3031.**

Many enquiries can be resolved over the phone, and the permit they are enquiring about may not be handled by an Emerald team member. As a result, staff on site may not have the relevant information and may require additional time to review the file or consult with the appropriate team member.

For visitors who do **not** need to speak with staff, forms and other documents can still be **dropped off at the front counter using the secure drop box** during standard office building hours (9am to 4pm).

The Emerald SSM team is not always staffed or immediately available; however, other team members may still be able to respond to emails sent to SSMHub@nrmmrld.qld.gov.au or to phone enquiries.

We appreciate your support in ensuring this message is passed on to clients and contacts to help manage expectations and avoid inconvenience.

Contact details:

Email: SSMHub@nrmmrld.qld.gov.au

Phone: 3078 3031

Post: PO BOX 245, Emerald QLD 4720

Andrea Hewitt - Senior Mining Registrar
Small Scale Mining Hub | Georesources Delivery
Department of Natural Resources and Mines,

Thank you all for your attention and hope to see many of you at the markets.

Best wishes

QSMA COMMITTEE

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Local Wildlife Carer Contacts

If you encounter injured wildlife, please keep a safe distance and contact a local wildlife carer.
Your call can help give our native animals a second chance.



GEMFIELDS

Megan Harwood: 0413557487

Cindy Kelly: 0457090966

Local Police: 49 854 200

EMERALD

June Ryan: 0427349203



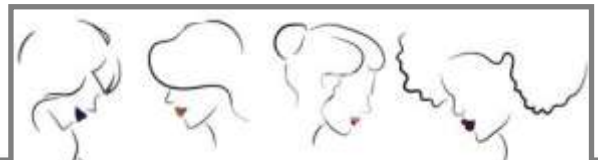
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sharondunn64@hotmail.com



Wildlife Gardening Tips

Small changes in our gardens can make a big difference for local wildlife and help keep Queensland's natural environment thriving.

🌿 Plant local natives

Choose plants native to your region to provide natural food and shelter for birds, insects and small animals. Local species are adapted to Queensland's climate and require less water and maintenance.

💧 Provide fresh water

A shallow birdbath, dish or small water feature helps wildlife stay hydrated, especially during hot Queensland summers. Place it in shade and refresh regularly.

🪵 Create safe shelter spaces

Logs, rocks, dense shrubs and leaf litter provide hiding places and nesting areas for lizards, frogs, insects and small birds. Even a small corner left natural can become valuable habitat.

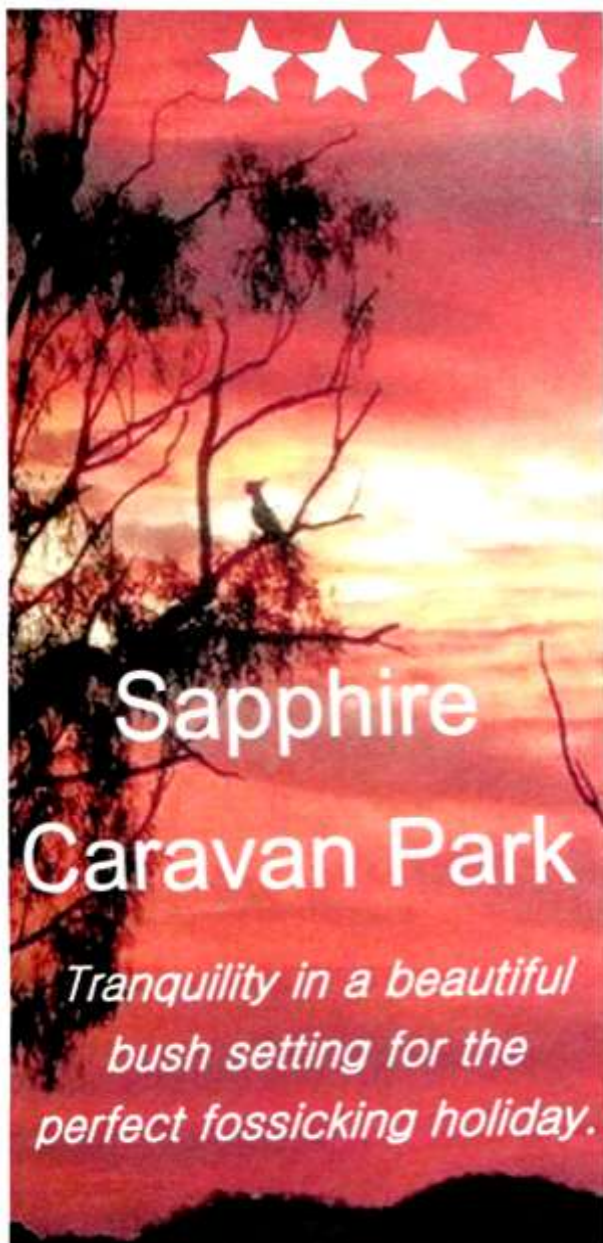
🐝 Avoid chemicals and pesticides

Reducing sprays protects beneficial insects, pollinators and birds. A healthy garden ecosystem naturally controls pests and supports biodiversity.

🌳 Layer your garden for habitat

Include ground covers, shrubs and trees to create different habitat levels. This layered structure supports a wider range of wildlife and offers protection from heat and predators.





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GEMMY QUILTERS MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



It is really great to see more people at sewing each week - even though one of our members is away on a cruise. Check our Facebook page to see “Poppy” her bear’s adventures overseas. We are looking forward to following her trip.

Our President, Carol, returned earlier than expected from her holiday down south because the temperatures were so high and it was cooler here than was projected for places in Victoria and New South Wales. We were pleased to welcome her back to our air conditioned hall!

Our adventures in driving our quilting machine continue with practice being the main agenda item.

Join us any Tuesday at the Sapphire Hall 9.00am to 3.00pm morning tea provided and bring your own lunch if staying all day. Until then, Happy Stitching .

Gemmy Quilters.



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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 – MARCH 2026

February was a bit of a quiet month, but we were all still there working behind the scenes. We were successful in our Sub-Branch Facilities and Services Enhancement Program 2026 Grant Application, for a new zero turn ride-on mower with catcher. The mower has been received, much to the delight of our caretakers, but we are still awaiting the catcher. The sub-branch was also the scene of a wedding, congratulations Jeffrey and Jay, and a happy 60th birthday party for Sherri.

Due to the age of the welfare vehicle, donated by Jim the Gem, we are looking to replace it. Hopefully we can afford to purchase a minivan, with wheelchair access, to enable us to take veterans to medical appointments, shopping etc..

I forgot to let everyone know the final figure from our Thank You Fun Day & MEGA Raffle. It was a whopping \$27215.00!!!! Well done to our little community for all their support.

These funds have now been distributed to all recipients, RFS, SES, Wildlife Carers, Anakie State School, QCWA, Rubyvale Progress Association.

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

Dates to Remember for March:

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

01st March: HMAS Perth sunk in Sunda Strait 1942

03rd March: Broome and Wyndham bombed 1942

04th March: HMAS Yarra sunk south of Java 1942

20th March: ANZAC Corps landed in France 1916

20th March: Iraq War begins 2003

31st March: RAAF Anniversary 1921

VC's Awarded in March:

16th - FLTLT W.E. Newton (Salamaua 1943), 20th - LT F.H. McNamara (Palestine 1917), 22nd - CPL R.R. Rattey (Bougainville 1945), 25th - LT A.L. Chowne (Dagua, NG 1945), 26th - CAPT P.N. Cherry (Lagincourt 1917), 28th - SGT S.R. McDougall (Dernancourt 1918)

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MARCH 2026

We're getting ready to start the markets again on **Sunday, 8 March 2026**. We'll have ticket sales and two raffles, thanks to generous support from local businesses — a beautiful pair of **sapphire earrings** and a **food smoker**.

If you feel like joining the **G.L.A.C.**, we will have membership paperwork available on the day. The commitment is not demanding: markets run for five hours on the **2nd and 4th Sundays** each month, with a monthly meeting held after the second Sunday market (usually lasting around **1 to 1½ hours**). With more volunteers, this may reduce to helping at just one Sunday market.

We hope to see you there.

Win Knighton

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For more information please call Joanne at the library
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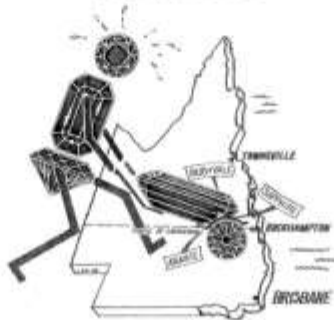
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Mondays 9am to 10am



Tai Chi forms (exercises) are named for animals, birds or actions. This is for two reasons. 1) the name helps us to remember the form, and 2) the imagery helps us to live in the moment. This is why Tai Chi is often referred to as “moving meditation”. To meditate, you focus on one thing.

To give an example, one form is called “repulse monkey”. We walk backwards (repulse), and as we do, our arms alternate reaching backwards, just like a monkey swinging backwards through the trees. If you can imagine yourself being that monkey, at that moment you are not thinking about the stresses of everyday life. Also, it’s kind of silly, isn’t it? A little childish? It takes you back there. Most of us were more relaxed as children. Plus the imagery keeps us in touch with nature and reminds us that we are a part of it too, and that’s grounding. Then, there is that overwhelming sense of relaxation when you are somewhere safe. Even if it’s just in your imagination.

If you’ve ever wanted to try Tai Chi, now is always the opportune time. We are a little female heavy in our tai chi classes (can I say that?). Fellas, can I point out that all the Tai Chi Grand Masters in the world are men? Tai Chi is good for all ages and genders. We don’t discriminate. These sessions are free, and we invite you to join with us this Monday.

Enjoy your March!

Gemfields Community Support Assoc.

◆ *Friday In-House Lunch* ◆

 Morning Tea: 10:00am – 10:30am

 Lunch Served From: 12:00pm

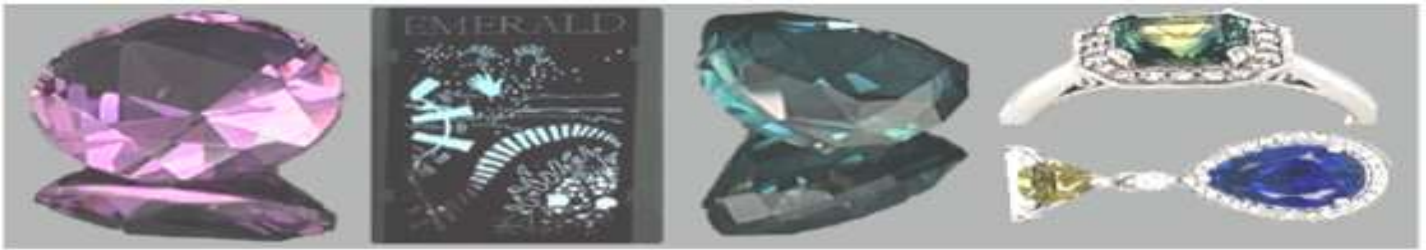
Come along for a relaxing morning of conversation, and community.
Catch up with old friends — and make a few new ones too!
Feel free to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in our air-conditioned hall.

✓ **RSVP:** Please Contact the Gemfields Community Support Association by the previous Wednesday to book your place.

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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 will commence in March this year.

Membership of \$5:00 and rider registration of \$175:00 for insurance is due now. Lessons will be \$30:00.

Should you wish to commence lessons or require any further information, please call Paula on 0408 798 440 or email sapphire.rda@gmail.com.

Volunteers are needed so if you have some time to spare and would like to help out this worthy organisation I will send you the on-line forms for Rider registration and volunteering.

We also have horse manure and mulch hay for your garden if you require this please call or message me.

Looking forward to seeing new and old riders again in 2026.

Paula Riley
Coach
Gemfields RDA Inc.
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Take a peek at the changes.

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WILLOWS GEMFIELDS BRANCH

QCWA Willows Gemfields Branch meetings:
2nd Monday of each month, subject to change.

February 9 th	Willows Rec Club	10:00am
March 9 th	Rubyvale Hall	10:00am
April 13 th	Willows Rec Club	10:00am
May 11 th	Rubyvale Hall	10:00am
June 8 th	Willows Rec Club	10:00am
July 13 th	Rubyvale Hall	10:00am

New Members Welcome. Please phone
0428855019.

Meeting dates may change, members will be
notified where possible





Garden News March 2026

What an excellent rainy season we had; what a verdant country side to behold! The tanks full of water, we are up and running into the new year. The columbarium and improvements for the Rubyvale cemetery, including an upgraded entrance, are on track. Finance and final plans have to be finalised, all looking good.

Exercise and keeping active is a good advice for all people, young and old. Gardening is one of my favourite activities, followed by dancing. There is an old time dance, every second Saturday of the month, at the old town hall in Capella, starting at 8pm till late. Entrance fee is \$10-, tea and coffee provided, ladies bring a plate. A good old fashioned entertainment for all! Further info obtainable by ringing Noela on 0408721707.

Here is our secretary with more news:

Annual General Meeting & Crop Rotation

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Saturday 14th March at 9.30am** at the Community Gardens in Roy Day Park, Sapphire. \$15 annual membership includes a garden bed or 2, use of tools, water, club house and friendly like-minded gardeners to chat to.

Why Rotate Crops?

As you plant up for the new season consider rotating your crops. Crop rotation is vital for healthy veggie patches, especially here in arid Queensland. By changing what you grow in each bed every season, you help preserve soil nutrients, discourage pests, and boost yields.

How to Rotate

- Group your veggies: Legumes (beans, peas), Nightshades (tomato, capsicum), Brassicas (cabbage, kale), Roots (carrot, beetroot), Greens (lettuce, spinach).
- Each season, shift groups to a new bed. For example, last year's tomatoes bed gets carrots this year.
- Let beds rest occasionally.
- Keep a simple record of your rotations to avoid confusion.

Tips for Arid Conditions

- Mulch thickly to retain moisture and cool soil.
- Use drought-tolerant seeds.
- Water early morning or late afternoon, or install drip irrigation.
- Compost regularly to improve water retention.

Sample Three-Year Plan

Year	Bed 1	Bed 2	Bed 3	Bed 4
2026	Tomatoes	Carrots	Beans	Cabbage
2027	Beans	Cabbage	Carrots	Tomatoes
2028	Cabbage	Tomatoes	Beans	Carrots

See you at the Annual General Meeting, I am off to my gardens to get them ready for planting. If you would like to join our Community Garden group phone 0497748010 or drop in to the Annual General Meeting. **Happy gardening – Jenny.**

Thanks Jenny for all that information. We, as always, are looking for new members.

Happy Gardening
Jim Varak
Ph 0419854333
News Coordinator



Happy Gardening!





DIABETIC MANGO FRUIT CAKE

500 GRAMS MIXED FRUIT
1 TIN MANGO SLICES & LIQUID
½ CUP WATER
1 TEASPOON BICARB SODA

Boil these ingredients together for a few seconds and allow to get cold (overnight)

BEAT 2 EGGS
SIFT IN 1 ½ CUPS S R FLOUR

Cook 1 hour at 170 – 180 C and test

You can add any nuts or seeds you like also mixed spice and tablespoon of brandy

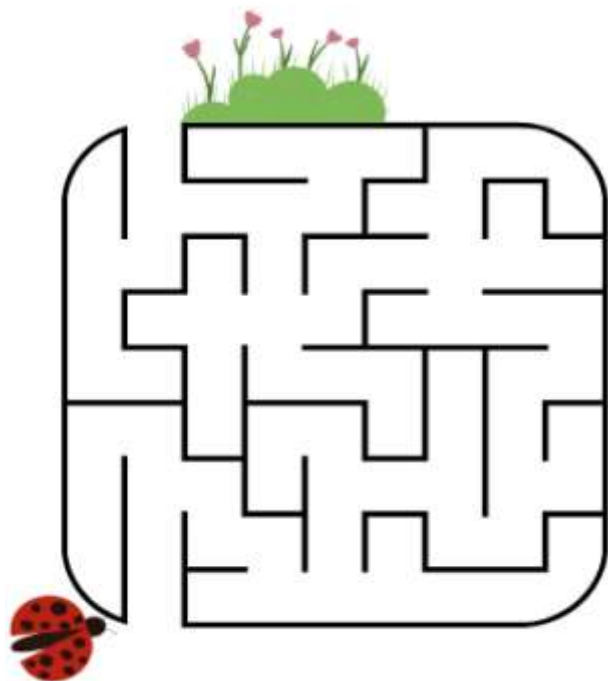
When using the frozen mango you need about one of those oblong take away containers filled. You can blend or chop finely the mango pieces.



*Kindly shared by one of our wonderful community
members*



Can you help the ladybug reach the flowers safely?



COMPLETE THE MONSTER

Use your imagination to draw the rest of the monster below.



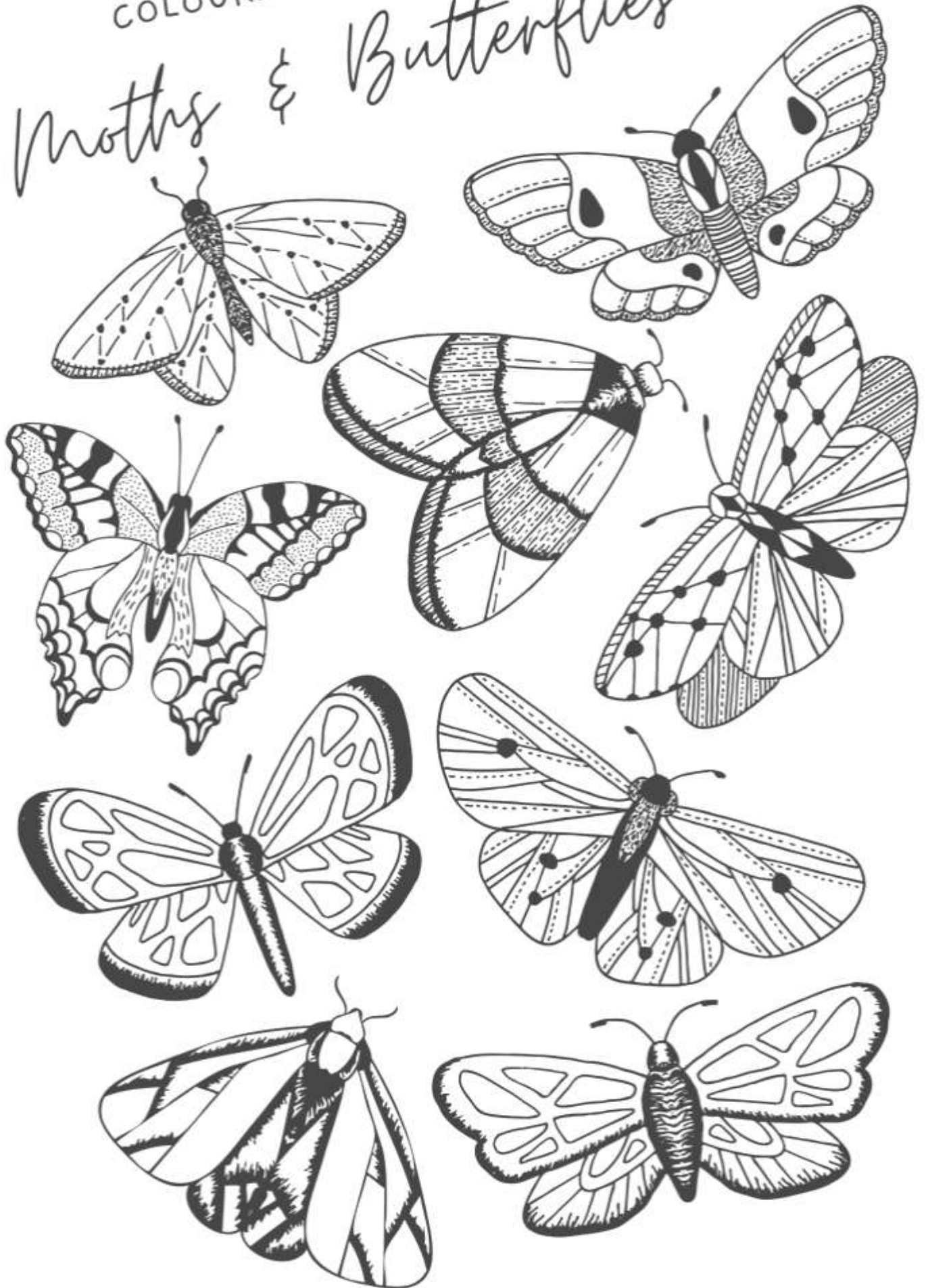
Dot-to-Dot

Connect the dots from 1 to 112, this way you practice counting and discover a very big animal.



COLOURING PAGE

Moths & Butterflies



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

1. Triathlon need
5. Up to snuff
9. Amorous archer
14. Altar word of old
15. World Cup cry
16. Battery cell
17. Applicability
19. Type of sentence
20. Make intelligible
21. One way to listen or follow
23. River ride
25. Meter need
28. Hard to rattle
29. Kid's claim
33. Agree to, as terms
35. Coupler
37. Bumped into

38. Bake, as eggs
39. Go for the gold?
40. Old saying
42. Till bill
43. Like some vaccines
45. Seaplane's anchor
46. As a result
48. Prefix for section or state
50. Tape, say
51. Track event
54. Place for plates
57. Last Supper attendee
61. In progress
62. Most important
64. Big dipper
65. Unwelcome look
66. Pigmented eye part

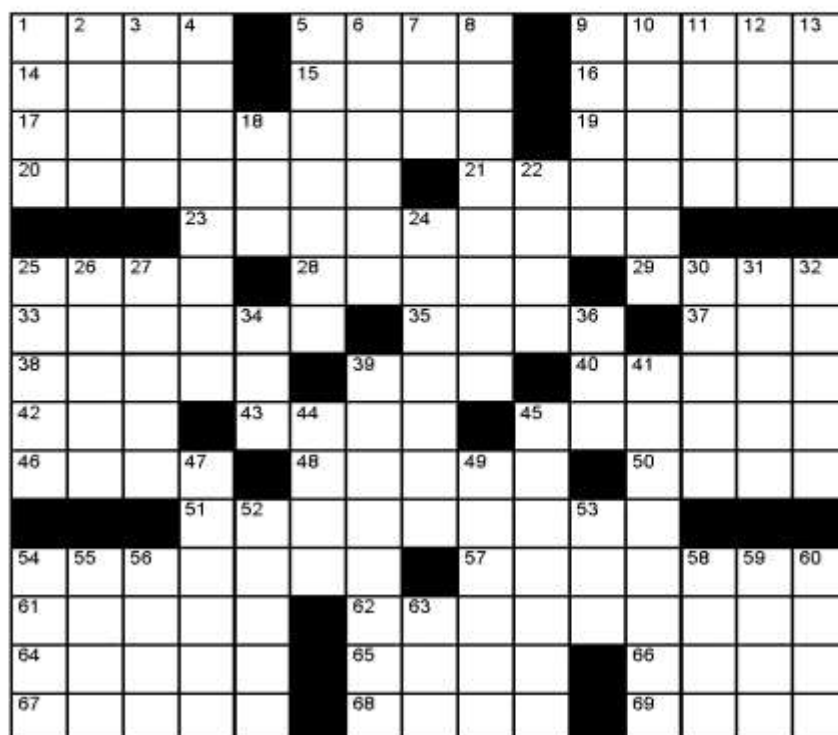
67. Young chicken, for cooking
68. Not straight
69. Throw in the towel

Down

1. Drill
2. Alpine goat
3. Food for sea urchins
4. Makeup bag item
5. 2004 Meg Ryan film, "_____ the Ropes"
6. Hood worn on "The Handmaid's Tale"
7. Resinous deposit
8. End of a race
9. Chocolate substitute
10. Still wrapped

11. Southern dish
12. Adored one
13. Withhold from
18. Airport shuttle, often
22. Vegas "lady"
24. Payment to a writer
25. Social division
26. Reddish yellow
27. Cupcake topper
30. Photoshop item
31. Kicked off
32. Knight's ride
34. Debate position
36. Bud holder?
39. Long cigar
41. Like many wines

44. Disturb
45. Window cover
47. Cal Ripken Jr. was one
49. Pencil end
52. Computer command
53. Hoodwink
54. Young yak
55. Miles away
56. Wine attribute
58. Lose steam
59. _____ to rest
60. Word ending a threat
63. Mend a hem



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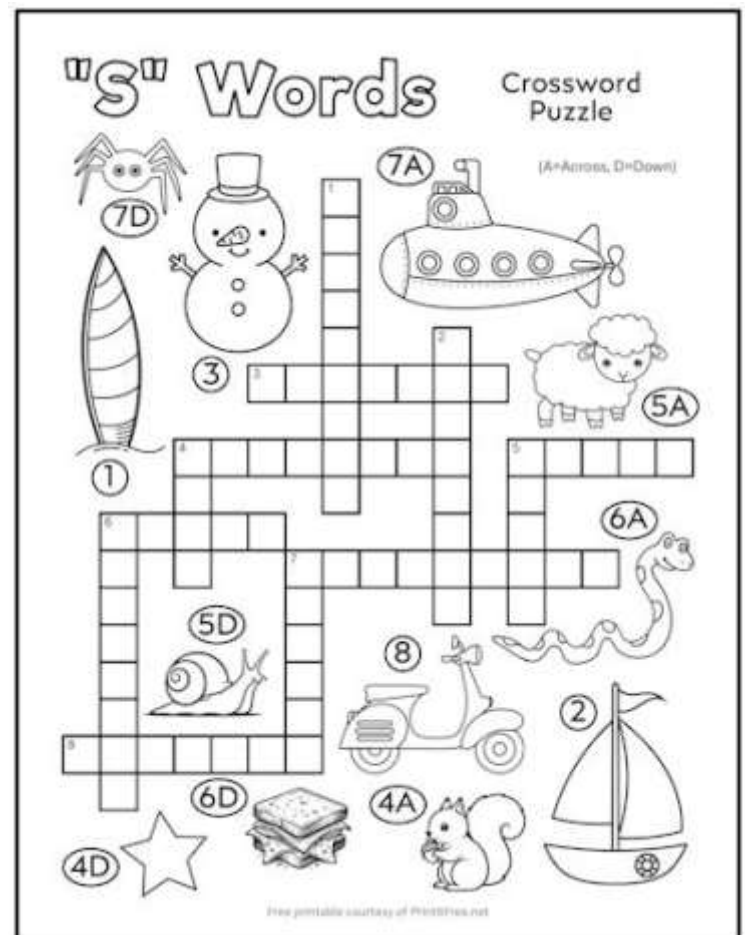
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	Col 0423 767 490	MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 7.30 pm	RUBYVALE HALL BURRIDGE RD
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RUBYVALE TIP	CHRC	Open/ Tuesday—Friday & Sunday 8am - 12pm	Opposite Quarry
OPPORTUNITY SHOP	SALVATION 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	Paula Riley - 0408798440 Debbie Wouters - 0407056089	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	Deb Wouters - 0407056089	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