



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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Gemfields COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



National Volunteer Week

18-24 MAY 2026

YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

During National Volunteer Week, we acknowledge and thank the many volunteers across our community who generously give their time, skills, and care. Your quiet contributions make a meaningful difference every day.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? National Volunteer Week is a great time to get involved. Volunteering Australia offers helpful information and ways to find opportunities in your area.

Visit www.volunteeringaustralia.org to learn more.



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



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VOLUNTEER WANTED

Gemfields Community Support Association is seeking a friendly and creative individual to become group leader for the

CRAFTY ANGELS CRAFT GROUP

Meets on Fridays from 9:00am

Be a part of our fun and welcoming client craft group, leading weekly creative activities.

Contact us for details!



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**OPEN DAILY
10.00 AM – 3.00 PM**

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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

OPEN WEEKLY

MINI MARKET SHOP SAPPHIRE CENTRAL

WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
9 AM TILL 2 PM
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**MINI-MARKET
LOCATION
AND SHOP**
Wednesday to Sunday
9am till 2pm

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WELCOME EVERYONE!

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

GEMFIELDS
Pet of the Month!



9 years old
& deaf

Sleeps in
drawers,
claims
cupboards as
beds

Vacuum
lover: will
chase it
around until
it's used on
him!

Owner:
Kellie

KAOS
(AKA Fatty)



Happy
Mother's Day

On Sunday, 10 May, we
celebrate mums and all the
special women who hold us
up with love, including
grandmothers, aunts,
guardians, and dear friends.
We also hold close the
memories of mothers who
are no longer with us.



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: 0457090966/0474339681
Local Police: 49 854 200

EMERALD

June Ryan: 0427349203
(Group leader of Central
Highlands Wildlife Carers)



**Angelo's Salvation
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Open Mon, Wed, Fri
& Sat
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POEMS - STORIES - FUNNIES



COMMUNITY BULLETIN

ONE-LINERS

QUICK LAUGHS. NO OVERTHINKING REQUIRED.



READ.
SMILE.
REPEAT.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

I used to think I was indecisive...
but now I'm not so sure.

Light travels faster than sound.
That's why some people seem bright
until they speak.

I cleaned my house... now I just need to
find where I put everything.

My memory is so bad, it's starting to
improve my imagination.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?
Because they make up everything.

I told my computer I needed a break...
now it won't stop sending me KitKat ads.

I finally got eight hours of sleep...
it just took me three days.

I tried to be organised, but I got
distracted halfway through.

Common sense is like deodorant...
the people who need it most never use it.





Queensland Ambulance Service

Gemfields



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

Ambulance myth busting

We hear a few things that aren't 100% accurate, and thought we'd set the record straight.

1. "It's not as urgent a job if the ambos only have their flashing lights on, and no siren."

This isn't true. Any time we have our emergency lights on (the flashing blue and red lights), we're on a "Code 1" time critical job. Because we're in a rural setting with low traffic levels, and so as to not make too much noise (especially at night) we often do not activate the siren, or put it on sparingly i.e. if drivers have not seen us and need an extra reminder we're coming up behind them.

If you see emergency lights and/or hear the siren, please slow down and at least move as far left as you safely can, and preferably, if safe and you have time, pull off to the side of the road.

2. "There are dozens of ambulance crews rostered on in our area at any one time."

On average, there is the one single officer ambulance rostered on at the Gemfields (Dave or Andrew), around two to three ambulances available in Emerald, one crew in Clermont, and single officer units in Capella, Tieri and Springsure. There's also a hospital-based, nurse staffed ambulance at Alpha.

Please rest assured that this is more than adequate staffing levels given the average workload in our area, however there are times where a lot of crews are busy, and wait times may increase.

We have a triaging process in place for this reason, with sicker patients given higher priority.

If you call triple zero (000) for the ambulance you might also receive a call back from a QAS senior paramedic, nurse or doctor, who'll ask you a few more questions, perhaps ask for some photos, and provide some advice. For this reason, it's very important you keep your phone handy after calling triple zero, and answer any calls (note they may appear with no caller ID).

3. "We pay for the Qld Ambulance Service through our power bills."

A levee was charged through power bills from 2004, but was abolished in July 2011. Since then, the QAS has been funded entirely through state government consolidated revenue.

All Queenslanders have free access to emergency ambulance treatment and transport, including if travelling in other states. Visit the QAS website for more information on this. Non-urgent ambulance transport (e.g. travel to scheduled medical appointments) has to be approved in advance by a doctor, and will be booked by the medical facility. This will generally only occur where a patient has no other way of safely travelling to this appointment, but is still provided at no cost to Qld residents.

4. "If you go in by ambulance, you'll be seen quicker at the hospital!"

We hear this a fair bit, but it isn't true. All patients arriving at hospital, regardless of how they travelled there, are triaged in exactly the same way. Lower acuity patients, even those coming in by ambulance, can be directed to the ED waiting room.

As always, if in doubt about whether you or a family member needs the ambulance, please call us on triple zero (000), and we can then advise the best way forward from there (i.e. ambulance transport, private transport, or following up with a GP).

Please remember, the ONLY contact for ambulance attendance is TRIPLE ZERO (000).

GEMFIELDS MARKETS

Every Sat  **Every Wed**
Starting **&** **Starting**
28/03/2026 **01/04/2026**
9am to 1pm



To book a Stall pls call
Bev on 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.

To book a site, please contact:

Paula Riley – 0408 798 440

Debbie Wouters – 0407 056 089

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SAPPHIRE: 1 - 28 MAY



RFDS DENTAL SERVICE

Call **1800 002 507** to speak with the RFDS team and register for appointments.

Appointments are provided at no cost to patients.

RFDS Dental Service
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QCoal Foundation is proud to be a Founding Partner of this service.



"Your local Fresh Food Store in the Gemfields"

19 Rifle Range Road, Sapphire (behind the pool) Ph: 0427 772 613

NEW AUTUMN TRADING HOURS

Commencing Good Friday 3rd April (includes Lucy's Coffee)

Fri 8am-2pm

Sat 8am-2pm

Sun 8am-2pm



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Free Influenza VACCINATION CLINIC

COMMUNITY HEALTH - PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT AND OZCARE ARE DELIVERING
INFLUENZA SHOTS TO HELP PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY AGAINST THE FLU.

Where: Gemfields Multipurpose Centre

When: Wednesday, 27th of May 2026

Time: 11am – 1pm

What to bring: Medicare card!



The Gem in the Gemfields

Ron
Your Host
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Phone 07 4985 4118

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CABINS

Family cabin self-contained for up to 6 people

Queen Bed self contained for 2 people

Value cabin self-contained NO en-suite for up to 6 people



FOSSICKING

CAMP KITCHEN



FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE



APRIL 2026 COMMUNITY UPDATE

QSMA representatives Laurie Bell and Carol Graham participated in the Small-Scale Mining Ministerial forum in Brisbane on 14th April including the *DETSI Resources Sector Regulator Roadshow* on the 15th.

During the Forum wide ranging discussions were held encompassing all SSM areas in Queensland. Foremost was the process for SSM to transition to code conditions and remove the requirement for Environmental Authorities (EA) due to the nature of low-risk operations, if permits fall into the SSM code as per the draft. It will take some time for refund of fees to filter through due to current workloads. Anyone within five hundred metres of an ERE will still need an EA.

The new Resource Authority Register (RAR) is still a work in progress with new forms, education and training in the pipeline.

Carol will need to travel to Rockhampton sometime in May for further talks on the water bore situation for

Resource holders on the Gemfields which is in the Fitzroy River basin.

All other matters are ongoing.

The DETSI Roadshow was more attuned to large scale mining with panels from Queensland Government Executives and keynote speakers.

Did you Know..... In Queensland, the use of “**prohibited machinery**” on a mining claim is tightly restricted under the **Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Queensland)** and associated regulations. In general, mining claims are intended for **small-scale, hand-mining**, not mechanised mining. Regulations do allow prohibited machinery to be used for specific supporting activities connected with mining operations (these uses are allowed because they do not involve the machinery directly extracting minerals). such as:

- **transporting mineral-bearing ore or wash**
- **transporting equipment, materials or water** used in mining.
- **constructing water storage facilities**
- **managing water ingress**
- **fire hazard reduction.**
- **rehabilitating the land surface.**

However, there are a few specific circumstances (such as construction and infrastructure) where prohibited machinery may legally be used. The Act allows the Minister to give **written authority** to use prohibited machinery **for non-mining purposes** on a mining claim. As is QSMA policy these details have been reviewed and verified by the Department. It is complex topic and if in doubt claimholders are advised to contact the Department to discuss before proceeding.

See you all at the Markets and best wishes from The QSMA Team.

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2026 Central Highlands Regional Council by-election



Electoral
Commission
QUEENSLAND

ELECTION INFORMATION

A by-election is being held to elect a new Councillor for Central Highlands Regional Council on **Saturday 16 May 2026**.

Vote early

at Wally McKenzie House, Emerald Show Grounds
9am-6pm weekdays from Tuesday 5 May to Friday 15 May.

Vote on election day

10 polling booths will be open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 16 May.
Find the closest polling booth at ecq.qld.gov.au/electiondayvoting

Looking for more information?

Visit us at ecq.qld.gov.au/centralhighlands



Scan to check if you need
to vote in this by-election

**VOTING IS
COMPULSORY**

Did you know a by-election is being held in Central Highlands Regional Council?

A by-election to choose a new councillor for Central Highlands Regional Council is on 16 May 2026.

If you're in Emerald during the week, you can vote early from 9am to 6pm from Tuesday 5 May 2026 to Friday 15 May 2026 (weekdays only) at Wally McKenzie House, Emerald Show Grounds, 26654 Capricorn Highway, Emerald.

On election day, Saturday 16 May 2026, you can vote between 8am to 6pm at:

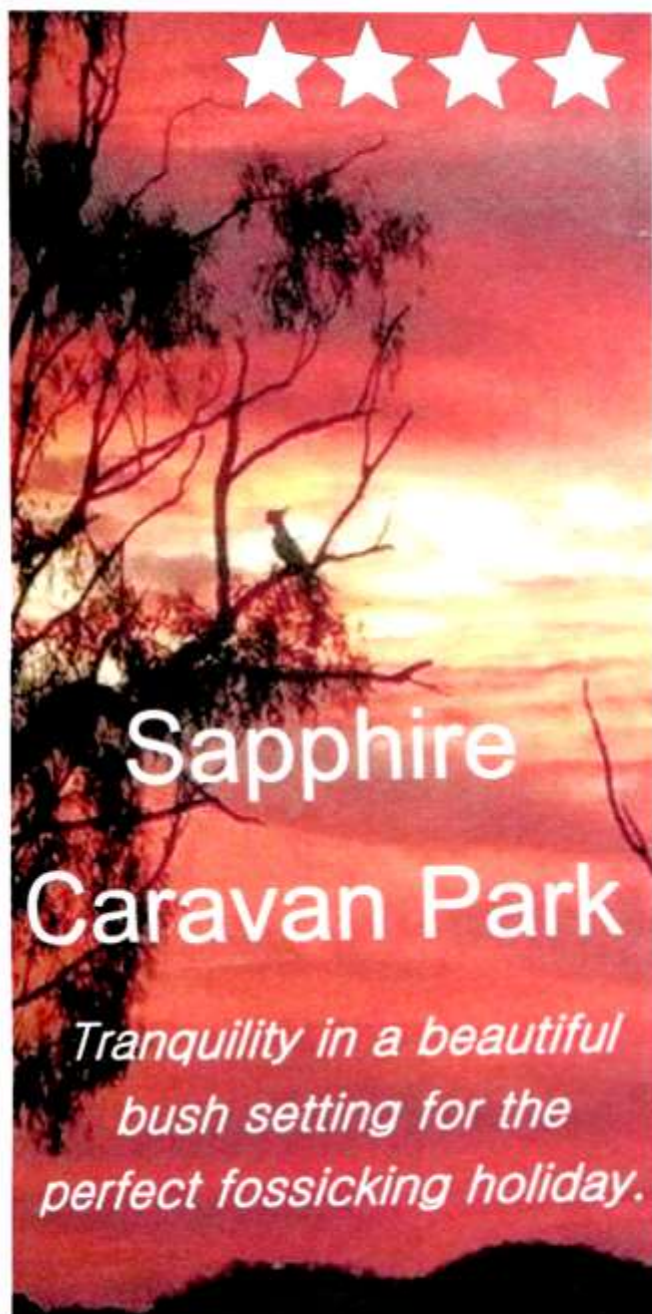
- Blackwater - Blackwater State School Hall, 11 Wey Street
- Bluff - Bluff State School, 32 Main Street
- Capella - Capella State High School, 35-45 Gordon Street
- Duaringa - Duaringa State School, 1 Charlotte Street
- Emerald - Emerald Christian College, 6373 Gregory Highway
- Emerald North - Emerald North State School, Campbell Street
- Rolleston - Rolleston State School, 16 Warrijo Street
- Rubyvale - Rubyvale Hall, 7 Burrigge Road
- Springsure - Springsure State School, 55 Eclipse Street
- Tieri - Tieri State School, 1 Bottlebrush Lane

Election day locations are subject to change. You can confirm the details and find out about accessibility of voting places using [Find my polling booth](#) or by visiting ecq.qld.gov.au/electiondayvoting.

One councillor will be elected. You only need to mark your preferred candidate on the ballot paper.

For those who can't vote in person, you can [request a postal vote](#) at ecq.qld.gov.au/postalvoting until 7pm Monday 4 May 2026. All postal votes must be received by the ECQ by 5pm on 26 May 2026 to ensure they are counted.

Visit ecq.qld.gov.au/centralhighlands to learn more about the by-election including who is running and to stay up to date with the results after the polls close.



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or



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Kris Nilsson (*Proprietor*)

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Sapphires Shine for Queensland Day

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 06 JUNE

Come celebrate Queensland Day at the Museum

Good Vibes- Good Food- Good Company

Music / Poetry / Creative Workshops

Homemade Pizza/ Authentic Curry

Mini Wheel Barrow Race



Sapphire Gemfields Directory

Don't forget to list your NFP, event, or business details

RUBYVALE, SAPPHIRE, ANAKIE & WILLOWS



SAPPHIRE GEMFIELDS DIRECTORY

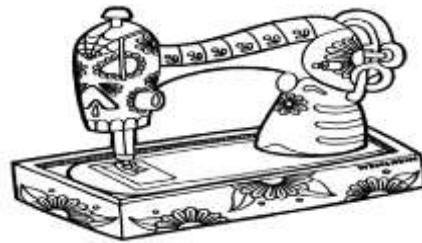
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Miners Common Museum



GEMMY QUILTERS MAY 2026



Welcome to the Gemfields. If you have not been here before, we do hope you enjoy yourself. Our weather is absolutely gorgeous now and great for exploring the area. However, ladies, when you are weary from all your sightseeing, think about joining us at Gemmy Quilters. We are a group of ladies who sew, knit, crochet and do any sort of craft.

We have an enjoyable day and you are welcome to join us. We meet each Tuesday at the Sapphire Hall from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Morning tea is provided, but if staying all day, bring your lunch.

At the moment we are all working on our different projects. Sharon, bowl holders and cutlery sets for the markets; April, a floor quilt for her new granddaughter to play on. It is an appliquéd bear, something new for her. Carol has just finished a top for a quilt with lots of pieces in it, and I am trying to finish some half-completed projects that were put aside for more interesting things. Elaine has crocheted a lovely blanket. Look on our Facebook page to see a photo of it. Lyn is continuing on with her wonderful embroidery and making use of our advice on colours.

We had a visit from the winner at the Australasian Quilters Convention for Best in Show for her amazing appliqué quilt. We are in awe of her skills, but Pam did say we could all achieve similar results with patience and time. She has fired up our enthusiasm, so look for more new work from our sewers.

We also had a visit from a lady about Domestic Violence and where help can be obtained. We have a pamphlet on our notice board inside the hall anyone can see if they need information or help.

Cheers for now and happy stitching everyone,
Gemmy Quilters.



Guided Walk-in Underground Mine Tour

Jewellery & Gift Showroom

Underground Museum

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1.5km from the Rubyvale Hotel and Post Office.

2026 EMERALD *Agricultural Show*



2026 SAVE THE DATES

All your competition dates in one spot!

MAY

01 **Nominations Due**
Next Gen Program

Memberships Close

MAY

SUN 17
Online Nominations
Scorecrows

MAY

THURS 21
Online Nominations
Patchwork & Quilting

MAY

FRI 22
Online Nominations
Photography
Art & Papercraft
Hair Styling

Drop Off
Patchwork & Quilting

MAY

SAT 23
Online Nominations
Bush Poetry

Drop Off
Photography
Art & Papercraft
Hair Styling
LEGO Creations

MAY

WED 27
Online Nominations
Poultry

HEAVIEST PUMPKINS
Please make contact to discuss delivery

MAY

FRI 29
Online Nominations
Woodwork
Handicraft
LEGO Creations
Schoolwork
Cattle

MAY

SAT 30
Online Nominations
Agriculture/
Pumpkins
Plants

Drop Off
Woodwork
Handicraft
LEGO Creations
Schoolwork

MAY

SUN 31
Online Nominations
Agriculture
Cooking
Flowers
Floral Art

Drop Off
Agriculture/
Pumpkins
Plants

JUNE

MON 1
Drop Off
Agriculture
Cooking
Flowers
Floral Art

Animals
Poultry Penned
Cattle Arrival

JUNE

TUES 2
Enjoy the Show!

LIVE COMPETITIONS
Poultry Young Judges

JUNE

WED 3
LIVE COMPETITIONS
Bush Poetry
Grains Young Judges
Cattle Young Judges and Paraders

ALL ENTRIES COLLECTED AFTER 4pm



Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch)
Gemfields RSL Sub-Branch Inc.
ABN 15 781 906 571
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NEWSLETTER – MAY 2026

It's still a bit quiet around the fields but we are open for our veterans, the community, plus visitors to come and enjoy a quiet ale or two, a yummy meal, in the peaceful surrounds of the sub-branch. We are open Thursday, Saturday, Sunday from 3pm with meals served after the ODE at 6pm.

I'm hoping everyone had an enjoyable and safe Easter, with lots of chocolate eaten.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Donna, Victoria, and Jude that helped to provide meals for our patrons whilst Janine was away, after her mum, Rosemary's, accident. We all know that you are glad to see Janine back on deck, feeding us her yummy meals. On behalf of the committee and members I wish Rosemary a speedy recovery.

ANZAC Day has come and gone again for another year. We had a great turnout for the Dawn Service again. It's great to see everyone making the effort to brave the cool morning, especially those that travel from Willows, Boguntungan and other outlying areas. This was followed by our gunfire breakfast at the sub-branch. Yummy bacon & egg roll with coffee, tea or rum to warm up with. The main service, and march, was also well attended. Congratulations to all those that had a win on the two-up, and thanks to Rev for being our caller. Big congratulations to the winner of our ANZAC Day raffle. I hope you enjoy your prize.

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 May:

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

1st May – Battle of the Atlantic (1943)

4th May – Labour Day public holiday

5th May – Cape Helles Landing, Gallipoli (1915)

7th May – Germany surrendered (1945)

8th May – Victory in Europe (VE) Day (1945)

13th May – Battles at Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral begins (1968)

14th May – Hospital ship Centaur sunk (1943)

16th May – Dam Busters raid (1943), Second attack on Fire Support Base Coral (1968)

31st May – Japanese midget submarines raid Sydney harbour, HMAS Kuttabul sunk (1942)

VC's Awarded in May: Cpl G.J. Howell (Bullecourt 1917), WO1 R.S. Simpson (South Vietnam 1969), Lt R.V. Moon (Bullecourt 1917), Cpl J.B. Mackey (Tarakan 1945), Lt F.W. Bell (Transvaal 1901), Sgt W. Ruthven (Ville-sur-Ancre 1918), L/Cpl A. Jacka (Gallipoli 1915), WO2 K. Payne (Kontum Province South Vietnam 1969)

LEST WE FORGET

Do you regularly read the newsletter?

The Gemfields Community Support Association is interested in understanding how the newsletter is being read and used across the community.



We'd appreciate a quick response or any feedback you wish to provide, whether you read the newsletter often or not. Even a short message is helpful.

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MAY 2026

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We have snake bite kits and first aid kits for sale, so drop in and have a chat about your needs, and of course the lucky tickets that have just had a big shop, with new goodies to win.

There are still vacancies on our committee, so we are always open for a chat if you would like to join.

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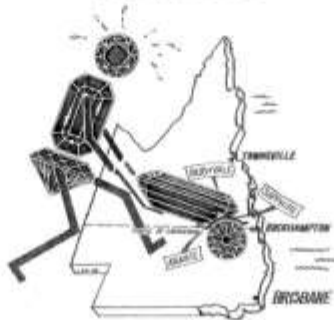
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It has been great to see three fellas regularly attending now. We are a friendly group and all ages and genders are more than welcome. These sessions are free, and we invite you to join with us on Mondays. Note the centre is not open on public holidays.

Enjoy your May!

Gemfields Community Support Assoc.

◆ *Friday In-House Lunch* ◆

☕ Morning Tea: 10:00am – 10:30am

🍴 Lunch Served From: 12:00pm

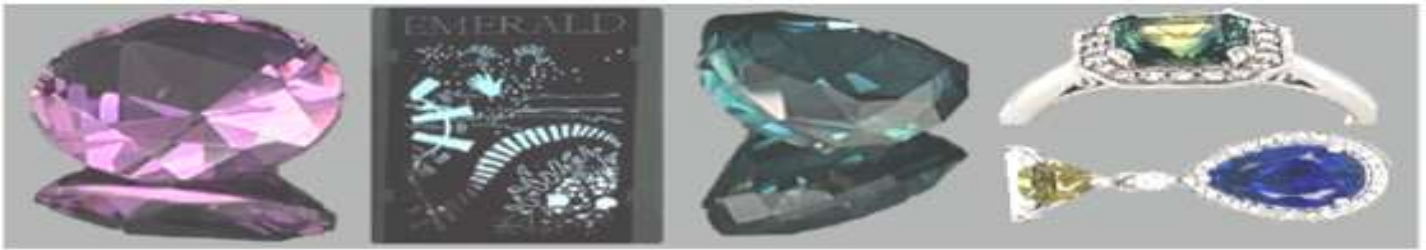
Come along for a relaxing morning of conversation, and community.
Catch up with old friends — and make a few new ones too!
Feel free to stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in our air-conditioned hall.

✅ **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.

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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 May 2026

Our garden is lush and in good shape; the recent rains have been good to us. Always looking for more members to take advantage of our set up in Sapphire, Roy Day park. A number of garden beds are still vacant. The mangoes are finished now but a number of banana bunches are just getting ready for the benefit of our members.

At our last meeting of the Rubyvale Progress Association the beautification of the Rubyvale cemetery was once more on the engender, the building of more units for retired people on the Gemfields, looking for affordable accommodation; and last not least, our customary "Gemfields Spectacular" at Gemfest time.

Here is our Garden Club secretary Jenny with garden tips:

Welcome to the Autumn Edition!

Hello Gardeners! The changing season brings a bounty of fresh produce, and this month, we're shining a spotlight on one of our most beloved fruit trees – the Mulberry.

Mulberries:

Mulberry trees offer sweet, juicy fruit perfect for snacking straight off the tree or for transforming into jams and desserts. The deep purple berries are rich in vitamin C, iron, and antioxidants, making them a healthy treat for all ages. If you haven't tried adding fresh mulberries to your morning cereal or baking them into muffins, now's the perfect time!

Seasonal Garden Tips

Mulch around your mulberry trees to retain moisture as the days get cooler.

Prune after fruiting to encourage new growth and a bumper crop next year.

Watch out for birds including our local guineafowl, they love mulberries just as much as we do! Consider using netting to protect your harvest.

Recipe Corner: Mulberry Jam

Combine 500g fresh mulberries, 300g sugar, and the juice of one lemon in a saucepan.

Simmer gently, stirring, until thickened (about 30 minutes). Pour into sterilised jars and seal. Delicious on toast or scones!

Get Involved

New members are always welcome! Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just keen to lend a hand, come down for a yarn and a cuppa. Together we're growing a stronger, greener community. We very much appreciate our volunteers.

Happy gardening, The Gemfields Community Garden Team.

Contact Jenny 0497748010.

Thanks Jenny! Join our happy crew for \$15- a year. Garden plot supplied with the use of tools and a well appointed clubhouse. Become pro active, a part of our Gemfields community, by joining one of our clubs; and why not join ours? Growing part of your own food will be very rewarding, especially as shop prices go up due to troubles around the world, scarcity of fuel and fertiliser.

Happy Gardening

Jim Varak
News Coordinator
Ph 0419854333

Happy Gardening!



— Slow Cooker —

CAMBODIAN CHICKEN CURRY



Ingredients

- 900g chicken thigh fillets, cut in chunks
- 1 ½ tbsp red curry paste
- ½ tsp turmeric
- 1 can (270ml) coconut milk
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 potatoes, chopped
- 2 onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- Juice of 1 lime
- Fresh coriander, to serve



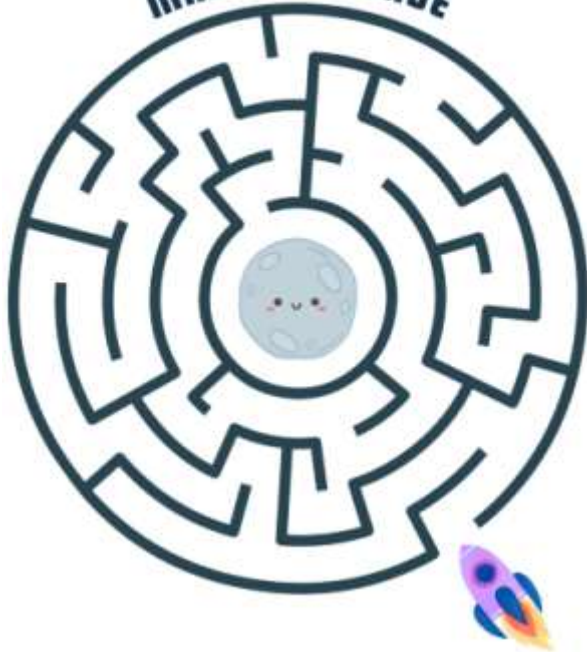
Directions

- 1 Mix curry paste, turmeric, coconut milk, stock, fish sauce & sugar.
- 2 Add chicken, potatoes, carrots & onion to slow cooker. Pour in sauce.
- 3 Cook: Low 6–8 hrs or High 3–4 hrs.
- 4 Stir in lime juice. Adjust seasoning to taste.
- 5 Serve topped with fresh coriander. Enjoy!





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1. Little terror
5. Wet bar?
9. Knife wound
13. ____ of thumb
14. Church V.I.P.
16. Bounce back
17. Soon, to a bard
18. Throw for a loop
19. Garbage hauler
20. Complex unit
22. Deadly mushroom
24. Schongauer work
26. Toni Morrison's "____ Baby"
27. Tabloid twosome
28. Noble position
32. Retro phone feature
35. Established

37. Indigenous
38. Not quite right
39. Full of bounce
41. Fishing equipment
42. Like cows and sows
44. Campaign pro
45. Shrek, for one
46. Bomb
48. Certain tide
50. Computer capacity
51. Emphatic
56. New Year's Eve staple
59. X, in math
60. Tim Conway film, "The Billion Dollar ____"
61. Factory
63. Quitter's word

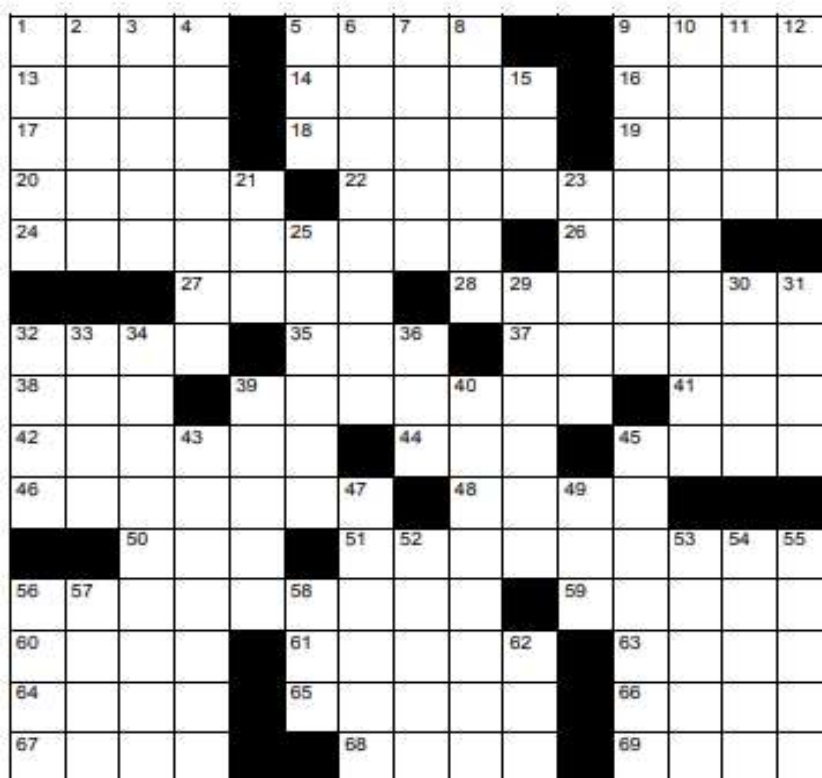
64. Word sung on 12/31
65. Concise
66. Flu symptom
67. Arborist's concern
68. Numerical suffix
69. Give the eye

Down

1. Hold steady
2. Talk at length
3. Follow follower
4. Plant stem extension
5. Mermaid's milieu
6. Veteran
7. Annex
8. Animal fur
9. Type of psychology

10. Word in a 1978 John Irving book title
11. "Get lost!"
12. Kennel cry
15. Primary color
21. Cereal grass
23. Dogcatcher's catch
25. Evening bell
29. "Brokeback Mountain" director
30. CBer's term
31. Dole (out)
32. Tip, as a hat
33. Brainchild
34. Deserving of respect
36. Word of advice
39. Dry spell

40. Mumbo-jumbo
43. Pie preference
45. Type of illusion
47. Young raptor
49. It may be framed
52. Capture
53. Likeness
54. Locale
55. Aromatic compound
56. Chew the fat
57. Rush follower
58. Envelope abbr.
62. Half a score



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SES	132 500	NON-LIFE THREATENING FLOOD & STORM EMERGENCIES	
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SALVATION ARMY SERVICE	Kathleen & Byron Hill 0472 958 888	SUNDAY 4PM	ANGELO'S SAPPHIRE

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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