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GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

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Gemfields Community Support Assoc. Inc.

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The following are some of the services that the GCSA supply to the Gemfields Community.



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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

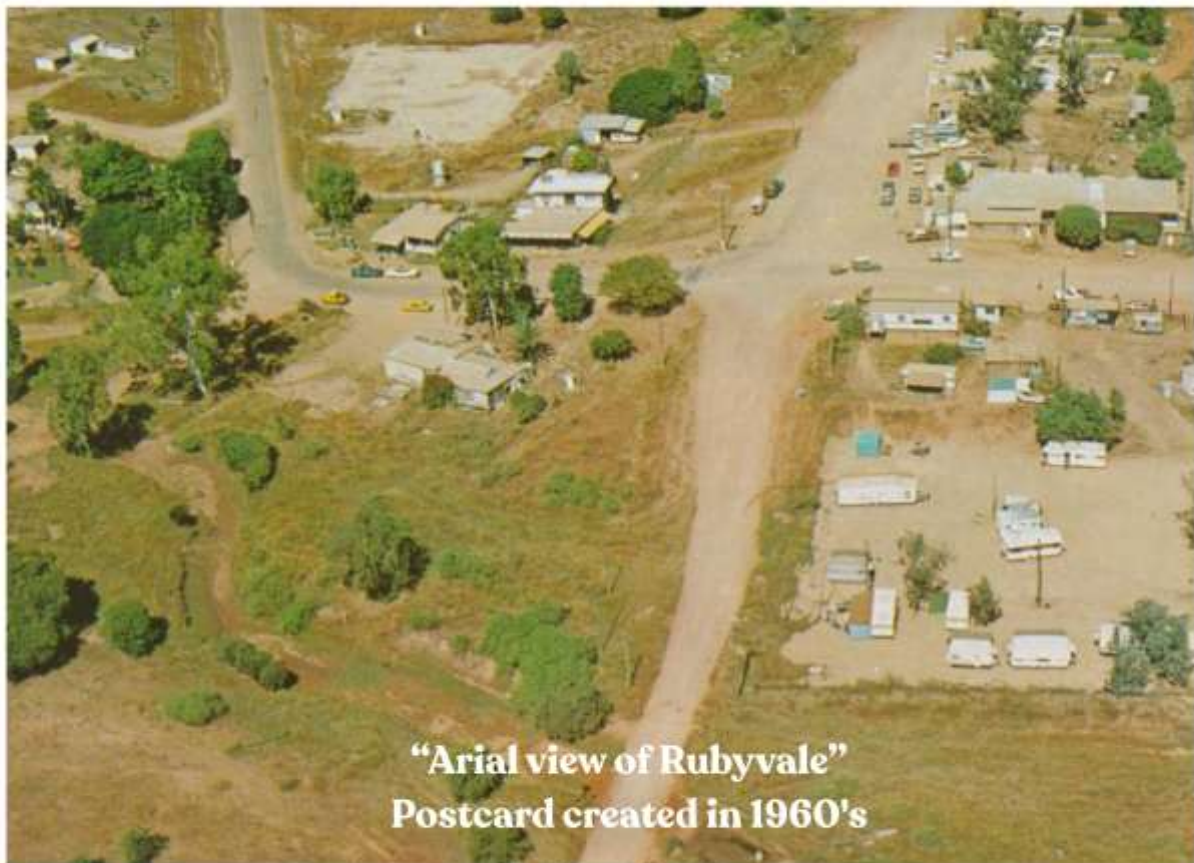


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The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. aims to provide and coordinate Home Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program over 65 years (CHSP), and Meals on Wheels services, as well as in-house activities on the Gemfields. These services are designed 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.



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The Gemfields Community Support
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GEMFIELDS GEMS



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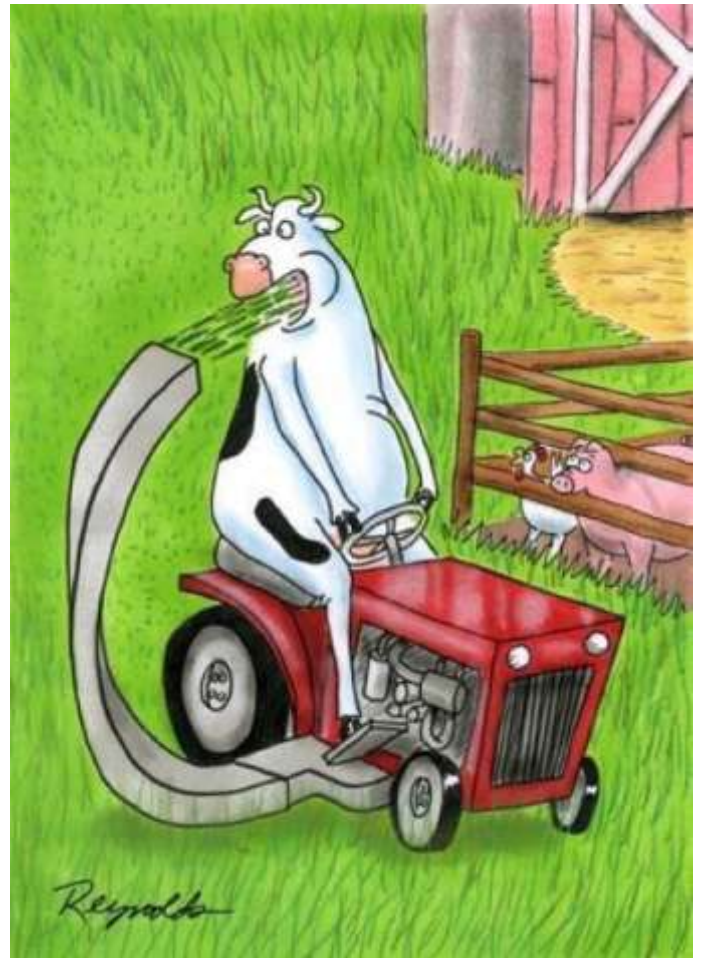
‘DISCO DJ DAVE’
DAVE CROZIER

Sadley passed away
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A memorial will be held
for Dave at
1pm, 12th July, at the
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Rubyvale



POEMS - STORIES - FUNNIES



A man and a woman are on a train, sitting opposite each other.

As time passes, eventually the woman says,
"You know, every time you smile, I feel like
inviting you to my place."

"Really?" says the guy. "Are you single?"

"No," says the woman. "I'm a dentist."



LOL!





Queensland Ambulance Service

Gemfields



Hello everyone from Andrew, Dave and the QAS Gemfields volunteers.

Sometimes we find people are reluctant to start doing CPR in an emergency, thinking they'll harm the patient, or they don't have the confidence to start resuscitation. People can sometimes get wrapped around the axles about the details, like 30:2 compression rates and things like that. However, as with most things in life, it's best to keep it as simple as possible.

First up, why would you need to do CPR? Resuscitation is required when a person's heart stops beating or is beating in such a haphazard way that the patient's vital organs are not getting enough blood and oxygen. That's when bystanders step in and provide chest compressions, maybe do mouth to mouth rescue breaths (more about that below), **CALL FOR THE AMBULANCE (Triple Zero)**, and if possible apply AED pads to the patient's chest. These steps together give the patient the best chance for recovery, by helping to keep organs oxygenated and hopefully restarting their heart with a defibrillator.

You'll all have heard of DRS ABCD, or variations on this. This is a very useful memory aid so you don't forget steps in CPR. DRS ABCD stands for:

- D** – check the scene for Danger to yourself (firstly), bystanders, and the patient.
- R** – check for Response, by shouting at the patient and giving their shoulders a squeeze.
- S** – Send for help. Call an ambulance (**call triple zero**), and ask other bystanders to help you.
- A** – Check the patient's Airway. If the airway is blocked, clear it with your fingers.
- B** – Check for Breathing. Take the patient's shirt/jacket off, get close, look, listen and feel for breathing.
- C** – If the patient is unresponsive and not breathing, start CPR.
- D** – If available, ask someone to grab a Defibrillator and apply its pads to the patient. Follow the machine's prompts.

When doing compressions, leverage your body weight to apply compressions down your arms. Remember to go **HARD** (about 5-6 cm depth for adults), **FAST** (100-120 compressions per minute), and try to limit interruptions to compressions, only stopping compressions for the defibrillator, or if you're on your own and you can't keep safely doing compressions. If you have people to help, it's best to have a fresh person take over compressions every two minutes.

Mouth to mouth breaths are recommended but optional. It's fine not to do them if you don't want to, just focus on compressions. This is far better than no resuscitation efforts at all. If you do breaths, do 30 compressions, and then two breaths into the patient's mouth.

AEDs (automatic defibrillators) are located around the Gemfields, including at the ambulance station at Sapphire, Roy Day Park, the Sapphire Post Office, at the Anakie State School, and at the Willows Recreation Club. If nearby, grab one of these and use it, following the AED's prompts.

Finally, while all the above is easy to do, we get that it can be confronting. We strongly recommend everyone does their three yearly first aid course and yearly CPR refresher, not because CPR is particularly complicated, but because by doing regular training the steps become a "muscle memory" and if presented with someone in need, you'll more instinctively know what to do and have the confidence to start CPR. There are many training providers in the area. Scan this QR for a 2 minute video from Royal Life Saving.



Thanks again for your continued support. We love working here and serving such a great community!

And the usual reminder, ALWAYS – if you require the ambulance, only call Triple Zero (000). There are no other numbers to call, just triple zero (000), no matter the severity of your condition.

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

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27 June
-
11 July
2026



Registrations

To register your interest for any of the above events, speak to a library staff member. Some events have a limited capacity so you may be placed on a waiting list. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult for all library activities. For more information contact your library on 49810299 or gemfieldslibrary@chrc.qld.gov.au

Date	Time	Activity	Age
Tue 30 Jun	11am	Puppet Making Workshop & Movie	All Ages
Wed 1 Jul	10am	Slime	All Ages
Wed 8 Jul	10am	Robotics - Solar Card	All Ages
	12:30pm	Origami	12+

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Emerald Library

44 Borilla Street, Emerald

27 June
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Date	Time	Activity	Age
Mon 29 Jun	10:30am	Make Do!	6+
	2:30pm	Make your own Keychain	6+
Tue 30 Jun	10:30am	Canvas & Cotton Tips!	6+
Wed 1 Jul	10:30am	Clay Creations!	6+
Thur 2 Jul	10:30am	Diamond Art	12+
	2:30pm	Bookmark Scratch Art	4+
Fri 3 Jul	2:30pm	Pyjama & Popcorn Movie Afternoon	6+
Sat 4 Jul	10:30am	Coaster Craft	6+
Mon 6 Jul	10:30am	Robotics	8+
	2:30pm		
Tue 7 Jul	10:30am	Design Your Own Pencil Case	6+
	2:30pm	Mermaid Hair Braiding	4+
Wed 8 Jul	10:30am	Slime Lab	4+
Thur 9 Jul	10:30am	Fairy Jars	4+
Fri 10 Jul	10:30am	Clay Monsters!	4+
	6pm	Movie in the Library Park!	All ages
Sat 11 Jul	10am-3pm	Art Precinct Open Day! Willy Wonka Imagination Station!	All ages



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Wednesday 16 September
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Wednesday 16 September



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- ✔ Organising and recording meetings
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- ✔ Acting as the key communication link with the Emerald District Office
- ✔ Assisting with administration and approvals processes

Time Commitment

🕒 Average time commitment is approximately **1 to 2 hours per week**, with occasional additional time during meetings or major fire events.

More Than Just Paperwork

As a valued member of the Rural Fire Brigade family, you may also assist during major fire events with important support duties such as:

- 🔥 Coordinating refreshments and meals for firefighters
- 🔥 Supporting Brigade operations during emergencies
- 🔥 Helping keep our volunteers safe, supported, and organised

No Experience Necessary

Training and support will be provided.

Good communication and organisational skills are desirable.

This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the safety and wellbeing of the Gemfields community.

JOIN THE TEAM THAT HELPS PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

Enquiries or Expressions of Interest:

Gemfields Rural Fire Brigade

Michelle Johns

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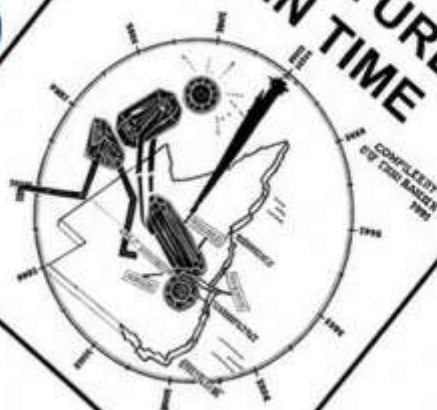
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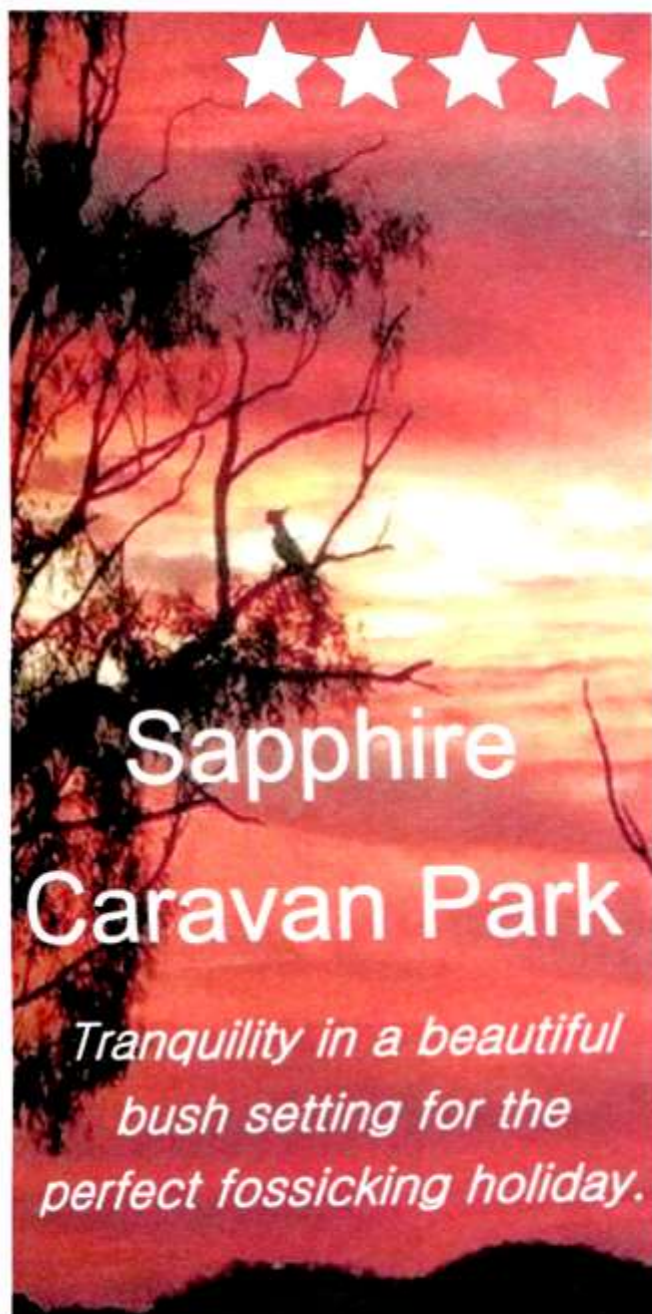
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Who are Ageing Creatively in Rural Areas (ACRA) and Ageing Well in Rural Areas (AWRA)?

Robyn Preston, Senior Lecturer, Public Health, CQUniversity. Kim Thompson, CTMLinks, Capella.

Ageing Creatively in Rural Areas (ACRA) (formerly Aged Care in Rural Areas - ACRA) is a research group from CQUniversity. Since 2021 we have worked with remote and rural communities to design, implement and evaluate local strategies for better ageing in place. We have found that 'ageing well' in rural places means working with social infrastructure, small ideas and non-clinical initiatives.

What do ACRA do?

As we are from a university, our focus is research, but as we are from CQUniversity it is research with impact! With partners in Canada, Sweden and the USA we are investigating how to do better community-based or socially accountable research.*

The **first phase** of our work was to learn from the community. In April 2024 we came and presented a seminar called "Forget about it! Time for New Thinking in Aged Care? From that meeting, we learnt that service providers in the Central Highlands area were keen to innovate in home based aged care.

Supported by a CQU internal grant, we then undertook research in the Central Highlands, that explored how the community would like to age, support structures and initiatives, with perspectives of health/community services and industry; and community members aged 55+. Findings from interviews and focus groups highlighted challenges and innovations that were both broadly typical to the Australian context, and particular to rural areas. A need for greater connectivity and collaborations across several dimensions was evident.

Importantly, we learnt that with local governance models such as CRGs and amazing local organisations, the communities of the Sapphire Gemfields and Capella already have innovative approaches to age well in place that the rest of rural Australia can learn from.

A key message from the community was that you wanted **ACTION**, not just talk! The **second phase**, and the Aegium Foundation, involves working with older people to design and run local activities, through the **Local Actors and Local Action model** (Carson, Preston and Hurtig, 2022). The initiatives have been co-designed at local workshops with older people and formal and informal carers.

Who are Ageing Well in Rural Areas (AWRA)?

AWRA is name was chosen by our Central Highlands (QLD) community partners. ACRA work with AWRA, place based organisations and community members, to implement initiatives for ageing well in place. As our funds are modest, we are focusing on the communities of the Sapphire, Gemfields and Capella.

Initiatives include:

- Seniors' Noticeboards: Dedicated, easy-to-read boards in town to keep everyone informed about local events. (look for Capella's noticeboard outside the Community op shop).
- Fitness groups: Activities that improve both physical health and community connection. (The Pelican walkers in Capella and Capella Seniors' Connect Group Fitness).
- Local Helper Lists: An informal database of residents who can help neighbours with simple tasks like transport to appointments (with CTM Links, Capella).
- Seniors Groups: Creating more social options for seniors, such as supporting the local Capella Men's Group, that are informal with no agenda. (We are also working the Sapphire Gemfields community to launch a Seniors group).
- Housing Research: Exploring new ways for seniors to live affordably and safely within their own communities. (with the Rubyvale Progress Association Inc). Look out for how to do the anonymous survey online or on paper, on Gemfields' community noticeboards.

Fixing the "Big System" Problems. We also take local experiences to the people in charge. We are currently working on:

- Better Hospital Discharges: Creating advocacy materials so patients aren't sent home late at night when it's unsafe to travel. (**The Where? Card** will be launched in September 2026 at a local event)
- Simpler Aged Care Sign-up: Investigating why the "My Aged Care" system is so frustrating and pushing for changes to make it easier for older people in rural areas to get the support they deserve.

GET INVOLVED

Are you an older person (aged over 55) or carer based in the Sapphire Gemfields or Capella Queensland?

Do you want to connect with other older people? Do you have ideas on how to age well in your community?

Reach out to us or contact our **community partners** CTMLinks, Capella; the Miners' Common Museum, Arts & Cultural Centre; the Gemfields Community Support Association or the Rubyvale Progress Association Inc.

LEARN MORE

Website: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/our-schools/health-medical-applied-sciences/acra> (look out for a fresh new look).

See our ACRA/AWRA page in community newsletters and on noticeboards.

Contact: Email: acra@cqu.edu.au or leave a message for Robyn: (07) 4726 5395

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For our next adventure.....

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And still to Come...

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GEMMY QUILTERS NEWSLETTER – JULY 2026

It is so nice to see more visitors arriving in the area, as the weather certainly is co-operating and keeping fine and warm.

As mentioned last month, we have a photo of Heather's patchwork jacket.



Such a lot of work, and didn't it turn out wonderful. We just need some colder weather so Heather can get lots of wear out of her jacket. Have a look on our Facebook page to see it in full colour.

We have welcomed some new members with projects to do, and it's great to help if needed or just give encouragement and cheery chatter. Our President has returned from a short trip down south and is glad to be back where it is warmer and drier. It is good to see her, and we are now looking towards our next Quilt Show in 2027.

It is going to take some work, and we are looking for more quilters, or would-be quilters, to join us. If you are thinking you might like to have a go, feel free to call in and join us to see what we can help you with.

We are thinking of having classes for beginners, so if you are keen, call in on any Tuesday and we can discuss how to help.

We are at the Sapphire Hall each Tuesday from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Morning tea is provided, but bring your lunch if staying all day.

Till next time, happy stitching

Gemmy Quilters



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Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

PO BOX 364, Rubyvale, Qld 4702

June 2026 Newsletter

Community Update

QSMA's representative attended the Central Queensland Water Plan Working Group in Rockhampton on 28 May as a stakeholder. The current water plans are due to expire in 2028, and a new amalgamated plan is being proposed to replace the existing three plans. Emerging issues, including current bore exclusions for small-scale mining, form part of these ongoing negotiations. At present, the permitted overland flow take is 50 ML, yet most miners only have storage capacity of around 20 ML, leaving many operations vulnerable to interruptions due to limited water availability. Supplementary bore access for plant operations is essential to maintain productivity, particularly during La Niña periods, and would help future-proof the region by supporting opportunities for industry growth. Discussions and workshops are continuing, and a simpler process for accessing unallocated water is also being considered.

Did you know.....

There has recently been an increase in people attending the Mines Department in Emerald front counter expecting to speak with someone in person without an appointment.

This has been particularly evident during recent (unplanned) office closures, **with some individuals behaving inappropriately**. Where appointments are in place, the department can contact clients directly if the office is closed and we are unable to meet.

In all dealings with the department please show the due courtesy and respect they deserve and provide. Inappropriate behaviour is completely unacceptable.

Again please note:

- The Emerald office operates **by appointment only**.
- All appointments are to be booked through the Small-Scale Mining Hub on **07 3078 3031**.
- Many enquiries can be resolved over the phone without the need for a visit.

For permit-related matters (including renewals and applications), the responsible officer may not be in Emerald, and the file will need to be reviewed prior to any counter discussion. It may be easier to deal directly with the officer managing that dealing rather than rely on someone who has had no dealings with that matter.

On another Matter

Holders should be aware that standard conditions are applied when tenures are granted. One of the conditions is:

Work programs provided to the department must list all existing structures. Any amendment (removal/proposed) to this requires lodgement and approval of an updated work program prior to the construction of any additional structures. The following examples of structures are permitted provided that an updated work program is lodged **prior to construction**: a. A transportable or demountable structure for accommodation. b. An equipment or storage shed – garden shed. c. A shipping container. d. An open-walled structure. e. A water tank or a vessel for water storage or capture.



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PO box 364, Rubyvale, QLD 4702

Membership & Renewal Application Form \$35.00 Per Year

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Current Mailing Address:

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Signature of Applicant: Date:

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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 – JULY 2026

Visitors are starting to appear, which bodes well for everyone. We are still open Thursday, Saturday, Sunday from 3pm with meals served after the ODE at 6pm. Thursday is our all you can eat buffet, Saturday is burger night (we give you the burger and you add your own salad), Sunday is still our roast night so come on down one night and have an awesome feed.

Some of you will be aware, and some not, that our previous caretaker, Wayne, lost his battle with cancer on 14th June 2026. Our sympathy goes to his partner, Donna, at this time. If you wish to celebrate Wayne's life, we will be live streaming his funeral on 3rd July at 1000, followed by nibbles.

We held our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 27th June at 1100. Sorry but we changed the date after the newsletter was published. Everyone who attended had a great morning tea, with lots of yummy things to eat. Shave for a Cure happened as well, with a bidding war happening to have the right to shave Sgt Kelly. Kelly may be a member of QPS, but what an asset she is to our community, with her willingness to put her hand up to participate in events, especially the fun ones. There were other volunteers to be shaved and coloured which made for a great day. Final figures will be notified when we have worked it out, as we have to total for each event.

Most of you will have noticed that the Land Rover disappeared from the roadside entrance. It has now been repainted, big thanks to Pastor Larry and his helpers, to give it a new lease of life and will reappear in the future. The sign will also be repositioned and hopefully this will make us more noticeable to the passersby.

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 July:

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

1st July – First day of the battle of the Somme (1916), 7th Division landed at Balikpapan, Borneo (1943)

2nd July – 77SQN flies first combat mission in Korea (1950) Operation Blaze Raid on Hill 227 Korea (1952)

4th July – Battle of Hamel

10th July – RAN Anniversary (1911), Beginning of Battle of Britain (1940)

13th July – Volunteer Defence Force (VDC) formed by RSL (1940)

19th July – Battle of Fromelles (1916)

26th July – Japan issued with ultimatum to surrender (1945)

27th July – Korean Veteran's Day, Formation of Australian Women's Land Army (1942), Japanese capture Koko-da (1942)

28th July – Townsville bombed by Japanese aircraft (1942)

31st July – Australian combat troops cease operational role in Iraq

VC's Awarded in July: L/Cpl TL Axford - Vaire & Hamel Woods (1918), Pte H Dalziel – Hamel Woods (1918), Acting WgCdr HI Edwards – raid above Bremen (1941), Cpl WE Brown – Villers-Bretonneux (1918), Pte JH Gordon – near Jezzine, Lebanon (1941), Lt AC Borella – Villers-Bretonneux (1918), Lt AS Blackburn – Pozieres (1916), Pte J Leak – Pozieres (1916), Capt NR Howse – Orange Free State (1900 – **Australia's First VC**), Pte FJ Partridge – Bougainville (1945), Pte T Cooke – Pozieres (1916),

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GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



JULY 2026

Hi Gemfields,

Come in and check out our raffles! We have a beautiful pair of sapphire earrings and a gas smoker to be drawn on Festival of Gems Sunday.

We've had a shop around, so there have been a few changes to the lucky ticket prizes. Come in and try your luck!

As always, we'd love to welcome some new members. It's not a big commitment, so come in and have a chat.

Gemfields Local Ambulance Committee

Gemfields LAC

CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

**Sapphire
Wednesday 15 July**

5.00 pm - Sapphire Community Hall

Meet with your mayor and councillors, receive updates on key projects and ask questions!

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✦ *The Gem festival is almost here!* ✦

I'll be around from the 1st to the 6th doing jewellery and gemstone valuations (and helping out with the intro course).

From the 7th to the 9th, you can catch me at Jewels of the Gemfields (Roy Day Park, Sapphire) — feel free to drop by for a chat, stone IDs, or a valuation!

💎 Not sure what your gem is? Let's take a look!

Quick note: All valuations done during Gemfest will be posted.



GAA

Gemmological Association of Australia

An Introduction to Gems & Gemmology

Monday & Tuesday 3 & 4 August

We are excited to announce our next Gemfields Introduction to Gems & Gemmology two day course, to be held in conjunction with the Gemfields Festival.

Introduction to Gems & Gemmology is designed to teach the basic gemmology of gemstones. This course is ideal for gem enthusiasts as well as those considering a career in the jewellery and gemstone industries.

Be introduced to the wonderful world of gems including sapphires, diamonds, rubies, emeralds and topaz. The course will also focus on the local area and its gems.

This highly informative course is designed to teach the basic gemmology of gemstones and comprises two consecutive days of lectures and practical sessions. Gemstones and some instruments will be provided for a hands on experience. You will look at gems from a new perspective!

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Tai Chi also nurtures mental wellbeing through mindful breathing and gentle focus, which calms the nervous system and boosts overall vitality.

For the Gemfields community, **Tai Chi for Health classes are held free of charge at the Gemfields Multipurpose Centre in Sapphire every Monday from 9am to 10am.** It's a welcoming way to stay active, centred, and youthful.

Enjoy your July!

Gemfields Community Support Association

Friday In-House Lunch



Lunch served from
12:00pm every Friday



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For information and pricing
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Gemfields Community Support Association

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Scientific Analysis – Identification - Assessment - Appraisal

Gemstones_Opals_Pearls_Jewellery

I, Kelvin Johnston, for more than 46 years, have dedicated my professional life to the science, research, analysis, and advancement of Gemmology. Throughout this remarkable journey, I have lectured at Gemmological Institutes and Conferences across Australia, New Zealand, the United States, India, the United Kingdom, and Europe. My international research and study programs have included seven specialist trips to New York and Arizona, three research and trade visits to India, two professional visits to London, and extensive collaboration throughout Europe alongside leading gemologists and gemstone specialists in Holland, Switzerland, Germany, and Belgium.

As a Scientist, Inventor, and developer of iGemTest equipment, gemstone testing instruments, appraisal systems, and valuation software, I have spent decades pioneering advanced methods for gemstone identification, grading, and analysis. My work and research have been recognised and evaluated by respected organisations and professionals including the Gemmological Association of Australia, Gemological Institute of America, and Dr. Read G.A.G.B., with features and reports appearing in industry magazines and professional publications.

Over many years of research and development, we have created a unique and highly accurate digital electronic grading system for coloured gemstones. Through specialised electronic instruments originally patented and combined with proprietary copyrighted software programming, we developed analytical systems covering gemstones, diamonds, opals, pearls, and precious metals. These systems utilise internationally recognised nomenclature standards aligned with major Gemmological Institutions worldwide.

By embracing modern technology within today's rapidly evolving scientific landscape, we are transforming the way Gemstones and Jewellery are analysed, assessed, authenticated, and appraised. Over the past year, we have significantly upgraded our original software platforms to incorporate the latest advancements and discoveries developed through our continuing Gemmological research programs. We are proud to announce the release of a new generation of appraisal and gemstone DNA analysis systems designed to provide deeper insight, greater accuracy, and advanced visual reporting unlike traditional appraisal methods.

System 1, known as the **"Master Description Analysis"** provides a comprehensive gemstone profile including primary and secondary colour analysis, colour grading, cut grading, clarity grading, gemstone imaging, fluorescence intensity under both Short Wave (255nm) and Long Wave (365nm) ultraviolet light, along with gemstone measurements, weight, refractive index, brilliance, and pattern analysis. This system delivers a refined and professional overview suitable for identification, documentation, and appraisal purposes.

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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.

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WILLOWS GEMFIELDS BRANCH

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

The next meeting will be:

Monday 13th July Willows Gemfields **10:00am**
AGM : **July 21st** at the Willows Gemfields **9:00am**

New members are welcome. Our numbers are few
and we would love to have more.

New Members Welcome. Please phone Penny for
membership information **0428855019**.

Meeting dates may change, members will be
notified where possible





The Gemfields Community Garden Newsletter July 2026

Special Feature: Snow Peas

Welcome to this month's Community garden update. Snow peas are our featured crop this issue. Snow peas are a quick, productive cool-season climber that grow well in sunny Queensland gardens with good drainage and simple support.

Snow Pea Spotlight

Snow peas are grown for their flat, edible pods and do best in the cooler months. Sow seeds directly into compost-rich, well-drained soil in a sunny spot, and provide a trellis for climbing types. With regular watering and picking, plants can begin cropping in about 10 weeks and continue producing generously.

Quick Growing Tips

- **Sun and soil:** Plant in full sun in well-drained soil enriched with compost.
- **Support:** Add a trellis or frame before sowing.
- **Pick often:** Harvest young pods every few days to keep plants producing.

Harvest and Enjoy

Pick snow peas while the pods are flat, bright green, and tender. Enjoy them raw, in salads, or added briefly to stir-fries. Frequent picking encourages more flowers and pods.

Garden Community Corner

Welcome to new members Jo and Lindsay and Kerryn. We look forward to seeing your plots in production. Thank you to our President Dave and Treasurer Paula who oversee our management of the Club. Our next Meeting is 18th July at 9.30am at the Community Gardens grounds in Roy Day Park.

We have been enjoying the Bok Choy and Lettuce grown in the Vegepod, thanks Richard.

If you would like to join our Gardening Club the annual membership fee is \$15 which will give you a few plots and access to tools. Please phone Secretary Jenny on 0497748010



Happy Gardening!



Mini Mushroom Hand Pies

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PREP TIME
20 mins

COOK TIME
25 mins

MAKES
12 pies

FREEZER FRIENDLY



INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 500g mixed mushrooms, finely chopped
- 2 tsp fresh thyme leaves
- 2 tbs plain flour
- 1/2 cup (125ml) dry white wine (or extra vegetable stock)
- 3/4 cup (185ml) vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup (125ml) thickened cream
- 1 tbs Dijon mustard
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, just thawed
- 1 egg, lightly whisked

METHOD

1. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add onion and cook for 5 minutes until softened. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute.
2. Add mushrooms and thyme. Cook, stirring, for 8–10 minutes until mushrooms release their moisture and it has evaporated.
3. Sprinkle over flour and stir to coat. Cook for 1 minute. Add wine and simmer for 2–3 minutes until reduced by half.
4. Add stock, cream and mustard. Simmer for 5 minutes until thickened. Season to taste. Set aside to cool.
5. Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced). Line a baking tray with baking paper.
6. Cut pastry into 12 equal squares. Spoon mushroom mixture into the centre of each square. Brush edges with egg. Fold over to form triangles or rectangles. Press edges with a fork to seal.
7. Place on tray, brush with egg and cut a small slit in the top. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until golden and puffed.

CONDENSED MILK *Lemon Ripple* PUDDING

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 Prep
20 mins

 Bake
35 mins

 Serves
8

INGREDIENTS

- 250g Butternut Snap biscuits
- 395g condensed milk
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup plain flour
- 1 tbsp lemon zest
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 180g white chocolate, chopped (reserve some for topping)
- 1/2 cup lemon curd
- Ice cream, to serve

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 160°C fan-forced.
2. Whisk condensed milk, milk, egg, vanilla, flour, lemon zest and lemon juice until smooth.
3. Layer biscuits, condensed milk mixture and white chocolate in a lined loaf tin. Repeat until all ingredients are used, finishing with the milk mixture.
4. Bake for 35 minutes or until just set.
5. Cool for 15 minutes.
6. Melt reserved white chocolate and drizzle over pudding. Dollop over lemon curd.
7. Serve warm with ice cream.

TIP

For an extra indulgent finish, serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.





JUNIOR GEMS



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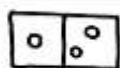
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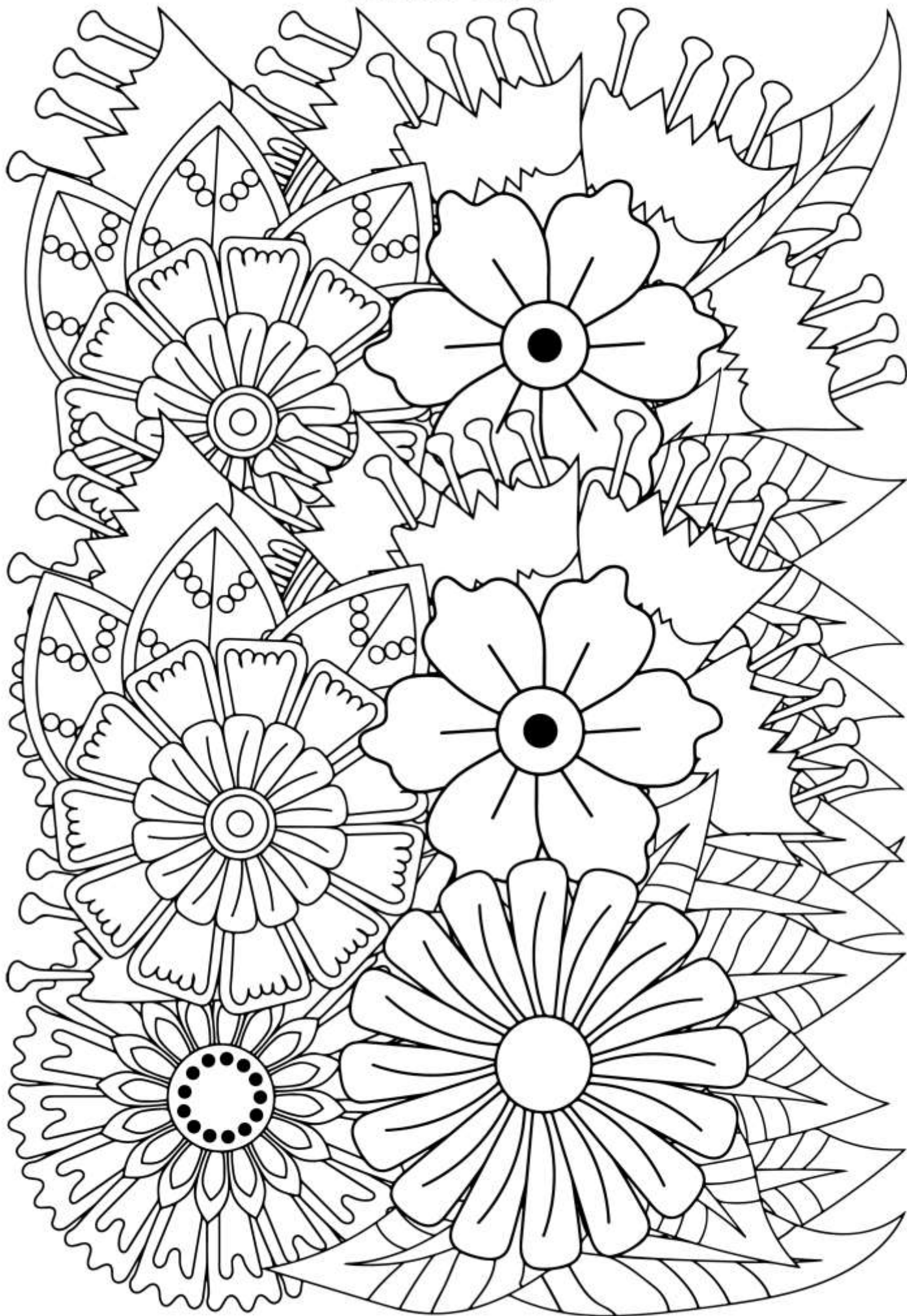


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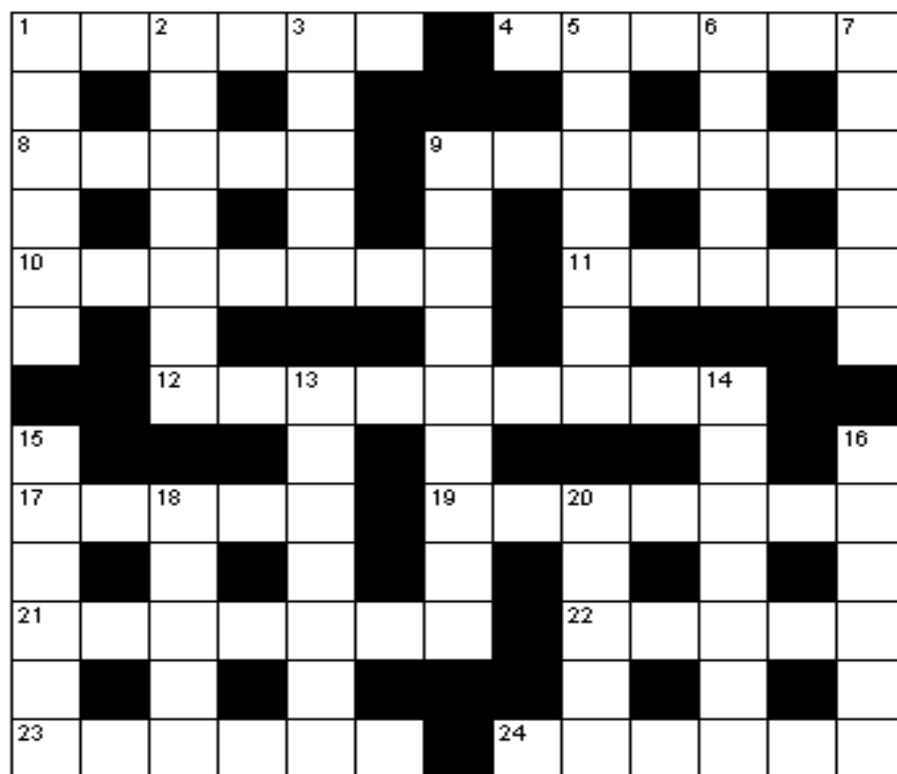


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PUZZLE TIME



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- 4 Counting-frame (6)
- 8 Lithe (5)
- 9 Group of soldiers (7)
- 10 Provider of refreshments (7)
- 11 Clergyman's residence (5)
- 12 Abstained (9)
- 17 Trembling poplar (5)
- 19 Blow up (7)
- 21 Pariah (7)
- 22 Representative (5)
- 23 Vocalist (6)
- 24 Sea between Greece and Turkey (6)

Down

- 1 Grab (6)
- 2 Airman (7)
- 3 Free from obstructions (5)
- 5 High-caste Hindu (7)
- 6 Old five-shilling coin (5)
- 7 Scorched (6)
- 9 Not temporary (9)
- 13 Flourish of trumpets (7)
- 14 Bishop's district (7)
- 15 Christmas songs (6)
- 16 Vanquished (6)
- 18 Insert (3,2)
- 20 Freedom from war (5)

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3	8	5	4	9	7	1	2	6

Bonus Challenges



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PETS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

2. Furry animal that meows

4. Fluffy animal with long ears that hops

5. Small animal that runs on a wheel

6. Furry animal that barks

Down

1. Feathered pet that talks

3. Scaly pet that crawls

4. Small pet that chirps

SUPER STAR WORKSHEETS

GEMFIELDS PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

984 SAPPHIRE - RUBYVALE RD SAPPHIRE
PO BOX 342 SAPPHIRE Qld 4702

Doctor on: Mon/Tue/Wed - By Appointment Only
8.30am- 3.30pm

Closed 12.30 - 1.30 for lunch.

Pathology Collections: Mon/Tue/Wed

Registered Nurse 5-days 8.30am - 3.30pm

PHONE: 49854 547 FAX: 49854 693

EMAIL: Gemfields Outpatients@health.qld.gov.au

ANAKIE POLICE STATION

PHONE : 49854 200

Office Hours:

Monday 8am - 12pm

Emergencies-Phone 000

**Please leave your name and
phone number on the voicemail.**

GEMMY QUILTERS

**** Everybody is welcome ****

Each Tuesday of the month 9.30 am -3pm.
at the Sapphire Hall

For more information please call in and see us

GEMFIELDS GARDEN CLUB

**** Everybody is welcome ****

.For more information call Pat on 4985 4544

GEMFIELDS RSL Sub-Branch Inc

Phone : 07 49854 588

PO Box 328 SAPPHIRE Qld 4702

Clinic Rd (Behind the Sapphire Post Office)

Meals on Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday from 6pm
During the tourist season usually from May—October

Social Annual Membership - \$10.00

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If you are a not for profit organisation and have
an event coming up that you would like to
advertise, please phone or drop into the MPC
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in the monthly newsletter.

Ph: 49854 664

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AMBULANCE.....000
FIRE.....000
S.E.S. Call Centre.....132 500
SAPPHIRE MEDICAL CENTRE 4985 4547
EMERALD HOSPITAL.....4987 9400
POISONS INFORMATION.....13 11 26
LIFELINE.....13 11 14
R.A.C.Q.....13 11 11
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*** LOCAL SERVICES ***

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