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GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au



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Roy Day Park, Sapphire Central, Qld.

7th, 8th & 9th August
2026



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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

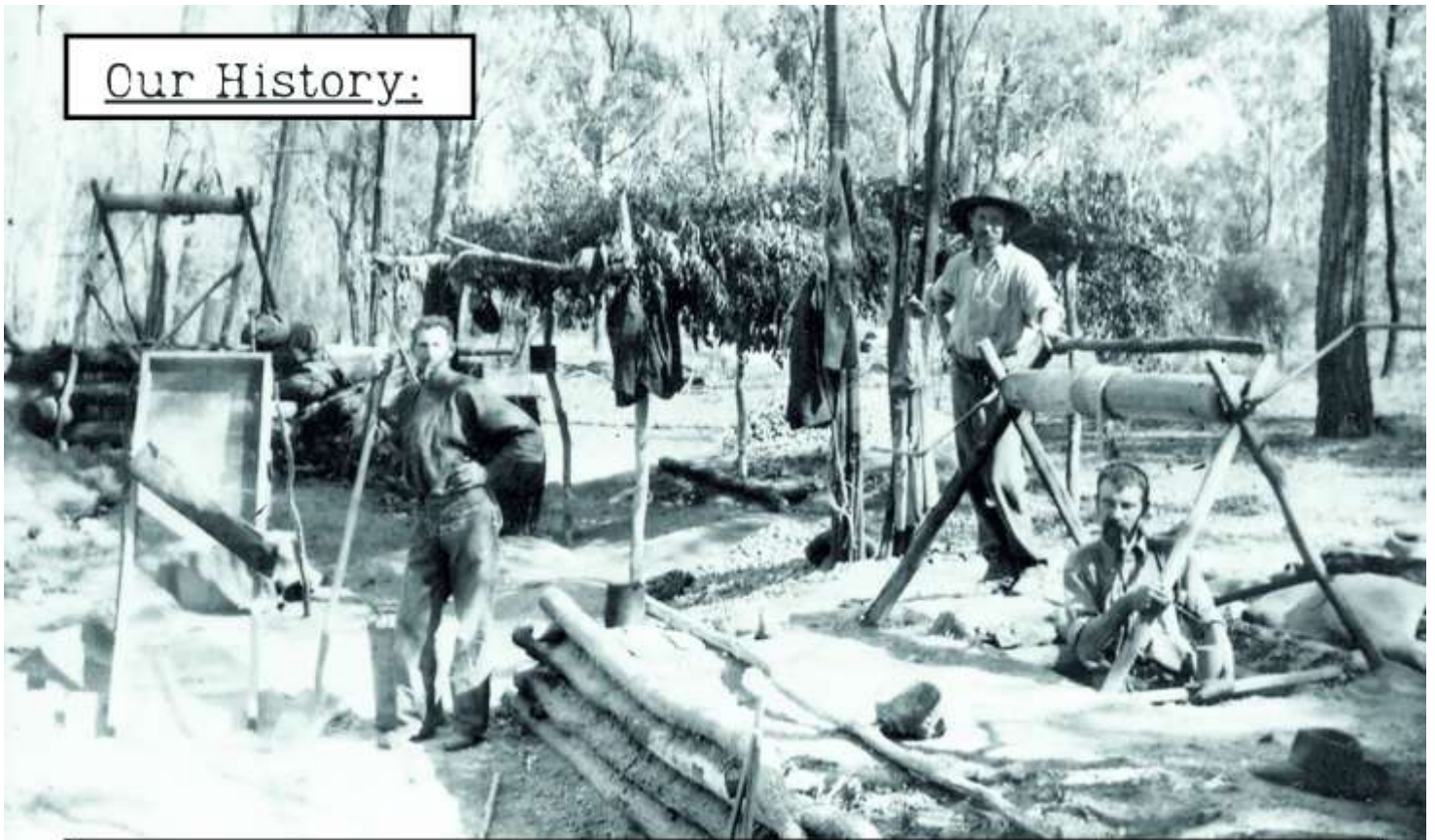


Monday - Friday
7.00am - 3.00pm



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Our History:



Early underground Sapphire mining operations
1905



Coolamon Mining

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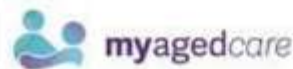
The Gemfields Community Support Association Inc. aims to provide and coordinate Home Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program over 65 years (CHSP), and Meals on Wheels services, as well as in-house activities on the Gemfields. These services are designed to help elderly individuals live as independently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

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

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



Ph: 1800 200 422



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



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



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Central Highlands Regional Council
FOR SUPPORTING THE
Gemfields Community Support Ass. Inc.

 chrc.qld.gov.au



Central Highlands
Regional Council

The Gemfields Community Support
Association Inc. sincerely thanks HOY for their
ongoing support of Meals on Wheels on the
Gemfields.

Thank You! 



GEMFIELDS GEMS



Birthdays, births, marriages, anniversaries, get well, thank you, and sympathy messages, etc...

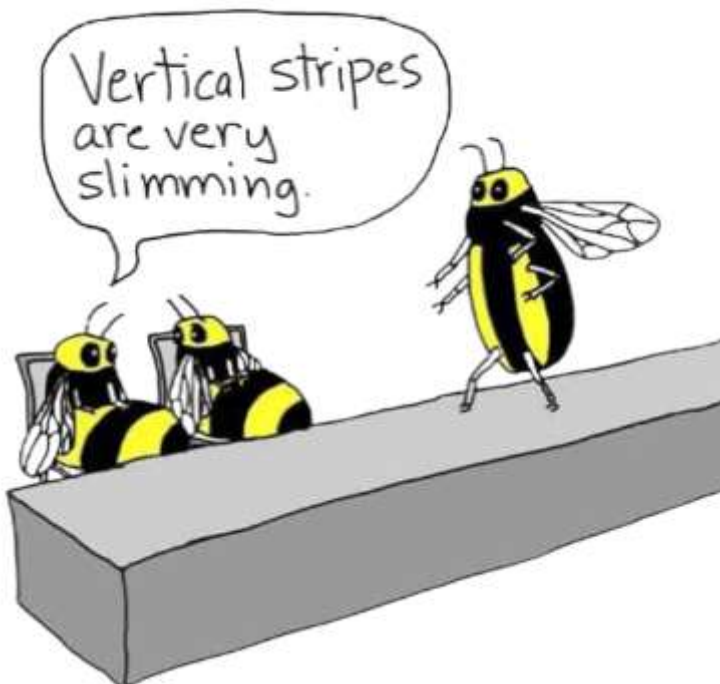
Please let us share your messages here.



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or bring in to Office



GEMFIELDS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 2026

The Sapphire Gemfields communities welcome all to attend an exciting line-up of market days, entertainment events, and family friendly activities.

RUBYVALE – SAPPHIRE – ANAKIE – WILLOWS GEMFIELDS



MARKETS / VENDORS / DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY
Fri 7th – Sun 9th

Jewel of the Gemfields	Gemfields Lapidary & Craft Club	Roy Day Park, Sapphire	8am til 4pm
Rubyvale Vendors Hall	Sapphires & Jewellery	Rubyvale Hall, Rubyvale	8am til 1pm
Richardsons Sapphires	Collection of Famous Sapphires	Anakie C'van Park, Anakie	9am til 4pm
Anakie Hall Markets	Local Jewellery, Art & Crafts	Anakie Community Hall	From 9am



ENTERTAINMENT / EVENTS

Anakie Wine and Cheese Night Art Show opening \$25 Entry incl 2 drinks and nibbles	Anakie Community Hall	Thurs 6th 6pm til 9pm
Live Music at The Sapphire Tuckerbox Details TBA – Cover Charge	Rockhound Rd, Sapphire	Fri Night 7th
Music at the New Royal Hotel Neil Diamond Dinner Show – Book table Local Act – Johnsy's Fault Jam Sesh w Craig Stewart	New Royal Hotel, Rubyvale	Fri Night 7th Sat Arvo 8th Sun Arvo 9th
Saturday Night Spectacular FREE ENTRY Live Music, Fireworks, Bonfires & Kids activities	The Flats, Rubyvale	Sat 8th 5pm til late



FUNDRAISERS

Willows Gemfields Recreation Club Raffles, Stake-a-Claim	Willows Rd, The Willows	Sat 1st From 12pm
Sapphire Bush Tea Room \$10pp CASH – Funds raised for RFDS	Sapphire Hall	Sat 1st – Sun 2nd 10am til 2pm



COURSES

GAA Introduction to Gemmology Must Book in Advance https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1589490	Rubyvale Hall	Mon 3rd – Tues 4th 9am til 3pm
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Queensland Ambulance Service Gemfields



First Aid for Soft Tissue Injuries (Sprains and Strains, and Bruising)

The following advice is general in nature - if you have any doubt about the severity of an injury, always get it assessed by calling triple zero (000) for the ambulance, or visiting your GP. This is not an exhaustive list, but some of the reasons you might want to seek medical attention with suspected soft tissue injuries are:

- There's ANY doubt about it being a fracture, particularly if there are any high energy forces involved, such as falls from height, assault, or car crashes. If pain is severe and made significantly worse when touched or when weight bearing is attempted, assume it's a fracture, keep the patient calm and still, and call the ambulance on triple zero.
- Always call the ambulance if there's deformity, serious swelling, you can hear or feel bones grinding, or there are breaks to the skin suggesting a compound fracture.
- Injuries involving the neck and/or the rest of the spine should be assessed by the ambulance, particularly if there's been trauma. Similarly, traumatic injuries to the chest that affect breathing can be serious and require assessment.
- If a patient is experiencing altered sensation, discolouration (eg pale, mottled, grey or purple), or a weak pulse in an injured limb, call the ambulance on triple zero without delay.
- Potentially more vulnerable patients, such as the elderly, the very young, victims of assault, people with osteoporosis, diabetic patients etc, should also be assessed by the ambulance.

If you're CONFIDENT an injury is an uncomplicated sprain, strain or bruising, you may be able to treat it at home, following the first aid "RICE":

Rest – Limit movement of the affected area, to minimise ongoing injury and inflammation. Place an injured arm in a sling or brace, or use crutches to walk with a suspected sprained ankle.

Ice – Take some frozen peas, wrap them in a towel so you don't get an ice burn, and place on the injury. Apply the cold pack for 15-20 minutes, then repeat every two hours for the next 24-48 hours. This will mainly help to reduce pain and prevent excess swelling.

Compression bandage – A comfortably tight compression bandage wrapped around an injury site has been shown to significantly reduce swelling and improve long term outcomes. Check blood circulation in the fingers or toes afterwards. Press down on the digit for a moment and then release – if colour to the skin takes longer than two seconds to return, reapply the bandage slightly looser.

Elevation – Sit down and elevate an injured leg or foot, or place an injured arm in a sling.

If you don't have adverse reactions to over-the-counter pain relief (paracetamol or ibuprofen), you could consider taking this for the next day or two to provide some symptomatic relief, as per the manufacturer's instructions. If the patient's condition does not improve or worsens, follow up with medical care.

Gemfields Local Ambulance Committee

We'd like to thank our wonderful Local Ambulance Committee (LAC). If you're interested in joining this group, please see them at the Jewel of the Gemfields in August at Roy Day Park for more information on what they do and how to join the committee. You can also scan this QR code for LAC information. Dave and Andrew will be attending during the weekend to provide first aid demonstrations. We look forward to seeing you there!



GEMFIELDS MARKETS

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Starting
28/03/2026

Every Wed
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01/04/2026

9am to 1pm

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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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By Appointment Only



Come say Hi from the 7th to the 9th, you can catch me at Jewels of the Gemfields (Roy Day Park, Sapphire)



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A free presentation by the Central Queensland Community Legal Centre (CQCLC) to the Central Highlands Community.

We invite all community members to attend our presentation to obtain some practical information relating to motor vehicles, enduring powers of attorney, wills, and superannuation.

It is never too early to be informed.

VENUE: Sapphire Hall Rethammel Road Sapphire

DATE: Tuesday 04 August

TIME: 2.30 PM

RSVP: Kim Thompson 0407760001 for catering purposes



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Your home in the Gemfields: how do you want to age?

(an ACRA/AWRA initiative, working with community partners CTMLinks, the Gemfields Community Support Association and the Rubyvale Progress Association Inc)

Are you a Gemfields resident?

What matters most to you in your housing?

How do you want to age in your community?

Does your home fit with your needs?

What do you need to make it better?



Based on conversations and meetings with the Rubyvale Progress Association and community members, ACRA/AWRA is exploring your priorities and needs for living affordably and comfortably within the Gemfields.

You may have seen info about this survey already - on the Gemfields' community noticeboards, in community meetings, through Kim Thompson or Meals on Wheels. If you've completed the anonymous survey (either online or printed) - thank you! We'll be sharing the results and what you told us directly.

If you haven't completed the survey - it's been extended to 15 August

HOUSING SURVEY LINK:

https://cqu.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Bmq1ffvsLZvhwG

More info (or if you want access to a printed survey): acra@cqu.edu.au or

Geri Vaughan, ACRA co-investigator CQUniversity g.a.vaughan@cqu.edu.au or 0402 905 220

About ACRA and AWRA

Ageing Creatively 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.

Ageing Well in Rural Areas (AWRA) is the name chosen by you, our Central Highlands (QLD) community partners. ACRA work with AWRA, place-based organisations and community members, to implement initiatives for ageing well in place - particularly Sapphire, Gemfields and Capella. See our ACRA/AWRA page in community newsletters and on noticeboards.

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/about-us/our-schools/health-medical-applied-sciences/acra>

With thanks to Kim Thompson CTMLinks, Rubyvale Progress Association, Gemfields Community Support Association (including Meals on Wheels) and our other community partners (and you!) for your support



The Gem in the Gemfields

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AUGUST IS SPARKLING



On the Gemfields

From gemstones to great entertainment, August is bursting with events across the Gemfields.

WINE
and Cheese
NIGHT
THURSDAY NIGHT
AUGUST 6TH
ANAKIE COMMUNITY HALL
TIME: 6PM - 9PM
ENTRY: \$25
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LOCAL ART DISPLAY
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Metal & Barbwire Art.

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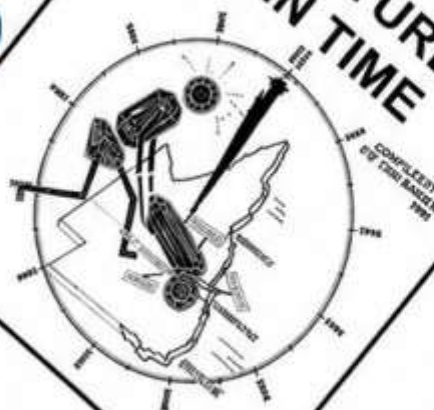
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

2026–2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00

Membership renewals are now due for the 2026–2027 financial year.

By renewing your membership, you are showing your support for the Gemfields Community Support Association and our commitment to providing quality services that enhance the wellbeing of our community.



MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Membership forms are available from reception and are included in this newsletter.

Please return your completed form to the office with your \$10 annual membership fee.



OUR VISION

To work with our community to provide quality services for the betterment of the Gemfields.



OUR MISSION

To respond to community needs by providing flexible services that enhance people's quality of life.



OUR VALUES

We are committed to:

- Honesty
- Respect
- Flexibility
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Supporting our community
- Valuing our staff and volunteers

Thank you for your support.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Prior to applying for membership, please confirm that you agree with this Association's philosophy statement on the over of this form. You may also wish to pursue this Association's Constitution and policies, available from the Secretary on ph.: 4985 4664

Please tick one:

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal of Membership

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Membership Fee: \$10.00

I have read and understand the information contained herein, and if my application is successful, I will abide by all the conditions of membership.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Proposer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Seconder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

COMMUNITY CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

(Office use only)

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Amount: _____ Accepted: Yes / No

♥ Celebrating the last miners common on Earth ♥

On Common Ground

Folk Festival

Kids Craft Corner

Pop Standen
and band

Local Muso's

Gabriel Otu
Drumming

Wellness Lane
yummy food

Chai tent

Voices from the Common
Storytelling tent

Build a clay bowl

Leather plaiting

Recycle Glass Creations

Angelo's fashion parade

Damper competition
plus more

Miners Common
Museum Grounds

26th September '26

10am - 10pm

Rubyvale - Sapphire Rd
Rubyvale Queensland





Thank you Gemmies!!



NAIDOC ROCKS

Twenty-five helped us celebrate 50 Years of NAIDOC



sharing stories and painting rocks

Movie & CURRY Night- SUCCESS

Just WOW!! What an amazing turn out!! Great to see so many families out enjoying time together! Huge thanks to Lauren & Jo (CHRC Libraries) and Hayley (CHRC YOUTH) for making this event happen. AND to our amazing team!!

New Royal Hotel Pig Races

the KIDZONE was sooo much fun



For our next adventure.....

KIDZONE @Saturday Night Spectacular 8th Aug

And still to Come...

“On Common Ground” Folk Festival

* * Saturday 26 September * *

Museum Open Hours

10.00am -2.00pm Every Friday Saturday and Sunday
Miners Common Museum, Arts & Cultural Centre

GEMMY QUILTERS NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026

We have been quite busy with our different projects, and some are nearing completion. Here is Lola with her gollywog friends:



They are all very smart in their trousers and cardigans.

April is working on another teddy bear quilt, which is coming along very well and will be something different when finished. Carol is working on a scrap quilt for her bed, which is very colourful. Picture coming when finished.

We thought we were having a power outage on Tuesday, which did not eventuate, but we were all organised for handwork, so we sat around our table and enjoyed ourselves chatting, knitting, hand sewing, laughing and crocheting. You get the idea, we just had a very enjoyable day.

Don't forget, come and join us at the Sapphire Hall any Tuesday, from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. Morning tea is included, 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

JULY 2026 UPDATE:

QSMA lodged our submission to the CQ Water Plan Expression of interest application for unallocated water for small scale mining on the Gemfields and have received acknowledgement of same. Meeting six of the CQ Water Plan consultation Group of which QSMA part of will be held once again later this year in Rockhampton. We expect a site visit by key personnel from Rockhampton who are the drivers of this project soon.

Its that time of year again for our General Meeting and Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for **Saturday 22nd August 2026** to be held at the **Rubyvale Hall beginning at 1pm**. We would very much appreciate as many of our members as possible to attend the AGM and **any member of the public** is welcome for the **General Meeting** that begins at 1pm. The AGM will be held immediately after the General Meeting. Please note only paid up members will be eligible to vote. We are also actively seeking members wishing to put their hands up for all positions that will be vacant at the AGM when the current committee stand down.

Did you know.....

Some recent comments on social media have raised points which may require further explanation. These issues relate to training requirements for operators newly acquiring a mining claim and registered suitable operator numbers (RSO).

Training requirements for mining claims.

From the outset it should be stated there are no current mandatory training pre-conditions for holding or acquiring mining claims in Queensland. The Department of Resources is considering the matter but does not at present offer any training courses. Resources Health and Safety Queensland (RSHQ) are an autonomous division within the department that has responsibilities for health and safety issues on mining claims and does periodically hold information sessions. The mines inspectorate (RSHQ) does produce several publications which contain very relevant and useful information for claimholders. The link to this is:

https://www.rshq.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/2061097/Opal-and-Gem-Miners-Safety-and-Health-Handbook.pdf

Another very useful source of information for the new miners is published by NSW Resources. The link to this is:

<https://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/opal-and-gemstone-mining.pdf>

Registered Suitable Operator

If a tenure is subject to an environment authority (EA) holders are required to have a registered suitable operator number. Most claims on the Gemfields are **currently** required to have an EA.

The suitable operator register is administered by The Department of Environment, Science, Tourism and Innovation (DETSI) not the Department of Resources who have responsibility tenures. The test applied when allocating a suitable operator number is primarily if the applicant has previously contravened or committed an offence under the Environment Protection Act 1994 (EP Act). If a RSO subsequently commits an offence against the **EP Act** a suitable operator status may be reviewed or conditions applied.

The QSMA has previously advised that DETSI is in the process of implementing a "code of practice" to replace the EA.



2026-2027

Queensland Sapphire Miners Association Inc.

PO box 364, Rubyvale, QLD 4702

Membership & Renewal Application Form \$35.00 Per Year

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

☐

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Given Name: Surname:

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Current Mailing Address:

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State: Postcode: Phone No: Email:

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Signature of Applicant: Date:

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Submitted by.....



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 – AUGUST 2026

August is when we remember Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, from 1962 to 1972. We will be having a memorial service at the RSL on the 18th August, commencing at 1000, followed by a light lunch. Bar will open for those that would like to have a memorial drink.

We are 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.

Our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 27th June raised a total of \$1375.75 and Shave for a Cure raised \$3397.20. These funds have now been donated to the Cancer Council and Leukemia Foundation to further their research. Thank you once again to all that helped on the day, and those that sacrificed their locks. We will be having live music, Ryan, on 9th August from 5 – 6pm & then 7 – 9pm. Other live music afternoons to be arranged. Singing for non-singers will be back with karaoke on 15th August so come on down and maybe have a sing.

The Land Rover has made a reappearance. Not quite finished yet but nearly there. The sign is back up and is more visible.

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 August:

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

4th August – Great Britain declared war on Germany (1914)

5th August – Mass breakout of Japanese POW's at Cowra, NSW (1944)

6th August – Battle of Lone Pine begins at Gallipoli (1915), First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima (1945)

8th August – Battle of Amiens begins 91918)

9th August – 6 VC's won at Gallipoli (1915), HMAS Canberra sunk in Battle of Savo Island (1942), Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki (1945)

15th August – Sandakan Day (World War II), Victory in Pacific Day (1945)

18th August – Vietnam Veterans Day. Battle of Long Tan, South Vietnam (1966), Australian Government announces withdrawal from Vietnam (1971)

22nd August – 18th Australian Brigade landed at Milne Bay, New Guinea

24th August – Battle of Derapet (2010)

28th August – Australian destroyers entered Tokyo Bay

31st August – Battle of Mont St Quentin begins

VC's Awarded in August: LCpl L.T. Keyser – Gallipoli (1915), Lt A.E. Gaby – Villers-Bretonneux (1918), Capt A.J. Shout – Gallipoli (1915), Lt W.J. Symons – Gallipoli (1915), Lt F.H Tubb – Gallipoli (1915), Cpl A.S. Burton Gallipoli (1915), Cpl W. Dunstan - Gallipoli (1915), Pte J. Hamilton – Gallipoli (1915), Pte R.M. Beatham – Amiens (1918), Cpl A.P Sullivan – Sheika River, Russia (1919), Sgt P.C. Statton – Proyart (1918), Lt W.D. Joynt – Herleville Wood, France (1918), Lt I.D. McCarthy – Madam Woods, France (1918), Cpl D. Keighran – Urozgan Province, Afghanistan (2010), LCpl B.S. Gordon – Bray (1918), Sgt S.G. Pearse – Emsta, North Russia (1919), Pte B.S. Kingsbury – Isurava, New Guinea (1942), 2Lt H.V.H. Throssell – Gallipoli (1915), Pte G. Cartwright – Road Wood, France (1918)

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GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



AUGUST 2026

Hi all,

It is that time again. We are starting to gear up for the Festival of Gems and hope to see you all there, as the smoker and earring raffles will be drawn on the Sunday.

Our current project is to have a defibrillator installed at Bogantungan and to replace the defibrillators at the Sapphire Post Office and Rubyvale Post Office. We are aiming to have the same model installed across the area, making servicing much easier. They are also the same models that QAS uses in its first aid training courses.

We are always ready for a chat, as we desperately need more members to continue supporting our wonderful local ambulance service. One example of our support has been funding additional paramedic training outside QAS, allowing patients to be attended to here rather than requiring a trip to Emerald and then having to find their own way home.

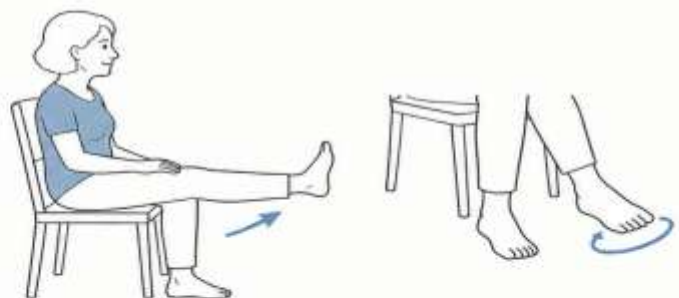
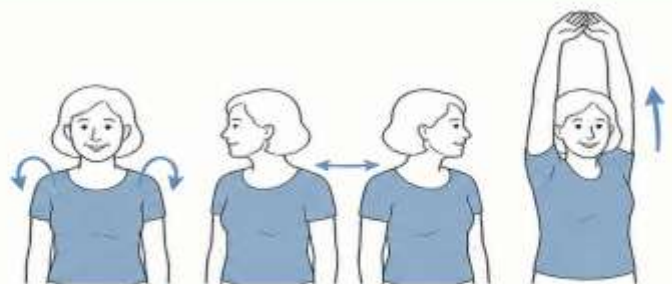
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GENTLE STRETCHES

for everyday wellbeing

A few gentle stretches each day can help improve flexibility, ease stiffness and support better balance.

- 1 Roll your shoulders forwards and backwards.
- 2 Slowly turn your head from side to side.
- 3 Stretch your arms overhead and reach towards the ceiling.
- 4 While seated, gently straighten one leg at a time.
- 5 Circle your ankles several times in each direction.



Move slowly, breathe normally and never stretch to the point of pain.



Even five minutes of gentle movement each day can make a difference.



GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY
SUPPORT ASSOCIATION



**Gemfields
Lapidary and Craft
Club Inc.**

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Sapphire QLD 4702

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sam Zanghi Memorial Hall, Roy Day Park, Sapphire at 12.30 pm on
Saturday 12th September 2026**

All financial members of the club are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting.

The items to be raised at the meeting are:

1. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements
2. Election of officers
3. Any other general business

All committee positions are declared vacant at the meeting. The election of the following positions will be held:

- President
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Nomination forms are available at the club or by telephoning 0404 376 866 or email gemfieldslapidary1@gmail.com For any member who cannot attend and wishes to vote, proxy forms are available from the Secretary.

The nomination, in writing, signed by the member and by his/her proposer, together with a seconder, shall be lodged with the secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the annual general meeting to be held on Saturday 12th September 2026

Secretary
Dianne Lehman
0404 376 866



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Tuesday - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Thursday - 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

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New Members: \$40.00 + \$5 per
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Face Painting



FREE Bluey
Jumping Castle Rides



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FREE Music
to have a sing along! 🎵 🎶



**Saturday,
15 August 2026**



Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm



Location:
Capella community op shop



★ Bring your family, friends,
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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.**

Enjoy your August!

Gemfields Community Support Association

Friday In-House Lunch



Lunch served from
12:00pm every Friday



Tea and coffee
available

Join us for lunch, conversation and community.

Catch up with friends, meet new people
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Bookings must be made by
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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.

System 2 expands upon the **Master Description Analysis** by incorporating the advanced **"Master Color Analysis"** a unique gemstone DNA colour breakdown system that electronically maps up to ten distinct colour zones ranging from light to dark throughout the gemstone. This includes detailed HSL colour mapping and percentage distribution analysis. The system also includes the **"Master Clarity Analysis"** highlighting fine natural inclusions and minute internal reflective particles contributing to the gemstone's natural character and brilliance, together with a comprehensive **"Master Value Analysis Report"** designed for worldwide valuation and appraisal reference.

System 3 represents our most advanced and comprehensive analytical platform. In addition to the **Master Description Analysis, Master Color Analysis, and Master Clarity Analysis**, this system includes a full **"Master Spectrometer Analysis"** featuring seven separate Raw and Pure waveform examinations, together with the **"Master Spectroscopy Analysis"** consisting of seven Pure Spectroscopy analytical studies. These advanced systems isolate and examine the elemental and mineralogical fingerprint of the gemstone, providing highly detailed gemstone DNA interpretation and origin-related analytical information. The package is completed with a detailed worldwide **Master Value Analysis Report** suitable for advanced collectors, investors, researchers, insurers, and professional gemstone documentation.

We would be delighted to assist you with your Gemstones and Jewellery by providing professional analysis, advanced appraisal services, gemstone DNA reporting, colour analysis, spectrometer and spectroscopy studies, valuation services, and detailed scientific documentation based upon the innovative systems and research we have developed over many decades within the international gem industry.



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
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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





Another "Gemfest" or rather "Gemfest Festival of Gems" has arrived; the pinnacle of our season. The Gemfields are alive! Let's all work together to make it another success, showing our best side to the many tourists and visitors. The Saturday Night Spectacular is another highlight of the Gemfest week, anticipated by many. The new cafe "Rustic Retreat" in Rubyale, beside the grocery store, is an Aladdin's Cave, full of amazing antiques in an highly unusual building environment, using all weird and wonderful things in the construction.

If anyone is up for old time dancing, there is a dance at the Capella Town Hall, second Saturday of the month, starting at 8pm. For more info ring Noela on 0408721707. Ladies bring a plate; tea and coffee provided. Entrance fee \$10- with a lucky door ticket included.

Growing Broccoli in the Gemfields

Broccoli is often considered a cool-climate vegetable, yet our local gardeners have demonstrated that with careful planning and water-wise techniques, excellent crops can be achieved in the Gemfields region.

Key factors contributing to success have included:

- Planting during the cooler months
- Applying thick organic mulch to retain soil moisture
- Using drip irrigation for efficient watering
- Improving soil with compost and well-rotted manure
- Providing afternoon shade during warmer periods

Water-Wise Gardening Tips

With water conservation always a priority in our region, gardeners are encouraged to:

1. Water deeply and less frequently.
2. Mulch heavily around vegetable plants.
3. Water in the early morning to reduce evaporation.
4. Collect and use rainwater whenever possible.
5. Add organic matter regularly to improve soil moisture retention.

Community Corner

A big thank you to all volunteers who helped maintain the communal beds and irrigation systems. Your efforts continue to make the garden a welcoming space for learning, sharing, and growing together.

New members are always welcome. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just starting out, we invite you to join our friendly gardening community. Phone Jenny on 0497748010.

Happy gardening!

Gemfields Community Garden Committee 

While you at Roy Day park at Sapphire, inspecting all those different displays at the Jewel of the Gemfields week, take time to have a look at our Garden, which is adjacent the display area. It just might make you to join our Garden Club.

Happy Gardening
Jim Varak
News Coordinator
Ph. 0419845333

Happy Gardening!



Air Fryer Chicken Satay

Serves: 4 | **Prep:** 15 mins (+ 30 mins marinating) | **Cook:** 10–12 mins

Ingredients

- 600g chicken thigh fillets, cut into strips
- 2 tbsp crunchy peanut butter
- 2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1 tsp curry powder
- Lime wedges & coriander, to serve

Method

1. Mix peanut butter, sweet chilli, soy, lime juice, garlic, ginger and curry powder.
2. Coat chicken in the marinade and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
3. Thread onto skewers if desired.
4. Air fry at 200°C for 10–12 minutes, turning halfway, until cooked through.
5. Serve with rice, salad or vegetables, plus lime wedges and coriander.



Apple Cobbblestone Cakes

Makes: 9

Prep: 20 minutes

Bake: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 cups self-raising flour
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- 100g cold butter, diced
- 2 Pink Lady apples, peeled and diced
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup buttermilk

Custard Icing

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1 tbsp custard powder
- 2–3 tbsp milk

Method

1. Heat oven to 220°C (200°C fan). Line a baking tray.
2. Rub butter into flour and sugar until crumbly.
3. Whisk egg, vanilla and buttermilk together. Add with apple and mix gently to form a sticky dough.
4. Drop 9 mounds onto the tray, leaving space between each.
5. Bake for 18–20 minutes until golden. Cool completely.
6. Mix icing sugar, custard powder and milk until smooth. Drizzle over cakes before serving.





JUNIOR GEMS



Hidden Objects

"At the Dog Park"

Can you find the 15 hidden objects?

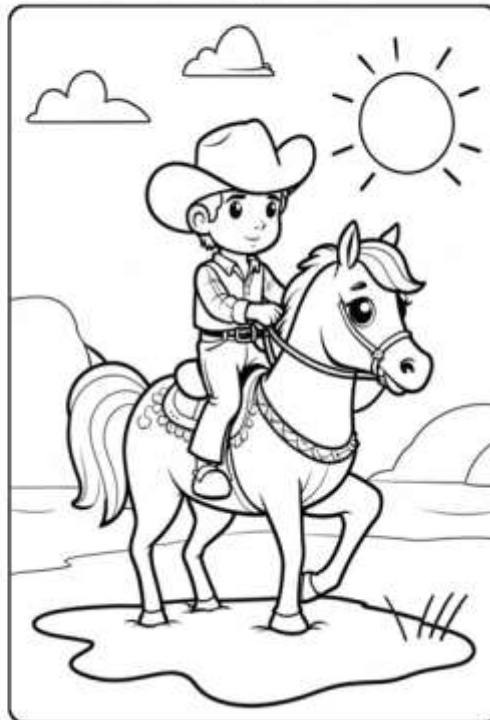


HELP THE MINER REACH THE SAPPHIRE!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 9 differences between these two pictures?



A gecko can climb walls because of millions of tiny hairs on its toes.

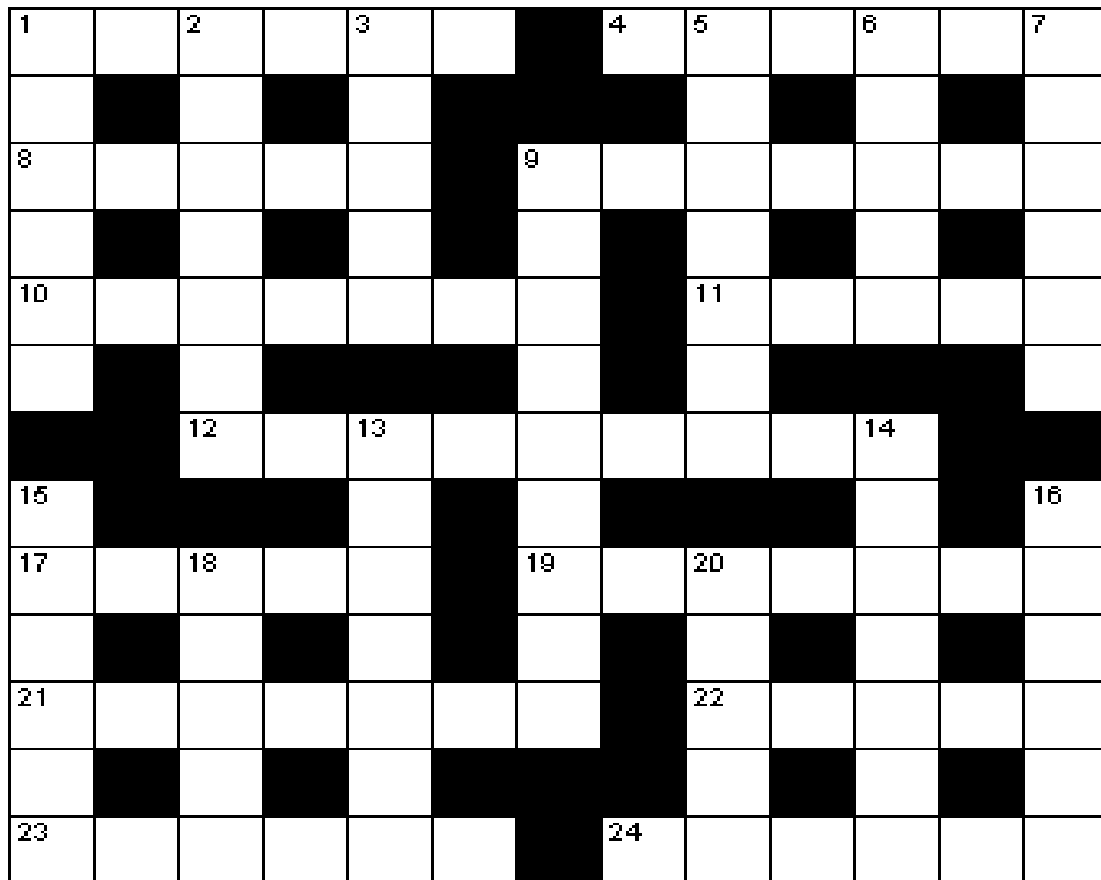


A giraffe has the same number of neck bones as you, just **seven**.





PUZZLE TIME



Across

1. Meat or fish with bones removed (6)
4. Seem (6)
8. Make up for (5)
9. Radioactive element (7)
10. Mapped (7)
11. Devoured (5)
12. Setting out (9)
17. Sworn promises (5)
19. Enfold, surround (7)
21. Vanquish (7)
22. Lid (5)
23. Custodian (6)
24. Colour of the spectrum (6)

Down

1. Complete failure (6)
2. Skin-tight garment (7)
3. Throw out (5)
5. High level ground (7)
6. Decree (5)
7. Gypsy (6)
9. Lingerie (9)
13. Meadow (7)
14. Invigorate (7)
15. Russia's capital (6)
16. Thinly scattered (6)
18. Male singer (5)
20. Minister (5)

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Last Month's Solutions



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3	8	9	2	5	6	1	4	7
4	3	6	7	9	1	8	5	2
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Bonus Challenges



CLASSROOM ITEMS

WORD SCRAMBLE

Clues:



Unscramble the words below:

noysrca

urbhs

erkmar

pilrecpap

stetbute

lerur

aserer

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necilp

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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

ATTENTION

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
office and we can discuss placing a free notice
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
MPC Sapphire.....4985 4664
CENTACARE Emerald.....4982 4358

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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