



Gemfields Community Support Association Inc.

(Funded by State and Federal Government)

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GEMFIELDS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

GEMFIELDS WEBSITE: www.gemfields.org.au

Thursday, 10th September is **R U OK?** Day

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— **ANY DAY** —

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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:



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

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

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



Ph: 1800 200 422



myagedcare

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



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



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THANK YOU TO THE
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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

The MANGO TREE CHURCH



FREE COMMUNITY SAUSAGE SIZZLE



SATURDAY
10th Oct



4:00PM



Music
Bonfire

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KATHY

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BYRON

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Happy Father's Day



Sunday, September 6

Wishing a very Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandfathers, stepdads and father figures in our community!

We also remember with love the fathers who are no longer with us, but remain forever in our hearts.

Volunteers Wanted!

Gemfields Community Support Association is seeking volunteers for:



MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivery Driver

Help deliver Meals on Wheels to local clients and make a real difference in our community.



CRAFT GROUP LEADER

for the weekly
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client craft group

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Ph: 49 854 664



Email: admin@gemfields.org.au



or drop in to the office
for more information

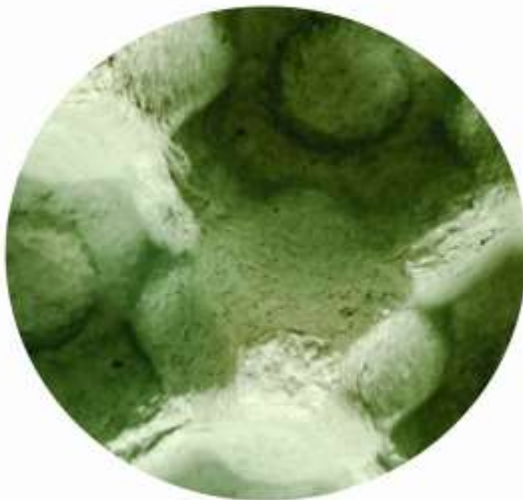
Coming Soon



6am-6pm



6pm-6am



GUESS THE ZOOMED-IN IMAGE!

Can you work out what this is?

YOUR ANSWER: _____

Answer at the bottom of the page — upside down!



Did you know?

Magpies remember faces! They can recognise friendly people and those they consider a threat.

Only around 10% of males actually swoop, and most injuries happen when people fall or crash while avoiding a magpie, rather than from the bird itself.



Queensland Ambulance Service Gemfields



Hi everyone from Andrew and Dave.

We're still seeing the odd enquiry over various social media sites along the lines of: "Does anyone know the number for the ambos??!!"

It's very, very good to see people promptly reply back to instruct the person to call triple zero.

Since 1969, there's been just the one number to call for the ambulance: Triple Zero (000).

Calling the station will waste time in an emergency. This also goes for calling individual paramedics – if you do this, you will be asked to hang up and call triple zero. We as paramedics must receive activations from our Operation Centre (OpCen), via triple zero. This is because the OpCen has an overview of all ambulance resources in the area, with a knowledge of which crews are available to be dispatched, and because they are in a position to properly take down the details (if you called paramedics directly, there's a good chance we're on a job, or we could be on days off, holidays etc, unable to even answer the phone).

Therefore, calling triple zero protects you, us, and the rest of the community, by ensuring activations are actioned in a coordinated manner.

Please, do not be intimidated by calling triple zero. If you're in doubt about calling us, it's best you just call triple zero and get us to visit. Again, as we've said in the past, the vast majority of the presentations we attend in this area turn out to be very legitimate ambulance calls.

Sometimes we might just need to visit, perform some vital sign observations, have a chat, and give some advice. That's fine.

Just to go over the process again, when calling triple zero:

- Dial triple zero. This will work on all standard phones in Australia, including the majority of satellite and VoIP phones. You can call triple zero even if you have no pre-paid credit. And in some cases triple zero may still work even when there's very limited network coverage – always give it a try if you need it.
- You will first be asked which service you require: Fire, Police or Ambulance.
- Next, you'll be asked which town you're in. Use the free Emergency Plus app if needed.
- You'll then be transferred to the OpCen of the service you've asked for. If you request ambulance assistance, you'll most likely be connected to our OpCen in Rockhampton, but if they're very busy, you may talk to someone in either Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville or Cairns. In very extreme circumstances, you may have to hold for a short period of time – do not hang up.
- The call taker will then ask you a series of questions. It is important you answer all these questions to the best of your ability. Try to stay as calm as possible.
- Stay on the line until you're directed to hang up. In some circumstances, you'll stay on the line until we arrive, if the operator needs to provide continual instructions.

Thanks for reading the above. Please pass on the message to friends and family.

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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.

To book a site, please contact:

Paula Riley – 0408 798 440

Debbie Wouters – 0407 056 089

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For all your gemstone and jewellery valuations: We will be in Rubyvale from the 3rd to the 9th of October.



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Spring has arrived and as the weather warms up, snakes become more active and are more likely to be seen moving through yards, gardens and around homes.

Spring is a good time to tidy outdoor areas, reduce potential hiding places and brush up on snake bite first aid.

Most snakes would rather avoid people, so stay alert, give them plenty of space and never attempt to catch or kill one.

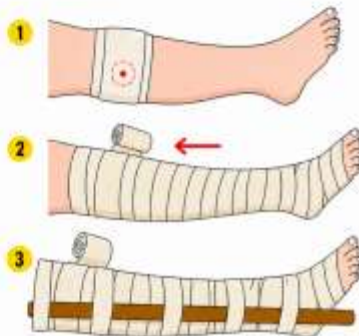


1. STOP ALL MOVEMENT CALL 000

Keep the person calm and completely still.

2. PRESSURE BANDAGE

- 1 First, apply a broad pressure bandage firmly over the bite.
- 2 Then, firmly bandage from just above the fingers or toes upwards, covering as much of the limb as possible.



3. SPLINT THE LIMB

Splint the limb to immobilise it and keep the person completely still.

4. WAIT FOR AMBULANCE

Stay with the person and wait for paramedics. Follow 000 instructions. Do not try to travel to hospital yourself. Do not wash the bite.

i This is a general guide only. In an emergency always call 000 and follow the instructions given by emergency services.

DID YOU KNOW?

Australia has nearly **200** snake species but only **25** are considered potentially deadly!

WHAT ABOUT OUR FURRY FRIENDS?

Snake bites can be life-threatening for dogs and cats, with symptoms including weakness, wobbliness, collapse, vomiting, drooling, difficulty breathing, pain or swelling. If you suspect a snake bite, seek veterinary care immediately.

Gray Street Veterinary: 49 824 868
Maraboon Vet Surgery: 49 876 800

Both clinics offer after-hours emergency care.



CALL THE VET IMMEDIATELY

Let them know you're on the way.



KEEP YOUR PET STILL

Keep them calm and don't let them walk.



CARRY YOUR PET

Carry them to the car wherever possible.



ASK ABOUT A PRESSURE BANDAGE

If the bite is on a limb, ask the vet if you should bandage it.



REMOVE THEIR COLLAR

If bitten around the head or neck, remove the collar in case of swelling.

Secure pet food to discourage rodents.

Keep pets indoors at night.



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ANAKIE STATE SCHOOL NEWS



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Anakie State School



☀️ Join the Anakie State School Team! ☀️

Casual Teacher Aide Opportunities

Are you looking for a rewarding role where every day is different? We are seeking **expressions of interest** from enthusiastic, caring and reliable people who would like to join our team as **casual Teacher Aides**. Whether you have experience working with children or are looking for a meaningful way to support young learners, we'd love to hear from you!

We are currently looking for people who are:

- ★ Available on a **casual basis from Term 3 onwards** to assist when relief staff are required.
- ★ Interested in a **full-time Teacher Aide opportunity for Term 4, 2026** (temporary contract).

If you enjoy working with children, are flexible, organised and have a positive attitude, this could be the perfect opportunity.

Interested?

We'd love to have a chat! Please contact our office on 4981 1111 to arrange an informal conversation with principal Michelle Botma.

A **current Blue Card (Working with Children Check)** is a mandatory requirement for employment with the Queensland Department of Education.

Come and discover why small schools make a big difference. We'd love to welcome you to the Anakie State School community!



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Ageing Creatively in Rural Areas (ACRA) and Ageing Well in Rural Areas (AWRA)

Robyn Preston, Senior Lecturer, Public Health, CQUniversity, Kim Thompson, CTM Links Capella and the Miners Common Museum.

We will be back in September!

Robyn and Dean from ACRA will be in Sapphire Gemfields and Capella, **from Friday 25 September to Friday 2 October**. Look out for flyers and information from AWRA partners about the events and meetings where you can meet us.

Our plans for the week include:

- Discussing findings from **Housing Research** undertaken with the Rubyvale Progress Association and Gemfields Community Support Association. Thank you to everyone who participated to explore new ways for seniors to live affordably and safely within their own communities. Look out for results in community newsletters and in Gemfields community noticeboards. We are also happy to present at community meetings.
- **Meeting up with local Seniors Groups:** We look forward to meeting up with the Capella Mens Group, The Pelican walkers in Capella and Capella Seniors **Connect Group Fitness**. We are also working with the Sapphire Gemfields community to launch a Seniors group. If you are interested in helping form a Gemfields Seniors Social Group, please contact Kim on 0407 760 001.
- **The Where? Card** will be launched on *26 September 2026 at the Gemfields Folk Festival* at the Miners Common Museum. An initiative of AWRA; we hope the card will support Better Hospital Discharges so patients aren't sent home late at night when it's unsafe to travel.

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.

Ageing Well in Rural Areas (AWRA) is the 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.

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** CTM Links Capella; the Miners Common Museum, Arts & Cultural Centre; the Gemfields Community Support Association or the Rubyvale Progress Association.

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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Central Queensland

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— AUSTRALIAN EDITION —



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2. LYREBIRDS ARE INCREDIBLE MIMICS

They can imitate other birds and have also been recorded copying human-made sounds such as camera shutters and machinery.



3. AUSTRALIA HAS THE WORLD'S LARGEST LIVING REPTILE

The saltwater crocodile can grow to more than 6 metres long, with exceptionally large males weighing over 1,000 kg.

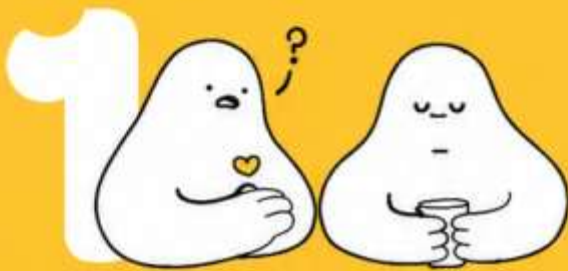


4. AUSTRALIA IS WIDER THAN THE MOON

Australia stretches roughly 4,000 km from east to west, while the Moon is about 3,475 km across.

Ask R U OK?™ ANY DAY

Have a conversation using these 4 steps



How are you
travelling?

You don't
seem yourself
lately – want to
talk about it?

Ask R U OK?



I'm here to listen
if you want to
talk more.

Have you been
feeling this way
for a while?

Listen



What do you think
is a first step that
might help you?

Have you spoken
to your doctor
about this?

Encourage action



Just wanted to
check in and see
how you're doing?

Have things
improved for you since
our last chat?

Check in

Learn more at ruok.org.au





A Conversation Really Can Make a Difference

R U OK? Day began with a very personal story. In 1995, Barry Larkin died by suicide, leaving his family with grief and unanswered questions. Years later, his son Gavin Larkin wondered whether one simple question, asked at the right time, might help other families avoid experiencing the same loss. In 2009, that question “Are you OK?” became the beginning of a national movement.

Since then, Australians have shared thousands of examples showing that meaningful conversations don’t have to happen in counselling rooms or formal settings. Sometimes they begin in completely ordinary places.

One recent R U OK? story tells of Jack, a new dad and farmer, who found himself struggling as the pressures of farm life, parenthood and loss accumulated. Opening up to the people around him helped him through a difficult period.

Another tells of Oliver, who still remembers a stranger simply asking him if he was OK. That brief interaction stayed with him and eventually inspired him to help encourage more open conversations about mental health within Chinese communities.

There are smaller examples too. In 2026, students visited an aged-care community armed with R U OK? “Conversation Bingo” cards. What followed were chats about dairy farms, driving trucks across Australia, growing up in Tonga and watching whales from the wharf. Nothing particularly dramatic, just younger and older people sitting together, listening and discovering things about one another. But that ordinary human connection can be incredibly important, particularly for someone experiencing loneliness or isolation.

And that is really the point of R U OK? Day. You don’t need to diagnose someone, solve their problems or have the perfect words. Notice when somebody seems a little different. Ask the question. Give them time to answer. Listen without judgement, encourage them to seek support when they need it, and importantly, check in again afterwards.

Because “Are you OK?” shouldn’t just be something we ask once a year. It’s a conversation worth having any day.

Read more real R U OK? stories at ruok.org.au

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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
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What a great Gemfields Festival

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organisations working together to deliver a
great Festival Month of Activities
WELL DONE EVERYONE



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For our next adventure.....



"On Common Ground" Folk Festival

Saturday 26 September

10am-10pm \$5 single \$10 family
see flyer for more details

And still to Come...



HALLOWEEN Party * 31 Oct



Museum Open Hours

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



GEMMY QUILTERS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

Our congratulations to everyone connected to the Festival of Gems and other events over the weekend. It was very successful and the weather was all that could be asked for. Time now to reflect and start planning for next year's events, including our Quilt Show.

It was lovely to see so many people out and about even with the rise in fuel costs but we certainly are not used to such heavy traffic and it seemed as though people are still travelling which is good for our area.

With the year racing along our thoughts turn to Christmas gifts and what better than a handmade present. Think of small quilts, place mats, table runners and needle cases. All useful.

We are getting some practice on our quilting machine but need more. Have to do more sewing and we are all looking to find suitable projects for our Quilt Show which will come around all too quickly.

Don't forget, if you enjoy sewing, crocheting, embroidery or just having a chat you are most welcome to join us any Tuesday at the Sapphire Hall from 9.00am to 3.00pm or thereabouts. Morning tea is included but if coming for all day, bring your lunch.

Until next month – keep stitching
Gemmy Quilters



CAPELLA PIONEER VILLAGE

• HERITAGE DAY •



12 September



9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Step back in time at the Capella Pioneer Village Heritage Day and experience the Central Queensland Highlands' rich rural heritage. Explore historic buildings, watch traditional demonstrations, see vintage machinery in action and enjoy a full day of family-friendly entertainment.



HERITAGE & DEMONSTRATIONS

- Blacksmithing
- Damper cooking
- Sewing displays
- Shearing demonstrations
- Restored heritage buildings



VINTAGE MACHINERY

- Vintage tractor barrel races
- See-saw balance & sled pull
- Steam & stationary engines
- Tractor parade



MINING DISPLAY

- Longwall Mini Build opening
- Underground vehicles



FAMILY FUN

- Cinema cartoons
- Kids pedal powered tractors
- Rubber ducky flume races
- Petting zoo





Gemfields Riding for the Disabled are taking limited bookings for lessons from now until we wind up once it gets too hot.

Membership is \$5:00 and rider insurance \$175.00. Lessons still \$25:00.

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

We are always looking for volunteers to help lead horses or in some cases side walkers if riders are not yet ready to ride unassisted. A Blue card is required for working with children which can be obtained on line so if you have some time to spare and would like to help out this worthy organisation the links are below to be completed on line.

Link for volunteering:

<https://ridingforthe-disabled-association-australia.snapforms.com.au/form/volunteer-enquiry-form-rdaq>

<https://ridingforthe-disabled-association-australia.snapforms.com.au/form/volunteer-information-form-rdaq>

<https://ridingforthe-disabled-association-australia.snapforms.com.au/form/volunteer-acceptance-form-rdaq>

Links for rider participation:

<https://ridingforthe-disabled-association-australia.snapforms.com.au/form/participant-information-form-rdaq>

<https://ridingforthe-disabled-association-australia.snapforms.com.au/form/participant-acceptance-form-rdaq>

Just click on the link you wish to submit or type url into google. We will need all forms if volunteering or only participation. Any problems accessing just give me a call.

Call or contact me if you require our GRDA Membership form.

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

Looking forward to seeing you.



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Queensland, 4702

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Successful QOTT Grants Program recipients unveiled :: Racing Queensland

Gemfields Riding for the Disabled are so delighted and proud to announce that our two beautiful retired racehorses, with the racing names of 'Profanity' (Chestnut Gelding) and 'Manolete' (Grey Gelding) are both successful recipients of the 2026 QOTT Therapy Horse Grant!

The QOTT Program supports retired racehorses just like Profanity and Manolete, who had careers on the track and successfully transitioned into second careers as therapy horses.

QOTT provides our not-for-profit organisation with vital funding during the grant term to help with costs for veterinary services, farrier and feed for our retired racehorses. This funding helps to keep Profanity and Manolete happy and healthy as they continue their important therapy work in our community.

Thank you again, Queensland Off-the-Track! We are so grateful for your support of our retired racehorses.

@Queensland Off-The-Track www.racingqueensland.com.au/animal-welfare/off-the-track



Profanity (aka Boof) and Manolete (aka Tiny) with their new saddle blankets kindly donated to us and all recipients of the Grant from Queensland Off the Track.





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 – SEPTEMBER 2026

We had a good representation for Vietnam Veterans Day. About 40 people came to remember those that fell and those that came back broken. The light lunch was a hit, thank you Janine. Thank you to all the veterans and members of the community that came on this day of commemoration.

September 5th is our bake-off day. Bring along your best cake, biscuit, slice or no bake and let our tasters have a bite. Whether it's sweet or savoury, baked or no bake, you might be the winner of your division. Entries close at 3pm and can be dropped at the RSL from 1pm. If you wish to drop off earlier, please call Mandy on 0411 377 377. Judging starts at 4pm and auction will follow. All goodies submitted will be auctioned, so come along with all your dollars and purchase some. Money raised will be donated to RFDS and Gemfields Wildlife Carers. The people involved in these organisations do a wonderful job supporting our veterans and community. If you get hungry and want a bite to eat hamburgers will be available after the Ode, at a cost of \$10. Buy your own dessert by winning an auction item.

This is one of our major FUNdraiser's for the year. Please come along and support the community that supports our RSL.

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.

Please consider volunteering to help our hard-working committee on future projects. Pass along your details, and availability, to our friendly bar staff. If you wish to volunteer for bar work you need an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol). Should you not have one they are easy to obtain. Come down and have a chat about which way you would like to help.

September: Dates to Remember

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

3rd September – Merchant Navy Day. Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declare war on Germany (1939)

4th September – Japanese evacuation of Milne Bay, New Guinea begins (1942)

5th September – 3rd Gemmies Great Bake-Off. Entries into RSL by 3pm, from 1pm. Judging at 4pm, followed by the auction of all the goodies.

8th September – WWII Peace treaty signed with Japan (1951)

12th September – 2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment advance party arrives in Penang, Malaya (1955)

14th September – National Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Day. HMA Submarine AE1 lost off New Guinea (1914)

19th September – 5th Light Horse Brigade capture Nablus, Battle of Megiddo begins (1918)

20th September – INTERFET coalition forces begin deploying to East Timor (1999)

21st September – German New Guinea surrenders (1914), Battle of Nui Le – South Vietnam (1971)

25th September – AFL Grand Final Parade. ANZAC Mounted Division capture Amman (1918), HMAS Voyager grounded and destroyed at Betano Bay, Timor (1942)

28th September – 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment arrives in Korea (1950)

VC's Awarded in September: 1st - Tpr J.H. Bisdee & Lt G.G.E. Wyllie - Warm Bad, South Africa (1900), Pte W.M.

Currey, T/Cpl A.H. Buckley & Capt A.C. Hall - Peronne (1918), Sgt A.D. Lowerson, Pte R. Mactier & Lt E.T. Towner - Mont St Quentin (1918), 2nd - T/Cpl L.C. Weathers - Peronne, France (1918), Cpl M. Donaldson - Urozgan Province, Afghanistan (2008), 3rd - T/Lt W.T. Dartnell - Maktau, British East Africa (1915), 4th - Cpl J.A. French - Milne Bay, New Guinea (1942), 13th - Pte R Kelliher - Nadzab, New Guinea (1943), 18th - Pte J.P. Woods - Le Verguier, France (1918), Sgt M.V. Buckley (aka G. Sexton) - Le Verguier, France (1918), 20th - 2Lt F. Birks - Ypres, France (1917), 26th - Sgt J.J. Dwyer - Zonnebeke, Belgium (1917), 29th - Maj B.A. Wark - Bellicourt, France (1918), 30th - Pte J. Ryan - Bellicourt, France (1918)

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GEMFIELDS LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE



SEPTEMBER 2026

Hi all,

Thank you for the great support over the Festival of Gems, with special thanks for the two generous donations from Aussie Gem Designs for the Sapphire Drop Earrings and Emerald Home Brew Supplies for the Gas Smoker.

The winner of the Sapphire Earrings – Rodney Pallentine

The winner of the Gas Smoker – “Kirby”

Two very happy customers and 48 happy Lucky Ticket winners!

And a massive thank you to the weather gods for a beautiful weekend.

Gemfields LAC



WHY DOES SPRING BRING HAY FEVER?

Spring in Queensland means warmer weather, flowering plants and plenty of pollen in the air. Grass pollen can be a major trigger, along with pollen from some trees and weeds.



If your immune system reacts to pollen, you may end up with sneezing, a runny or blocked nose, and itchy, watery eyes.

BEAT THE SPRING SNIFFLES

-  Keep windows closed on dry, windy days.
-  Shower after gardening or spending lots of time outdoors.
-  Change clothes if you've been mowing or working outside.
-  Wear sunglasses to help keep pollen out of your eyes.
-  Avoid mowing the lawn if grass is one of your triggers.
-  Ask your pharmacist about treatment if symptoms are bothering you.



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Club Inc.**

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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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Mondays 9am to 10am
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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 September!

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
and enjoy a relaxed afternoon together.



Bookings Essential

Bookings must be made by
the **Wednesday prior**.

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.



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Tuesday - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Thursday - 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Saturday - 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

**For more information please call
Joanne at the library on 4981 0299**

Gemfields Salvation Army Store (Angelo's)

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Sat
8AM - 12PM



Gemfields Lapidary Club

Wednesdays & Saturdays

Roy Day Park, Sapphire
9am - 12 noon

Fees

Members: \$25.00 + \$5 per session

New Members: \$40.00 + \$5 per
session

Activities

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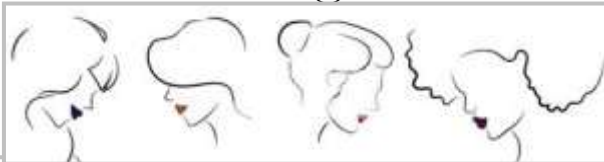
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sapphire.rda@gmail.com



Community Grants Program Round One 2026/2027 now open for applications

Local organisations are invited to apply for council's
community grants to fund programs and/or
equipment/facilities in the following categories:

- Community assistance up to \$5,000
- Sport and recreation up to \$5,000
- Community improvement up to \$20,000

Applications close midnight on Tuesday 15 September
2026.

Applications via <https://chrc.smartygrants.com.au/>

Guidelines are available from council website, libraries,
offices and transaction centres.

P: 1300 242 686

E: enquiries@chrc.qld.gov.au

W: www.chrc.qld.gov.au

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🕒 10AM - 12PM

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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





Garden News September 2026

Another Festival of Gems has gone as our season fades out. The feedback of tourists, visitors and merchants was overly positive. The “Wine and Cheese” night, this time at the Anakie hall, was well received, as always. Richardson had a mouth watering display of word class sapphires exhibited; with the likes of the famous “Tomahawk Tiger” and the “Stonebridge Green” on display. The Saturday Night Spectacular was another highlight, with well received fireworks and music. A good time was had by all.

A nice addition was the artistic entrance “arc” created by Ron, proprietor of the “Red Barn” Sapphire. Well done! Another local artist is Jason, the constructor of “Rustic Retreat” cafe Rubyvale. A well liked hang out by locals and tourists alike. Bobby Dazzler is also opening its cafe again; and the “Tucker Box” in Sapphire is another liked venue for food, a cuppa and meeting friends. “Pats Gems” is an old classic, well established. Let’s support those businesses, making them meeting places for your friends and acquaintances. Social interaction, special for us older folks but not forgetting the young, is very important for a well balanced lifestyle.

As always, I like to mention the old time dance at Capella; every second Saturday of the month. Good exercise and a social get together with genuine, lovely country folks. Make an effort and attend. For more info ring Noela on 0408 721 707.

Feature crop: Capsicums

Capsicums: colour, crunch and resilience

Capsicums are a cheerful warm-season crop that can thrive in arid Central Queensland with warm soil, wind protection, deep watering, mulch and light shade during extreme heat.

Quick growing guide

- **Planting window:** late winter to spring after frost risk has passed.
- **Position:** full sun with shelter from hot, drying winds.
- **Soil:** compost-rich, free-draining soil with aged manure worked in before planting.
- **Spacing:** 45–60 cm apart; stake early to support heavy fruit.

Water, feed and protect

- Water deeply at the base of plants, especially during flowering and fruiting.
- Mulch thickly with straw, sugarcane mulch or local organic matter to cool roots and reduce evaporation.
- Use temporary 30–50% shade cloth during heatwaves to reduce sunscald and blossom drop.

Varieties and common problems

- **Try:** California Wonder, Sweet Banana, Mini Bell Mix or Marconi-type capsicums.
- **Blossom drop:** manage heat stress and keep soil moisture consistent.
- **Sunscald:** protect fruit with leaf cover and shade during extreme sun.
- **Aphids and mites:** check leaf undersides and encourage beneficial insects.

Harvest and share

Pick firm, full-sized fruit with secateurs. Green capsicums are ready earlier; red, yellow and orange fruit are sweeter when left to ripen.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 12th September at 9am at the Community Gardens. Interested in gardening? Come along and join us. Membership is \$15 per year and you will have access to 2 plots, communal tools and facilities. New members most welcome, contact Secretary Jenny on 0497748010

We had a beautiful, mild winter but rather dry. Let’s hope and pray for rain! Conserve water and don’t forget to put mulch around your plants to keep the moisture in. Time to get ready to plant the summer crop. If you have any input, let me know. Your opinion is always welcome.



EASY PORK Banh Mi

— MAKES 4 —

INGREDIENTS

- 700g pork fillet
- ½ cup hoisin sauce
- 1 tsp Chinese five spice
- ½ tsp salt & pepper
- 4 crusty rolls
- Pâté (optional)
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- Fresh coriander
- Shredded daikon (optional)
- Maggi seasoning
- Sliced red chilli (optional)

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 180°C. Coat pork with hoisin, five spice, salt and pepper.
2. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and cook for another 10 minutes to brown.
3. Thinly slice pork and toss it through the sauce left in the tray.
4. Split rolls and spread with mayonnaise and pâté, if using.
5. Fill with pork, carrot, cucumber, coriander, daikon and chilli.
6. Add Maggi seasoning to taste and serve.



OPTIONAL PICKLED VEGETABLES

Mix carrot and daikon with ½ cup rice vinegar, 1 tbsp sugar and ½ tsp salt. Leave for at least 30 minutes before using.

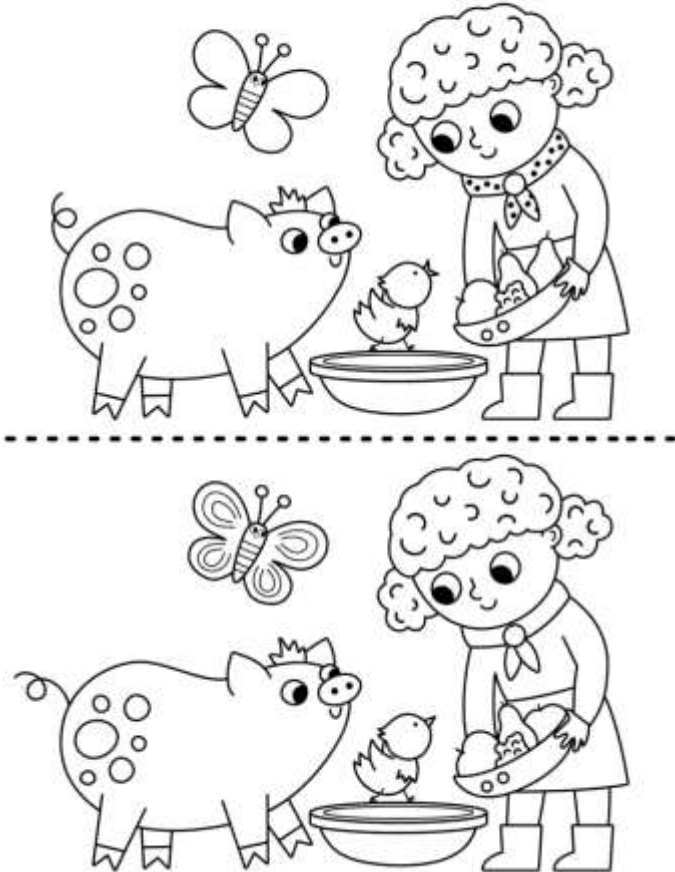




JUNIOR GEMS



Spot 5 differences



Decorate Frog's Umbrella!

Give our little frog a colourful umbrella!
Add spots, stripes, flowers, rainbows or your own fun design.



Spring Word Search



Search for the words hidden in the puzzle

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Be able to
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OR

Read people's
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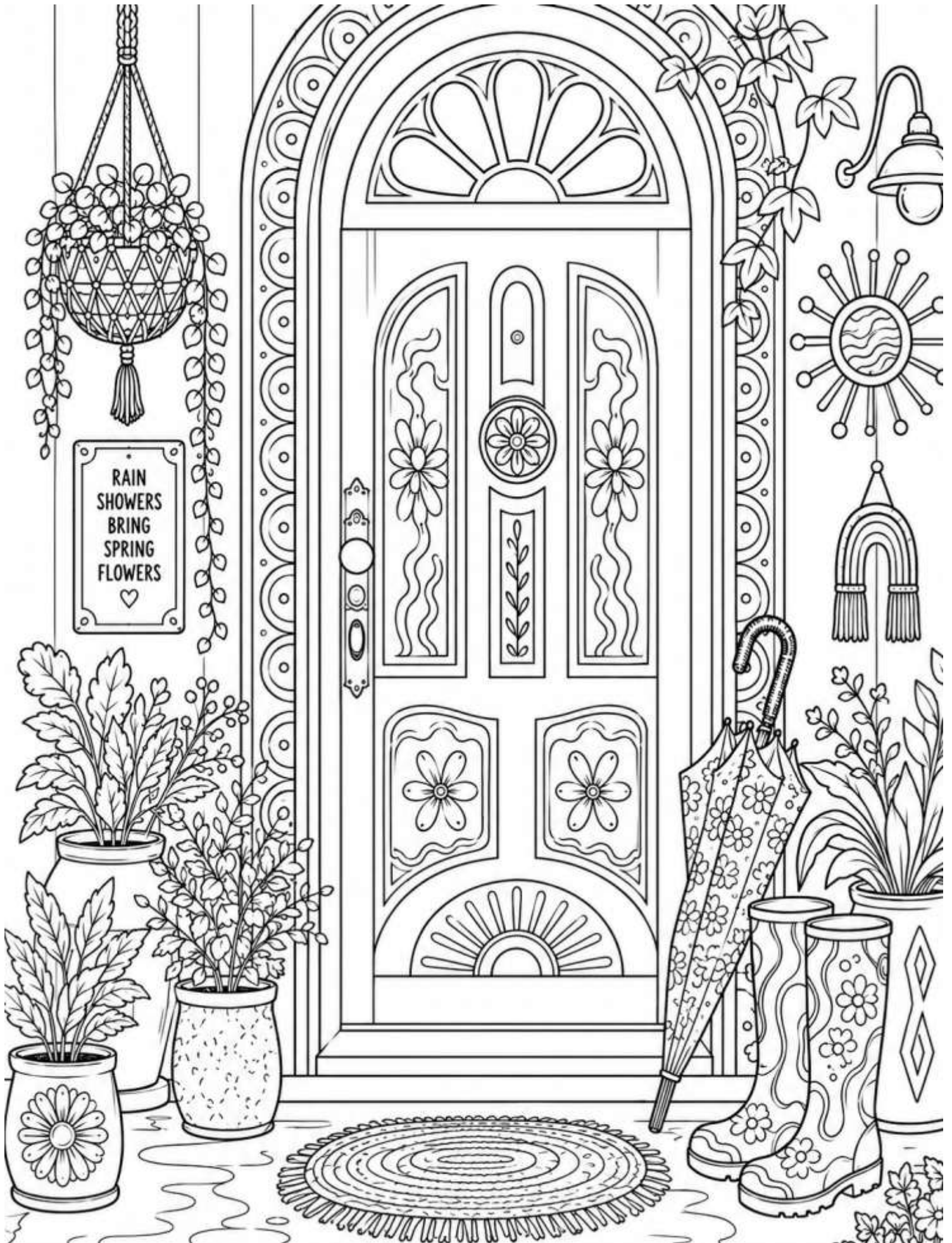
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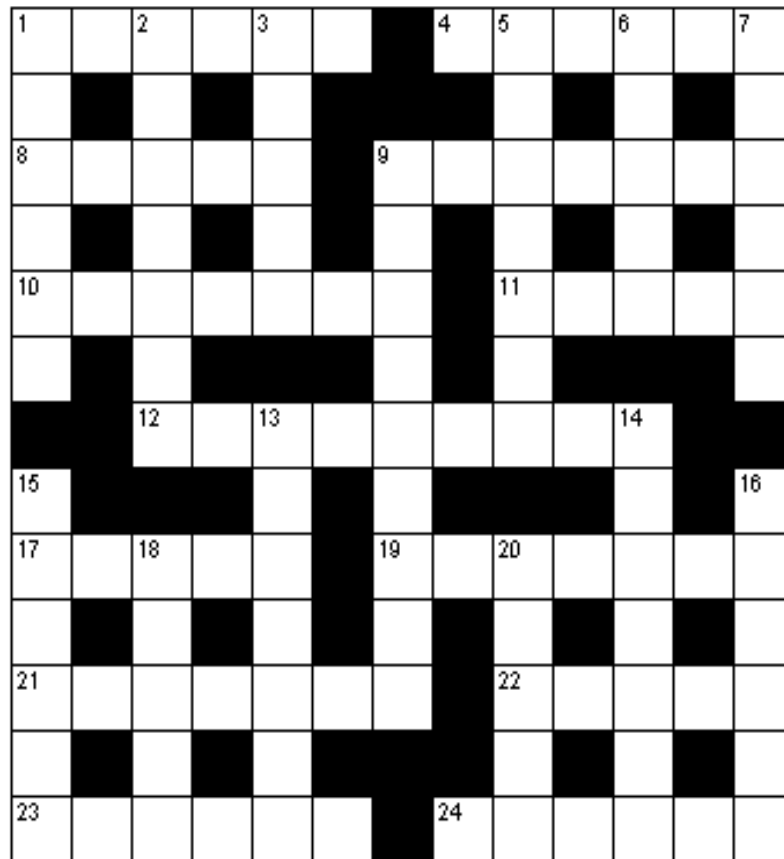
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Wear someone
else's sweaty
socks for
an hour?





PUZZLE TIME



Across

- 1 Nearly (6)
- 4 Tenet (6)
- 8 Travel by car (5)
- 9 One who shoes horses (7)
- 10 Provider of refreshments (7)
- 11 Express in speech (5)
- 12 Remiss (9)
- 17 Steed (5)
- 19 Throw away (7)
- 21 Advantageous purchase (7)
- 22 Gangway (5)
- 23 Concurred (6)
- 24 Recluse (6)

Down

- 1 Junkie (6)
- 2 Make damp (7)
- 3 Take an oath (5)
- 5 On the way (2,5)
- 6 Imbecile (5)
- 7 Uproar (6)
- 9 Proscribed (9)
- 13 Hand-thrown shell (7)
- 14 Horizontal beam (7)
- 15 Morbid fear (6)
- 16 Period before Christmas (6)
- 18 Less common (5)
- 20 Shiver (5)



For their generous donation of goods to assist the Gemfields Meals on Wheels in their delivery of fresh meals to our clients.

Last Month's Solutions



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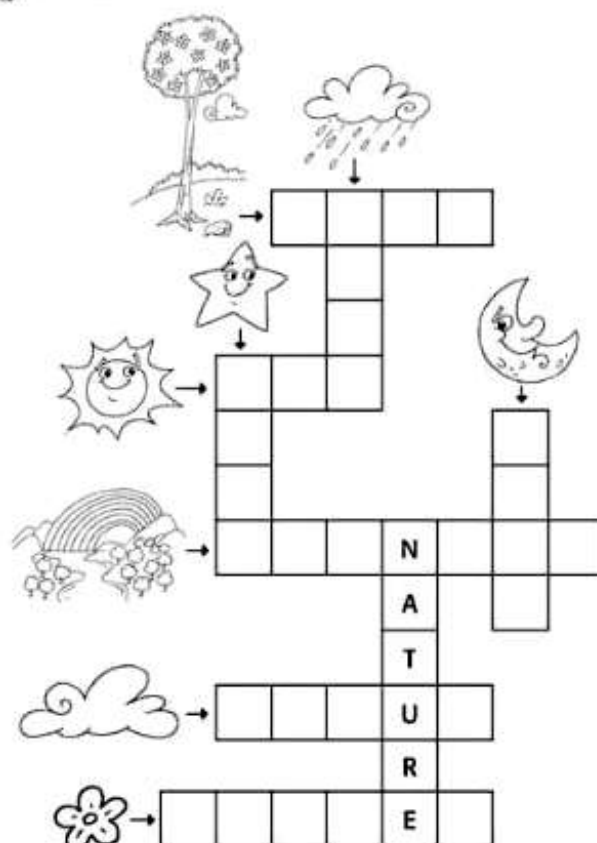
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 CROSSWORD.



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
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Ph: 49854 664

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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