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GEMS garments

An order form is enclosed. We will place an order when we have 20 or more items ordered (currently 6).

Wineries tour

24 people have paid a deposit and a further 4 to 8 may be going. With 27 people, the cost will be about \$88.00 per head. If we get 35 people, this will fall to about \$79.00 per head. So start recruiting! The more the merrier! (Maximum 45). Bring Auntie Jack if you like. This unforgettable experience will include ***** coach travel with Chris's Coaches (that's five star, not expletive deleted), twin share accommodation including breakfast at the Corowa Motor Inn, dinner and pokies at the Corowa RSL, a Sunday luncheon cruise on Lake Mulwala, and OF COURSE visits to as many wineries as we can on Saturday afternoon (and maybe even some more on Sunday? (time permitting). If you travel light, there will be more space in the coach's luggage compartment for your (hic!) purchases.

There will be two pick-up locations. The coach will leave **Spencer Street Station** at **7:30am** for those who prefer to leave their car at home – please make sure you **arrive at the station no later than 7:15am** if you wish to join us there. Those not wishing to catch a train will be met at the **Tullamarine airport long-term car park**, where cars may be left with reasonable security for the weekend, at **8:00am** – please **arrive by 7:45am**. PLEASE LET US KNOW which pick-up you will be at by returning the booking form. If you prefer to be met somewhere north of the suburban area along the Hume Highway, please describe the location precisely and we will give you a time to be there.

We need to pay the balance of the money early in September, so please send us your cheque for \$80.00 per head, less whatever deposit you have already paid, before the end of August. There will most likely be a few dollars still to pay on the bus. If you can't remember how much you have paid, we can arrange for a statement (for a small fee). Actually, we will tell you for nothing if you phone us at a convenient time.

Werribee Zoo

30 people have so far indicated their intention to accompany us on this safari into the depths of darkest

Werribee on Sunday the 29th of November. The cost will be \$12.60 (Adult), \$9.50 (Student, Pensioner or Health Care Cardholder), \$6.30 (Child 3-14). This special price applies to groups of 20 or more people. However, we don't need to all arrive together. Just tell them you are with the GEMS group. It would help if you were to wear your *GEMS* jacket or shirt. For this price, you get entrance to the Zoo from 9am to 5pm, access to the nature walks, bistro, visitors' centre displays, etc. and a 1-hour bus tour of the free-range animal area. The bus tours leave every 20 minutes between 10am and 3:30pm. We will be having a BYO BBQ lunch at the DIY (wood supplied) BBQs in the grounds of the adjoining Werribee Mansion. Pass-outs are available at the Zoo gate. Note that your Zoo entry fee does NOT include entry to the Mansion itself.

1998 Annual General Meeting

This will be at a venue to be advised, <u>in a private room</u>, sometime in December.

3rd Annual Tardis Disk Bowls Championship

This will be held on New Year's Day 1999. Don't miss it! Join Rob in the Spa.

Hit and Giggle golf day

This will now most likely take place at Tarwin Lower. Dave Hanna has kindly taken responsibility for the arrangements. Persons with any degree of skill at the game will be expected to do their best to conceal it.

Car trial

This is a treasure hunt on wheels. Planning is at the "what a good idea" stage.

Red Centre expedition

Plans for this are in the care of an active subcommittee.

Please let us know if there is any other event you would like us to organize, and indicate your interest in our planned events on the enclosed booking form.

All money MUST be received by the due dates. Overdue payments *may* be returned (eventually). **PLEASE PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT** as overpayments complicate our bookwork.

Thank you for your support. Your lucky number is 2394857

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Booking Form

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
	Wineries weekend. Please indicate pickup:					
13.	Spencer Street 7:15 for Station 7:30	12/9/98 and	\$79 to	31/8/98	31/8/98	
	Tullamarine 7:45 for airport 8:00	13/9/98	\$88			
	Other:					
14.	Werribee Zoo	29/11/98	See text	15/11/98	At gate	

Expressions of Interest In Future Events - NOTE - Details may change.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
15.	Annual General Meeting (Private	Dec '98	pyob*	tba	tba	
16.	Tardis Disk Bowls Championships	1/1/99	tba	tba	tba	
17.	Hit and Giggle Golf Day	Feb '99	tba	tba	tba	
18.	Car Trial	Apr '99	tba	tba	tba	
19.	Mee Ging / MGS	Jun '99	tba	tba	tba	
20.		Aug '99				
21.		Oct '99				
22.	Annual General Meeting	Dec '99	pyob*	tba	tba	
23.		Feb '00				
24.	Red Centre Expedition	Apr '00	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	
tba	King Island	tba	moderate	tba	tba	

* pay your own bill Name