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GEMS Garments

Your garments are now available. Please contact us to arrange collection (we will bring them to the next function). Please indicate your requirements for further items on the enclosed order form. We will re-order when we have 20 or more items for embroidery. Prices will not be final until then. The four spare caps sold out very quickly. We may have a couple of spare jackets available on a first come first served basis.

Mailing List

Please advise us of any corrections needed - use the copy on the back of the booking form.

Ten-Pin Bowling (aka trundle and giggle) Night

This was very popular and highly acclaimed by the 20 members who attended. It will probably be repeated soonish. Winners were as follows:

Highest game score (BRass award)	Win Burch
Gutter award (tied)	Rose Johnson & Jean Sale
Lowest game score	Rose Johnson
Highest total score	Win Burch
Lowest total score	Rose Johnson

As you can see, two members dominated the awards. *GEMS* member Win Burch is almost 80 (she is also a 10-pin bowling league player). Rose is ... *er* ... a loyal *GEMS* member who has not bowled for many years. Jean kept Rose company in the Gutter.

The Boy From Oz

Bookings are closed and we have distributed the tickets. Ten members are going to see this great show! Thanks to Elaine Nichols for organising it.

IMAX

We are now going to the I^{max} in early September. We will know the date about a week before the event. We hope to see a 3D movie, possibly "Encounter in the Third Dimension". If we have 20 people, we can arrange group prices. Dinner will probably be at the Pumphouse again at a time to suit the movie.

Progressive Dinner

This is likely to be the event of the year, but is currently on hold until those involved in providing the tucker return from their various holidays. It will happen

in Inverloch (naturally). Plenty of parking (and room for caravans or tents if you like) is now available at 3 Naomi Court (2 "doors" from "The TARDIS"). But seriously, The TARDIS sleeps 22 without counting the floor space, and three or four other nearby houses have room for still more *GEMS* members, so you don't have to camp unless you want to. Don't miss it!

Annual General Meeting

This is a **Black Tie** function (the rest of your attire is up to you) at Dave and Leigh Hanna's mansion in Burwood, at **1 pm on Sunday the 14th of November**. **Come as you aren't.** (As M^cClures' used to say).

Red Centre Expedition

A meeting of interested members decided that the Red Centre Expedition will be swapped with the King Island trip. This gives you (*and us!*) longer to save up for the big one! The Red Centre trip will now occur in April/May 2001. The option of flying from Melbourne to the Alice, and catching the Ghan back, was widely supported. It may be possible to hire a self-drive bus (or two!) to "do our own thing" in terms of what to see and how long to spend at each site. This depends on the availability of self-drive busses (we have four qualified bus/coach drivers planning to go on the trip).

King Island Trip

The suggested date for this is now either the first or middle weekend of the first term school holidays 2000, probably also involving the Monday. The expected cost is around \$500 to \$600 per head depending on the type of accommodation chosen and the activities (trips) we wish to undertake. Expect notice of a meeting soon if you have indicated an interest in this event.

Other Things

Please tell us if you would like us to organize something special. Thank you for supporting our efforts. Your lucky number is quite possibly going to come up some time or other. Yes, you do need good eyesight.

Please indicate your interest in the events shown on the booking form. Unfortunately, we don't have any dates now. We will telephone those who show their interest when we know the dates and costs.

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Booking Form

Please indicate interest - we will 'phone only those who do so with dates etc.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
23.	I ^{max}	Sep '99	pyob	31/8/99	na	
24.	Annual General Meeting	14/11/99	tba	30/9/99	31/10/99	

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

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
tba	Progressive Dinner	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Disk Bowls Championship	Jan '00	tba	tba	tba	
tba	King Island	Apr '00	\$500	tba	tba	
tba	Red Centre Expedition	Apr '01	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	

Name:
