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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Email only

If you have elected to receive the Newsletter by email ONLY, please acknowledge receipt. We will send it by snail mail if we don't hear from you by the 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

### Raffle

Order your tickets NOW! Three great prizes made with consummate skill and kindly donated by that woodworking genius Steve Nichols! Those who attended the AGM will have seen the prizes, which are:

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|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Folding Step Stool   | value \$50.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Planter              | value \$25.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Folding Canvas Stool | value \$15.00 |

Tickets \$2.00. Order now or see us at the next event.

### GEMS Garments

All the last lot has been distributed, except for two items (XL and XXL Polo Shirts - Marg and Syd Bysouth please get in touch if you still want them, otherwise we'll put them into the next batch). We also have one member with a new (unused) XL jacket that is the wrong size. We will re-order when we have 20 or more items for embroidery. Prices will not be final until then. We will order 10 extra caps as we sold out so fast last time, so we currently have 14 items ordered.

### Mailing List

Please advise us of any corrections - use the back of the booking form. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS if you have one. We can send you the Newsletter as an e-mail attachment if you do. You will get it sooner and we will save on postage. Please let us know if you prefer e-mail, snail mail or both. We will do whatever you want. No reply will result in both modes, if we already have your email address.

### Disk Bowls Championship

Congratulations to the winners Dave Hanna (singles) and Bernie and Margaret Brown (doubles).

### Ten Pin Bowling

We are going bowling at Chadstone again at 5:00pm on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February. Don't miss the chance to demonstrate your skill at this top indoor sport! (There will also be a prize for the most gutters). Please pay now, \$12:00 per head for two games, including shoes and ball

hire (minimum 20 people). Those that wish to can join us for dinner afterwards (probably at the Lone Star Chadstone).

### King Island Trip

A booking has been made for this, departing on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April and returning on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively you can depart on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and return on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. The total cost is \$489.00 per head.

### Progressive Dinner

This is likely to be the event of the year. It will happen in Inverloch on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Plenty of parking (and room for caravans or tents if you like) is available at 3 Naomi Court (2 "doors" from "The TARDIS"). 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!

### Miss and Giggle Golf Day

Don't miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual miss and giggle golf day at Tarwin Lower Golf Club! This will be at 11:00am on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, the day after the progressive dinner, so we'll all look and feel our best! A sausage-sizzle lunch is included after the event.

### MGS 2000

This will be on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June at Darebin Community Arts Centre (Bell Street and St Georges Road). Please advise asap if you wish to go as we will be booking very soon.

### Red Centre Expedition

The Red Centre trip will occur in April/May 2001. The most likely plan is to fly from Melbourne to the Alice, and catch the Ghan back. 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 bus/coach drivers planning to go on the trip).

### Other Things

Please tell us if you would like us to organise 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.

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## Booking Form

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
26.	10 pin bowling 2000	27/2/00	\$12.00	18/2/00	18/2/00	
	Dinner after bowling	27/2/00	pyob	18/2/00	pyob	
27.	King Island	7/4/00	\$489.00	31/12/99	soon	
28.	Progressive Dinner	6/5/00	tba	tba	tba	
29.	Miss and giggle golf day 2000	7/5/00	tba	tba	tba	
30.	MGS 2000	23/6/00	tba	asap	asap	
<b>RAFFLE TICKETS</b>		tba	\$2.00	asap	asap	

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

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
tba	Theatre Night	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Horse Riding	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Tasmania Weekend	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Picnic at Country Race Meeting	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Weekend in Melbourne	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Red Centre Expedition	Apr '01	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	

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