



Welcome to our 2nd newsletter!

This edition is earlier than planned because we have just been advised that Smokey Joe's Café is closing on the 17th of November. We have therefore cancelled event #1. Fortunately, no-one has paid as yet.

Your initial registration will last for 12 months from the date of the most recent event you have been to. After that, we will ask you to pay another \$5.00 to cover a further 12 months postage costs. On the other hand, if you continue to participate in our events, the small surcharge of \$1.00 that we add to each item will pay for your Newsletters.

Our next event will be the smörgassbord dinner and tour of the open cut mine at the Yallourn Power Station on Saturday the 15th of February. This function runs from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at a total all inclusive cost of \$30.00 per head, due by the 24th of January. The price includes the dinner, drinks and the tour itself. We have booked for 30, but could extend that to a maximum of 50. There are currently 28 places available. Free overnight accomodation for a limited number of people (about 20) is available at Inverloch, about half an hour's drive from the Latrobe Valley. If there is sufficient interest, we will try to organize a minibus for those who wish to stay at Inverloch. This will cost about an extra \$10.00 per head, and will include a tour of some local wineries on the Sunday. We would be able to pick-up and drop-off at selected points (to be advised and/or negotiated) along the route from St Albans. If you wish to be part of this select group, contact us ASAP. Note that the minibus will need to be booked SOON or it may not be available. However, that will not affect the availability of the Inverloch accomodation. Apart

from that there are motels nearby if you prefer not to drive back to Melbourne late at night.

After that we will be going to see the new musical "Chess" at the Princess theatre on Tuesday the 15th and Thursday the 17th of April (sorry about the wrong date in Newsletter #1!). the cost will be \$65.00 per ticket (normal price \$71.00). We have booked 30 seats for each night, and currently we have 58 places available. Money is required by a date to be advised, probably around February or March. Watch this space!

We are planning to book a block of seats for the final night of the 1997 Melbourne Gang Show, with a banquet beforehand at Mee Ging Chinese restaurant in Acland Street St Kilda. Money for the show will be due before the tickets go on sale at the first or second rehearsal. Money for the dinner (which will be able to be booked separately) will be due by about the middle of May.

Future plans include a weekend trip to Tasmania on the "Spirit of Tasmania". More details in our next Newsletter.

Please let us know if there is any event you would like us to organise.

Please indicate your interest in these events on the enclosed booking form.

Note that all money must be received by us by the due dates, and no reminders will be sent out apart from these newsletters. Any cheques received after the due dates will be returned.



Booking Form

- ☺ Please enclose payment as indicated, or send before the closing date shown. Make cheques etc. payable to *GEMS*.
- ☺ If paying later, please indicate clearly what your payment is for.
- ☺ Bookings not paid in full by the “pay by” date will not be made, and cheques etc. will be returned.
- ☺ No reminders will be sent out apart from *GEMS* Newsletters.
- ☺ A new *GEMS* Newsletter will be issued whenever a new *GEMS* event is organized.
- ☺ A new *GEMS* event will normally be organized about every two months, after the “pay by” date of each *GEMS* event.
- ☺ As we have organized three initial *GEMS* events, each new *GEMS* event will appear in three or four *GEMS* Newsletters.

<i>GEMS</i> #	Description	Date	Cost	Pay by	# reqd
1.	CANCELLED				
2.a	Dinner Tour: Yallourn Power Station	15 Feb 97	\$30.00	24 Jan 97	
2.b	Accomodation required at Inverloch				
2.c	Minibus transport if available		\$10.00	ASAP	
3.a	Princess Theatre: Chess (Tuesday)	15 Apr 97	\$65.00	t.b.a.	
3.b	Princess Theatre: Chess (Thursday)	17 Apr 97	\$65.00	t.b.a.	
4.a	Melbourne Gang Show 1997	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
4.b	Mee-Ging Banquet before MGS 97	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	

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