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Please acknowledge receipt. We will send it by snail mail as well if we don't hear from you within a week.

Raffle

Order your \$2.00 tickets **NOW!** We now also have a family pass to the Ashcombe Maze on the Mornington Peninsula, donated by Geoff and Dawn Hillyer.

1 st	Folding Step Stool	value \$50.00	SN
2 nd	Ashcombe Maze pass	value \$26.00	GDH
3 rd	Planter	value \$25.00	SN
4 th	Folding Canvas Stool	value \$15.00	SN

We will draw the raffle when we have sold a least 120 tickets (currently 53). As the 2nd prize expires on 30/11/00, we will draw a winner for that one before then. That ticket will not be re-entered for the subsequent draw for the remaining prizes.

GEMS Garments

The excess XL jacket has been reallocated. The 4th batch of garments will be delivered soon.

Mailing List

Please show any corrections on the back of the booking form. **LET US KNOW YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS** if you have one - we can send the Newsletter that way. **Let us know if you prefer e-mail, snail mail or both.** Otherwise we will send it both ways, if we already have your e-mail address.

King Island Trip

This was enjoyed immensely by everyone who went. Nick Jones has written an epic report on it. You will have to attend the AGM to receive a free copy of this masterpiece. It is so heavy that we will have to charge \$10 postage and packing to send it to anyone else.

Progressive Dinner

Terrific! In the true **GEMS** tradition, everyone (at least your intrepid reporter) was *slightly* blotto by the time we staggered home. Attend the AGM for a full report (thanks to Bernie and Margaret, Glenys and Bert).

Miss and Giggle Golf Day

Another fantastic **GEMS** event! A combined report with the Progressive Dinner. Come to the AGM to see it.

MGS 2000

A big improvement on recent efforts. Anyone that went who would like to write a report on it for the AGM, please do so. This is your big break! Any would-be theatre critics? We eagerly await your contributions. If we don't get any, we'll just have to throw something together ourselves. Sigh.

Red Centre Expedition

April/May 2001. Fly from Melbourne to the Alice, and catch the Ghan back. Or fly back if you prefer. Or don't come back at all! Plans are currently being incubated. Eventually they'll hatch. It is **NEXT YEAR** so start saving. We will gladly look after your savings for you so you can't spend them. Just send us your cheques! - \$200 a month per person would be a good start.

Day In Melbourne

This will take place on the 19th of August 2000. Choose the activities that interest you, or spend the whole day with us. Travel on the circle tram! (Or get fit and WALK). Please **fill in the booking form** as we need to know numbers to make bookings **for the items in bold face below.**

10:00 am Sat	Melbourne Aquarium.
Sat pm	Imax, Casino, Rialto Tower, South Bank, shopping, or whatever.
6:00 pm Sat	Dinner at the Café K, 35 Little Bourke Street.
Sat evening	Imax, Casino, Rialto, see a show, etc.

Theatre Nights

"Les Mis" at the Darebin Arts Centre (Catchment Players) October 13-29. We will probably go on a Thursday or Friday night. Anyone indicating interest will be contacted when we have details of prices etc.

"Annie" at the Regent theatre, Melbourne Thursday 8th of March 2001. \$64.00, a saving of \$13.50!. U15 \$57.50, no other concessions, pay asap if not sooner. Please pay directly to our theatre groups organiser Elaine Nichols, but send your booking forms to us.

Other Things

There is a prize if you spot the deliberate mistake in this Newsletter. (First correct answer wins).

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Booking Form

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
31.	Aquarium Saturday morning 10:00am Adult	19/8/00	\$16.50	12/8/00	19/8/00	
	Concession (pensioner, student, health care)	19/8/00	\$12.00	12/8/00	19/8/00	
	Child (4-16 years – under 4 years free)	19/8/00	\$7.50	12/8/00	19/8/00	
	Dinner at the Café K Saturday 6:00pm	19/8/00	pyob	12/8/00	pyob	
32.	Theatre Night, Les Mis (Catchment Players)	Oct 00	<\$50.00	31/8/00	tba	
??	Theatre Night, Annie, Regent Theatre	08/03/01	\$64.00	15/9/00	15/9/00	
RAFFLE TICKETS		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	Annual General Meeting 2000	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Annual Disk Bowls Tournament	01/01/01	tba	01/12/00	tba	
tba	Picnic at Country Race Meeting (Yea?)	Feb 01	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Red Centre Expedition	Apr 01	\$2k-\$3k	asap	LAY-BY	
tba	Car trial	May 01	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Murder Mystery	Jul 01	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Houseboat weekend	Oct 01 ?	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Horse Riding weekend (we may still do this!)	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Swan Hill Sound and light show	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Tasmania Weekend	tba	tba	tba	tba	

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