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### Email-only members

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

We will draw the raffle when we have sold a least 120 tickets (currently 60 so we're only half way). As the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> batch of garments has been received and distributed. Marg and Syd, please contact us again.

### 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.

### Red Centre Expedition (37) New Lower Price!!!!

Wed 11 to Wed 18 April 2001 (This includes Easter). Plans are now well under way. We have managed to reduce the cost to a maximum of approx \$1300 per head and minimum \$1030 (depending on the no. of participants.) This includes airfares to the Alice, and return on the Ghan, and has been made possible by downgrading the accommodation to 2-bedroom villa units for 4 nights (4 persons per unit) and lodge accommodation (4 persons per room with share bathroom facilities) for the other 2 nights, as well as sit up over night travel on the Ghan (sleeper coaches are \$500 per person dearer.) Other accommodation and travel options could probably be organised at greater cost if required. If you are now interested please contact us immediately (even if you are not sure but

think you might be interested) because we will then keep you informed and preliminary bookings are required soonest. We will have an 18 seater coach and can continue to take bookings until it is full but other options may become more expensive as time progresses.

### A.G.M (33).

Once again the Hannas have generously offered their house as the venue for this event and the date is the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at 2.00pm for a 2.30 spit roast dinner. \$14 per head includes hot potatoes, salad and bread rolls as well as desserts and tea or coffee. Please notify us ASAP because we have to finalise numbers. Come and get your annual reports and read about the past year's events.

### Annual disc bowls championship (34).

As usual this will be held on New Year's day at the Tardis in Inverloch. First in best dressed for accommodation so notify us soon if you wish to stay.

### Picnic day at the races (35).

This will be held at Yea on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2001. Sweeps will be run on all races. BYO picnic and enjoy a day in the country.

### Day In Melbourne (31).

This was a big success, the Aquarium was fantastic!

### Theatre Nights

"Les Mis" (32) was on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. We were in the middle of the front row. We were just blown away by the consummate performance. Rob says it was the best one he's seen (and he has seen it before!) He could hear every word (and he's rather audibly challenged) and the plot was clear to him for the first time.

"Annie" (36) will be at the Regent theatre, Melbourne Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2001. Bookings have closed. Four GEMS members are going.

### Other Things

There is a prize if you spot the deliberate mistake in this Newsletter. (First correct answer wins). The winner from the last newsletter was Nicole Evered who correctly identified the misspelt word "Acknowledge"



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## Booking Form

#	Description			Notify by	Pay By	no.
33	Annual General Meeting 2000	26/11/00	\$14	19/11/00	19/11/00	
34	Annual Disk Bowls Tournament	01/01/01	tba	01/12/00	tba	
35	Picnic at Country Race Meeting (Yea)	24/02/01	tba	tba	tba	
37	Red Centre Expedition	11/04/01	Approx. \$1300	asap	LAY-BY	
<b>RAFFLE TICKETS</b>		tba	\$2.00	asap	asap	

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

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notif	Pay	no.
tba	Theatre Night, Guys and Dolls	May	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Car trial	Jun	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Murder Mystery	Jul	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Houseboat weekend	Oct	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Horse Riding weekend (we may still do	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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