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Mailing List

Please show any corrections on the back of the booking form, and/or send us an e-mail. Let us know your e-mail address if you have one - we can send the Newsletter that way. You will also get the Newsletter sooner by e-mail, which gives you a better chance of winning the prize for the deliberate mistake. 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.

Annual General Meeting (43)

A great time was had by all in spite of inclement weather. Many thanks to the Hannas for hosting it once again.

6th Annual Disc Bowls Championship (44)

The disk bowls tournament went well, again in spite of our Claytons Summer. Congratulations to doubles winners John and Jean Sale, and to singles winner Bev Huntley. John had fun fitting the doubles trophy into his dimensionally challenged car, but he managed it in the end.

We also had a successful trivia night (thanks to Anne Gough) but the weather was unsuitable for star gazing.

Wine Bottleing

There will be a wine tasting one day soon for a small group to choose which wines to bottle. The date will probably be the 23rd of February - please check with Dave Hanna for date, venue and numbers able to attend. The bottling will take place at a date soon after that. Let us know if you may want to order any wine and we will let you know what it will be so that you can place an order.

A Country Day Out (45)

We have just discovered V-Line's "A Country Day Out" ticketing scheme. Three or four adults can travel on a single ticket to a country destination and receive free entry to a nominated attraction. We have decided to trial this with a day trip to

Echuca, which includes a river cruise on the paddle steamer "Canberra". Price is \$95 per ticket (only \$24 per head if we get multiples of 4, \$32 per head if we use 3 per ticket). Date is Saturday the 16th of February. All day parking is available at Spencer Street Station for \$4. Train departs Spencer Street at 08:40, arrives Echuca at 12:30, leaves Echuca at 17:45 (5:45pm) and arrives back at Spencer Street at 20:45 (8:45pm). Please notify us asap so we can organise the tickets. They take bookings up to 8pm the night before, but this depends on the availability of seats, and if we book as a group we should be able to sit together. We also need to reserve places on the paddle steamer.

Golf Day (46)

Saturday 23rd of March at the Tarwin Lower Golf Course. Accommodation available in Inverloch for early respondents. Arrive Friday night if staying in Inverloch. Tee off at 10am. Cost \$12. Lunch included.

Introduction to Line Dancing

It looks as though this will go ahead. No experience required, experienced dancers will be on hand to assist and demonstrate. Probable date is now a Sunday afternoon in early to mid May 2002. Please indicate your interest on the booking form.

Murder Mystery

Coming up later in 2002.

Other Things

We are planning another 10 pin bowling night in June. MGS 50th anniversary dinner is coming up in June, please make your own arrangements if you would like to go. Rumour has it that Keith Stublely has a part in the upcoming re-run of "Cats".

There is a prize if you spot the deliberate mistake in this Newsletter. (First correct answer wins). No-one spotted the mistake in News 26 (rhuntley@optusnet.com.au in the header, should be rhuntley@optusnet.com.au).



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Booking Form

#	Description			Notify by	Pay By	no.
45	Country Day Out	16/02/02	\$24-\$32	asap	16/02/02	
46	Golf day	23/03/02	\$12	02/03/02	23/03/02	

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

#	Description			Notify by	Pay By	no.
tba	Wine Bottling Night	late Feb	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Introduction to Line Dancing	May	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Ten Pin Bowling	Jun	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Murder Mystery	Aug	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Maribyrnong River Cruise	Sep	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Swan Hill sound and light show	Oct	tba	tba	tba	
tba	AGM	Nov	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Houseboat weekend	Dec	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Tasmania weekend	Feb 03	tba	tba	tba	

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Polite suggestions for future events:

I/We will help to organise it/them: yes/no

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