



Newsletter no. 31 - 19 October 2002

E-mail News

Please send the e-receipt. Otherwise after a week we will also send it by snail mail.

Mailing List

Please advise us of any corrections to your details.

Bookings

Please **send your bookings** either by email or snail mail. We can only notify you of late changes if we have a written record of your interest. **Verbal bookings may not be recorded.**

RECENT EVENTS

Note: event numbers may have changed.

Maribyrnong River Cruise (51)

This was on Sunday 24 August. Great weather, great boat, great skipper (who turned out to be an old work mate of Bob Francis). GEMS walk #1 was a great success. A GREAT DAY altogether.

Progressive Dinner (52)

Organised primarily at the request of members who were unfortunately unable to attend. However, 24 GEMS members did have a good time. Many thanks to Katie and Nicole for the soup (Peter and Janet for the bread), Marg, Bernie, Glenys and Bert for the main course and Pat for the desserts. Thanks also to Dave and Leigh for the door prize plonk. Six intrepid GEMS enjoyed a stroll through the Wonthaggi Heathlands (GEMS Walk #2) on the Sunday.

Shepparton Canneries Tour (53)

A very enjoyable weekend. Many thanks to Margaret Brown for coordinating the cabin bookings. The cabins were very modern, clean and comfortable. The savings made on canned goods (approximately half the supermarket shelf prices) would have paid for the trip for most of those who went (25 GEMS). We estimate the total spent was over \$2500. Most of us also enjoyed some lengthy walks in the adjacent forest parks in perfect weather (warm but not hot).

FUTURE EVENTS

Note: some dates may have changed.

AGM (54)

This will be at 1:30pm on Sunday 17th November, followed by lunch at 2:00pm, at the home of Delia and Bob Francis, 42 Tamboon Way, Rowville (Melways 73 B12). We are advised that there is plenty of parking in the amply proportioned surrounding streets. Cost is \$19.00 per head; this includes a catered spit roast with salads and desserts. BYO drinks (and chairs if you can).

GEMS Walk #3 (55)

Join us for "A Stroll around the Banyule Flats" on Saturday the 14th of December. Meet at the Banyule Flats Reserve car park (Melways 32 F2) at 11:00 am. The walk is very easy with gentle slopes, about 4 km and takes about 90 minutes. There is a suitable spot for swimming in the Yarra halfway around, so bring your togs if you want to. Let us know on 0409 147 062 if you are running late, and we will wait for you.

Annual Disk Bowls Championship (56)

As usual this will be held at the Tardis on New Years Day. Don't miss the opportunity to see the reigning champs defend their titles! Have a go at being the next proud custodian of the singles or doubles perpetual trophy! Maybe even BOTH! Present custodians please remember to bring the trophies back for re-distribution. There will be a small charge (to be advised) to cover catering for those eating at the Tardis.

A Day on the Yarra

Late February or early March. Cross to Heron Island by ferry (\$2.00 and BYO picnic lunch) then walk (or ride) along the river to the terrific Sunday Market at Southbank. Finish up with a 2 hour sunset cruise to see the Port Phillip Bay penguins (\$45.00, includes a BBQ dinner and a wine or soft drink).

Swan Hill Sound and Light Show

April 2003, may be on the Houseboat Weekend.

OTHER STUFF

Note: Any functions here are NOT GEMS EVENTS.

GEMS gear

We will send out an order form for garments soon. We currently have four caps in stock (\$7 each). We may offer wide brimmed hats as well. We also have a limited number of 50 x 50 mm GEMS fridge magnets at only 55 cents each or \$5.90 for 10.



A Night @ the Movies in Concert

See enclosed flier. It should be a great show. Four of this band (including Sally) are also in Rob's band. Send no money to us, get your tickets at the door or phone Sally.

Deliberate Mistake

No one reported the DM in News 30 (the redundant use of "inaugural" to describe GEMS walk #1) so the prize has jackpotted.



Booking Form no. 31 - 19 October 2002

☺ Please make cheques etc. payable to **GEMS**

#	Description			Notify by	Pay By	no.
54	AGM	17/11/02	\$19.00	31/10/02	31/10/02	
55	GEMS Walk #3	14/12/02	nil	14/12/02	na	
56	Disk Bowls	1/01/03	small	23/12/02	1/01/03	
GEMS Fridge Magnets at 55 cents each (collect them next time we see you, or add 45c postage)						
Expressions of Interest in Future Events - NOTE - Details may change.						
tba	A day on the Yarra	Feb/Mar	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Swan Hill sound and light show	Apr 2003	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Houseboat weekend	Early 2003	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Murder Mystery	Mid 2003	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Tasmania weekend	Late 2003	tba	tba	tba	
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