



Newsletter no. 36 – 21 Jan 2004

E-mail News

No e-receipt after a week will result in snail mail.

Mailing List

Please advise us of any changes to your details.

Bookings

Please **send your bookings** by e-mail or snail mail.

Verbal bookings may not be recorded.

Banking

We are going to change banks. At the moment ANZ is looking good, \$2.00 per month flat fee, waived if balance exceeds \$5000. No deposit fees, 5 free withdrawals per month, two signature cheque book, internet and phone operation (single operator only). In the meantime, we will continue to charge the cheque and event levies.

RECENT EVENTS

Note: event numbers may have changed.

63. AGM

Many thanks to Delia and Bob Francis for again hosting the AGM. As usual, a most successful GEMS event. The minutes will appear in due course.

64. Disc bowls #8

Congratulations to Tom and Lois Rolls (doubles) and to Bev Huntley (singles) for winning the trophies in a hard fought contest. Tom and Lois declined to take the doubles trophy home on their Honda motorbike so Rob delivered it in the Bobmobile a few days later.

FUTURE EVENTS

Note: event numbers and dates may have changed.

65. Lillydale Lake

Sunday 01 February. Meet at the Community Building (enter from Lillydale-Montrose Road, see attached / enclosed map, Melways 38G7) at 10:00am. There are nature walks and other activities. A relaxing day doing as much or as little as you wish. Steve and Elaine Nichols have done a lot of research on this, see attached files.

66. Ten Pin Bowling

Date and time to be advised, will be mid March and about \$15-\$20, less if you have your own

shoes. We are looking at a food package that we can have while bowling (at extra cost). Numbers by 20 Feb please.

SUGGESTED EVENTS

Note: these will run if there is sufficient interest.

Kangaroo Island

This may prove rather costly. We are thinking of a weekend (or maybe longer) in late April.

Prices so far appear to be -

Accommodation: (4 persons sharing a 2 bedroom cabin) approx. \$26 per head per night.

Travel: Ferry to the island \$86 return per person from Cape Jervis on the mainland to Kingscote on the island, (or \$120 return per person by bus and ferry from Adelaide to Kingscote). Air fare Melb to Adelaide approx \$94 one way (Qantas red-e-deal). Train \$118 Adult, \$68 Pensioner return.

Touring: Approx \$98 per head per day for organised guided tours on the island. OR We are going to look into the prospect of hiring a drive yourself bus if we have sufficient numbers, maybe even from Adelaide, but we would then have to pay the cost of getting it over on the ferry. OR hire cars on the island from \$32/day (could be shared by 2 couples), OR take your own car over if you have driven from Melbourne.

Meals: All meals apart from those provided on the organised tours would be an added cost but we could organise group sandwiches and BBQ's etc. in the same way that we did on the Red Centre trip.

If you think you may still be interested at these prices please contact us ASAP so we can try to arrange dates and look into the possibility of group reductions if we have enough bodies.

We (Rob and Bev) will probably go anyway on our way round Oz in late April.

Houseboat Weekend

Geoff Hillyer has been looking into this for us. It will be quite expensive, over \$200 per head. Anyone still interested let us know. It will proceed if there is enough interest. We would want 8-10 people.



[Weekend in Walhalla](#)

At Wallara Lodge in Erica. Five single beds and one double at \$11 per person per night (\$6 for pensioners).

[Weekend in Warburton](#)

At a Rover hut, suggested by Dave and Leigh Hanna. Further details to follow.

[Murder Mystery](#)

We have obtained one of the games and we believe that Katie Harrison may have a different one. If anyone is interested in running this, please contact us or Katie for details. We will help you to choose a suitable date. This could possibly be run on one of our weekends away.

[Weekend in Shepparton](#)

We may have another weekend in Shepparton in October.

OTHER STUFF

[Temporary Organisers](#)

Thanks to Dave and Leigh Hanna for agreeing to take over the organisation of GEMS events while Rob and Bev are away. (April to September 2004). Please support them.

[Mistaken Identity](#)

We recently received a confirmation from Crown Casino (for a 40 person bus trip and lunch at the casino) that we DID NOT BOOK! Apparently there is another club with the same name, and the Crown computer must have chosen the wrong GEMS. But judging by the enthusiastic response from some members when we were trying to find out if anyone had made a booking without telling us, maybe we should consider doing another casino trip. We'll get some details of costs for the next Newsletter (or maybe the one after).

[GEMS gear](#)

We still have a limited number of 50 x 50 mm GEMS fridge magnets at only 55 cents each or \$5.30 for 10.

Another order for shirts, jackets, caps and a new item "GEMS beanies" is under consideration.. More info soonish.

Coming soon will be name badges. Sorry about the long delay on this. We are currently considering an alternative supplier. Put your names on the list (see the booking form)



[Deliberate Mistake](#)

Congratulations to Dave And Leigh Hanna for spotting the DM in News 35.

"Deliberate mistake in EMAIL NEWS, should be week not weak. Meaning of weak: wanting in strength or power, fragile, feeble."

As the prize had jackpotted to 2 special fridge magnets and the altered meaning was adequately described, Dave and Leigh win 4 special magnets for their efforts. Well done!

We will eventually distribute these prizes, as well as those won by some members on the Whale watching trip.



Booking Form no. 36 – 21 January 2004

- ☺ To pay by EFT - Bank: CBA, BSB: 06 3580 Account: GEMS, A/c number: 1000 8088.
- ☺ Costs shown include the GEMS levy where appropriate.
- ☹ If you pay by cheque, please add \$1.00 and make it payable to **GEMS**.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
65	Lillydale Lake	01/02/04	nil	Just come	na	
66	Ten Pin Bowling	10/03/04	\$20	20/02/04	20/02/04	
GEMS Fridge Magnets 55c ea or \$5.30 for 10 (delivery when we see you, or send a stamped sae)						
GEMS Name Badges - name(s) (8 letters max):						
Expressions of Interest in Future Events - NOTE - Details may change.						
tba	Kangaroo Island	Apr 2004	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Houseboat weekend	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Weekend in Walhalla	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Weekend in Warburton	tba	\$19	tba	tba	
tba	Murder Mystery	tba	tba	tba	tba	
tba	Weekend in Shepparton	tba	tba	tba	tba	
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