

## GEMS NEWSLETTER #44, July 2005

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|| NEXT EVENT #78 :) PROGRESSIVE DINNER :) 23 JULY 2005 :) SEE BELOW ||  
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## CONTACT POLICY

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Please ask if you would like details of how we send the Newsletter and what we charge you for it. Any changes to that policy will be notified here.

Note that some bulletins regarding late changes to event details are sent by e-mail only. If you do not have e-mail, you will need to indicate your interest on the booking form to ensure that we phone you about such changes.

## ADDRESSES LIST

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Please advise us of any changes to your details to ensure that we have accurate data. In future (from News 45) we will only tell you about changes. A revised listing will be circulated with each annual report or on request (at our standard snail mail rates or free by e-mail).

## BOOKINGS

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Please send us your bookings by e-mail or snail mail. Remember to add your name and any suggestions for future events.

## MEMBER NEWS

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Send us your personal news if you would like to share it with GEMS.

## RECENT EVENTS

### ----- 75. Buxton weekend - 28-29 May 2005 -----

A really great weekend was enjoyed by a very select group of GEMS. An immaculate facility with everything we needed at a very reasonable price.

Many thanks to Pam Johnston and to Dave and Leigh Hanna for making it happen.

### 76. Wine Bottling - 18 June 2005 -----

This was a great success. We sold out of one variety (Tannat) before it was all bottled. So we rushed out and bought some more. We still have 7 bottles of white and 26 of Tannat available. Send in the order form (attached) or phone in your order. First in first served, hurry it won't last long. Thanks to Dave and Leigh Hanna (organisation), Delia and Bob Francis (venue and lunch), Stan Johnson and Mick Francis (collecting the gear).

### 77. Melbourne Gang Show - Thursday 23rd of June 2005 -----

No one booked through GEMS, although several GEMS members attended on the night, having made their own arrangements. The show was very good, a big improvement on earlier years.

## FUTURE EVENTS (Note: event numbers and dates may have changed)

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### 78. Progressive Dinner - 23 July 2005 -----

Xmas in July, centred on the Tardis in Inverloch (1 Naiomi Court, Melways 512-T12, Vic Roads 358-B5, GPS 38:38.608S, 145:42.185E). We expect to be serving soup at the Evereds' (Ardbeg, 86 Lohr Avenue) at about 5:30pm, and main course at the Tardis at about 6:30pm. Dessert will be at Katie Harrison's place in Lohr Avenue. We need your firm bookings for this one for catering purposes. Please confirm by the 16th of July if you want to come, even if you have already expressed interest. Cost will be the same as last year, \$20 per head. There may be some GEMS plonk for sale if any is left by then. There will be door prizes, thanks to Leigh Hanna for donating surplus stock.

### 79. Warrnambool Weekend - 27-28 August 2005 -----

Come along for the weekend, organise your own accommodation. There are several caravan parks

and other places to stay in Warrnambool. We (Rob and Bev) will be staying at the Figtree Holiday Village, which has an indoor heated swimming pool. Powered site is \$21 per night, flats and cabins from \$62 per double. Some have two bedrooms, extra person fees are \$7 - \$12.

We will be going to the Flagstaff Hill "Shipwrecked" Sound and Light Show on the Saturday night. Please make your own bookings. If you book as RACV members the discount prices are -

	Adult	Concession	Child
Day entry only	\$14.00	\$11.00	\$5.50
Shipwrecked only	\$22.50	\$20.00	\$12.50
Combined	\$35.00	\$29.50	\$17.00

The Shipwrecked Show is on at 7:00pm and 8:00pm, we (Rob and Bev) will book for the 7:00pm show. The show takes about 20 minutes.

There is a Sunday market at the Warrnambool Showgrounds. There are also guided walks in the Botanic Gardens on Sundays.

#### 80. Woop-Woop - September 2005

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For something rather different, try this one. We have to book in as a group, so please let us know if you want to come along. Buy your lunch there or bring your own.

"If laughter is the best medicine, you'll get a good dose of it at Woop-Woop. Unlike anything you've ever seen before, fair dinkum! A sculpture garden/gallery/tea room based on our Aussie lingo with a belly laugh behind every bush - a few giggles inside too! Don't forget your camera!

"Open only to groups - bookings essential (both small and large groups welcome)

Admission (includes guided tour) Adults \$5, children \$2 (not ideal for young children - adult supervision required)

Closed June and July - It's colder than a mother in law's kiss!!

"Mornin' and Arvo tea on tap in the Noshery

Aussie Tea - shearer's scones with fly bog (jam) and thick cow (cream) and tea/coffee \$4

Mornin Munga (Arvo too) with box 'n dice slices and tea/coffee \$3.50

Bangers and bunny grub BBQ lunch \$5 (all eating areas are indoors)

(sausages and salads, hunk o' dodger - tea/coffee thrown in)

Apple slice 'n thick cow dessert \$2

It's orright to bring yer own picnic - no worries!

"8km past Castlemaine on the Calder Highway, turn left onto Blackjack Road at the 119 km post."

81. Miss and Giggle Golf Weekend - 21-23 October 2005

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Current indications are that the Tarwin Lower Golf Course has changed hands and/or closed. We are looking for an alternative venue.

10th Annual Disk Bowls Championship - 1 January 2006

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Don't miss it! Special 10th anniversary prizes.

SUGGESTED EVENTS (Note: these will run if there is sufficient interest)

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TRIVIA QUIZ

MURDER MYSTERY

These may be included in one or more of the weekends away.

GLOW IN THE DARK MINI GOLF

Use your imagination.

ERICA WEEKEND possibly November

A repeat of the successful visit in September last year. Great scenery at nearby Walhalla, a very interesting mining town from the gold rush times with lots of history in the town and beautiful bush walks around. The walks are not mandatory, there is plenty to see and do without walking.

OTHER STUFF

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Jesus Christ Superstar

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The show was quite good as usual from the Catchment Players. A good night's entertainment at a reasonable price.

Your suggestions are welcome

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We hope we are providing you with an interesting Newsletter and lots of fun activities. We have made an effort to keep it short this time. Please continue to make suggestions for future events. All

your suggestions will be filed, and eventually we will probably run them. If you can help to organise them, so much the better.

#### GEMS magnets

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We still have some 50 x 50 mm GEMS fridge magnets at only 55 cents each or the special bulk discount price of \$5.00 for 10. These are a collector's item, so get your order in now. You can pay us by EFT and we'll mail them to you. We'll debit your GEMS account for the mail cost. Or we can just debit your account for both magnets and mail.

#### GEMS apparel

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Still on the agenda, watch this space.

#### GEMS name badges

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Some badges have been delivered, we will post them to you at your cost or deliver them the next time we meet (hopefully soon!) The magnetic fasteners are proving popular when demonstrated to members. Cost is \$11 per badge with the magnetic fastener or \$9 per badge with the old style brooch pin fastener. The first batch was {curly brackets show these badges have been delivered}

John Sale, Jean Sale, {Robert (Huntley)}, {Beverly (Huntley)}, {David (Hanna)}, {Leigh (Hanna)}, Barry (Sanneman), Margaret (Sanneman), {Peter (Allen)}, {Janet (Allen)}, {Alan (Evered)}, {Nicole (Evered)}, Dawn (Hillyer), Geoff (Hillyer).

Put your names on the list for the next batch if your not listed above (see the booking form).

#### DELIBERATE MISTAKE

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Congratulations to Geoff Hillyer who won the jackpotted DM prize, which now reverts to 1 special magnet. Get out your magnifying glasses!