

GEMS NEWSLETTER #45, August 2005

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CONTACT POLICY

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

Please advise us of any changes to your details to ensure that we have accurate data. From now on 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).

Changes: McRae, Doug and Marlene (new email address)

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BOOKINGS

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

MEMBER NEWS

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

RECENT EVENTS

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

A great success as usual. Very many thanks to the hosts and chefs: Alan and Nicole Evered for the use of their house (Ardbeg), Delia and Bob Francis for supplying and preparing soup, Bernie and Margaret Brown for use of the Tardis and for supplying and preparing main course (a particularly notable effort in view of their recent return from the UK) - ably assisted by several other members on the day, Katie Harrison for use of her spacious house and for supplying and preparing desserts, and Carole Bakker for supplying diabetic trifles even though unable to attend herself. As usual there was plenty to eat at each stage and the quality was peerless. Wine tasting took place at the Tardis and some more plonk was sold. There is still some left, place an order now, it won't be available for long. Thanks also to the donors of door prizes, Dave and Leigh Hanna, Margaret and Bernie Brown and Bob and Delia Francis. Everyone received a gift with numbers drawn from a hat.

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

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 through RACV 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 |

If you do book through RACV remember to contact Flagstaff Hill and tell them that you want to go to the 7pm show on the 27th of August as the RACV tickets are open (not for a specific show).

The Shipwrecked Show is on at 7:00pm and 8:00pm, we (Rob and Bev) have booked for the 7:00pm show. The show takes about 50 minutes (incorrectly shown as 20 minutes in News 44 - that was NOT the DM).

There is an undercover Sunday Market (8:30 - 1:00) at the Warrnambool Showgrounds Pavilion in Koroit Street.

There are guided walks in the Botanic Gardens (corner of Cockman and Queens Roads) at 2:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (the 28th is the 4th Sunday in August).

80. Woop-Woop - 2 October 2005

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.

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. Glow In The Dark Minigolf - 23 October 2005

This has replaced the Miss and Giggle Golf weekend, which has fallen through for lack of a suitable venue. To find out about the new alternative activity see <http://www.puttz.com.au/mambo/>. If you don't have internet access, you can try your local library. It looks as if it should be lots of fun! Meet at Puttz, Shop 9070 Knox City Ozone (opposite JB HiFi), Knox City Shopping Centre, Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. Tee off will be at 12:00 noon. Don't be late, we have a booking for that time. Tell us by the 9th of October if you intend to come as we may need to increase our

booking. We will hold a post mortem session over lunch or afternoon tea or maybe even dinner at a suitable local venue. If there is a good movie on at the nearby Village cinemas we may even stay on for that. So spend Sunday afternoon with GEMS at Knox!

82. Annual General Meeting and Constitutional Amendments Meeting - 27 Nov 2005

Don't miss this one! A catered spit roast luncheon at the home of Delia and Bob Francis. AGM 12:00, Constitutional Amendments 12:30, lunch 1:30. As this will be a catered function, we need to know how many will attend by the 30th of October. We will also need your full payment by the 13th of November. The amount will depend on the numbers attending, those Members who have notified us of their intention to attend will be contacted with details of the amount due after the 30th of October.

Attend the meeting to receive your complimentary copy of the sought after GEMS annual report, which includes all the details you always wanted to know about GEMS (but most of you were afraid to ask). After the AGM, there will be some constitutional amendments to vote on, as it has recently transpired that a few minor changes are needed. The proposed changes will be sent out to all members well before the meeting. You will be able to vote by mail on these amendments by returning the document with your responses marked. If you accept all the changes, you will not need to send back the form as no response will be taken as agreement with all the proposed changes.

10th Annual Disk Bowls Championship - 1 January 2006

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

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

TRIVIA QUIZ

MURDER MYSTERY

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

DAY AT THE ZOO - bring the grandkids if you wish!

EXPLORE WILLIAMSTOWN - spend the day strolling the beachfront, visit the ship "Castlemaine", have coffee and cake at one of the many eateries, picnic in the park - whatever you choose.

OTHER STUFF

Your suggestions are welcome

We hope we are providing you with an interesting Newsletter and lots of fun activities. 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

We still have some GEMS fridge magnets at only 55 cents each or the special bulk discount price of \$5.00 for 10. 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

Still on the agenda, watch this space.

GEMS name badges

Most of the 1st batch of badges have been delivered - the magnetic fasteners are popular. Cost is \$11 per badge with the magnetic fastener or \$9 per badge with the old style brooch pin fastener. The second batch has been ordered, bringing the total number of badges to 31. Put your names on the list for the next batch if you haven't ordered one yet.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

No-one reported the DM in News 44 (your in name badges section). The prize for the DM in this newsletter will be 2 SPECIAL fridge magnets - you cannot buy these ones!