

GEMS NEWSLETTER #46, October 2005

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|| NEXT EVENT #82 :) AGM :) 27 NOVEMBER 2005 :) SEE BELOW ||
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E-mail members please see the attached help file for recommended software settings.

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.

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.

GEMS WEB SITE

We are close to implementing this. There will be a password to access the files, which will include Newsletters, address list, booking forms, order forms, constitution etc. Watch this space.

RECENT EVENTS

79. Warrnambool Weekend - 27-28 August 2005

A great weekend but unfortunately very few GEMS could come. We actually saw two lots of whales. The sound and light show was fantastic! lasers on a water mist screen, you have to see it to believe it. Real 3D.

80. Woop-Woop - 2 October 2005

Another GEMS success with reasonable attendance, certainly a laugh a minute as advertised. Strictly for the broadminded, no wowsers allowed!

81. Glow In The Dark Minigolf - 23 October 2005

Again a well attended GEMS event, marred by a noisy kids birthday party. Lots of fun though, 3 close scores in the low 50s, one high 60s, the rest between (par 57). A reasonable effort by all, particularly one member suffering from upset stomach who still turned up and soldiered on stoically. Well done!

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

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

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 6th of November. We will also need your full payment by the 13th of November. The amount will depend on the numbers attending, last year it was \$20 a head. Those Members who have notified us of their intention to attend will be advised of the amount due after the 6th of November.

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 are shown on the enclosed voting form. If you wish to enter a postal vote, please return the voting form 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. Note the instructions on the

form regarding spouse voting - one form will suffice for both of you, but please put both names on it. If your votes differ, show this with two types of marks in the boxes.

10th Annual Disk Bowls Championship - 1 January 2006

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

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

TRIVIA QUIZ

MURDER MYSTERY

These may be included on a weekend 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 a few 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. This is called "magnetmail".

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 received, bringing the total number of badges to 31. Put your names on the list for the 3rd batch if you haven't ordered one yet. Note that new stocks of the magnetic fasteners have been obtained at a higher price, when the old stocks are exhausted the price of a badge with magnetic fastener will rise to \$12.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

No-one reported the DM in News 45 (2050 in the last line). The prize for the DM in this newsletter will be 3 SPECIAL fridge magnets - you cannot buy these ones!