

GEMS NEWSLETTER #48, April 2006 #####

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|| NEXT EVENT #87 :) Shepparton Weekend :) 5-7 May 2006 :) SEE BELOW ||
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E-mail members please see the web site for recommended software settings.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

We have changed our snail mail follow-up policy, as we now believe that successful e-mail circulation is almost certain. In future we will only send you a follow-up snail mail copy of the Newsletter if you ask to be on the follow-up list, and fail to acknowledge receipt of the e-mail version. However, this time, will everyone who has not already chosen "no snail mail" please acknowledge receipt. Remember to tell us if you want to be on the follow-up list.

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

Late changes to event details are notified by e-mail or phone. Please register your interest in our future events to ensure that we notify you about any such changes.

Please advise us of any changes to your address details to ensure that we have accurate data. The latest updates are attached.

MEMBER NEWS

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

GEMS WEB SITE

Lots of fascinating GEMS stuff can be found on the GEMS web site. If you have any problems with accessing it please let us know. E-mail members will be notified of web site updates and will be told the current password whenever it changes.

RECENT EVENTS

84. Day at the Zoo - 12 February 2006

A great GEMS event with several families attending for various parts of the day. Warm weather dictated an early finish for those who arrived before lunch. Later arrivals stayed for the free concert.

85. Explore Williamstown - 5 March 2006

Another great day out attended by a rather small group of GEMS, but thoroughly enjoyed by those that came.

86. Weekend in Bridgewater - 31 March to 2 April 2006

A very successful, well attended weekend in sleepy Bridgewater, extremely well organised by Dave and Leigh Hanna.

FUTURE EVENTS (event numbers and dates may have changed)

87. Shepparton Weekend - 5-7 May 2006

Spend Saturday visiting the canneries, get factory outlet prices on a wide range of soups, canned foods and other general household supplies. Join GEMS for dinner, relax by the lake. Make your own accommodation bookings, but note that Parklands' cabins are all booked out. Some of us are staying at Victoria Lake caravan park (Top Tourist). Please let us know if you are coming so that we can make arrangements for dinner at the RSL or wherever.

88. Ten Pin Bowling - 3 June 2006

Join GEMS at Chadstone Bowl at 3pm for another laugh a minute "sporting" function. We will adjourn afterwards for dinner at a nearby pub.

89. Progressive Dinner / Xmas in July - 15 July 2006

If you can only attend one or two GEMS events per year, this should be one of them! (the other should be the AGM) A veritable food fest with soup at one house, main course at another and desserts at a third. A Xmas theme will prevail, but we can't guarantee snow, you may have to dream of a white Xmas. Let us know if you want to stay at the Tardis, Ardbeg or elsewhere so we can allocate beds appropriately.

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

TRIVIA QUIZ

MURDER MYSTERY

These may be included on a weekend away.

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

GEMS fridge magnets are still only 55 cents each or \$5.00 for 10. This price has been the same for several years and must rise soon. Order now and beat the price rise! You can pay us by EFT (identify your payment with your name and notify us by e-mail) and we'll snail 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 (magnetmail).

GEMS apparel

Still on the agenda, watch this space.

GEMS name badges

The magnetic fasteners are popular. The cost is now \$12 per badge with the magnetic fastener or \$9 per badge with the old style brooch pin fastener. Most of the second batch has been delivered, the 3rd batch is almost full. Put your names down for the 3rd batch if you haven't ordered one yet.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

No-one identified the DM in News 47 (accomodation, one m instead of two) so the prize for DM#48 will be 2 special GEMS fridge magnets. Peel those eyeballs!

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