

GEMS NEWSLETTER #49, August 2006 #####

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|| NEXT EVENT #90 :) Ten Pin Bowling :) 13 August 2006 :) SEE BELOW ||

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E-mail members please see the web site (News/News help) for recommended software settings.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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.

Remember we are no longer sending snail mail follow up for unacknowledged e-mail Newsletters unless you specifically ask us to do so (see the booking form).

Remember also that you can see lots of previous newsletters and the current booking form on the web site. It may be a few days after the current Newsletter gets to you before the web site is updated.

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. Note that as recently advised to e-mail members, the web site has moved to -

<http://www40.brinkster.com/flashbrack/gems/>

The members' password has been given to e-mail members. Any other members requiring the password (to use in internet cafes or libraries etc) please contact us.

If you have any problems with accessing the web site, 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

87. Shepparton Weekend - 5-7 May 2006

Another really great GEMS weekend away, lots of bargains at the factory outlets.

88. Ten Pin Bowling - 3 June 2006

Sorry to those that were going to come on the 3rd of June, we messed up due to being in the middle of moving house. This has been rescheduled as our next event (see below).

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

This was a great success as usual with 26 members attending. Thanks to all the chefs and other helpers, particularly Carole Bakker for soup and dessert and Katie Harrison for desserts.

FUTURE EVENTS (event numbers and dates may have changed)

90. Ten pin bowling (reprise) - 13 August 2006

We currently have 12 members attending, starting at 4pm at Chadstone AMF Bowl(1395 Dandenong Road Chadstone).

At the time of writing there will be 8 members meeting for dinner afterwards (6pm) at the Hogs Breath Cafe (previously known as the Lone Star) at 695 Warrigal Road (corner of Waverley Road).

Anyone wishing to join us for Bowling and/or dinner, please tell us immediately. Sorry about the late notice on this one.

91. Return to Bridgewater - 22-23-24 September 2006

Join the GEMS caravan and motorhome cadre and help us to take over almost the entire Bridgewater Tourist Caravan Park.

Please make your own reservations on (03) 5437 3143. You can even hire a cabin or bring a tent.

POSSIBLE activities include -

Movies on Friday evening subject to suitable program (Star theatre at Eaglehawk old town hall - lounge chairs, wine, beer, soft drinks for sale and free pizza, approx \$9 per head).

Kooyoora State Park for a picnic lunch Saturday or Sunday.

Dinner at a nearby pub on Saturday.

DISK BOWLS either at the Kooyooro Park or at the PO in Bridgewater.

A market on Sunday morning in nearby Bendigo.

If you haven't seen Bridgewater before, there are walks along the river, shops and a very friendly couple in the post office.

A very tranquil spot, but can be easy to miss if you blink too much, so keep your eyes peeled.

92. Visit a State Park - October 2006

We may spend a day at Lysterfield Lakes or Serendip Sanctuary (Lara) on a Sunday in October, let us know if you have a preference for one or the other and/or a preferred date or dates. BYO lunch (BBQ or otherwise).

93. AGM 2006 - November 2006

Date and venue to be advised, let us know if you could provide a venue.

94. Disc Bowls - 1 January 2007

The annual not to be missed major GEMS tournament held as usual at the Tardis in Inverloch. Book in now for overnight accommodation. Take home the trophy!

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 they are not too expensive. If you can help to organise them, so much the better.

GEMS magnets

GEMS fridge magnets are now 60 cents each or \$5.50 for 10. 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 have 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

Congratulations to Dave Hanna who correctly identified the DM in News 48 (peal). Dave also correctly described the altered meaning, thus winning 4 special (you can't buy these ones!) magnets. The prize for DM#49 will be 1 special GEMS fridge magnet.

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