

GEMS NEWSLETTER #50, October 2006 #####

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|| NEXT EVENT #92 :) Serendip Sanctuary :) 28 October 2006 :) SEE BELOW ||

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

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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Please send us your bookings by e-mail or snail mail. Add your name and any suggestions for future events. Late changes to event details are only notified to those who have booked.

The latest address updates are attached.

E-mail Newsletters will only be followed up by snail mail if you ask for this (see the booking form).

#### MEMBER NEWS

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

#### GEMS WEB SITE

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Lots of fascinating GEMS stuff can be found on the GEMS web site.

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

If you have any problems with accessing the web site, please let us know.

#### RECENT EVENTS

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

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A great time was had by all, with an enjoyable repast to follow at the Hogs Breath Cafe. Results were -

Highest Score (Male) - Jim Groves

Highest Score (Female) - Leigh Hanna  
Most Energetic Male - Tom Rolls  
Most Energetic Female - Liz Shields  
Most Misses - Lois Rolls  
Lowest Score - Jean Sale  
Most Interesting Style - Jennie Johnson

Prizes for all the above were kindly donated by Elaine Nichols.

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

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Another priceless GEMS weekend. The less said about the Friday night movie the better, but the inaugural Northern Division disk bowls championship was a big hit, particularly the two trophies made by Dave Hanna with postage stamp redgum bases and featuring grape vines complete with very realistic plastic grapes. Many thanks Dave for your hard work and imagination.

Dinner at the pub was memorable for being charged for a bottle of Adams Ale (!) But the food was good.

Sunday was wet but we managed to enjoy a picnic lunch in a sturdy picnic shelter with a welcome fireplace.

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

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#### 92. Serendip Sanctuary - Saturday 28 October 2006

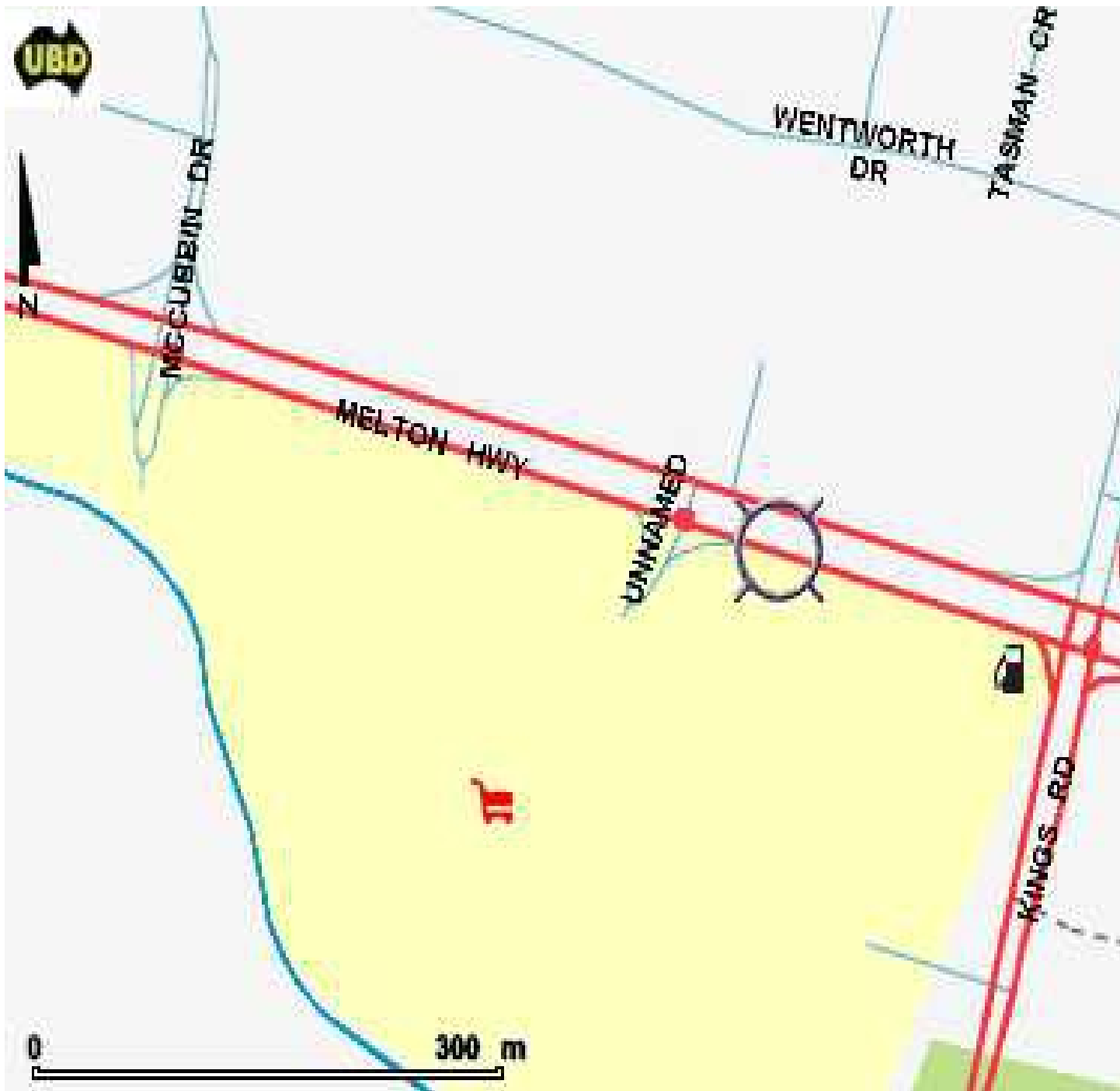
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Join us at Serendip Sanctuary, 100 Windermere Road Lara, Melways 423 D2, 60km from Melbourne on Princes Hwy. Well signposted. Meet at the info centre at 11am. BYO lunch (BBQ or otherwise). Check out the web site at <http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au>. Guided tours are available at \$4.90 per head. Those wishing to do this please make your own arrangements to join a tour.

#### 93. AGM 2006 - 3 December 2006

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Di Caprio Restaurant, 399 Melton Hwy Taylors Lakes (Watergardens Shopping Centre)



The location is circled. Private room booked for lunch from 12:30pm. This is primarily a pizza and pasta restaurant, but they do serve other stuff as well. We will all order our own meals and PYOB. If you have a special offer voucher, please check the conditions carefully as it may cause confusion. GEMS business will occur at convenient times before, between or after munchings. Members previously designated for event reports please send them soon if you haven't done so yet.

#### 94. Disc Bowls - 1 January 2007

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The annual not to be missed major GEMS tournament (Southern Division) will be held as usual at the Tardis in Inverloch. Book in now for overnight accommodation. Take home the trophy! Annual raffle will be drawn, prizes currently include a wok and a calculator. Other prizes will be added

before the draw.

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

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TRIVIA QUIZ

MURDER MYSTERY

These may be included on a weekend away.

TAS WEEKEND

OTHER STUFF

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Your suggestions are welcome

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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

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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

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Still on the agenda, watch this space. A large list of ideas was collected at the Bridgewater weekend, including polar fleece vests and hooded jackets. These will be priced in due course.

GEMS name badges

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The magnetic fasteners are popular. The cost is still \$11 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 has been received. Put your names down for the 4th batch if you haven't ordered one yet. Note that now over half the members have one of our name badges.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

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No-one found the DM in News 49 (... we messed up due to ... (should be owing to)). The prize for

DM#50 will be 2 special GEMS fridge magnets.

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