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|| NEXT EVENT #99, Melbourne Museum and IMAX, 11 August 2007, 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. 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 for snail mail Members (e-Members see Latest News on the web site).

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

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.

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

If you have any problems with accessing the web site, please let us know. Note the recently discovered fix for Internet Explorer 7, notified by email. Ask if you need this again. Home visits can sometimes be arranged if Rob is in the area at a suitable time. Or ask your favourite computer guru for help.

RECENT EVENTS

95. Music For The People - 25 February 2007

A glorious day with fine music shared by about 8 GEMS with another 700-800 extras.

96. Shepparton - 23 March 2007

Another great GEMS weekend, unfortunately attended by only four GEMS. However, over \$1000 was saved (after costs) on the purchase of needed goods, some of them on behalf of others unable to attend.

97. Healesville Sanctuary - 14 April 2007

Once again the weather smiled on us, and a fine day was enjoyed by about 6 GEMS. As usual, the highlight of the day was the birds of prey free flight demonstration. A wild eagle made his presence felt, adding to the interest of the day. An owl buzzing the crowd kept our attention too.

98. Royal Botanical Gardens, Cranbourne- 3 June 2007

Another beaut day, well attended by 16 GEMS. The Australian Garden is well worth a visit (or several!) It has been Well planned and beautifully made, including a babbling brook with paddling permitted. Australia apparently has 85 separate and distinct bio regions, the flora typifying each one are on display. A well appointed cafe and gift shop complete the picture. The second stage is under construction, when finished it will triple the size of the Australian Garden, already quite large.

FUTURE EVENTS (event numbers and dates may have changed)

99. Melbourne Museum and IMAX - 11 August 2007

Join GEMS as we visit the Melbourne Museum (A \$6, C free). See <http://melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/about/visiting.asp>. Take in a 3D movie at the IMAX (depending on what's showing, see <http://www.imaxmelbourne.com.au/index.aspx>). A \$17.50, C \$14.00. There is a combined price for museum + IMAX, also a group booking price (10 or more). Meet in the Museum foyer at 11am, or phone one of our MOBILEs when you get there. (We won't be at home). It is impossible to do justice to the museum in a single visit. Here is your chance to see what you missed (or were too tired to bother with) the last time you went there. Also to check out any new or special displays (there may be extra charges for these). Join us for dinner at a local venue (your suggestions welcome). Please let us know if you are coming to museum, IMAX or dinner or any combination - send the booking form.

100. Progressive Dinner - 29 September 2007

Our centenarian event! Help us to celebrate 100 scheduled events in our 11 years of excitement. The progressive dinner will be at Inverloch as usual. Book now if you want accommodation. We may strike a commemorative medal for attendees. Or you may just get a door prize. Come along and find out!

101. Northern Division Disk Bowls - 13-14 October 2007

Held at the Bridgewater Post Office (run by Dave and Leigh Hanna). Accommodation at the local caravan park (cabins, caravans, tents, motorhomes) including other activities in the local area. Come on Friday afternoon if you can, and join us at the local sofa cinema (free pizza between shows) if there is a suitable movie on. Compete for the marvellous singles and doubles trophies skilfully made (with a grapevine theme on a postage stamp base) by Dave Hanna and eagerly sought after each year.

102. Annual General Meeting #11 - November 2007

Details to be advised. We may get Pancakes On The Run (or similar) if we have a suitable venue. Suggestions and offers welcome (scout hall, member's home, etc)

103. 12th annual disk bowls championship (southern division) - 1 January 2008

Book now for accommodation at the Tardis or elsewhere in Inverloch. Don't miss the fiercely contested fight for the famous perpetual trophies.

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

Pancakes on the run

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 dear. 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. Order now before the price rises! 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. A large list of ideas was collected at the last Bridgewater weekend, including polar fleece vests and hooded jackets. These will be priced in due course.

GEMS name badges

The magnetic fasteners are popular. The cost is still only \$11 per badge with the magnetic fastener or \$9 per badge with the old style brooch pin fastener. Put your names down for the 4th batch if you haven't ordered one yet. They will be ordered when we have enough names on the list. Note that now over half the members have one of our name badges.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

Congratulations to Doug McRae for finding the DM in News 51 ("You're" should be "your"). The prize (still to be collected, please remind us next time we see you) was 3 special GEMS fridge magnets.

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