

GEMS NEWSLETTER #53, October 2007 #####

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|| NEXT EVENT #101, AGM, 22 October 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. Include 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 ask for that (see the booking form).

MEMBER NEWS

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

Congratulations to Katie Harrison on her recent award of the Silver Emu.

GEMS WEB SITE

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

<http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/rob.huntley/>

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

99. Melbourne Museum and IMAX - 11 August 2007

A very enjoyable time was had by the 4 GEMS who attended this event. We saw an IMAX movie, spent the afternoon in the museum and enjoyed a meal at a nearby pub in the evening.

100. Progressive Dinner - 29 September 2007

Another GEMS success even with reduced numbers compared with previous years. All GEMS attending received a commemorative medal with the choice of a neck ribbon or keyring attached.

Northern Division Disk Bowls - 13-14 October 2007

Very unfortunately and reluctantly postponed owing to lack of numbers. Too many members who would have come had prior engagements (or maybe subsequent engagements?) A shame as a considerable amount of work goes into organising these events. Let's hope for more luck next time.

FUTURE EVENTS (event numbers and dates may have changed)

101. Annual General Meeting #11 - Thursday 22 November 2007

La Porchetta restaurant function room, 165 Canterbury Road, HEATHMONT 3135. See [map](#) on the web site. Please try to be there by 7pm. Order and pay for your own meals from their extensive [menu](#), which includes pasta, steak, seafood, etc. Ignore the first few sections titled Cocktail Menus, General Information, Bar and Drink Options, Formal Meal Options. We will be ordering individually from the menu, and the room hire fee in particular does not apply. Please let us know that you are coming as soon as possible. Mark it on your Calendar now!

102. 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. Inspect the Huntleys' new house at a concessional tour price!

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 Liz Shields for finding the DM in News 52 ("deer" should be "dear"). The prize was 2 special GEMS fridge magnets (doubled for correctly describing the altered meaning).

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