



GEMS NEWSLETTER #59, January 2011

NEXT EVENT 19 Feb 2011, #127, Fish and Chip Cruise, SEE BELOW

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Please send us your bookings. Include your name and any suggestions for future events. Late changes to event details are only notified to those who have booked.

If we know you are coming we can sometimes wait for you if you are running late. If you are held up, phone us on Rob 0409 147 062 or Bev 0421 328 690.

A full address list is attached. Please check your details there or as shown on the web site - if they have changed, please tell us.

Snail mail News is now \$1.00 a time for black and white. You can also get it in colour for \$2.00. Or you can see it for free in colour by email (or on the web site a few days after issue).

GEMS WEB SITE

Lots of fascinating GEMS stuff can be found on the GEMS web site. The web site is still at -

<http://flashbrack.net/GEMS/>

The password has not changed, but it will be sent again to email members or is available on request.

If you have any problems accessing the web site, please let us know. The site works much better if you use the Firefox web browser (free download) instead of Internet Explorer. Another alternative is the Apple browser Safari. There is a (free) PC version of that available also.

The website may soon be reconstructed using features and techniques incorporated into the Inverloch Bowling Club's recently established website. Check out the features at -

<http://flashbrack.net/IBC/>

or

<http://inverloch-bowling.org.au/>

MEMBER NEWS

Commiseration to Dave and Leigh Hanna and any other members affected by the recent floods. We hope the water subsides soon and the clean up is not too traumatic.

RECENT EVENTS

125. AGM #14, 9/11/10

Many thanks to Alan Evered for chairing the meeting while Rob and Bev were overseas (in Tasmania).

126. Southern Division Disk Bowls #15, 1/1/11

Another well attended event with 25 players (26 members present). Some really skilled play was seen, particularly from one very pregnant young lady. Once again we were blessed with perfect weather. The winners were Joe Shields (singles) and Dave and Leigh Hanna (doubles) (again). Dave is now expert at fitting the doubles trophy into his rather small car.

The 2010 raffle was drawn, congratulations to the winners -

Alan Evered	Ann Gough	Arnold Garvey
Dave Hanna	Nicole Evered	Geoff Hillyer
Elaine Nichols	Joyce Walton	

FUTURE EVENTS (dates and other details are subject to change)

127. Fish and Chip Cruise, 19/2/11

A two hour cruise from Footscray to Williamstown and return. \$24 per person, this includes fish and chips, and we will have the boat to ourselves. This will only run with sufficient passengers (minimum 14, maximum 30). If you are interested, please reply by Friday 28/1/11. Otherwise we will do a different cruise with no minimum numbers, and share the boat with the muggles.

128. mid April – country race meeting or other event.

Any suggestions welcome.

129. late May – afternoon in a park then dinner nearby.

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130. mid July – train trip.

Blues train? Puffing Billy? These are around the \$80-\$90 mark and include dinner.

Other? Maybe Mornington again?

Suggestions please.

131. mid August – weekend away.

Suggestions please – maybe Warrnambool to whale watch?.

132. Grand Final Weekend Sept - Northern Division Disk Bowls #5

DEPENDING ON RECOVERY FROM FLOODS

Get away from Melbourne on the AFL final weekend. Watch the match on the tele or listen to the radio commentary if you must. A great weekend is guaranteed for all, come what may weather-wise. Great company is assured at the [Bridgewater](#) Post Office. We will be staying at [Bridgewater Tourist Caravan Park](#) (some cabins, powered and unpowered sites). Book early. We hope to run a trivia quiz.

Phone numbers for -

Bridgewater Tourist Caravan Park 5437 3143

Bridgewater Motel 5437 3200

(Bridgewater Public Caravan Park is closed until further notice)

133. Mid November – AGM #15

[La Porchetta](#), 165 Canterbury Road, HEATHMONT 3135. Arrive 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.

134. 1st January 2012 Southern Division Disk Bowls #16

Another not to be missed, traditional GEMS event. As usual we will be drawing the 2011 raffle. Get your tickets now, there are still a few left. Still \$1 each or 5 for \$5.

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.

GEMS magnets

GEMS fridge magnets are still 60 cents each or now only \$5.00 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 a not so recent 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 next 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

No one claimed the prize for the DM in News #58 (which was "polar fleece vests" in GEMS apparel), so the prize for the DM in this newsletter jackpots to 5 special GEMS fridge magnets (you can't by these ones!) Happy hunting.