

Newsletter no. 6



GEMS

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The two spare *GEMS* polo shirts that we had have now been sold. Please indicate your interest in further polo shirts, and in similar windcheaters and jackets, on the enclosed form. We will place an order when we have sufficient requests.

Our booking on the "*Spirit of Tasmania*" Spirit Weekend on the 17th to 19th of October 1997 has now extended to 27 passengers. We have an option on a few more places if anyone else is interested. Joining instructions have been sent to those who have booked and paid their \$50.00 deposit. Please let us know if you have not received the instructions. Remember that the balance is due by the end of August, and remember also to add \$15.00 per head if you wish to take out travel insurance, as recommended by the travel agent.

Don't forget that our Annual General Meeting will be held at the *Old England Hotel* in Lower Heidelberg Road, Heidelberg (Melways 32 B 5) on Tuesday the 25th of November 1997, at 6:00 pm. Come along and hear all about our fantastic functions from those who have attended them, give us the benefit of your advice regarding future functions, and generally have a good time mixing with like minded people! Don't miss it! Please indicate your intention to attend on the enclosed booking form, as we need to inform the Hotel of approximate numbers, and we also need to know how much to spend on (dare we say it?) raffle prizes.

We have booked a block of seats to *Jeckyll & Hyde* for Thursday the 13th of November. This will only

proceed if we get 11 or more people wanting to go. The price will be \$61.50 per ticket, this is \$8.50 off the regular price. However you must pay by 8/8/97.

Future plans (for 1998) at present include Phantom and possibly Les Mis when they return to Melbourne.

We intend to go to Ballarat for the show "Blood on the Southern Cross" at Sovereign Hill, possibly staying in cabins at a local caravan park, probably on 28-29 March 1998.

Possibly we could do a "dirty weekend" wineries tour, either with our own stable of bus drivers, or with a coach company like Chris'.

We are very seriously considering a major expedition to the Red Centre in September 2000. This will be quite costly, and will take place over several weeks. We are considering coach travel from Adelaide, returning on the Ghan. Please indicate your interest and your suggestions for the itinerary. When we have some ideas regarding duration and itinerary, we will approach a travel agent for pricing.

Please let us know if there is any other event you would like us to organize, and indicate your interest in our planned events on the enclosed booking form.

Note that all money must be received by us by the due dates, and that no reminders will be sent out apart from these newsletters. Any cheques received after the due dates will be regretfully returned (after 30 days or so on the short term money market).

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☺ Please enclose payment as indicated, or send before the closing date shown. Make cheques etc. payable to *GEMS*.

☺ If paying without a booking slip, please state clearly what your payment is for.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify	Pay By	no.
6.	Spirit of Tasmania "Spirit Weekend" trip.	17/10/97	\$189.00	please	enquire	

Name _____

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify	Pay By	no.
7.	Jeckyll & Hyde	13/11/97	\$61.50	8/8/97	8/8/97	

Name _____ Payment enclosed \$ _____

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify	Pay By	no.
8.	AGM at Old England Hotel.	25/11/97	pyob*	ASAP	na	

* pay your own bill

Name _____

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify	Pay By	no.
tba	Blood on the Southern Cross	28/3/98	tba	tba	tba	

Name _____

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify	Pay By	no.
tba	Red Centre Expedition	Sep '00	lots	soon	parts	

Name _____