



GEMS NEWSLETTER #61, June 2011

NEXT EVENT #129, Shepparton Weekend, 15-17 July 2011, 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 0409 147 062 (Rob) or 0421 328 690 (Bev).

Please check your address details as shown on the web site - if they have changed, please tell us.

Snail mail News is \$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, it will be sent to email members and is available on request by phone if you don't have email but wish to use a public library or internet café computer.

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 Apricot browser Safari. There is a (free) PC version of that available also.

RECENT EVENTS

128. The Silver Streak, 4 June

A great evening's entertainment was enjoyed by 12 GEMS on the inaptly named Silver Streak (maximum speed ~15 km/h). Plenty of terrific finger food was provided, served by a decorative (single) young lady. Very good live music was included. Ten of us had dinner afterwards (those that had room) at a Daylesford pub after the Bowls Club rejected our overtures.

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

129. 15-17 July – Shepparton weekend.

Join us once again for fun and frivolity, shopping at factory outlets where you CAN get real bargains. We (Rob and Bev) will be staying as usual at

Victoria Lake Holiday Park

536 Wyndham Street, Shepparton Vic 3630

Ph: 1800 880 070

Please book your own accommodation.

We will be dining at the [Shepparton RSL](#) Friday and Saturday nights (tried and true). Please tell us by the end of June if you want to join us at the RSL on Friday or Saturday (or both), so that we can book tables.

In view of the time of year it might be as well to bring warm clothes and extra blankets. If you can get there Friday afternoon, Pental Soaps and The Nut Man will be open, Campbells are open all Friday and Saturday morning, and SPC - Ardmona seven days a week (details below).

We will all try to meet up at Peaches (SPC) for lunch at 12:30pm on Saturday.

Campbells Soups

Lemnos Road, LEMNOS

Tel: (03) 5833 3507

Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 4.30 pm, Saturday 9.00 am to 12.30 pm

Canned Foods, Juices, Flavoured Milk, Canned Pies, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Frozen meals. Single items available.

Pental Soaps

48 Drummond Road, SHEPPARTON

Tel: (03) 5820 5200

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Soap products, body wash and bath products, dishwashing liquid and toilet paper.

SPC Ardmona

197-205 Corio Street, SHEPPARTON

Tel: (03) 5821 7033

9.00 am to 5.00 pm seven days a week

SPC, Ardmona and Goulburn Valley Gold ranges, Mac's Shortbreads, Masterfoods, Heinz/Watties, Meadow Lea, IXL, Cadbury, Campbell's Soups and Uncle Toby's and more.

Peaches Cafe at SPC

Tel: (03) 5821 1249

9.00 am to 5.00 pm seven days a week

Gourmet foods, fresh juices and great coffee

The Nut Man

25 Clarke Street, SHEPPARTON

Tel: (03) 5821 8571

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Nuts and dried fruit snacks

Anyone unable to attend is welcome to submit a list of items you would like us to get for you, we may add something to cover fuel etc to large orders. Note that your savings can be 50% or more. If what you specify is not available and if you agree, we will get the nearest thing to what you ask for (eg package size and/or quantity).

130. Sunday 21 August – Warrnambool.

We will be taking the train from Southern Cross Station to Warrnambool with coach pick up from the station for a town tour and whale watch. Here is the proposed itinerary supplied by [South West Explorer tours](#).

12.17pm Meet at Station. City highlights tour and visit the whales at Logans Beach whale nursery (there is a mother and calf already in the bay so we are hoping for a good year).

1.15pm **Lunch** at your own cost.

2.00pm **Afternoon tour** options (approx 3 hours, please number your preferences on the booking form)

Allansford Cheese World (cheese tasting and museum)
Warrnambool Mill Market and Fletcher Jones Gardens
Hopkins Falls (widest span of falls in Victoria)
Tower Hill State Game Reserve (flora and fauna)
Port Fairy (beautiful historical sea port township)

Return to whale platform (if time) for a last chance to see the whales.

5.25pm **Depart** Warrnambool Station

Tour cost \$40 (adult). Lunch is extra, so is the rail fare, but seniors could use their V-line vouchers. Price is for 6 to 23 persons, there is a possible discount if the bus is full (11 seater or 23 seater).

131. AFL Grand Final Weekend 30 Sep to 2 Oct - NDDB #5

Dave Hanna has confirmed that this annual event will be happening in spite of recent floods.

Get away from Melbourne on the AFL grand final weekend. Watch the match on the tele or listen to the radio commentary if you must. A great weekend is guaranteed for all.

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)

132. Tuesday 15 Nov 2011 – AGM #15

La Porchetta, 165 Canterbury Road, HEATHMONT 3135. Arrive 6:30pm for 7:00pm start.

133. 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 4 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.

GEMS magnets

GEMS fridge magnets are still 60 cents each or \$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 (it must have been in winter). 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 found the DM in News 60 (Inverlock in the header). So the prize for spotting the DM in this issue is two special GEMS fridge magnets. Happy hunting.