



GEMS NEWSLETTER #69 Mar 2018

NEXT EVENT #173 Shepparton, SEE BELOW

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Please send us your bookings. Please express interest even if you may not be able to come on the day, as late changes to event details (including dates) are only notified to those who have recorded their interest. **PLEASE SEND NO MONEY unless requested.** Most of our events are on a pay on the day basis. Occasionally we will ask for payment in advance (when we need to pay a deposit to secure a booking). Note that we no longer send out booking forms, please just tell us by email or phone to get yourselves on the list(s). Leave a message if no-one answers.

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

Please check your address details as shown on the GEMS website - if your details have changed, please tell us. Password needed, please ask if you have lost it.

Snail Mail News is \$1.00 a time. Or you can see it for free by email (or on the website a few days after issue).

Note for web enabled members - Most events include hotlinks which appear in the pdf file in **bold face, underlined, dark blue** text with a mouse hover message, cursor change and tooltip. In most email programs you can hold down the CTRL key while clicking on these links to visit the appropriate websites.

GEMS WEB SITE

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

The web site is still at <http://ozhuntleys.net/GEMS/>

A password is required for web pages in the Members area, it 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. We recommend the Google Chrome web browser (free download) rather than (shudder) MS Internet Explorer or MS Edge. Other good alternatives are Safari (for Apple devices) and Firefox.

RECENT EVENTS

172. Monday 1st January 2018 - Southern Division Disk Bowls #22.

Winners of the 2018 Southern Division Disk Bowls trophies were -
Liz Shields - SINGLES, Rob and Bev Huntley - DOUBLES.

FUTURE EVENTS

(dates and other details are subject to change)

173. 13-15 April - Shepparton weekend

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

[Victoria Lake Holiday Park](#) (top parks member)
536 Wyndham Street, Shepparton Vic 3630
5821 5431, 1800 880 070, info@viclakeholidaypark.com.au
<https://www.viclakeholidaypark.com.au/>

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 March if you want to join us at the RSL on the 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 on Friday afternoon, **Pental Soaps** and **Billabong Sweets and Treats** will be open. **The Nut Man** is open Friday and may be open on Saturday morning. **The Chocolate Apple Factory** is open all weekend. **SPC Factory Sales** is open seven days a week.

We will meet for lunch at 12:30pm on the Saturday. Venue tba.

Pental Factory Sales

48 Drummond Road, SHEPPARTON
5821 4398

<https://pentalfactorysales.com.au/>

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Soap products, body wash and bath products, dish-washing liquid and toilet paper etc.

Billabong Sweets and Treats

8 New Dookie Road, SHEPPARTON
5822 1716

<http://www.connectgv.com.au/billabong-sweets-treats>

Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.15pm

The Nut Man

25 Clarke Street, SHEPPARTON
5821 8571

<http://www.thenutman.com.au/>

Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Most Saturdays 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Nuts and dried fruit snacks etc.

The Chocolate Apple Factory

95 School Road, SHEPPARTON EAST
5829 2353

<http://www.chocolateapplefactory.com.au/>

Thursday to Monday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

SPC Factory Sales

197-205 Corio Street, SHEPPARTON
5821 7033

<http://www.spcfactorysales.com.au/>

9.00 am to 6.00 pm weekdays.

9.00 am to 5.00 pm weekends.

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

Anyone unable to come 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).

174. Saturday 23rd June - Indoor Games

This will be the usual medley of indoor games such as darts, quoits, word games etc, to be held at the 1st Ferntree Gully Scout Hall, Brennock Park Drive FTG commencing at 2pm. (Venue to be confirmed). We will meet for a meal afterwards at a nearby pub. Please let us know if you are interested. We need numbers NOW. There will be prizes and of course raffle tickets will be available (there are still a few left).

175. 28th - 30th Sep - AFL Grand Final Weekend - NDDB #11.

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. Venue to be advised.

We hope to run a trivia quiz as usual.

176. Wednesday 14th Nov – AGM #22.

Joe's Italian Ristorante (if reopened), 165 Canterbury Road, HEATHMONT. Arrive 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Venue to be confirmed.

177. Sunday 1st January 2018 - Southern Division Disk Bowls #23.

Another not to be missed, traditional GEMS event. Book early as there is a limit of 30 singles players and 15 doubles teams. As usual we will be drawing the 2018 raffle. Get your tickets now, there are still a few left. Still \$1 each or 4 for \$5. Many thanks to our generous prize donors. The proceeds of the raffle enable us to subsidise some events. Attend to reap the benefits!

Sale weekend

We are still considering a weekend in Sale including a heritage boat cruise. This could be run as a train trip from Southern Cross.

OTHER STUFF

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 only 50 cents each or \$5.50 for 10. You can pay us by EFT (BSB 033092, account 109302, GEMS SOCIAL CLUB. 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 (magnet mail).

GEMS name badges

The magnetic fasteners have been 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 our members have one of our name badges.

DELIBERATE MISTAKE

No-one found the DM in News 68 ("leaf a message"). Competition is fierce, get your entries in early! The prize for spotting the DM in this issue has jackpotted to 2 special GEMS 'fridge magnets (you can't buy these ones!) Happy hunting. Non-deliberate mistakes may exist but they don't count!