

Newsletter no. 7



# GEMS

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The *GEMS polo shirts, windcheaters and jackets* that were ordered are now available. Please let us know how you would like to collect them. If we don't hear from you, we will bring them to the next *GEMS* event that you are booked for.

Anyone wishing to order more, please ask us for a form. We will place another order when we have sufficient requests (probably more than 20 garments).

We have 32 people going on the "*Spirit of Tasmania*" Spirit Weekend on the 17th to 19th of October. For those who are going, check-in is between 3:00pm and 5:00pm at the STATION PIER Terminal, PORT MELBOURNE, as shown on the itinerary previously sent to you. Please collect your boarding pass from the Spirit Weekends Booth at the City end of the Departure Lounge. Note that there is no secure long term car parking in the area; so please come by public transport, or arrange a lift. We (Rob and Bev) expect to arrive at about 4:00pm.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the *Old England Hotel* in Lower Heidelberg Road (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, have your say on our **CONSTITUTION AND RULES** that will be adopted at the meeting, 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 [raffle prizes](#).

Unfortunately, as you will already know if you have paid for tickets, both *Jeckyll & Hyde* have been cancelled. The tickets have been returned, and a full refund will be made in due course.

We have booked 50 Grand Circle tickets for *Phantom of the Opera* on Thurs. 26/2/98, at 8:00pm. The cost will be \$70.00, a saving of over \$8.00.

We have a booking for the spectacular outdoor sound and light show "*Blood on the Southern Cross*" at Sovereign Hill, at 8:00pm on the 4/4/98. The date was changed to avoid a clash with the Melbourne Gang Show weekend rehearsal (note that Easter is 10-13 April). The cost is \$36.00 (Adult), \$20.00 (5-15y), or \$100.00 (2A+2C); this includes a buffet dinner at the nearby Charlie Napier Hotel at 6:45pm (please arrive at 6:30pm). Overnight accommodation is available at the *Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park*, in cabins as follows; prices are for two people, extras add \$7.50 (adult) or \$5.00 (child):

Standard Unit	(up to 6 people)	\$45.00
Ensuite Unit	(up to 4 or 6 people)	\$55.00
4 berth Holiday Unit	(2 bedrooms)	\$64.00
5 berth Holiday Unit	(2 bedrooms)	\$72.00

Please indicate your accommodation requirements on the booking form. A deposit of 20% is required ASAP, the balance by the end of February.

We will be going to the *MGS final night*, with dinner at *Mee Ging's* beforehand (late May '98).

Future plans include a day trip to the *Werribee Zoo*, including a tour on the "Safari Bus" (byo lunch). We will probably have a "*do nothing*" weekend at Inverloch, and a "*dirty weekend*" wineries tour.

We are definitely going to have an expedition to the *Red Centre*, probably in September 1999 (note the change of date from 2000). This will cost \$2000 to \$3000, and will take place over 10 to 16 days. We are considering coach travel from Adelaide, returning on the Ghan. Please indicate your interest and give us your suggestions for the itinerary.

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.

All money must be received by the due dates. Overdue payments *may* be returned (eventually). **PLEASE PAY THE CORRECT AMOUNT** as overpayments complicate our book work.

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Please make cheques etc. payable to *GEMS*.

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
8.	AGM at Old England Hotel.	25/11/97	pyob*	21/10/97	na	

\* pay your own bill

Name

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
9.	Phantom of the Opera (Thursday, 8:00pm)	26/2/98	\$70.00	31/10/97	31/10/97	

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10.	Blood on the Southern Cross Buffet Dinner and Show	4/4/98	Adult	\$36.00	30/11/97	31/1/98	
			5-15y	\$20.00			
			2A+2C	\$100.00			
	Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park (prices are for 2 adults) extra adult \$7.50, extra child \$5.00	4/4/98	Standard	\$45.00	30/11/97	20% asap balance by 28/2/98	
			EnSuite	\$55.00			
			4 berth	\$64.00			
			5 berth	\$72.00			

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#	Expressions of Interest In Future Events	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
11.	Mee Ging Dinner	May '98	pyob*	31/12/97	pyob*	
	MGS Final Night		\$16-\$18	31/12/97	15/1/98	
12.	Werribee Zoo	July '98	tba	tba	tba	
13.	Inverloch "do nothing" weekend	Sep '98	tba	tba	tba	
14.	Wineries "Dirty Weekend"	Nov '98	tba	tba	tba	
19.	Red Centre Expedition	Sep '99	\$2k-\$3k	soon-ish	bits	

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