



GEMS NEWSLETTER #70 Dec 2018

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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 which is now at <https://www.rbh49.com/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), Firefox and Opera.

RECENT EVENTS

176. Wednesday 14th Nov – AGM #22.

17 GEMS attended this year's AGM which was held at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, in a semi-private area which allowed the 5 minute meeting to proceed more or less as usual.

177. Tuesday 1st January 2019 - Southern Division Disk Bowls #23.

21 GEMS competed fiercely as usual. The winners were new member Jeremy Kirk [singles] and Jeremy and his new bride Lesley (née Gough) [doubles]. A doubles whammy so to speak. The full report will be sent to those who attended, the others will have to wait for the next annual report. A huge thank you to the raffle prize donors, particularly Leigh Hanna

FUTURE EVENTS

(dates and other details are subject to change)

178. 29-31 March - Sale weekend

Come by train if you wish, 1320 from Southern Cross arrives in Sale at 1611. You will be met at the station by those who are driving their cars. Book your accommodation NOW, there are lots of options. We will be going on the Rubeena Heritage Cruise down the river to the swing bridge on Saturday. Depending on our numbers we may have the boat to ourselves. We have booked tentatively for 10. The 2pm cruise coincides with the opening of the swing bridge. We need to know if you are coming on the boat so that we can confirm our booking. Limited disabled access.

179. Saturday 22nd 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 asap. There will be prizes and of course raffle tickets will be available (there are still a few left).

180. 27th - 29th Sep - AFL Grand Final Weekend - NDDB #12.

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.

181. Wednesday 13th November - AGM

This may be at the Dorset Gardens again or at a subsidised private venue.

182. Wednesday 1st January 2020 - Southern Division Disk Bowls #24.

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 2019 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!

OTHER STUFF

We hope we are providing you with lots of fun activities. Please continue to make suggestions for future events. All your suggestions will be filed, and eventually we may 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

We think someone found the DM in News 69. If the winner would tell us, we will amend our records. Competition is fierce, get your entries in early! The prize for spotting the DM in this issue has jackpotted to three special GEMS 'fridge magnets (you can't buy these ones!) Happy hunting. Non-deliberate mistakes may exist but they don't count! Pedants of the world unite! Finally, Carpe Diem (google it).