

Newsletter no. 8



GEMS

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Anyone wishing to order *GEMS* garments, please ask for an order form. We will place another order when we have sufficient requests (20 or more items). We are considering baseball caps and foreign legion hats with the *GEMS* logo. (What next?!)

The "*Spirit of Tasmania*" Spirit Weekend was a huge success, in spite of some queasy stomachs among the *first-time* or *fair-weather* sailors.

Our inaugural Annual General Meeting was held at the *Old England Hotel*. The minutes are enclosed. The venue was not ideal. Next year we will seek a private room, or we may hold the AGM at Inverloch.

The **CONSTITUTION AND RULES** were not adopted at the AGM as intended. Considerable discussion is going to be needed, so we are having a **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION** at Inverloch on the weekend 14-15 Feb 1998. This will be combined with the annual Tardis Disk Bowls championship (normally held on New Years' Day, but postponed this year owing to the absence overseas of some highly seeded contestants). We are hoping to hire a portable spa to ease the aching muscles of contestants and observers, so there will be a small charge for the weekend. The spa will probably also be the venue for the Convention meetings. The small charge will also cover breakfasts and lunches, but dinner will be *pyob** at a local venue (probably the pub). Accommodation will be at **THE TARDIS** (Huntleys' and Browns'), **ARDBEG** (Evereds') and possibly other establishments owned by *GEMS* members if required (there are three others). It will probably be necessary to share rooms, and it will definitely be a case of first in, best (un)dressed (or best rested?)

As you will probably be aware, **Jeckyll & HYDE** was cancelled by the promoters. Everyone who purchased tickets has now received a full refund.

We unfortunately had to cancel **Phantom of the Opera** because of lack of interest - we will not be booking any more theatre nights unless there is sufficient demand - please let us know if there is one you would like us to run.

We have to finalize our booking for "**Blood on the Southern Cross**" by the end of January. Please pay your balance before then. Those staying at the **Ballarat Goldfields Holiday Park**, your 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).

Our day trip to **Werribee Zoo** (including a tour on the "Safari Bus" - byo lunch) will now probably take place in November as the weather will be better then.

We intend to go to the new IMAX cinema (and dinner after) in July (3D movies on a 22m x 30m screen!)

We are hoping to have a trip to **King Island** in September (the Inverloch do-nothing weekend is now in February, except you're going to work a bit).

The **Wineries tour** will now most likely take place in February 1999.

We are definitely going to have an expedition to the **Red Centre**, in September 1999. 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. **WE WILL NOT BE CAMPING**. Please indicate your interest and give us your suggestions for the itinerary.

We have started an archive book; anyone with photos taken on any of our events, please contact us.

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.

Thank you for your support and the compliments of the season to all our members.

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9.	Constitutional Convention	14/2/98	decadent	nominal	7/2/98	14/2/98	
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% now balance by 28/2/98	
EnSuite	\$55.00						
4 berth	\$64.00						
5 berth	\$72.00						
11.	Mee Ging Dinner	May '98	Chinese	pyob*	31/12/97	pyob*	
	MGS Final Night			\$16-\$18	31/12/97	31/1/98	

Expressions of Interest In Future Events - NOTE - Details are subject to change.

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	Please send an order form for garments					
	Baseball hats		tba	tba	tba	
	Foreign Legion hats		tba	tba	tba	
12.	IMAX cinema and pyob* dinner	18/7/98	tba	tba	tba	
13.	King Island trip	Sep '98	moderate	tba	tba	
14.	Werribee Zoo	Nov '98	low	tba	tba	
15.	Annual General Meeting (Private Room!)	Nov '98	pyob*	tba	tba	
16.	Wineries weekend	Feb '99	moderate	tba	tba	
17.	tba	Apr '99	tba	tba	tba	
18.	tba	Jul '99	tba	tba	tba	
19.	Red Centre Expedition	Sep '99	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	

* pay your own bill

Name