

Newsletter no. 9



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 still considering baseball caps and foreign legion hats with the *GEMS* logo - please indicate your interest.

The *Constitution And Rules* were adopted after exhaustive/ing discussions at the *Constitutional Convention* at Inverloch on 14-15 Feb. The participants found it essential to take frequent breaks from the incredible stress to relax in the portable spa and to take part in the annual *TARDIS* disk bowls championships. The winners were; **Doubles**, Peter and Janet Allen, **Singles**, Robert Huntley. Runners up were: **Doubles**; John and Jean Sale, **Singles**, Bernie Brown. The winners are the proud custodians of the respective perpetual trophies until the next championships. However, Janet Allen was not prepared to take the Doubles trophy home on her pushbike, as it is over six feet long.

Your complimentary copy of the *Constitution and Rules* is enclosed with this Newsletter. Also enclosed is a copy of the names, addresses and phone numbers of all our current members. Please check your entry and advise us of any corrections required.

We have 24 tickets for "*Blood on the Southern Cross*", but unfortunately two members who have paid are now unable to attend, so if anyone would like to take their places please let us know as soon as possible. You get 2 tickets for the show, dinner and an en-suite cabin for \$127.00. The show is at 8:00 pm at Sovereign Hill. We will be meeting for dinner at the nearby Charlie Napier Hotel at 6:30 pm. Tickets for the show will be distributed at the dinner. Accommodation is just across the road at the Goldfields Holiday Park, 108 Clayton Street - BYO bedding (pillows supplied). You can arrive anytime after midday, but we need to know if you will be arriving after 8pm.

All members are invited to the Hillyers' block at Welshman's Reef on Sunday the 5th of April for a BBQ lunch commencing at 12 noon (BYO food, drinks, chairs and frisbies, cooking facilities are provided). The block is at Vic Roads Country Directory 59 B2/3. From Ballarat take the Creswick road (Midland Highway), go through Daylesford and turn left to Newstead. Turn right onto the Pyrenees Highway, then left into Hilliers Street (note the spelling!) The block is on your right, 100m past the caravan park sign. Hopefully there will be a "*GEMS* - you are here" sign or similar on the road-side.

We have 21 members going to the *MGS final night*, with 15 having dinner at *Mee Ging's* beforehand. We will distribute the tickets at *Mee Ging's* or beforehand, and leave the others at the

box office under the members' names. Anyone else wishing to join us at *Mee Ging's*, please let us know as soon as possible. Anyone wanting to see the Gang Show, please contact Bernie Brown for preferential seating (see the names and addresses list).

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!). This depends on the facility being finished by then.

We have postponed the trip to *King Island* to a future year as it was going to be too costly for people saving for the Red Centre trip.

The *Wineries tour* will now most likely take place in September 1998. We are currently negotiating with Chris' Coaches on this. At the moment it looks as though the cost will be between \$60.00 a head for 46 people (a full coach) and \$85.00 for 25 people, for a weekend in the Rutherglen area, including a Saturday night BBQ dinner and Sunday lunch on a cruise boat on Lake Mulwalla.

The next annual Tardis Disk Bowls Championship will be held on New Year's Day 1999. Other proposed events for next year include a "Hit and Giggle" golf day at Port Welshpool suggested by Dave and Leigh Hanna, and a "car trial" which is basically a treasure hunt on wheels.

The *Red Centre expedition* has been postponed to April 2000, in the Easter school holidays. 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.

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

#	Description	Date	Cost	Notify by	Pay By	no.
	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	low	tba	tba	
13.	Wineries Weekend	Sep '98	moderate	tba	tba	
14.	Werribee Zoo	Nov '98	low	tba	tba	
15.	Annual General Meeting (Private Room!)	Dec '98	pyob*	tba	tba	
16.	Tardis Disk Bowls Championships	1/1/99	tba	tba	tba	
17.	Hit and Giggle Golf Day	Feb '99	tba	tba	tba	
18.	Car Trial	Apr '99	tba	tba	tba	
19.	Mee Ging / MGS	Jun '99	tba	tba	tba	
20.	tba	Aug '99	tba	tba	tba	
21.	tba	Oct '99	tba	tba	tba	
22.	Annual General Meeting	Dec '99	pyob*	tba	tba	
23.	tba	Feb '00				
24.	Red Centre Expedition	Apr '00	\$2k-\$3k	soon	bits	
tba	King Island	tba	moderate	tba	tba	

* pay your own bill

Name
