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Dear ALDECC Member,

It has been six months since I was rail-roaded into this position and I have now recovered enough to send a circular to you all on current events and things to come.

We have had three meetings of the ALDECC executive, the first was on 5th May at Coober Pedy when Lance and I met with Elwyn in her bed (room) to confirm the re-union plans suggested by Greg Oakley for the 1982 Re-union. The second meeting was on the concrete apron at The Opal Cave on 19/5/81 with Rod Leitch, Elwyn and I when we had a brainwave and appointed Lorraine Sternberg and Max Gower as Convenors for the South Australian Re-union. The third meeting was held in the luxurious and comfortable surrounds of Room 61 at the Islander Quality Inn at Surfers Paradise with the outside temperature about 23°C, while the rest of you were mostly shivering in winter spots. Present were Lance Grenda, Eric Ashenden, Elwyn Holohan, Barbara Conner as adviser and myself. We discussed and finalised some arrangements for the 1982 Re-union which will be held at the Mt. Breckan Convention Centre at Victor Harbour in South Australia on the weekend of 6th and 7th February, 1982. There will be two coaches departing Melbourne (Lance and one other), one from Sydney (thanks to Doug Lever of Lever's Coaches) and one from Adelaide (thanks to John Wadmore of Stateliner Coaches). It is to be noted that the coaches will only be running if there are enough people to warrant them, so it is up to you as members to get together and arrange your acceptance for the weekend and the numbers to travel on the coaches. I thought we should look for full coaches from each place of departure, although Doug Lever has intimated that he would be prepared to pick up at places like Narrandera, etc. on the way across. The same could apply with the Melbourne coaches.

The invitation and application form will be coming to you in September (a little earlier than usual) as you will appreciate that we have a lot to organise re numbers for coaches, accommodation etc. Please note applications will close 1st November. Late applications will be considered but we can give no guarantee that they can be accepted.

Overall cost for the weekend is \$80 and this will include:-

- . Coach transport from the places mentioned,
- . Winery lunch Saturday 6th February,
- . Barbecue Dinner Saturday 6th February,
- . Accommodation Mt. Breckan Saturday night 6th February,
- . Breakfast Sunday morning 7th February,
- . Lunch Sunday 7th February,

and for those of you who have been known to indulge in a drink or two, as usual booze is included in the price.

With Max Gower and Lorraine Sternberg arranging things at the South Australian end I think we can look forward to a re-union of the standard we are used to.

Please note: we do not supply headache powders or Alka Seltzer!

All this frivolity aside, the Annual General Meeting of our Association, which is to be held on the Sunday morning 7th February, already has interesting subjects to be discussed, one of which will be the different coloured badges you will notice being worn by some members. This has come about by a mistake from the supplier and this, coupled with the fact that I am in Brisbane and the badges are made in Melbourne. plus the postal strike, the Telecom strike.

the transport drivers strike, has necessitated our issuing the new badge which is a red/orange colour. Try to chat up someone who is wearing one of these new badges and make a decision as to which one you like the best so that you can vote on it at the Annual General Meeting.

Received interesting information earlier in the year that New Zealand has a Drivers Guild, something similar to our own ALDECC association. Who knows, maybe one day we can go overseas and have an Australian/New Zealand Re-union. They should be able to handle us, they have had the Springbok tour.

Like to remind you that the 1981 Re-union photographs taken at Harrierville are available in colour 7" x 5" in a folder from John Ryan, 24 St. Bernards Drive, East Keilor, Victoria, 3033. Cost is \$4.00 (including postage). For anyone interested, please write to John stating name and address and number of copies required and forward a cheque payable to John. I have great pleasure in recommending this photograph to you as a finer looking bunch of high-jackers and railroaders I have yet to see.

For those of you who have not yet renewed your subscriptions for 1981, please take note that subscriptions for the period February 1981 to February 1982 are due. With the cost of postage we don't want to send out individual accounts, so send your \$5 to Elwyn at 55 Hargreaves Avenue, Chelmer, 4068, please. Our total membership stands at 250, 139 of whom are financial, this leaves 111 who are not financial at present.

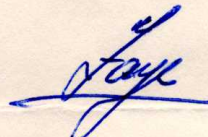
To those people who have encouraged others to join ALDECC I would like to thank you very much, nominations are arriving every day. Receipts and badges have been posted for all nominations and renewals received to date, but probably have been slowed down by the postal strikes.

Some people might not know that we do have ALDECC T-shirts (\$6.00), stickers (\$2.00) and transfers (\$2.00). Barbara Conner carries some on the Lananda Coach and Lorraine Sternberg will soon have them at The Opal Cave in Coober Pedy. If you are interested in obtaining anything from the above list and do not see Barbara or Lorraine, send your money or cheque to Barbara Conner, 197 Beach Road, Mordialloc, Victoria, 3195, and Barb will make sure you get one. Don't forget to state your size in T-shirt 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 22 and please allow a bit of time as Barbara could be out on a tour.

As I can see that this is developing into a book, I will close with my trivia for today -

"The Lazy Lady is sailing fine, seas are calm, weather is sunny and beautiful, retirement is great".

Love to you all,



President Faye