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Dear Members,

Here it is March already and it still seems like last weekend that we were all at Mt. Breckan. Tremendous weekend, wasn't it and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. For those of you who couldn't make it, we were all sorry not to see you, but hope that next year our roll-up will be bigger and better than ever. We sure made one boo-boo though; we made sure that you all had refreshments for the trip home and left the remaining few of us without even a soft drink after waving your coaches off from Mt. Breckan. The mistake will never occur again - you can rest assured.

Now for a piece of personal news before I get down to ALDECC matters. I always told you that you would hear this news from me personally and I had hoped to tell you at the reunion but it has only now been finalised. Yes, you may have guessed "Mother Superior" is really about to retire because as from 1st May 1982 The Opal Cave will have new owners. Don't think that this will come as much of a surprise to you all, but Lorraine and Dieter Sternberg, my Manageress and her husband, have bought The Opal Cave - so you see it really is staying where it belongs - in the hands of people who care about the industry, The Cave, and you guys and gals also. I would be untruthful if I said that I haven't some regrets. I will miss seeing your smiling faces, but I would like to tell you all that you have become as family to me during the past 20 years and if you are ever up Brisbane way and don't call to see me - there will be trouble. I also hope that you will be as caring of Lorraine as you have been of me 'cause our type of friendship - the kind we have up the track - is really of a special kind.

Now to business and reporting from the A.G.M., the following was approved:-

- (1) Owner drivers and coach crews if members may display a decal in their coach stating that they are members of the Australian Long Distance Experienced Coach Crews Association.
- (2) Who can be members of ALDECC. Only drivers, cooks, couriers, hostesses and people who have been associated with the long distance operation of tours for a minimum period of 12 months. It is the responsibility of the proposer and seconder to ensure that the above requirements are met on all new applications, which will then be perused by the Committee.
- (3) A Constitution Committee has been formed under the chairman of John Ryan, who would appreciate any thoughts or suggestions you may have. John's address is 24 St. Bernard's Drive, East Keilor, Vic. 3033. For your information John is compiling an excellent history on the coaching industry in Australia which was presented at the A.G.M. Some of our members present at the A.G.M. were able to read his work and commented on how fascinating it was, but because of the short time we were all together, most people did not read it. If anyone has any information which may help John please contact him and if you're around Melbourne, give him a ring and do yourselves a favour and ask it you can read it.
- (4) You will find a questionnaire included at the end of this circular.

Windcheaters will be available, colour Black with small ALDECC badge on left hand side and "experienced" across the back.

Pullover style	\$14 each
Zip up front style	\$19 each

Please order direct from Barbara Conner or Helen Merrick, 197 Beach Road, Mordialloc, Vic. 3195, include your cheque in payment and state size and style required.

Please note increase in price of -

T shirts now	\$ 7 each
Replacement badges now	\$ 5 each

The colour of ALDECC badges was voted on at the reunion and orange/yellow is the colour for all time. Badges have been ordered and those of you awaiting them will receive same in about three weeks.

The proposed venue for the 1983 reunion is to be decided by the Committee somewhere in southern New South Wales or northern Victoria. Suggestions are coming in but if you can think of somewhere suitable, please let the Secretary know and send us a brochure if possible for consideration.

Regarding cancellation for the 1982 reunion. The A.G.M. decided that those of you who advised the Secretary re cancellation prior to the reunion should have received a full refund. However we will have to charge, those of you who just did not know in time to cancel prior to our final count, a cancellation fee to cover the things we had to pay for -

i.e. Hardys	\$ 7 per head
Mt. Breckan	<u>\$34</u> per head
	<u>\$41</u> per head

and you will be receiving an ALDECC cheque for \$39.00 from the Secretary in due course. Sorry about this but it does stress the importance of advising of your cancellation.

Next year a cancellation fee will be applicable to all bookings and you will be advised of cancellation fee on application forms. Your committee is learning as we grow.

Look for Geoff Johnson's editorial in the April issue of Truck and Bus. I think it is a tremendous coverage of the reunion and says well what we are all about. Thanks Geoff!

I would like to remind all members that membership was due in February 1982. Membership is from February to February, so please do not become unfinancial because you will have to apply all over again. So those of you who have not paid, please let us have your \$5.00 as soon as possible.

Your Northern Territory State rep., Geoff Jamieson, whose address is C/- White Gum Holiday Units, Gap Road, Alice Springs advises that he would be happy to try and assist ALDECC members with any little problems they may have as they go through the Alice Springs area. You will find Geoff's place opposite the entrance to Traeger Park.

You must all now be back on your designated runs for the season, so safe driving, pleasant passengers and a good season.

Take Care.