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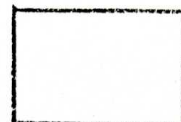
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Dear Member,

February 2nd 3rd saw the annual reunion held once again at the Lake Hume Resort. As usual the attendance was good and it was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and swap some yarns. The weather was excellent, as were the meals - particularly those catered for with the assistance of Aldecc members. A big thank-you to Marie Ryan and Amy McClagish for organising those meals. All in all, it was a great weekend.

At the A.G.M. elections were held for the positions of president and secretary, as well as four committee members. A special thank-you goes to the outgoing committee members with extra thanks to John Ryan and Amy McClagish for a job well done. Elected as president was Eric Blizzard and with the election of Carmel Petrie as secretary, a vacant place on the committee was made. The new committee members elected are - Ray Higginson, Rene Hillman, Mary Meyer, with John Ryan and Amy McClagish being re-elected onto the committee. They join present committee - Kevin Bryant, Margie Goates, Mary Kirk, and Doug Lever.

Since the A.G.M. the committee has met and discussed a venue for the 1986 re-union. At the A.G.M. it was agreed that a new venue was desirable and that suggestions from members be forwarded to the secretary by the 31st March 1985. As this newsletter goes to print, NOTHING has yet been received by the secretary.

The question of double or single side band transceivers with our own, Aldecc, frequency has arisen once more. Doug Lever and Eric Blizzard have done some quite thorough research on this poser, and have found that it can be made available to us, at a rather large cost, on the proviso that we install base stations and have them manned to the satisfaction of the Australian Department of Communications, in all states. The committee has decided that this is not a viable proposition, and not in keeping with the constitution of Aldecc.

We take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to new Aldecc members :

Charles Davis	Merimbula, N.S.W.
Jeanice Reid	Merimbula, N.S.W.
Harry Durkin	Melbourne, Vic.
Mike Walsh	Launceston. Tas.
Frank Leary	Devonport. Tas.
Mary Petrie	Melbourne. Vic.
Kerrie Beggs	Coober Pedy, S.A.
Judy Craddock	Coober Pedy. S.A.
Andrea Blackman	Coober Pedy, S.A.
Michael Mannington	Sydney, N.S.W.
Maurice King	Sydney, N.S.W.
Cliff Martin	Hamilton. Vic.



## THE LATEST GOSSIP:

GRAHAM HAYES is recovering from a rather nasty accident which occurred on his way to the recent Aldecc reunion. We hear that he has broken his arm in two places, but, was the pain in his thigh due to the skin taken for the graft on his arm, or was it the result of the very good nursing received at the Adelaide Hospital??

While on the subject of hospitals and nurse chasing, we hear that COL MORTON has been in hospital to have his appendix removed and that SMOKEY of Ayers Rock has also had a stay in hospital. Heaven help the South Australian nurses after caring for these three patients.

JOHN DARE was seen at Ayers Rock on the 19th February and when asked what he was doing, he replied "still coming home from the Aldecc reunion." He apparently returned home via Leigh Creek and William Creek.

Northern Territory representative, GEOFF JAMIESON arrived back in Alice after the reunion with the hair still on his chin. Now working with C.A.T.A. it is nice to see him back in the game.

We heard that VAL CARRUTHERS had a problem with her bra at the reunion. Was it somebody's foot caught in it or was it getting used for football practice??

Our incoming president gave an outgoing committee member a ride to the Tullamarine airport after the reunion. What a surprise for the new president when he found that he was driving "in" on the "out" lane.

Would you believe MAX GOWER'S hair stood on end when he saw the "out" traffic just about coming "in" through the windscreen??

The Mayor of Marla, GREG OAKLEY, recently decided to take a coach ride to Adelaide. On route, the coach just happened to get a couple of flat tyres. Did Greg need the exercise or was he getting his hand in as a coach captain again?????

By the way, Greg and Jane are grandparents. Tojo has presented them with his first wife and her ten puppies. Wife number two is due shortly and there is a new sign out the front - Puppies for sale.

Whilst showing overseas passengers the sights of the outback, VAL MACK was heard to pass wind. Upon seeing his hostess, MARGIE GOATES profuse embarrassment, Val replied "Don't worry, they don't speak English."

Passengers on an express coach in the north - west of Australia were surprised recently when after swerving to miss a kangaroo, the driver from the bunk in the back appeared in the aisle completely naked with arms waving wildly. It appears that the only real drama was GRAHAM PYPYER complete with red face and naked torso. What was he dreaming???????

Spotted in a recent edition of the King Island News:

**S**potlight, the eye-catching yacht seen in Grassy recently, made a special trip to King Island as Spotlight's owner, Mr. Myer Page, and his wife (and Charlotte and Matthew) had read 'ALDEC', the long distance experienced coach crew magazine, that Keith and Elaine Hindmarsh were on King Island; so they decided to make the stop-over on their way to Strahan.

Keith and Elaine, with Gordon and Elizabeth Guymer, went down on the Sunday and spent the evening in the beautiful yacht, which is computerised and has everything in the way of modern devices to aid the mariner and for the convenience and comfort of the crew.

Mr. Page, who is the principal of Australian Pacific Tours, told Keith he was impressed with the high standard of Grassy port.