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Dear Member,

Already plans are under way for the 1986 Reunion and even at this early stage, it looks like being one of the best yet. It is interesting to note that although there were many cries of "change the venue" from members at the last A.G.M., only ONE member put pen to paper and submitted an alternative for the committee to consider. It leaves one to wonder if there is a feeling of "don't care" amongst the members - or perhaps it's total faith in the committee. (Although they do need help from members at times). However - after considerable investigation and discussion it has been decided that the 1986 Reunion will be held at the Feathertop Chalet Holiday Resort, Harrietteville, Victoria. Final costings have yet to be completed but we can tell you that the approximate cost is \$70.00 per person for the weekend. To ensure that ALDECC has sole use of the property, the date for this Reunion will be Friday 7th February - Sunday 9th February, 1986, so mark the date in your diary, and put the coppers in the coffee jar because we'd like to see a BIG roll-up!

Over the last few years, much discussion has taken place over the enormous cost for "interstate" members to attend the Reunion. So, it has been decided that members from W.A., Tas., Qld., N.T. & S.A. who wish to attend the 1986 Reunion will have their weekend paid for by ALDECC funds. (Being a non-profit organisation, the committee have decided that the ALDECC bank balance is large enough to cope with this relatively small expenditure). So to all you members from "distant places" - if you will pay the transport fares to the Reunion - ALDECC will pay for the weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION!

A tour guide service is available in Perth and surrounds for coach crew who would like to show off the West with one of the "locals". Further information can be obtained from JENNY FORD - (09) 291 6146.

The Opal Factory has commenced business in Coober Pedy, and details of camping accommodation and tours can be advised by ringing GERO HAUSER - 086 300 (B.H.)

Ted Egan is once again performing in Alice Springs, but this time with a change of venue. Shows for 1985, will be held at the Youth Centre in Wills Terrace, on TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SUNDAY nights. Other shows can be arranged by ringing Ted on (089) 525 020.

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REMINDER!

Subscriptions for Truck & Bus magazine are now due and payable at \$11.50 to the Secretary. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer please contact the Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS!

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to the following new ALDECC Members:-

Maree Quinn	Melbourne
Robert Earney	"
Veronica Earney	"
Norm Dickson	"
Mario Pantalleresco	"
Len Kidd	New South Wales

THE LATEST GOSSIP!

It seems as if a baby boom is taking place amongst ALDECC Members.

Rod & Lorraine Leitch are the proud parents of a daughter - Victoria Catherine; Greg & Jane Oakley also have a daughter - Laura Jane; Dave Edmondson is the proud father of a baby girl; Kevin Bryant has his first Grand-Child - Jessica Anne, and John & Maree Ryan are expecting their second child in November. It looks as though there won't be a shortage of cooks or hostesses in the year 2010!

Congratulations to Karen Lever on her engagement to Peter Ingram and also to Peter Biar and Annette Carmichael who are getting married in October.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Val Carruthers over the recent death of her husband Tom, in Darwin. To Val, a good friend to us all - our thoughts are with you!

Tony Kelly, one of our West Australian members, is reported to now be managing the Wittenoom Hotel and anyone passing through the Pilbara Region is assured of a big Welcome.

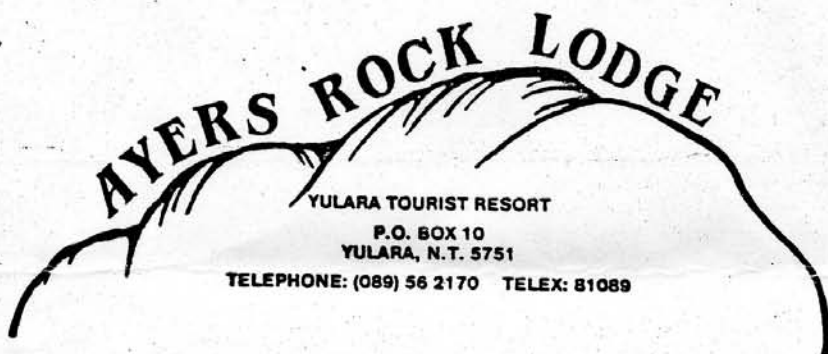
Faye Naylor was last heard of travelling in convoy, amid cars and caravans, along the Birdsville Track on her way home to Brisbane after a recent return to Coober Pedy. Maybe the "quiet life" ? of Brisbane is no match for the Great Outback???

P.T.O. for more gossip.....

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Many thanks to all Coach Crew who were on the lookout recently for missing TOJO from Marla Bore. After being taken to Adelaide with Greg & Jane Oakley, Tojo decided to return home, alone. He was found herding sheep onto a ship bound for the Middle East. The gentleman who picked him up decided to keep him but after watching him demolish the ear of a german shepherd on a nearby beach, promptly returned him to his owners.

Mary Meyer and another committee member were seen to be sneaking into the Chateau Commodore, in Perth, carrying a large street sign. It is wondered for whom the message - "COKE ADDS LIFE" - was meant.



21 May 1985

Hi Carmel, Hows it going,

I am writing this letter to warn all the bitumen burners that only get to come to the centre once or twice a year, with their loads of darling little ankle biters, that they are giving all the old timers a bad name up here at the rock.

As most are aware the boys behind the badges up here go out of their way to give everyone a hand when things go wrong. Also many of us remember the morning after.

I am sure Val Mack can remember the morning he told his pax at the Sands, he was checking out the starter motor, when found leaning over the front wheel of his denning. They didnt twig it was the wrong end.. eh Val.

Anyway back to the point.

Police are not too impressed with some coach captains, or should I have said drivers. For your info the boys are equipped with a breathaliser unit also a radar gun which is to be upgraded to the latest bolt on unit which gets you going bothways.

And they are not going to be fussy who they hit so long as the message gets thru.

So slow down please fellas there is a bloody good rapore with the boys, so dont screw it up for everyone else.

A lot of people will more than likely take offence at what I have written, but it had to be said, the crunch is coming. So take heed and lift the right boot.

Also more regular trips are going to be made out to Damiens at Mt. Ebenezer by both the boys at Yulara and Kulgera. To hit the 60 KMH zone.

TWO DRIVERS, ONE LOCAL AND ONE INTERSTATE
FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSEING THEIR BRIEFS.
ONE POSSIBLY A FEW YEARS AND HIS JOB.
THE CHARGES AND PAPER WORK IS STILL BEING PROCESSED,
ON THE INTERSTATE DRIVER..

This letter was
received from
Ray Scobie.

So-

Take heed! or-

if the cap fits -
wear it!