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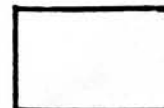
Membership is open to extended tour coach crew members employed for a period of not less than twelve months full time on tours which are of a duration of 7 days or more (or 5 days in the cases of Tasmanian coach crew members).

TRANSFERS AND STICKERS		\$6.00
replacement BADGES		\$3.50
TEE SHIRTS	sizes; 12 14 16 18 20 22	\$8.00
WINDCHEATERS	sizes; 12 14 16 18 20 22 24	\$17.00
ZIP UP JACKETS	sizes; 12 14 16 18 20 22 24	\$25.00

Please place your orders with our secretary, making cheques payable to A.L.D.E.C.C. and including your size and postal address. Delivery of windcheaters and jackets may take up to 6 weeks

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO NOTIFY OUR SEC.

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AUGUST 1986.

Dear Member,

With the year already half over, we can now look forward to the summer and of course, the 1987 Reunion. As you are aware, the next reunion will be held once again at the Feathertop Chalet in Harrietteville. With over 100 members at the last reunion, we are expecting a record number to attend.

In 1988, the Aldecc reunion will be held in Tasmania and although it is a little early to publish definite prices, we can tell you that the cost will be approximately \$320 per person. (give or take a few dollars). This cost would include return air travel from Melbourne, and meals and accommodation for the weekend. Obviously, the greater the number of members who attend, the cheaper the cost of the air travel. Because it is imperative to have definite bookings finalised early, the committee has decided that deposits of \$100 per person must be made at the next reunion. More about this later.

Following the last 'claytons' newsletter, the secretary would like to report that correspondance has increased by 700% - Seven letters have been received, and you are reminded that the success of the newsletter depends on contributions from all members.

We take this opportunity to welcome the following new members:

Laurie Thomson	Vic.
Julie McTaggart	"
Peter Boyd	"
Gary Smith	"
Eddie Hoffmann	"
Faye Marshall	"
Don Ozolins	"
Cheryl Turriff	"
Doug McKenzie	"
Stephen Berryman	"
Eric Walsh	Tas.
Ray Reardon	"
John Mulligan	NSW
Tony Metrovich	SA.

The secretary is also looking for the following members who have changed their address. Anyone who knows of their whereabouts, please contact the secretary.....

Eric and Bernie Ashenden
Klaus Winand
Roger and Michelle Franks

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5th June 1986

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is a charitable organisation which provides its service free of cost to all those who live, work or tour in outback Australia.

The objectives of the Royal Flying Doctor Service is to safeguard and improve the physical and mental health of persons living and touring in sparsely settled areas of Australia by combining the resources of medicine, aviation and radio.

We seek your support in ensuring the continuation of our vital work. In appealing to you for funds, we offer you the unique opportunity to assist us in capturing Federal Government funding. All donations are matched dollar/dollar by the Federal Government as well as being an income tax deduction for you.

The work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service is no longer confined just to those who work and live in the outback. Tourists are visiting the outback in ever increasing numbers by bus, rail and road.

Each is a potential user of our service and all come under our Mantle of Safety whilst in the area.

Money is urgently needed to fund replacement aircraft and to cover our operational deficit. Aircraft purchased new in 1980 for \$300,000, now cost in the vicinity of \$900,000. This figure is likely to be even greater in 1988 when the first replacements are required.

To enable us to make the best use of your support please make cheques payable to the RFDS Capital Fund or complete your credit card details on the enclosed form and send to us in the addressed envelope supplied.

All donations will be acknowledged.

We trust that you will be able to support us on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

DR. ROBERT COOTER.
President

GOSSIP.....

It would appear that winter in the 'southern states has become far too cold for eight of our members who have all moved to the tropical climate of Cairns.....

Sue Cookson can now be found working for Hayles Cruises. Rick and Margie Lang are employed on Four Wheel Drive Safaris around Cairns and Cape York. Steve Pahl has returned to the sun. Shelagh Murphy and Graham Pyper are enjoying life in the tropics and a new business venture. Jim Hickey and his fiancée are familiar faces in the town and even Bruce 'the one and only' Johnston is now one of the locals.

Margaret Beamish has also moved to a warmer climate. She can now be found living in Darwin where she is enjoying the sunshine.

Congratulations to John Milnes and Lyn Bowd who were married early in March. Apparently it was, after 9 years of togetherness, a spur of the moment decision and Lyn says " a shot gun wedding couldn't have been organised quicker." They are now living in Townsville where Lyn drives a town bus run and John operates his 34' prime mover.

Peter and Annette Biar have moved to Sydney and are currently enjoying life as a day tour driver and shop assistant respectively.

Congratulations also to Garry Higgonson who recently married Frances Hogan. Young Higgo certainly looked rather dapper in his brown suit, despite the fact that he'd crawled out from under a bus only a couple of hours before the wedding.

Birthday greetings to Mary Kirk who is at home on the farm in Jarvis Creek. She sends her love to all and an invitation to visit.

Broken Hill Police not only turned a blind eye recently, but also their backs as an exceptionally long road-train(?) rolled past their door. It was the Lananda coach and trailer - being pushed by a 4WD and caravan. It would seem that the days of 'clutch problems' will never be over.

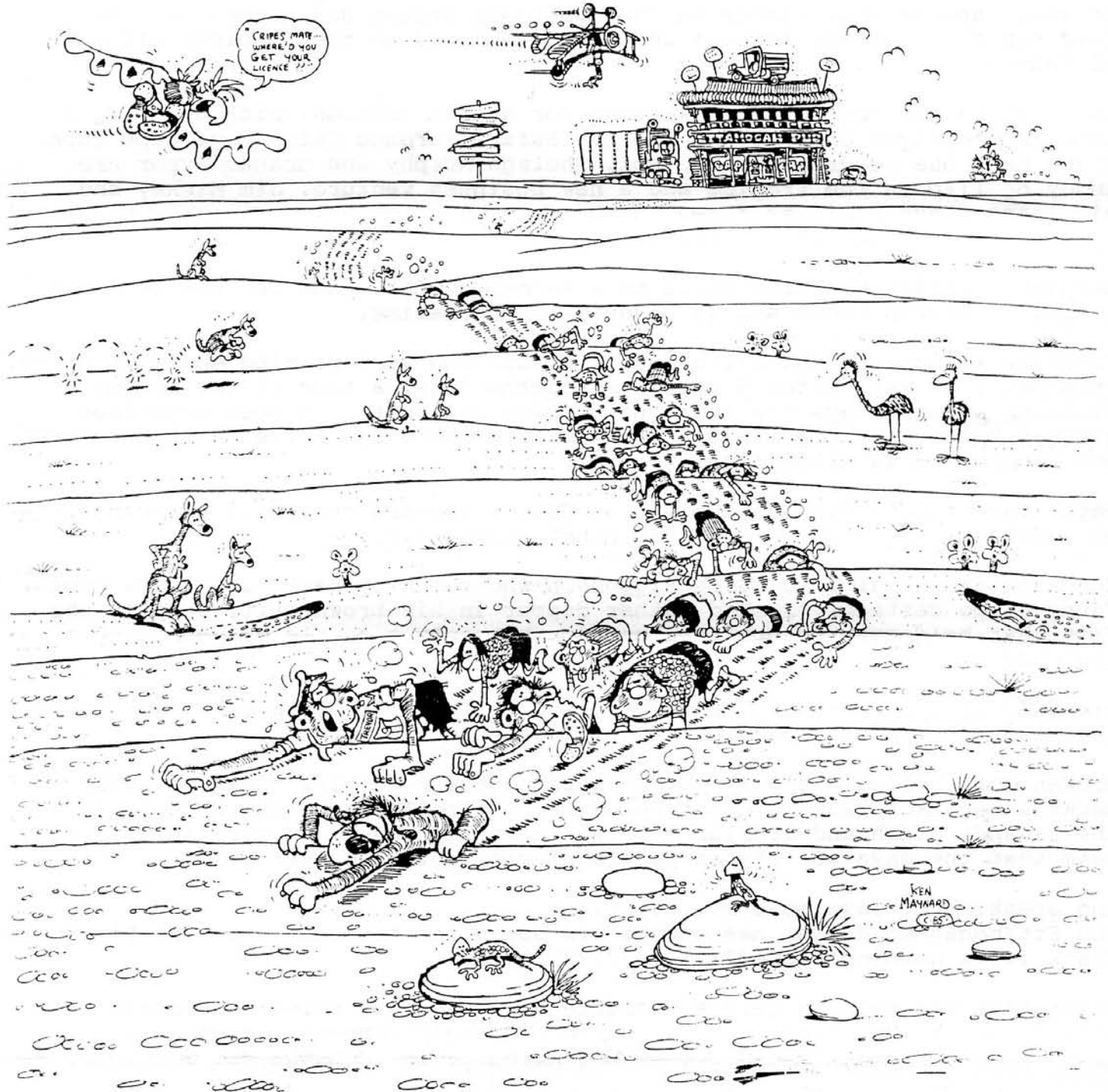
And speaking of days gone by.....

The Ettamogah Roadhouse has opened its doors for business - on The Birdsville Track !! Is nothing sacred?????????????????

Mayer Page was seen in Cairns a couple of weeks ago, being chauffeured around town by Mr. Pyper and Ms. Murphy in their company limousine - one 1949 Vauxhall Velox. The offer of his Mercedes in exchange was declined.

Brian Mason and Judy Stobie are the new managers at the Twin City Motor Inn, Wodonga. Aldecc members are most welcome to call in and are assured of a very friendly "hello".

SHELAGH MURPHY IS GOING TO MARRY WHO ?????????????????????? !!!!!



★ "NO worries, folks ... I'm sure I left th' bus parked around here somewhere!"

KEN MAYNARD

Drama, comedy for Village opening



● A bus bursts through the banner to officially open the Alice Travellers Village.

Alice Travellers Village is up and running.

The \$5 million coach accommodation centre, located on the north Stuart Highway, was officially opened on Tuesday.

And a mixture of theatrics, evangelism, reminiscence, and some political digs along the way, made the event a top show.

The ceremony featured an opening address by bus tourism pioneer, Mr Norm Brown, and attracted some of the best-known representatives of the Alice Springs travel industry.

Proceedings began in an unusual way.

Cameleer

Village owner, Mr Doug Park, entered the precinct on a camel, accompanied by cameleer, Mr Noel Fullerton.

Camels have a symbolic significance as they provided the earliest means of transport to Central Australia.

They share the Alice Travellers Village logo with a modern coach.

Fully garbed in Arabian costume, Park and Fullerton dismounted and delivered bags of "cash" to a local bank representative in the throng.

By JENNY TRUSTRUM

Then it was on with the show.

Mr Park changed into his suit, and a more serious mood, and delivered a compelling speech.

Although a member of the Liberal Party, Mr Park rendered a stinging attack on the Northern Territory government and what he sees as its failure to assist small operators in the travel industry.

"The government has provided financial backing for the Casino and the Sheraton but has provided nothing for the small operators," he said.

He said that Alice Travellers Village had been forced to install a 45 000 gallon water tank to provide adequate water for visitors.

The company had received indications from the government that a water pumping station would be operational in nearby Dixon Road by the time the Village was functioning.

"The idea was shelved, as many projects for Alice Springs are shelved," Mr Park said.

Following Mr Park's speech, bibles were presented to the Alice Travellers Village by representatives of Gideon

with a message that one be placed in each room to provide a message of hope for needy travellers.

Mr Norm Brown, introduced as a pioneer of bus tourism in the Territory, proved to be star of the show with an address which demonstrated a deep-seated love for Central Australia.

He described the area as the "throbbing heart" of Australia.

Mr Brown said it was obvious from recent developments that Central Australia was riding on a "high wave of tourism potential and interest".

He named Len Tuit as the "father of tourism" in the area and said that he had received many rebuffs in approaching government authorities in an attempt to improve tourism facilities.

Tuit was told there was "no future for tourism in Central Australia".

Now the tourist industry has grown in the area, Mr Brown said coaches now brought the greatest number of visitors to Central Australia.

He delivered a stern warning about some tourism-oriented developments which were phoney and artificial "transplants from the south" and foreign to the living heart of Australia.