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January, 1986.

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Now that the festive season is well and truly, and we hope safely, behind us, the next big event on the social calender is the Aldecc Reunion to be held at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville from the 7th-9th February.

Already many replies have been received and with less than a month to go - more than half the rooms have been filled. For the first time Aldecc has offered a free weekend for members who live in states other than N.S.W. and Victoria and this has meant that some members, who might not have been able to attend because of the expense involved in travel costs, will now be coming. This also means that we are expecting a record number of members to attend the reunion.

Therefore, not only is this newsletter to keep you informed with what's happening, but to remind you that if you wish to attend the Reunion - time is running out to send a reply. There is still plenty of room available, but the Secretary would like to hear from you if you intend "turning up" or even if you're 'not sure'!

For those who <u>have</u> answered - thank-you for your prompt reply. Don't forget that the bus leaves the Gas & Fuel, Flinders St. Melbourne at 6.30p.m. SHARP!, and remember to bring your own towels.

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All members are reminded that 1986 Subscriptions are now due, and payable at \$5.00 to the Secretary.

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Gossip!

Our Qld representative, Eric Ashenden and wife Bernie have moved house and can now be found, as managers, at the Riverview Caravan Park in Gayndah. They have assured us that there is room for coaches and a warm welcome awaits for Aldecc Members. We wish them the very best of luck in their new venture.

Mike Bourke, the Tasmanian Representative, has also moved house - to Ulverstone. His new address can be found on the information page.

Congratulations to Bob Burrage who married Ros Cloake recently, and also to John and Maree Ryan on the birth of their second child - a son, Scott, born in November '85.

The moon is not blue, or made of green cheese, and it has been claimed that Halleys' Comet is responsible for unusual behaviour patterns. So maybe we should check the skies, because we hear that - "HIGGO HAS GONE ON HOLIDAY"!

One of the problems for cooks who come off the road is getting used to a "normal" kitchen again. Many times dishwashing water is slopped onto the floor, tables and benches are wiped down and onto the floor, and the kitchen stays in the same place every day. A few years ago, one cook was heard to say "the beauty of Safari kitchens is that if you're sick of the same spot you either move or burn down the cook-tent". Sue Grant, now retired, recently burnt down the kitchen of the Grants' new home. Luckily nobody was injured but one can't help wondering if, subconciously Susie is still on tour in a cook-tent, and what sort of problems does Storky have????

New Years Eve is always a time for revelling and coach crew are no exception. But how did Mary Meyer manage to get $\frac{\text{bogged to the waist}}{\text{in mud at Lake St. Clair Tasmania?}}$ And why did it take 3 $\frac{\text{hefty}}{\text{men}}$ to pull her out??

Rumour has it that John Carter has put on so much weight that he <u>has</u> to drive the 'double decker' for Dreamworld.

Margeurite Hendy is now a shadow of her former self! This new svelte figure can be seen on the beaches of the Gold Coast!

It has been rumoured that Mike Bourke, must be getting old, because he had to have two cooks on his recent Christmas tour. Or maybe he tends to get 'out of control' ????

We hear on the grapevine the Faye and Elwyn are 'props'. of a pub, somewhere in QLD. Unfortunately we can't tell you all where this new morning tea stop is, because we don't know! Maybe someone could help us!

Many thanks to Max Kneebone who will be providing the coach for the Reunion this year.

Please remember, that the consumption of "grog" while on board a moving coach, is "actually" against the law.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Reunion!