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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).

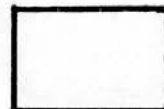
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Dear Member,

With the 1986 Reunion at Harrietville behind us, we can now look back and say that it must have been one of the most successful ever held. With over 100 members, and their guests, present it was truly a festive affair. The facilities at the Chalet were first class and while many stories of the past were retold, quite a few tales of an eventful weekend will certainly be added to memoirs.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the Sunday morning, it was unanimously decided that the 1987 Reunion be held again at Feathertop Chalet, Harrietville. The dates for the 1987 reunion will be Friday 6th February to Sunday 8th February. Once again, this will give us sole use of the property. A motion was also passed and carried, by unanimous vote that the 1988 reunion be held in Tasmania. A venue has already been found and with two years notice, all members must surely be able to organise their finances accordingly. More about this later.

Elections for committee members were also held at the A.G.M. Standing down were Mary Kirk, Margie Goates, Doug Lever and Kevin Bryant. The committee would like to thank them for their assistance over the past two years. Newly elected committee members are: Sue Grant, Val Crothers, Jim Heyward and Kevin Bryant who was re-elected.

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It is interesting to note that at the end of January 1986 Aldecc has 291 financial members. These members, from all parts of Australia, are to be found thus;

Victoria	152
N.S.W.	45
N.T.	26
S.A.	22
Qld	18
Tasmania	14
W.A.	12
A.C.T.	1
King Island	1

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Ray Smith	Victoria
Karla Peach	"
John Lane	"
Allan Campbell	"
Tony Rae	"
Dianne Kopanica	"
Margaret Rock	"
Tom Blackley	"
Bob Wade	A.C.T.

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Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due for Truck and Bus Magazine.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY HAS CHANGED HER ADDRESS.

GOSSIP;

As we all know - the letter 'E' in ALDECC stands for experienced, and it has often been said that members could always find their way in and out of any town in Australia. However it is common knowledge that at Aldecc Reunions many members have a habit of 'getting lost' when it comes time to retire.....

Ian Purtill could not find his room on the Friday night, even though the number was written on his name tag. Luckily, he had his coach with him and was able to sleep in his usual spot on the back seat. We hear that he woke in the morning and went looking for the cook, passengers and Panadol!

Someone else who definitely lost his way was Greg Reid, who awoke on Saturday morning to find his head resting comfortably on "a nice pair of buttocks". Investigating further, he peered over the "cute shoulder" to find Max Gower staring at him in a state of Bewilderment. In a mixture of shock, confusion and panic, their scramble for the exit door was joined by an embarrassed Geoff Jamieson who had awoken, in the next bed, and 'seen it all'. At breakfast Max was heard to wonder why he had awoken clutching 20cents in his hand!!!!

It was a very fit and sun-tanned Graham Pyper who arrived from Darwin for the reunion. With this new image, Graham has given up the ' Demon Drink' and so, offered to operate the video camera for the weekend. For many hours he wandered around, shooting 'this angle' and 'that angle' only to discover at the end of the weekend, that he had not pressed the RECORD button. He spent his entire weekend peering at people through a camera lens. He could have had a few drinks and seen everybody in a blur - without squinting through a camera!!!!

Ray Higginson was spotted running through the corridor in his underwear at 5am to make an urgent phone call. He says he was making sure that the ' relieving manager ' got out of bed in time for work!!!

Haddie Winsall vows and declares that the floor plan was changed after he entered a room to enjoy a couple of drinks, because, a few hours later on leaving, he fell over a step that " wasn't there before " !!

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P.T.O. for more Gossip.....

CONGRATULATIONS to Garry Higginson and Frances Hogan who announced their engagement recently, and also to Karen Lever and Peter Ingram who were married at the beginning of March.

Brian and Carmel McCartin would like to thank everybody for the cards, messages, telegrams and kind thoughts for their recent wedding. The Ugg Boots and grotty apron did appear with the bridal gown!!!

Best wishes to the Rudd family on the arrival of their son - William (junior). Another potential Coach Captain???????

Crabbing in the South Alligator River nearly turned into a disaster for Val Mack, recently, when a friendly crocodile decided to sample the bait. Val, who is known for his unusual fishing technique, was using the upper half of Margies' pantihose!!

Faye and Elwyns' new ' pub ' in Queensland is situated in Laidley - not too far out of Brisbane. It sounds like a good morning tea stop and Lance Grenda is happy to give directions to anyone who is interested.

The Kimptons, in Port Hedland, have a daughter, Emma Jane, who arrived in time for Christmas. Dot (nee Hamilton) reckons that it's easier to look after a coach load of tourists than one small baby, and at the moment she feels like a " jersey cow, come laundry lady ".

Geoff Jamieson, our Northern Territory Representative, can now be found as Front Desk Manager at the New Alice Travellers Village in Alice Springs. Both he and Greg Reid, Manager, welcome any members passing through the area.

We hear that Ross and Joan Eldred are holidaying in Vanuatu at this present time. Although Ross doesn't know it, Joan says the holiday will be a very up-lifting experience.

SOMETHING TO KEEP YOU THINKING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS-----

WHAT THREE 2 LETTER WORDS MEAN SMALL???????????

For the answer, see next newsletter.....