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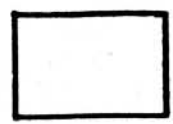
Please place your orders with our secretary, making cheques payable  
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JANUARY. 1987

Dear Member,

With the festive season safely behind us, we can now look forward to the annual ALDECC Reunion at Feathertop Chalet in Harrietville, in February. Already many replies have been received and, at this stage, the committee hope to have a record number of members and their guests in attendance.

There is still time for you to reply to the invitation, if you have not already done so, but with less than four weeks until the reunion the secretary advises that accommodation is filling fast and members who ' just turn up on the day ' may not find an available bed. Tentative bookings may be made, for members who are "just not sure".

You are also reminded that the coach leaves the Gas and Fuel building in Flinders Street, Melbourne at 6.30pm SHARP!! And don't forget - B.Y.O. TOWELS !!!!

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At the 1986 Annual General Meeting it was decided to hold the 1988 reunion in Tasmania. Cost for this reunion will be between \$320 and \$350 per person (approx). A minimum number of 100 people will be required to attend to keep costs to this level. Therefore - it is imperative that bookings and deposits of \$100 per person be made at the 1987 reunion (that means this year) at Harrietville.

If you are not attending Harrietville, but would like to go to Tasmania in 1988, please let the secretary know before February 5th 1987.

IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE COMMITTEE HAVE POSITIVE BOOKINGS BY FEB. 8TH.

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We take this opportunity to welcome new members ;

Michael Hussey	NSW
Malcolm Inglis	"
Darrell Booth	"
Judith Corney	"
John Cronshaw	"
Lorraine Cronshaw	"
Steve Brown	VIC
Kim Allen	"
Ray Robinson	"
Maureen Williams	"
Joel McClelland	"

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GOSSIP .....

CONGRATULATIONS to Graeme Oehm (Vic) who recently announced his engagement to Donna Holmes.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Greg and Jane Oakley (S.A.) on the birth of another daughter, Regina.

In a recent phone call from Joy Kelly (N.T.) we were told that although Ren is now a film star - she polishes all the cars in the family, and she has never seen a bottle of that well known car polish. By the Way - they haven't seen the T.V. commercial either !!

John Blanch (Vic) and his wife Nola recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a surprise party at the Melbourne Hilton. Organised by their kids, John and Nola also had a suite for the night which included everything that first or second honeymooners should expect - a short sheeted bed, rice in their suitcases, rice in their bed etc. etc. Our roving reporter said that everything was seen to - in true coach crew fashion, however, members of the party were surprised to find that John was wearing Bright Red Undies... but that's another story.....

ATTENTION, ALL YE OF LITTLE FAITH.....

Yes, Graham Pyper and Shelgh Murphy are getting married on the 31st January '87. Due to trying to start a business, buying a house, and other excuses they haven't had time to send out all the invitations that they would like ..... soooooo.....

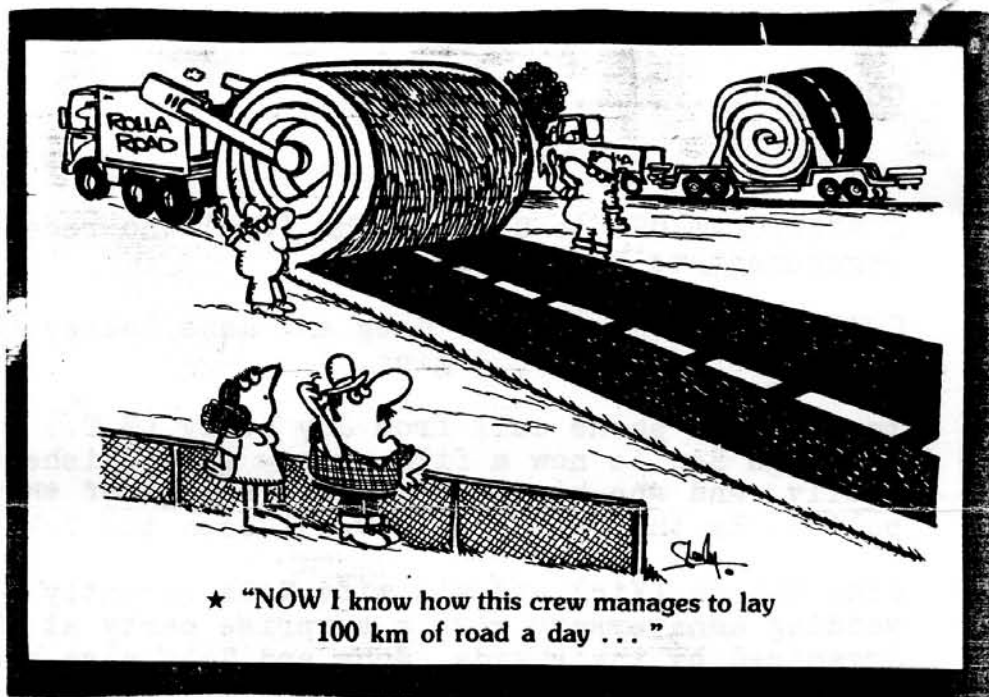
To all members of ALDECC, who know these two, and would like to attend the service and/or the reception, please advise Jim and Jenny Heyward on 03-8575837 or write to 9 Winfield Rd. Nth Balwyn, Vic. no later than 24th January '87. The service will be held at Wesley Uniting Church at 1pm, and the reception at the Heywards' place. Pyper and "Murph" figure it would take twice as much as the National Debt to keep some ALDECC members in grog \$o - B (some of) YO. P.S. Graham would like to advise all, that if he's late - go ahead and start without him !

Who was the member seen in a red suit and long white beard HO, HO, HO-ING around the K-Mart store in Alice Springs, during the Christmas Season???????? DARE you ask??!??!?!?

Alan Lever (NSW) has finally retired from touring. With his wife, Joy, he has taken over Victors Menswear in Wollongong (which was originally started by his family in 1966). He says that members passing through can be assured of a 'big hello' and special discounts. It's just as well that it isn't a shoe store, as he wants to know if anyone has a cure for 'itchy feet'.

Two of our roving reporters took a trip to Mildura recently, and on the way there, decided to stop for the night in Charlton(Vic). From their motel room, they made several phone calls to ALDECC members in the area - to no avail. Feeling confident of a quiet night - they meandered down to the East Charlton Hotel, and who should be propped against the bar ?? - none other than the pope himself (at least that's what the local school kids call him). Anyway, after a 'few' beers our reporters waved farewell to 'the pope' as he weaved his way off into the darkness on his Cyclops popemobile !!

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that there is a new service in Perth, available for coach passengers. Under the name of 'Flying BBQ Tours' they offer a scenic ride to the airport, scenic flight over Perth, followed by a Barbeque. Further information can be obtained from Helen Wurth, on 4576115.



Before Christmas, a band of intrepid ALDECC members took a trip to Laidley in Queensland to visit Faye and Elwyn.

During their stay at the charming old hotel, Faye suggested that they might like to give some assistance, for only a couple of hours, in picking and preparing beetroot for the local market. The crop is owned by Faye and some friends. Naturally, our members were only too eager to assist. However, they found, out at the paddock, that there was no water to wash them in, and nothing to transport them to market. Necessity being the mother of invention, Lance Grenda offered the bin of his coach and the other members decided to brush the dirt from the beetroot. MANY hours later, well after the sun had disappeared from the sky, the coach bin was filled to overflowing. The beer garden of the pub was turned into a beetroot - brushing saloon, and so the beetroot was prepared for the market. Our members were a little tired that evening, and Faye has begun calling Lance - "Beetroot Grenda". We've been told that the success of the harvest was so great that Zucchini's will be planted for next year, and ALDECC members are invited to take part in the harvest !!

The trip to Laidley was not all hard work however, Lance Grenda and Graeme Hayes managed to win five out of six trays of meat in the weekly pub raffle.

Rod Baird (Qld) has asked us to remind members that his offer of 50% discount on accommodation at his holiday units during the months of January to March, is still open. Bookings and further enquiries can be made with Rod, and his phone number is 070 576799.

As this newsletter goes to print, Mary Kirk and Amy McClagish are heading towards Perth to add their vocal chords to the many spectators already cheering Australia in the Challenge for the America's Cup.

We hear that ALLAN Stevens (Tas) is, at the moment, seriously ill in hospital. We wish him a comfortable stay in the hospital, and a speedy recovery.

We also hear that business is booming for Greg Reid and Geoff Jamieson, (N.T.) . Apparently while the Pope (the real one) was in Alice Springs, Geoff went into production making cardboard crosses to sell to 'the locals' as 18ct gold and Greg reported an 80% increase in the sale of his 'Aussie' rosary beads.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE REUNION !!!!!!!