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Annual Subscription: \$7.00 Date Due: 1st February 1989

Joining Fee: \$5.00 plus annual subscription

Membership application forms are available from all committee members and area representatives.

Membership is open to extended tour coach crew 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 case of Tasmanian coach crew members.)

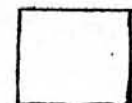
Transfers and Stickers		\$ 3.00
Replacement Badges		\$ 5.00
Tee Shirts	sizes: 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22	\$10.00
Windcheaters	sizes: 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	\$20.00
Zip-up Jackets	sizes: 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	\$25.00
Postage for Tee-shirts and windcheaters		\$ 3.50

Please place your orders with the secretary, making cheques or money orders payable to A.L.D.E.C.C. INC., including your size, postal address and colour preference for T-Shirts.

Delivery of Windcheaters and Jackets may take up to 6 weeks.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO NOTIFY OUR SECRETARY!!!

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CELEBRATE OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY AT THE REUNION IN 1989. DETAILS LATER.....

MARCH 1988

Dear Member,

Gone, but never forgotten. That's how one could describe the annual Reunion held at Feathertop Chalet in February. Ninety members and their guests attended for yet another memorable weekend and you can catch up with the gossip on the following pages.

At the Annual General Meeting, Elections were held for the four vacant committee positions. Standing down were Sue Grant, Jim Heyward, Val Crothers and Kevin Bryant. We thank them for their contribution over the past years and we say welcome to Grace Cadzow, Carolyn Walsh and welcome back to Sue Grant and Jim Heyward who were all elected to serve on the committee for the following two years.

The committee have appointed John Dare as the new N.T. Rep. as Greg Reid has now been re-located. We would like to thank Greg for his efforts in the past. John has asked that we convey an invitation to all members to help him reduce the supply of bottles in his cellar, when passing through the Alice.

Once again, due to rising costs, the committee have decided to raise Annual Subscriptions to \$10. This will take effect from the 1st of August 1988, as members should be financial by that time. This will bring the cost of new membership applications to \$15.

At long last, we now have supplies of stickers!! These are a little smaller in size to the previous ones, but, they are only \$3.00 - half the price!!!! We also have Blue T-Shirts, Black T-Shirts, and White T-Shirts on sale for \$10.00. Replacement Badges are now available, at the cost of \$5.00 each, and orders for any of these items may be placed with the Secretary.

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to new members:

Ian Bennett	VIC.	Greg Bowman	VIC.
Jenny Heyward	"	Barry Wheeler	"
Geoff Hickmott	"	John Bakkum	"
Allan Leary	TAS.	Fay Butt	NSW.
Addrienne Stephens.	"	James Oehm	"
John Koomen	NSW.	Marguerite Byrnes	"
Tim Lattey	"	Sarah Scobie	N.I.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ian Gallacher and Vicki Green, who were married just before Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Dot Kimpton (nee Hamilton) on the safe arrival of another daughter, Nicole, in September 1987.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Laurie Kerger (Tas), who passed away suddenly, recently.

John Dare would like to report that the annual Camel Cup, held in Alice Springs, will be run on the 30th April 1988. Also, the Beer Fest will be held on the 1st May, and the Bangtail Muster on the 2nd May 1988. At the same time, participants in the Great Camel Race will be passing through Alice Springs. The Coach Capts' Event will once again be held at the Camel Cup. Coach Crew are required to be dressed in fancy dress by their passengers, and paraded around the arena by eight to twelve passengers. Judging will be on the best fancy dress for a prize of \$100. Could prove to be an interesting sight !!!!!!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Graeme Behm and Donna Holmes who were married during February 1988.

Heard a story recently about a member who whilst celebrating his 40th birthday was presented with a cake shaped like a very large bosom. As he bent low, to blow out the candles, between the two sugar-coated delicacies he was heard to mutter: "it's taken me 40 years to be given a set like these, on a plate, and in a minute I'll have to share them with all these B.....s".

It's amazing how quickly some retired coach crew forget the basic rules of camping. On a recent camping expedition Jenny Heyward, who had left Jim behind for the weekend, had trouble dismantling her tent. Apparently she pulled out the pole while still inside. Other members of the party were brought to the rescue by the screams of Matthew (aged 3) "Mummys' gone! Mummy's gone!!"

Is it true that Lance Grenda fixed his 'bruised' coach with Vicks Vapour-Rub and a bandaid?????????????????

News of world-wide importance comes from Harrierville. The Guinness Book of Records has been notified that the world record for toilet flushing has been broken. A tooth fairy from Mirboo North has been accredited with the feat - 50 flushes in 10 minutes - at 3 o'clock in the morning too !!!

Rumour has it that Ian Purtill's stomach is lined with lead. How else could he have consumed scrambled eggs with mushrooms and tomato sauce for breakfast on the morning after the night before?

Cross my heart.... Reaction to Greg Oakley's neck adornment when he disembarked from the coach at Feathertop was so good, he is considering giving a repeat performance for our 10th anniversary.

Tassie members will be pleased to hear that David Stafford has earned himself a new nickname. Skippy Townsend reckons that David is so smooth that "Laminex" is an appropriate title.

Who is the ex cook cum operations person who ran out of hot water at her new house. Not to be deterred, she rang the Gas and Fuel emergency service, and after 2 days of cold showers the serviceman arrived..... you guessed it.....he relit the pilot light for her!!!

Eric and Bernie Ashenden have moved AGAIN!!! This time they can be found at the Mundubbera Motel in Queensland. Although it would seem that they still yearn to be 'on the move', they have assured us that they intend to stay there for "a while".

While most people prefer to drink Cointreau on ice, we hear that Bryn Hillman prefers to drink 'Cointreau-on-the-ground'. No, he wasn't seen sucking a spilled drink from the grass; he was spotted falling off his chair whilst imbibing!!!

Ever had trouble pouring a cuppa from one of those stainless steel thermos'? Can't quite get your hand around the thermos?? Well, a certain coach captain-cum-truckie has found the answer..... Just drive a 20 ton truck over the thermos, it doesn't break, and you'll find that the dent it leaves in the side of the offending article makes it possible to put your hand around it, thus enabling you to pour your cuppa while you're driving. Guaranteed to stop your hostie grumbling about pouring you a drink during the day, or, you can do an extra couple of pay-loads of gravel!!!!!!!

We would like to extend our best wishes to David Verity and Jane, and Gerard Sadler and Liz, who are both getting married in April.