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Dear Members

Well we are heading into the second half of the year already. Plans are well under way for our return to Merrij for our Reunion in February. We had a wonderful turnout this year with 107 members attending, and we are hoping for an even bigger turn up for next year.

I will just mention that our price has increased this year to \$99 per person, but with the same service and meals we received I can't see that we can complain - so start saving your coins now!!!! We will let you know at a later date of our entertainment plans for that weekend.

Tassie Reunion is on again the first weekend in August- details are over the page. I am not taking flight bookings this year - it will be left to individuals attending to arrange their own passage across. It should be a very successful weekend going on reports of the last one!

We still have quite a few unfinancial members. If you have a star on your envelope it doesn't mean you're a genius!!-it means you are not FINANCIAL. Also, Truck & Bus subs are now due. If you have a red circle on your T & B envelope, those subs are now due from you. PLEASE FORWARD ALL PAYMENTS TO THE SECRETARY. - ASAP -

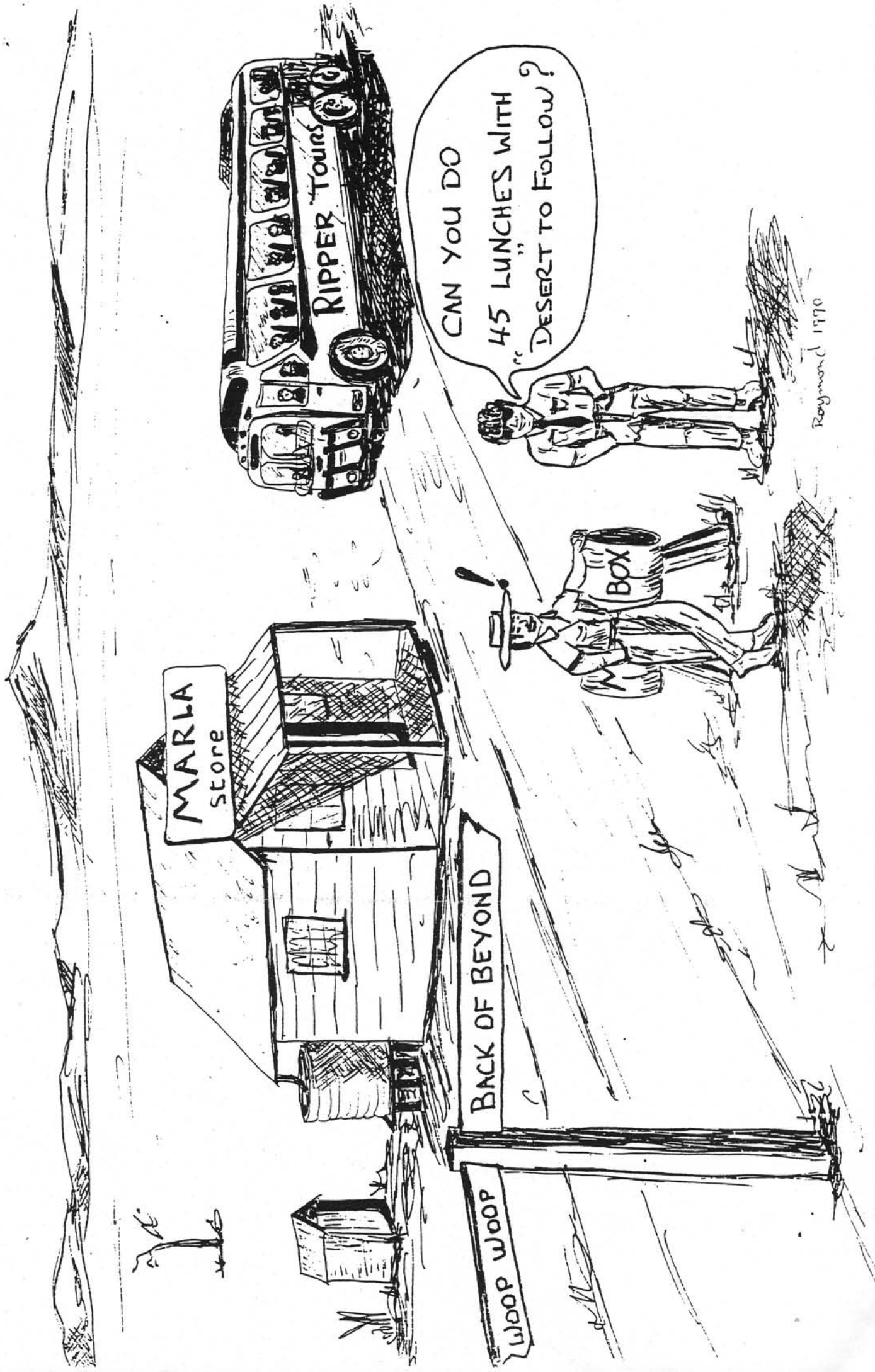
Once again I am asking for all member's assistance to help me with our newsletters. It's very hard to make them interesting without any "gossip". I've waited four weeks for some extra news and gossip, but nothing has come. Could we have some input from members PLEASE- PLEASE!!!

Regards to all SUE GRANT

WANTED WANTED WANTED

Doug Lever of Lever Coaches is in need of an experienced cook for a tour starting 23rd September until October 3rd.

Please phone Doug on 062 972590 BH
062 978585 AH



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CAN YOU DO
45 LUNCHES WITH
DESERT TO FOLLOW?

RIPPER TOURS CO.

NEWS AND GOSSIP

During one of his short times at home, one very whiskery "Val" decided to do a spot of gardening. Trying to do right thing he decided to put 'Block-Out' on his face. He selected what he thought was he needed and rubbed it all over his face. Sometime later he came inside and couldn't believe what he saw. Instead of blackout, Val had used instant artificial tan!!! His beard was orange as was the front and sides of his hair- his face was BRIGHT BRONZE!! The only solution was the razor. You'll know Mack around the tracks now -he's the one with the bright orange eyebrows and moustache and a very sparse chin covering. Gone is his cultivated beard - maybe he is setting a new trend for the road crews!

"Ray and Bev" from Parkes have just purchased a small Four Wheel Drive and were testing it out near home, which included crossing several creeks, (not very deep, need I mention) however, while negotiating a creek halfway across, the front dipped and "under" went the 4x4 drive. Water over the bonnet. Water filled up the foot wells and the back of the vehicle, with 10". Bevs comment was not even printable. We hope Ray has realized that there is quite a difference between a 40ft. coach and a small four wheel drive.

I recieved a note from John Dave in Alice. In April he ran into Ted Smith ex Tiwa Tours. He is 65 and still driving tours around Alice. "Good on ya Ted"

It appears the 'camel Cup' is a world wide event these days. It also appears that "The Buisness" is slowly getting back to normal, although there is still not much traffic around. Weren't the days great when we had 30-40 coaches in Alice at one time, and we all seemed to be one big happy family, no matter what colour your coach was!!

News just to hand - John Gullock is still down a rabbit burrow in Coober Pedy!

IT'S ON AGAIN

TASSIE COACH AND TOUR INDUSTRY REUNION

3rd,4th - 5th August, 1990

LOCATION: SANDORS on the PARK
BRISBANE STREET,

LAUNCESTON.....Phone: 003 312055

PROPOSED PROGRAMME:

Friday night arrival

Saturday: The Great Shirt Ironing Competition and
Mystery Coach tour

(Bring along an old uniform shirt)

Prize awarded to the best and quickest to
complete said task.

Open to Cooks, Hostesses, Hotel Staff wives
and Coach Captains

Saturday Night: Dinner Dance and Shirt Ironing Final

Sunday: Usual service conducted by The Rev David Kheen
and Pastor Roly Leach

Start 10.00am or as your eyes open.

Please bring photos from previous reunions or tours that
may be of interest.

Costs: Accommodation only \$35.00 first night
and \$20.00 each consecutive night.

Dinner Dance plus music \$17.00 per head. all
Drinks Bar Price. } per room

Please invite anyone whom you think maybe interested and not
on the mailing list. R.S.V.P. A.S.A.P.

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OBITUARY

DAVID PEEL

As a member of ALDECC and a past workmate of David Peel, I have written a few lines about David.

I first met David fifteen or so years ago. He had worked in South Australia then came to Australian Pacific following coach experience with Bull's Bus Service, running between Alice Springs and Adelaide.

Frank Mann, the Operations Manager for Australian Pacific Tours, put David on a camping tour program mainly through the centre of Australia. David was the type of person who seemed to always have some sort of mechanical problems with his vehicle, but it didn't matter what sort of problem he had, if any of his workmates or friends needed any type of help, David was always one of the first to be there with assistance.

I, and many others, have lost count of the number of times David has gone out on rescue missions to other coaches around Central Australia.

The North-South Road was not sealed in David's days of driving. The tar ended at Woomera and started again at the Northern Territory border. One of David's many escapades comes to mind - three A P coaches were at Ayres Rock. The Coach Captain of the accommodated tour was Les Campi, one public camping tour had David Peel as Coach Captain, and one "under thirties" camping tour had myself at the wheel. On our last night at the rock, 4 inches of rain fell, turning the dirt road out to the Stuart Highway into a river. On a lot of the old road, the surface was below the surrounding country side because of the constant road gradings over the years. In the morning the decision was made to try to go to Alice Springs with the three coaches staying together to help each other. It took over ten hours to cover the 300 K's with many bogs and slips from the road. As usual, David had his fair share of Mechanical problems with the Domino that day.

David's cook on that trip became his wife. They worked as a husband and wife team for a couple of years. They then left Australian Pacific to go to Alice Springs where David got involved with the taxi industry. From Alice Springs the Peel Family moved to Queensland. I lost contact with them until a couple of years ago when the sad news came that Candy had passed away- the result of cancer.

My thoughts and feelings go out to David's young family, who have lost their father as a result of a heart attack.

Friend and past work mate

ROD LEITCH