

AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE EXPERIENCED

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: \$10.00 DUE DATE: 1st February 1992

JOINING FEE: \$5.00 (plus Annual Subscription of \$10 = \$15.00).

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

Membership is open to extended tour coach crew employed for a period not less than twelve months full time on tours which are of a duration of 7 days or more. (5 days in the case of Tasmania crew members).

Transfers and Stickers	\$ 5.00
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T. Shirts Sizes 12 14 16 18 20	\$10.00
Windcheaters Sizes 18 20 22 24	\$20.00
Postage for T.Shirts & Windcheaters	\$ 5.00

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

Truck and Bus subscriptions are now due and payable to ALDECC Inc. at \$11.50 annually.

SUBSCRIPTION DUE????????????????????

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ALDECC SUBS???

Hello Everyone,

Well all I can say is that you lot must have increased your thirsts lately, as I have become very very busy driving around all the spent brewing grain, from the brewery! Actually, the brewery is traditionally busy at this end of the year, so, to recharge the batteries before the onslaught, Clare, Hannah and I enjoyed a brief holiday in Queensland. We flew to Coolangatta, and during the flight, Clare and I had a few laughs watching the "crews" working together. We reminisced about our times as a "crew" and remembered the night I burnt my foot with hot fat and as I danced around the trailer trying to find relief I just happened to have a knife in my hand, and I just happened to swing around and stab Clare in the back!!! Anyway, we compared "air crews" and "road crews" and naturally we voted the road crews as better! Coach crews work very hard, and play hard, but above all else, the fact that thousands of people have enjoyed fabulous trips due to coach crews doing their job well, speaks for itself.

We often don't take the time to affirm one another, so I wanted to here. So, now I have scratched your back I want you to scratch mine! We have progressed well with reunion arrangements and are fast approaching the business end, which brings me to my request for your co-operation. Would you please place a big priority on your reply to the reunion? Don't throw it aside and think - "it's only ALDECC, I'll get around to it later" - ALDECC is you, so put a priority on giving yourself a good time, as you have given so many others.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the committee who are a very hard working bunch, and encourage them to keep it up. Finally, I wish you all a very happy christmas and a marvellous new year. Safe travels,

Cheers Cel Curtis

Hi there,

What else is there left to say after a great letter like that.

We have almost finished another year and hasn't it flown.

Just one thing, those married couples who send just \$10 - only get one membership paid. It's hard to guess which one to tick off. So please all couples, please send us \$20 for both of you.

Below is a short list of what the weekend is all about.

We wish everybody a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to your replies,

Secretary Sue

I am sure you have already saved your \$99.00 so here are the really important dollars you have to save for that R & R at the reunion:-

Beer - per can	\$1.50
Rum and selected spirits	\$3.00
Top Shelf spirits	\$3.50
Soft drinks	\$1.20
House wine	\$1.30

Reunion Rules:

Casual dress, bring plenty of money and most importantly have a great time.

Saturday night's entertainment is Rodney Vincent, comedian/entertainer.

Also available:

Spa, tennis, table tennis and volleyball.
Fun and Fitness course, short and long
hikes.

Bicycle hire is also available.

Gossip

Karen Jones and Mick Rodway have finally become engaged. Congratulations.

Val Lewis "a past member" of Mirboo North (husband George) passed away recently after a 3 year battle with cancer. She was a cook for quite some time with Pincinis.

Dot Lampton (nee Hamilton) ex Centralian living in Port Hedland W.A. She is married with 4 children under the age of 5 years. There is, apparently, not much night life in Port Hedland.

According to our N.T. rep, Alice Springs and the Centre in general is very quiet. Apparently it is very rare for members to be seen in Alice nowadays.

However, the East Coast and Cairns seems to be very busy after suffering badly from the Pilots' strike of 89.

One of our notorious committee members had a birthday recently. She was given a "budgie" which she appropriately named "Bundy".

On getting a cleaning 'bug' recently she almost sucked "Bundy" up the vacuum. The poor little budgie may need a bundy and coke before long.

It is good to see that blood is thicker than water and genes do carry within families. Geoff Purtill takes well after brother Ian - straight to the toilet bowl achundering.

We thought Red may bring us
into the spirit of Xmas.

Green wasn't available

FROM THE DIARY OF A COACH COOK

JULY 24TH

Dear Diary,

Gee, am I ever peeved! Here we are at Ayers Rock, excitement abounds, and Crater-face informed me tonight that I won't be able to climb the Rock with the passengers tomorrow. He says that the cook always stays in camp and does the cleaning while he takes them to climb. I suppose it makes sense because they will have lunch back in camp before going out to the Olgas in the afternoon. But all the same, I was fully prepared to "make my assault" on the Monolith" with everyone else. I must have looked a bit sulky, because he said that if I get all my chores done in the morning he'll let me go to the Olgas.

Anyway, after dinner tonight (I cooked some lovely ham steaks and pineapple) we all went to a slide show. Crater-face didn't come in to watch the pictures but stayed in the bar to talk to some other coach captains. He was pretty happy when we came back to the pub for a while. I'm so mad with him, I decided not to go. He's taken some of the younger passengers with him so I guess he'll be late home tonight. I was quite happy to sit with the others around the fire.

There are a few other coach tours staying nearby, but I haven't seen any other cooks yet. I started cleaning some of the equipment after Crater-face went to the pub. There's no way I'm staying home from the Olgas.

I suppose I'll be able to climb the Rock another time. I just hope I can climb Kings Canyon when we get there in a few days time. Oh Diary, I'm so miserable tonight. I guess I'm not used to such hard work and just tired. Maybe an early night is in order.

IN REPLY TO YOUR FINAL DEMAND NOTE.

Your threatening letter arrived this morning. It would have given the company and myself great pleasure had I not revived a melancholy reflection of what has happened. I knew you would have liked your account settled long ago, it hasn't been. Here's why.

In 1984 I bought a studfarm on credit, in 1985 I brought a team of horses, station wagon, two ponies, a double barrelled shotgun and a crystal ball, also two razor backed pigs - all on credit. In 1986 the bloody studfarm was burned to the ground, one of the ponies died and I loaned the other to a stupid bastard who starved it to death. After this I joined the church.

In 1987 my father died and my brother was hanged for raping a pensioner. A tramp seduced my daughter and I had to pay \$500 to keep the bastard from becoming one of my relatives. In 1988 my boy got mumps, this went to his head and to save his life he had to be castrated. Later, whilst I was fishing, the rotten boat overturned and two of my lads drowned, neither being the one who had been castrated.

In 1989 my wife ran away with the sheep shearer, leaving the twins with me as a souvenir. I then had to engage a housekeeper and to keep the expenses down I married her, but had a job to make her pregnant. I went to the doctor and he advised to create some excitement at the crucial moment. That night I took a shotgun to bed with me, and when I thought the time was right, I leant out of bed and fired through the window - the wife shit the bed, I ruptured myself and next morning I found I had shot my best horse.

In 1990 I took to drink. I didn't stop until all I had left was a pocket watch and a weak bladder. This for a time (winding the watch and running for a piss) kept me busy. After a year I took heart again and brought on credit a manure spreader, a lawn mower, chainsaw and a car. Then came the floods and washed the bloody lot away. My wife contracted VD from a travelling salesman and my boy died wiping his arse on a rabbit which was infected.

It surprised my very much when you said in your letter that you would cause trouble if I didn't pay up. If you can think of any trouble I've missed then I would certainly like to hear of it. Trying to get money out of me is like trying to poke butter up a porcupine's arse with a red hot needle. I am praying for a shower of skunk shit to pass your way and also hope that the centre of it is directly over the bunch of bastards in your office when sent this final demand.

Yours faithfully ?

I received this letter from a member recently. It sounds like our style (only joking)

LANCE GREENDA.

Slip, as he was known as around the Depot at Grenda's, has watched and participated in the many changes of the road and areas visited on tours.

Where did the name Slip come from? According to Bluey Humphries "Slip" was never around when "work" needed to be done at Grenda's. He would slip out of sight. It has also been suggested he could "slip" in and out of trouble better than anyone else!

Can you remember when the Main North-South Road (Stuart Highway) was two wheel tracks and the most used roads were the ones going into the Station Homesteads. Lance Grenda remembers. His first trip to Alice Springs in 1958 was spent following these tracks resulting in meeting and becoming good friends with the owners, as in the Giles Brothers, Colin and Pat Morton and Dawn and Peter Severin to mention a few.

Fay Naylor arrived in Coober Pedy and saw that something was needed to help guys like Lance with a 'bus' full of people. Faye used to be amazed at Lance arriving in town in a clean white shirt and looking immaculate: he confessed to Faye, many years later that he used to stop at the 16 mile creek so that the passengers could have a much needed loo stop and he would have a wash and change his shirt.

Lance did many tours for Max and Keith Whitehead in the early days and then AAT was formed. Grenda's-AAT meant Lance could be out on the open road where his real love was.

When Grenda's sold AAT, there was no way Lance was going to drive a desk so "Lananda Tours" started on July 1, 1975, one coach, a 1970 37' Denning, would keep Lance very busy.

Roof loading the tents was still the order of the day with the "old girl". Lance took this coach all over Australia including her last tour to Tasmania. In 1979 a tour to Queensland was written to avoid all weigh bridges in N.S.W. One and a half hours from the departure point Lananda was put on the weigh bridge at Kyneton! \$1,000 later the tour continued. The result was designing a 15' trailer which Lance took up the centre and down the West Coast. Lananda was still over weight so 1980 saw Lance purchase the present day 40' Denning which still pulls the trailer all over Australia.

Today Lance, at almost 62, does the odd tour. In fact if you ring the depot at Oakleigh where the coach and trailer live they often say "Lananda Tours and Carpentry Shop". Lance has a new hobby - building kitchens, tables and whatever.

Lance has semi-retired! One or two trips a year keeps him in touch with the "road". The coach does work around Melbourne with some-one else behind the wheel.

Lance, like every other driver and cook, has many stories to tell about his years on the road. He could fill a book, but would probably be sued for letting the cat out of the bag.

P.S. Lance was A.L.D.E.C.C.S'
first President. !!

By

THE MOONEE VALLEY CLAN

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Our company has been staying at the Opal Cave for many years now, and can't wait to find somewhere better.

Lorraine has a very bad temper and screams at Dieter constantly, that is probably why he is always out getting drunk.

If Dieter is out mining we have found that Lorraine misbehaves terribly. She normally hangs around with alot of black people, and would you believe she quite often doesn't wear any underwear, and believe us that is not good for our passengers considering her age.

The accomodation, grounds and facilities look like a rubbish tip, quite often our passengers are unable to stay under ground due to all the black fellows living there. On one occasion on an accomodated tour, there was no linen, so our passengers had to borrow the black fellows dogs to sleep under them.

Its a miracle if any of the staff know whats going on, this is probably due to the drugs they all take.

Lorraine and Dieter, we know this letter won't win you the correct award, but it might win you the worst place in Coober Pedy, anyway the letter is in the mail.

Hope to see you soon,

M.B. Lorraine + Dieter were rather pleased with the "serious" letter sent to them by "The Higgs Clan"

PROPOSAL:

1. To change the order of business (13c) of the A.G.M. to be held in February 1992 to consider the following proposals.
2. To elect the president one year prior to taking office as president (president elect) and to be on the committee.
3. To allow the retiring president to be on the committee for one year (immediate past president).
(pres. elect/past pres. to substitute for sitting president at any time).
4. To change rule 8e. to read "Any committee member (not pres. or sec/treas.) standing down after completion of their term shall not be eligible for re-election until the next A.G.M.
5. 8a. to include "past president/president elect".
6. To delete 8d.

Proposed by Ross Brooks

Seconded by Maureen Williams