

AUSTRALIAN LONG DISTANCE EXPERIENCED COACH CREWS INCORP



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Hi to all,

Well Spring's almost over and soon it'll be Christmas, as you can see the invitations are here, so get those forms back early and we all look forward to seeing you again on that 1st weekend in February. Next reunion will be our 15th year.

Its amazing how you hear stories and aren't too sure whether they're true or not, so try this one. One morning at 5.30am I was driving my truck full of bread and came across a bloke trying to push his car across the intersection, so I stopped to give him a hand. Between the two of us, we got him going again and I turned around to see my truck rolling down the hill, over the intersection. I chased it but couldn't catch it. It came to rest embedded in a lamp post. I couldn't believe that ten cars drove past and no one stopped to see if I was alright. But to put the icing on the cake, the police came along and booked me for leaving my truck in an un safe manner. It cost me \$90.00, how stiff can you be!!!

On the brighter side, I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and we all look forward to seeing you next February at Valley Homestead in the Ovens Valley.

Regards Bernie.

Seasons Greetings to all,

On behalf of all the committee, we wish all our members and families a very happy and safe Christmas. It's hard to believe that another year has just flown by and our fiftieth reunion is now only eleven weeks away.

It seems many of our members have been busy making babies this year as their have been many children born recently and there are still a few more due in the new year. It seems I spend all my spare time knitting for new arrivals.

All the arrangements for the first weekend in February are now in place and I am looking forward to seeing all, that can manage to come along. We have some great entertainment in store for you on the Saturday night, but you'll just have to wait and see what it is!!

At the A.G.M to be held at 10.00am Sunday 6th of February, we have four positions on the committee available. Standing down are Garry Higginson, Keith Grant, Kevin Bryant and Joy Harry. Elections are to be held.

Bye for now,

Mary

ALDECC PERSONAL'S

We now know why there were a few people missing from the reunion this year. Below you will find the birth notices for ALDECC members for the last month. Congratulations to all!!!

Martin and Ros Lee, a son Stephen

Stuart and Marie Bowker, a daughter Kimbley

Graig and Lee Berry, a daughter Sarah

Rob and Julie Whittington, a daughter Cassie

Tony and Julie Keatley, a son Jed

Rod and Lorraine Leitch, a son Michael

Laurie and Carolyn Walsh, a daughter Caitlin.

And these are only the ones we have heard about!!!!!!!

P.S. Congratulations also to Geoff and Sue Stephenson on the safe arrival of Jessie's seven puppies.

LEST WE FORGET

ODE TO A NEW CREW MEMBER

Lest we forget,
We had a first tour too,
And for some of us,
Who speak with wisdom now
It was not so very long ago.
Have you forgotten so soon,
The anxious moments
And the sleepless nights.
So give them a chance
Our new recruits.
Those, who are willing and eager to please.
Don't destroy their keenness,
with a hasty scorn.
Be they divided in their manner
Or not so swift a foot.
Give them a hand, a word of praise.
A smile and a laugh,
To help them through the difficult phase.
Then stand back and behold,
How proud they are,
When a job well done,
The goal achieved,
And appreciation abound from 44 fold.
Don't ever forget,
You were a Greenhorn too!!

ODE TO A FORGOTTEN BREED - A COURIER

What is it? Who is it?
How does one describe such a character,
Of Courier fame and ill repute.
He is destined to travel this land of ours
Though the road be long and far.
He withstands the elements of heat and rain
And each day plots his course c'mother natures aid.
He has in his charge a mixed flock of 40 or more.
All demanding his attention in some way each day.
With his best foot forward he takes care of them all.
He is gracious and smiling all the while.
And never gets angry when his patience is put to the test.
He carries on with a grin and a silent curse.
Vowing to get his revenge at some other time.
He tells his folk each day the country they'll see,
And wanders the aisle with a map or two.
Depicting the route they'll travel that day.
He describes each town and country dunny when needed
With points of interest picked out along the way.
He assists his folk, to set up their tents
Which is a new and strange experience,
Only one of many to come in the days ahead.
He might spin a yarn, when dinner is done
Of adventures gone by and people he's met.
He enjoys the eagerness of ears willing to listen.
It bolsters his ego as he chatters on and on and on!
He never knows quite when to stop.
Until all his folk have quietly slipped away,
He looks up and gazes around now all alone.
Its time to trundle off to his bin
He is an early riser, when his alarm is working!
And he hastens to waken the slumbering camp.
He is the loader of the coach, with his C.O in charge,
The packer of the tents and kitchen gear too.
He is the raucous voiced guy
Who gets them aboard when ready to roll.
He is loud and boisterous, a lover of games.
A gangly tanglefoot out to have some fun.
He is a groover and a mover
One of the headphone set
Now who do you think this country lad could be
Who has travelled the coast and the red centre too,
And now he's to start all over again.
It's none other than our own "Farmer Mal".

CHRISTMAS

