

# ALDECC 1996



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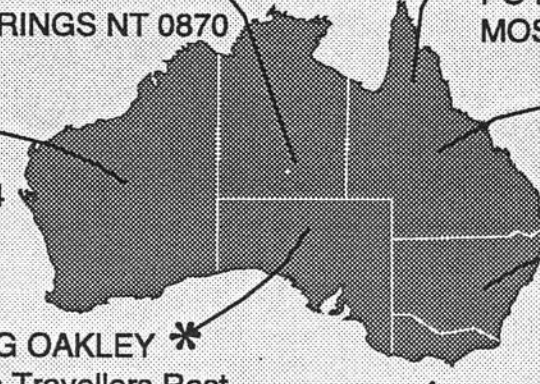
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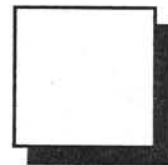
**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION \$15      DUE DATE 1 February, 1996**  
**JOINING FEE \$5 (plus Annual Subscription of \$15)**

Membership is open to extended tour coach crew employed for a period not less than twelve months full time (full time casual for hosties and cooks) on tours of a duration of 7 days or more (5 days or more for Tasmanian crew).

### ARE YOUR ALDECC SUBS NOW DUE???

If at the time of preparing this newsletter, our records indicate you to be unfinancial, an X will appear in this square.

Orange is one year overdue. Green is two years overdue.



**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**  
Please advise our Secretary of the change

### ALDECC APPAREL

*Iron-on Transfers - Black or White*      \$3.00  
*Transfers and Stickers*                      \$5.00  
*Replacement Badges*                          \$5.00

Please place your orders with the Secretary  
Cheques or money orders payable to ALDECC Inc.

\*\* Remember to include your postal address!\*\*

**FROM THE PRESIDENT  
& SECRETARY**

HI TO ALL,

Well, here we are half the year gone! I hope the past six months has been happy and fulfilling for all members and friends. Mr. Ian Purtilt attained the very BIG (for a little fellow) "40" a short time ago. A large number of members travelled to home base DENI. To help him get through the night in such a way that he would at least remember part of the festivities. A great night was had by all with Brunch served the next morning cooked by Ian himself and several other "sore heads" from the night before!

Mr. Bernie Greely has decided to give up the famous BREAD TRUCK after many years of keeping friends in bread each time he came to visit! Don't WORRY about your future Bernie! After your speech or comedy routine at Purtilt's party you could walk into the LAST LAUGH comedy venue and lay them in the aisles. Greely started with a written speech, but soon drifted into an unprepared comedy act! He was fairly sober too!

Thanks to all the members who have taken the time and effort to complete and return the ALDECC register form. For those who have not done theirs yet, please do so and return them to Barb so we can have the gaps filled in. (I am still working on mine!)

Included in this letter is a newspaper clipping which may be of interest to some members and friends who were at Valley Homestead several years ago! A trivia night was organised which caused lots of controversy over some of the answers etc. This newspaper clipping suggests he may have had BIGGER things on his mind!

The committee also sent, on behalf of all ALDECC members, flowers and condolences to the family of the unfortunate coach captain who died at Port Arthur.

REGARD KB

GREETINGS

A note to carry on from KB. I wish to thank Jim Hayward very much with his help in organising the flowers. The coach captain who died was Royce Thompson from Tigerline. Jim was able to help me find out where to send our flowers and condolences. Thanks again, Jim.

Keep sending in your register forms. I have to admit I haven't done mine yet either, but it is happening! If you need another form just let me know. We will have the forms at the next reunion as well. We would like to have the register done for the 20th reunion. It does take time to transfer the information so don't wait until the last minute.

Another sad note. Charlie Davis passed away April 30. We send our thoughts to Jeanice. Charlie has been fighting cancer for several years.

For those members who were on the road in the seventies you may have know Lindsay McDermott, "DOC", who worked for Grendas and then AAT as a coach captain. He passed away last year, but we only found out in the past couple of months. His family is donating a Dennis Fire Truck he spent many hours doing up to the Transport Hall Of Fame in his memory.

Plans for next years reunion are underway. We have had to go with the times and set the price for the full weekend at \$110. per adult. Sorry, but we have done very well for 4 years at keeping the same price. Remember to mark Friday Jan 31 to Sunday Feb. 2 1997 on your calender as ALDECC REUNION. We look forward to seeing you at HARRIETVILLE ALPINE LODGE in 1997!

We finally have some photos from the Mt. Brechan reunion in 1992! Many thanks to Sandra Plunkett (re Walters). There is a wonderful group photo which indicates how much GREY HAIR Was NOT around in our membership in 1992! The photos taken by Mary Kirk at the last Valley Homestead reunion have been found so will be at the next reunion.

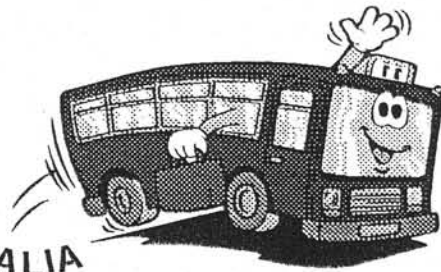
Remember to send in any information you feel others should know about so we can put it in the newsletter. Have you returned to a special place and been surprised at the changes? Let us know as somebody else my want to go their and your information could be of interest.

We hope the newsletter finds everyone in a positive frame of mind for winter!

REGARDS BARB

# MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

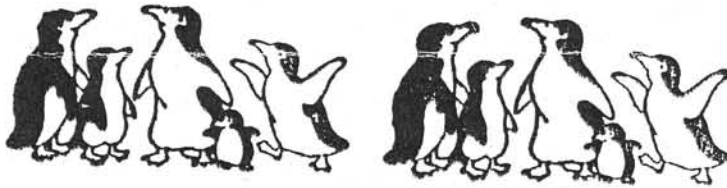
SECRET  
BIG M STARTS THE NEW FINACIAL YEAR  
AGE 40!  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY



Changes happen all of the time in the tourist industry, as we all know. You return to places after several years and you are unable to go to an area you have always gone to!! Well, that is not the only change on Phillip Island!! Not only have the powers that be turned the place into a concrete viewing area, guaranteed to give you PILES, but you can now book the time you want the penguins come in!! Ian Purtill was most surprised to be told this by a perspective client!! The client had worked out the group itinerary and stated he wanted the PENGUINS to come in at 4:30pm giving the group time to get back to their motel for tea! TOURIST NEVER CHANGE.

It was noted by a committee member that having Ashley Reed as a ranger at the PENGUINS really won't change the fact that they come in at dusk no matter what this tourist wants.

By the way, if you are wanting to catch up with "Garden Gnome", Ashley Reed, he is now a Ranger at the Penguin Parade.



BABIES ARE HAPPENING AGAIN!!

Ashley & Eve Reed now have a daughter called Zoe.

Paul & Liz Pincini now have a daughter Jessica.

Ian & Mary Purtill have a brother for Emily called Timothy

CONGRATULATION FROM US ALL



This is the article KB refers to in his report. Herald Sun, Saturday, May '18, '1996

# Quiz king lawyer stole from client

By NORRIE ROSS,  
Supreme Court reporter

**A SALE of the Century** champion who stole \$24,000 from a client of his legal firm received a suspended jail term yesterday.

Justice David Byrne told solicitor Jonathon Robert Clift, a \$250,000 winner in 1993, the public had a right to have unreserved trust in the legal profession.

The Supreme Court heard Clift took the money to prop up his ailing legal firm, Vaccaro and Associates, within 18 months of going all the way in the quiz show.

Justice Byrne said the betrayal of his client's trust was serious and he did not accept a defence submission he should be placed on a bond.

He jailed Clift for a total of nine



Sales: Clift won \$250,000 in 1993.

months, suspended for 12 months. The judge said although the sum taken was relatively small he did not want the public to think the courts took a breach of trust lightly.

"Your shame is our shame," Justice Byrne told him.

Clift, 40, of Prince St, Myrtleford, pleaded guilty to two counts each

of theft and having an unexplained deficiency in his trust account. The court heard he took money he was holding on behalf of a 25-year-old woman who had inherited \$250,000.

Justice Byrne said an aggravating factor was that Clift tried to put in a bad light a woman who uncovered the thefts.

The court heard Clift transferred the money from a trust account into both his firm's account and a personal account in December 1994 and January 1995.

He hid the first \$11,197 payment by putting a false account on the file of the client's mother and the second \$12,919 payment by noting it in a ledger as an overseas remittance to the client who was in the US.

The judge said Clift was lucky his wife and family had stood by him and he could use this to start anew.

Clift has been struck from the roll of practising solicitors.



## A DAY ON THE TRACK



On the way to breakfast I noticed the sky was clear of rain clouds. It will help the moral after yesterdays trip in the wet!!

"Nothing like a good campfire breakfast" I said to the group.

"Maggot Breath, it's easy to see you did not cook it" replied the cook.

Someone in the group said, "We think that the Cook and Maggot Breath really care about each other!"

"Like molten lava" came from the cooks mouth! "Care about a person like HIM!" For a moment it seemed the cook would blow her FU FU valve!

To change the subject, I quickly said, "The Cruiser leaves in 5 min. If you are not here I will assume you are not coming today." What a scramble as everyone grabbed their gear for the day.

"Don't forget cameras, film, runners, hat, water bottle and what ever else you may need."

Fair Dinkum, it was like taking kids to Luna Park! It is hard to imagine grown people acting this way.

The closer we drove towards the Rock, the more excited the group became! At last!! The moment everyone had been waiting for. THE CLIMB!!

The chant "We are going to climb the ROCK!!" suddenly stopped as the group saw the size of the monolith in front of them. The climbers quietly left on their trip.

Swirling dust caused by the aircraft and carried on the wind, was blowing towards us and covered the people still outside the terminal building. While the scenic flights were in progress, it gave me a chance to do running repairs on the Cruiser. As a result I got covered in dust too!

Favourable comments were passed about the quality of the scenic flights, as we made our way to the climb to await the arrival of the brave! The sight was better than Worth's Circus. Coming down the chain was mostly our group yarrhooing!!!

"Where can I Hide?" I bleated to Donger.

"Don't worry," he said, "My lot are just as bad!"

Well we had the last laugh, because most were wobbly legged, while a few dropped to the ground, crying hysterically. I have never before seen passengers in such distressed state. The only way to help was a trip to the Nursing Sister's Surgery for treatment.

Back to camp for lunch, Cook said, "Scaring passengers again! Maggot Breath?"

"Hey! be fair, you know I'm not like that!!" I replied.

"At the conclusion of lunch we will make our way to the Stately Olgas, then back to Sunset Strip for photos"

Quite a few groans came from within the group as I mentioned the walk through Mt. Olga Gorge. It seems some of the group are not as fit as they think. "At least it will be cool!" I said.

Dozing, with the sun streaming through the windows was pleasant. However it did not last for long as a few of the sore brigade joined me, and wanted to know if I would be interested in massaging thighs and legs.

"All in a days work. I will have the goanna oil warmed up after dinner."

"Maggot Breath has hands like an Octopus, so watch him ladies." was the comment from Cook.

"That wasn't called for," was my reply.

On return from the Olgas, I parked at Sunset Strip with dozen of others including Leadfoot, Donger and many more.

The trouble with Sunset Strip is the dust. If it had not rained we would not see the Rock for dust. The view is not bad this time, so photos should be okay.

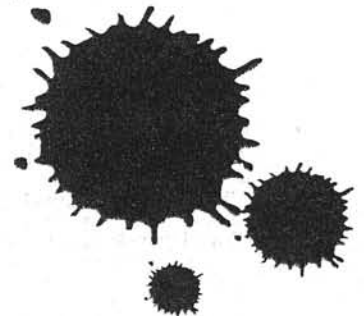
Cook had the day to do the things cooks do at the Rock. The evening meal was ready and waiting. Do not ask what the cook has done all day as it is bad luck!!

"Great dinner, Cook," the group chant as they eat. "Under such harsh condition, Cook always provides us with great meals." they said. Everyone was really hungry after their long day with lots of exorcise and great sights to see and explore.

"After we help Cook clean up and put things away, we will take you to a great slide show. The show raises money for THE ROYLE FLYING DOCTOR " I announced.

The day ends on a happy note with some people feeling very proud of themselves having made the TOP OF THE ROCK and seeing some great sights. Cook is happy too! Maybe the number of Bundy's Cook had shouted may have something to do with her HAPPY mood!

SANDMAN



**WELL IT HAS HAPPENED  
THE NEW GENERATION OF BUS OPERATORS  
HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND  
'PURTILL VALLEY COACHES'  
HAS BEEN FORMED.**



**DANIEL & JOSHUA HIGGINSON HAVE BEEN  
INTRODUCED TO  
EMILY & NIKKI PURTILL, WEDDING PLANS  
ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE YEAR 2016.**

**SEE HOW HAPPY THE FATHER IN LAWS ARE,  
YOU SHOULD SEE GRANDPA (RAY HIGGO),  
HE IS OVER THE MOON!!!!!!!!!!.**