

# ALDECC 1998



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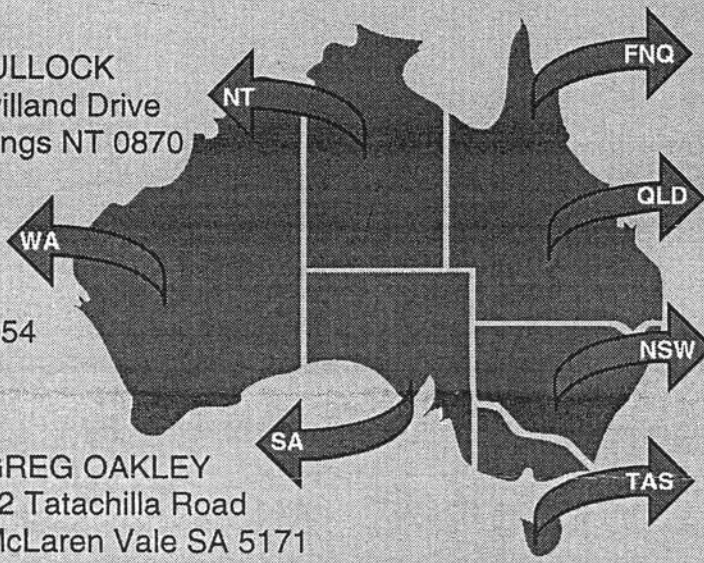
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**Annual Subscription: \$15 (Couple \$20) Due: 1 Feb, 1998**  
**Joining Fee: \$5 (plus Annual Subscription of \$15)**

Membership is open to extended tour coach crew employed for a period not less than 12 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

**LOGO ITEMS**

Iron-on Transfers - Black or White	No charge
Transfers and Stickers	No charge
Replacement Badges	\$5.00

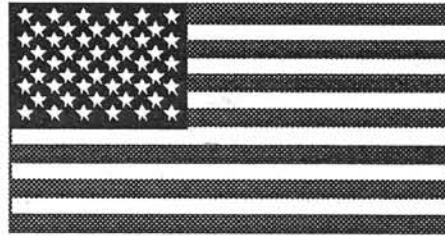
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Cheques or money orders payable to ALDECC Inc.  
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT  
& SECRETARY**

Welcome to Spring and the colour in the garden. Might be weeds, in some cases, but who cares as long as it means the cold weather is over. Those of us in Victoria and along the border in NSW hope the cold weather's gone for a long time, if we need **GAS** for heating!! Listening to some of the people complain about not being able to have a hot shower, made me realise how many Australians haven't been on a camping tours with lots of bush camps or camped in National Parks. The night we didn't have power as well for several hours, was interesting, but we made it through. Life can be a bitch!

Sorry this newsletter is late, but I have been in the United States visiting my family. It was my parents 50th wedding anniversary so we had a party!!



For those who didn't know, I am Half & Half. I made the exchange complete by coming to Australia in 1969 for two years! I guess Australia won for me as I have no plans to return to the US to live. I became an Australian in 1975 and my mother became an American in 1949, so there you are.

I had a great time seeing all of my brother and sisters kids and doing the family things you do, but I am really happy to be back where I belong. Peter Allen is right "I still call Australia Home".

REGARDS, BARB

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The committee is hard at work getting everything ready for

**"THE PARTY" JAN. 29, 30 & 31 1999**

**PRICE \$120**

The full weekend is \$120 for adults, one night \$90 for adults and \$50 for children 5 to 15. There is no charge for under 5.

If you want to come, you must let Barb know right away as accommodation at Valley Homestead needs to be sorted out so everyone has a bed. You will find a booking sheet at the back of the newsletter to return with \$10 deposit for each adult. Remember to put the ages down for any children you plan to bring as we need this information for their "Party". There are **no cots** for babies and young children so you need to bring these with you.

There will be a coach going up Friday morning, as well as the 6:30pm coach. Details in the next newsletter.

**"COMMEMORATIVE PORT"  
PRICE \$15**

If you would like to order a bottle of 20th Anniversary port to pick up at the "Party" please let Barb know so we can order the number of bottles we need. There is an order form on the back of this newsletter.

**MEMORABILIA**

We are asking everyone to bring along items from your touring days, to show others. **EXAMPLE:** Higgs has a video of past tours which were recorded on slides in the first place. We will have a TV & video machine for watching videos people might bring. Others are bringing photo albums. How about some of those bogs and not so good positions coaches and people can get themselves into?! We hear some good stories and we are sure some of these have been documented on film!! If you have anything, bring it along. It was also suggested we bring our first uniforms we had to wear. Bet most of us wouldn't be able to fit into them any more!! (TOO BIG OR SMALL!)

**REGARDS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



Yvonne and Glen Bradely have been travelling around up north-Alice Springs, Darwin, Kakadu and the Kimberly's and they say it has been great. They caught up with Molly Clark, after she broke her hip. She is recovering very well. Molly is still out collecting fire wood and entertaining her guests. If you don't know, Molly runs Old Andado Station on the edge of the Simpson Desert. She is part of our history.

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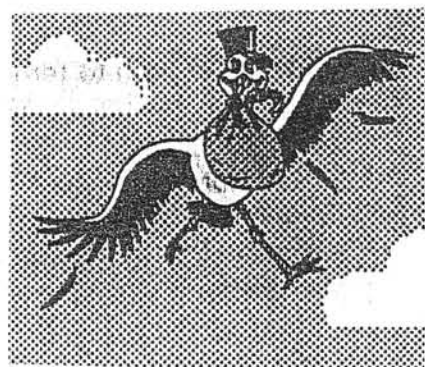
Stan & Ruth Tidy rang with the sad news that Brent Timberley passed away on Friday October 9th in New Zealand. Brent had to stop work several years ago and went onto the Lung transplant program. He finally had the transplant and was enjoying life until the body rejected the transplant. We think he was about 58. Brent was on the road in the early 70's.

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**THE CIRCLING STORK HAS LANDED AGAIN.**

Geoff & Jan Hickmott have a baby boy!  
Jack William was born on Sept 19th

"Granny" Ruth Bannon has a new Grandson.  
The Bannon name carries on!!



## Marriage "Swan Hill Style"

First you need a Bride & Groom.

Next you need a "Widow-maker".

A Priest who talks about branches falling from the "Widow-maker".

Wind to make the "Widow-maker" creek at the right moment.

Guests from the travel industry with their typical quick wit.

**What do we have?**



**The marriage of "Big M' (Mary Meyer) and Alfie Greenham!**

The reporters say, Mary shed many a tear. Mary, herself said, She "mucked up the vows", but then how many really get it right!?

The photos taken by Lyn Higginson showed how well everyone can scrub up when they want to. Mary looked most unlike a "Coach Cook" and Alfie looked most "dapper" in his wedding clothes.

There was one interesting observation made by Sheryl Gillespie. Two cartons of Bundy was purchased for the day. The next morning it was noticed that there was half a case of Bundy, BUT NO COFFEE LEFT!!! Are we aging?



When you organise your own catering for your wedding it is important to get someone to serve the meal and look after those important jobs like collecting the dirty dishes and **WASHING** them. There is also the **POTS & PANS** which need to be dealt with!

**GUESS WHAT???**

The serving went well!!! **BUT**, when it came to the washing up, well, they decided it wasn't their job! **DID THEY GET PAID?????**

**IF YOU WANT BREAKFAST, START WASHING AND DRYING!!**

Most guests stayed at Pental Island for the night. They fronted up to breakfast only to be greeted with, "Start washing or have a tea towel." "Boxhead" said to Mary, "I'll buy you a tats ticket for a year if you can get Tony Keatley to dry dishes!!"

"Boxhead" is buying the ticket!!



**THERE IS GOING TO BE A  
"PARTY"**

**WHEN?**

**JANUARY 29, 30, & 31, 1999**

**WHERE?**

**VALLEY HOMESTEAD,**

ALDECC IS 20 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR AND WE ARE HAVING A "PARTY"!! THE THEME IS A "PARTY" AND WE HOPE YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN.

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE THINKING ABOUT COMING SO PLEASE RETURN THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM WITH A \$10. BOOKING DEPOSIT FOR EACH ADULT. INCLUDE AGES OF CHILDREN.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER WHO WOULD ENJOY CATCHING UP WITH "OLD" FRIENDS AND MIGHT LIKE TO COME? IF SO, INCLUDE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR BOOKING FORM.

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NAMES: MEMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ REFUND REFUNDABLE.

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**COMMEMORATIVE  
PORT**

SPECIAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY LABLE PORT  
PRICE \$15

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT DUE WHEN PAYING FOR WEEKEND OR  
WHEN YOU ORDER