

ALDECC 1999



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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.



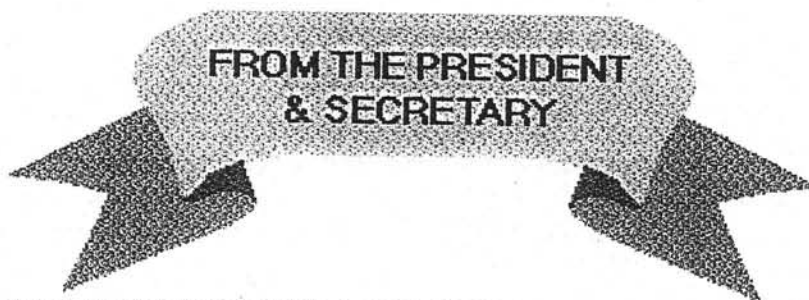
CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
Please advise our Secretary of the change

LOGO ITEMS

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

Please place your orders with the Secretary
Cheques or money orders payable to ALDECC Inc.
** Remember to include your postal address! **





WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR 1999.

The 20th Anniversary Party has come and gone!! I would like to thank all of you who made the effort to come for helping to make it such a big success!!

As far as the committee was concerned it was a magnificent weekend. We thank the past committee for all their hard work in planning and organization and Valley Homestead for being so helpful and making everyone feel welcome. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

On behalf of Barb and myself we would like to welcome all the new members of the committee and hope we have a good time together over the next 2 years.

I hope this message finds you all well.

Till next time, **HIGGO**

HI EVERYONE,

As you can see from the first message of this newsletter, **Ray Higginson** was elected as President. Yes, I am still here. No one else would accept nomination for the job so **Barb Conner** stays as Secretary. Our new committee members are: **Chris Pearce, John Whitelock, Brett Stafford, Garry Mathewson** and **Alison Coop**. **Kevin Gouff, Jeff DeJersey, Ian Purtil** and **Ruth Bannon** complete the 1999 ALDECC Committee.

We have had our first meeting and I'm sure we will have a good time. Plans are underway already to make **ALDECC'S "COMING OF AGE"**, reunion a good one. The location will be **VALLEY HOMESTEAD** and the Date, set at the AGM, is the first weekend in Feb. 2000. **FEBRUARY 4, 5 & 6, 2000!!!**

I would like to thank a few people for their help, who were not on the committee, with the reunion. Kim Gourlay did a wonderful job printing the name tags this year. We had many phone calls back and forth in the last few days adding the last minute names and trying to be sure everyone had a name tag. We slipped up on a couple but all was well in the end.

Helen Merrick-Andrews designed the place mats used for the Saturday night dinner as well as the labels for the wine and the ALDECC Logo on the T shirts.

Mary Greenham (Meyer) made a beautiful 20th Anniversary Cake. It was a chocolate Rum mud cake, of which there was nun left at the end of the night.

Simone and Jeremy did a great job with keeping the kids busy with all sorts of crafts and games. They stayed with the kids while "" the clown was doing his thing. Sparky had the kids spell bound for 2 hours!!!

To all of you, Many Many Thanks for all your help in making a great weekend!!!

20th Anniversary T Shirts.

We have some blue with white writing in sizes 18 & 20 and white with black writing in 18 & 20 left. They are small sizing, unfortunately, but if you would like one they are \$20 each. For those who would like bigger sizes we can order more as long as we get at least 10 to keep the price at the \$20. mark. The sizing goes up to XXXXL. The XXXL was the biggest we had at the weekend. The style of the shirt is a polo neck with a small ALDECC logo on the left front side of the shirt.

To order a T shirt please ring me, Barb, 03 9789 0102, by APRIL 10.

THE ALDECC REGISTER

The Register has been completed, thanks to the hard work of Jeff DeJersey. There are several copies which will stay with the ALDECC photo albums so they can be looked at each reunion. It is available to members to buy if you wish. The cost will be \$22. each which covers the putting together of the book and the postage. If you wish to order a copy of the Register, please ring Barb, 03 9789 0102, by APRIL 10.

We got some great photos of the party on Saturday night. These will be there for all to see at the next reunion. It is amazing as to what comes out in photos!!!

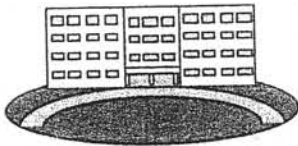
Regards to all,

Barb

20th ANNIVERSARY!! WHAT HAPPENED?? PLENTY!!

THE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE THEIR SAY.

Joy Harry missed her 1st. ALDECC reunion this year! Joy, we hope you are on the road to recovery from glandular fever. It didn't seem the same with you not there!!



Doug Lever had the family organized to come to ALDECC, but decided maybe he should have a trip to the Doctors first. Just as well as Doug was not a well boy at all!! He ended up in hospital and having surgery!!

We hope everything is going well for you now. See you at ALDECC next year!!

If you see Julie or Tony Keatley over the next year, just remind them that ALDECC is Feb. 4,5&6, 2000! Why remind them, you ask? Well, the Keatley family packed up the car with the kids and everything required for the reunion. They arrived Friday afternoon, but couldn't find anyone. You see, they were

ONE WEEK EARLY!!

Upon discovering their mistake Tony got himself a beer out of the esky in the back of the station wagon, got into the passengers seat and Julie drove home!

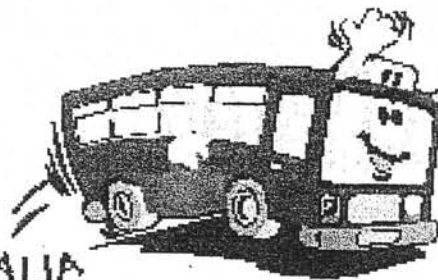
Okay if you live in Albury, but the Keatley home is in

UNGARIE,

which is about 24ks. North of WEST WYALONG!!!



MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



A Rum Story

Phil Bourke (Philby) has recently joined Hotlinks &ndash an Internet service provider for private and business connections &ndash and advises that whether you like it dark, light, spiced or mixed into creamy or fruity concoctions, rum is undoubtedly the favorite libation throughout the ALDECC fraternity.

When sugar is produced, the by-products of molasses and juice are often fermented into rum. Most Caribbean rums are used in mixed drinks (such as pina colodas, fruit flavoured daiquiris and tropical punches), but a few of the best ones are suitable for drinking straight, like a fine cognac or whiskey. Some tropical rums are extremely dry, while others are very sweet and some of the more exotic ones are flavoured with local herbs and spices. Tropical rums are also frequently used in food products originating in the islands including the popular Caribbean rum cakes.

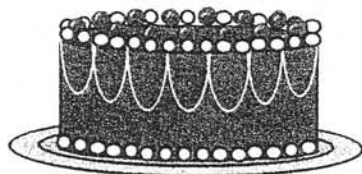
The colours of Caribbean rums vary by ho they are aged. The darker ones derive their distinctive colour and flavour from the oak barrels that they are held in during the aging process. Traditionally the best rums in the Caribbean are the dark varieties that originate on Barbados and Jamaica, but Cruzan (from the U.S. Virgin Islands) and Bacardi (from Puerto Rica) are renowned for their white rums.

Those of you who surf the web should try the two most entertaining rum sites for Bundy (www.bundabergrum.aust.com) and Bacardi (www.bacardi.com) with music, clubs, screen savers, recipes and more. You can get Bundy rum merchandise (www.ozemail.com.au/~cantbury/bundy.html) and Captain Morgan (www.rum.com/porthole.html) has a newsletter, competitions and even the Morganette of the month.

Regrettably Coruba (The Rum Company, Jamaica) hasn't quite reached the Internet but Petr, from Prague has the Coruba label and 3028 other rum labels from 72 countries in full colour for you to download (www.rum.cz/1250/index.html#start).

I would be pleased to hear from any other members on the web philby@hotlinks.net.au or tel. 03 9416 4155.

Phil Bourke



RUM CAKE



Room 25 is missing!! A certain member of ALDECC was given room 25 to sleep in for the weekend. At 3am Saturday morning this member decided he had better find his bed. When he reached 23 and the rooms stopped he decided he had better go ask John, our host from Valley Homestead, just where 25 was. John headed him in the correct direction. He found 24, but no 25. He decided he couldn't be bothered looking any more so climbed into the Lananda Coach, which happened to be outside of room 24. He found a seat and settled down for the rest of the night. In the morning light **KB** discovered room 25 was just outside the window from where he attempted to sleep!!
NOTE: The other members, sharing the room, wished he hadn't found the room as he slept very loudly Saturday night!



Do you recognize this man?? It's **HAZIE !!** (Graeme Hayes). There were a lot of confused people when they first saw him upon arriving at ALDECC last January. Hazie decided he wanted to be able to see without having to wear his Milk bottle thick glasses any more. Laser Treatment was the way to go!! The result, no more thick glasses. In fact, it means no more glasses, unless he is trying to "read" something. It was decided "**we**" couldn't cope with Hazie not being recognized, without his glasses so he was presented with new glasses at the **ALDECC AWARDS** dinner, Saturday night. **It has been over 40 years since Hazie has looked at the world without glasses!**

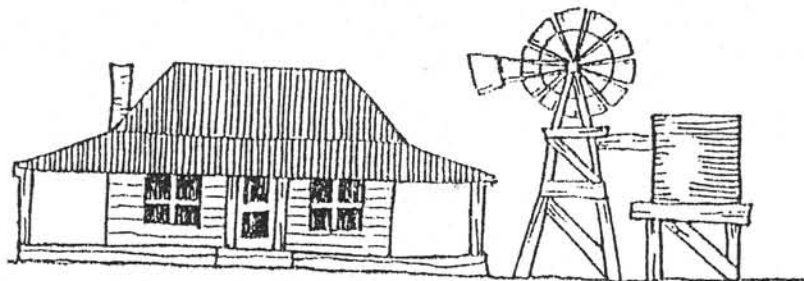
BY THE WAY, HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY FOR THIS LAST JANUARY!!

What a great weekend, catching up with everyone after a lot of years. It was entertaining from start to finish. The entertainment was great on Saturday night, in fact it continued after we went to bed. The problem was He was out of tune. "**Was there someone snoring in room 19?**"

The table decorations caused many a grown man to want to cry if they didn't have a sticker under their seat. You see, the decorations were **toy buses** with ALDECC printed on them and balloons on the top. The "boys & girls" played with their buses all night, but only 2 people on each table could take one home!!

Karen Rodway, Kim Brown and Marian Calf had quite an effect on our entertainer, Rodney Vincent. We weren't sure when the police arrived if they were there to protect Rodney as he left or had we all enjoyed ourselves so much that we disturbed the neighbour down the road!??

We were pleased to here the group who set off to P### in **GRIZZLE-GUTS** tank, didn't make it. They were heading for the wrong one!! Some people in this world just can't cope with others enjoying themselves!!!



"Family gathering" Often we have likened ourselves to an "on road family". The atmosphere which was created was family oriented. The weekend was such that the whole "family" was able to relax and catch up with each other as well as enjoy the entertainment put on for us and the kids, but not stop the feeling of being together.

"A GREAT FAMILY GATHERING"