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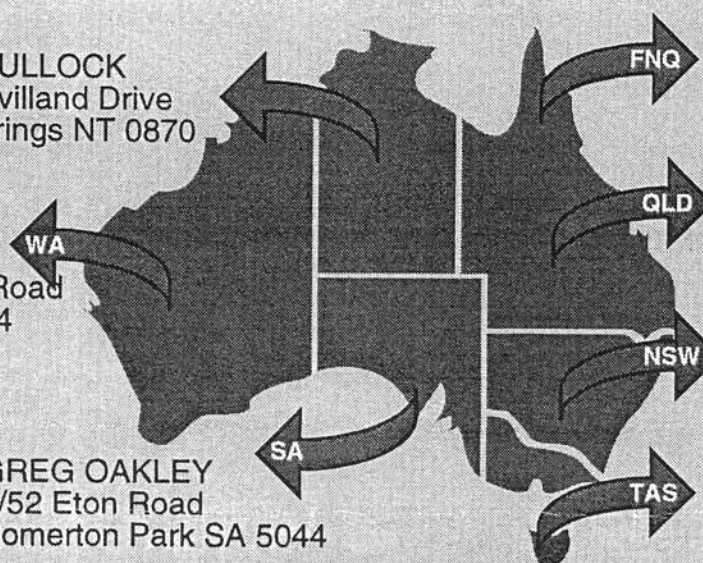
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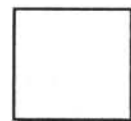
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FROM THE PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

Hello to everyone around Australia,

By the time you get this newsletter the Olympic's will be over and the "Other" Olympics will be about to start. Did you stop with "everyone else in Australia" to watch Kathy Freeman make her country feel proud? There were many moments during these Olympic's when Australia's Olympians made all the build up worth the trouble.

For those who went to the Olympics, we hope you enjoyed it all and had a positive time. For those of use who watched or listened, at home, we hope you enjoyed what you saw and everything is coming back to normal.



For those who worked at the Olympics, we hope it wasn't a negative experience all of the time. Quite a few of our members were involved in the transport side of the activities and by all reports it had some very "interesting moments". The committee says thanks to those who were involved in "transport", but we were glad it wasn't us!!

22nd. Reunion 2001

We hope everyone has put Feb.2, 3 & 4 2001 on the calender!! The Golf afternoon on Sat. 3rd. is being organized and should be a lot of fun. As was pointed out in the last newsletter, you don't have to be a golfer to join the fun. All the details for the activity will be in the last newsletter this year.

The price for the weekend has been set out as follows:

**Full weekend per adult= \$140 includes GST
(2 nights and all meals)**

**One night= \$107 includes GST
(includes 2 lunches, 1 Breakfast & Dinner)**

**Children 5 to 15 years= \$61 includes GST
(the same for one or two nights)**

Children under 5 free

We realize there is a jump from last year due to the GST, but we hope everyone will still want to come a see their friends from the "Road" and enjoy what should be a fun weekend. The plans are coming into place and the committee has some interesting fun planned for Saturday nights dinner. We are leaving the theme as a surprise. The decorations committee has everything in "hand"!!

Cheers, Higgo & Barb & the committee

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



Middle Age!! who needs it!!

There are those of us who think we will always be just fine and the health warnings are for everyone else. We forget we were young once and did, what we wanted, when we wanted, which has a lot to do with how we are later on in life.

Celwyn Curtis and Bryn Hillman know the feeling, just to mention two of our ALDECC members.

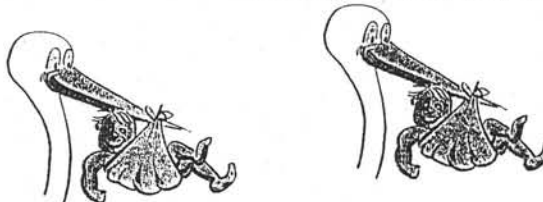
Celwyn had a heart attach several weeks ago. He is home and taking life just a bit easier. We wish you well and remember to rest when the body says so!! Do what the Doctour says!!

Bryn had a scare with his heart while trying to keep all these "idiot buses" where they were supposed to be for the Olympics. We wish you well and remember to delegate a bit more. You can't do it all yourself.

**"A LOUD MESSAGE TO US ALL!! IT CAN HAPPEN TO US!!"
"AGE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!!"**

Yes, You are seeing double!!

Karen & Mick Rodway have twins!!!
Matthew & Jason were born in July.
Brother Lachlan will have his hands full
helping Mum & Dad!!

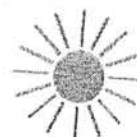
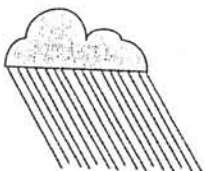


Ren & Joy Kelly have joined the Grandparents Club with the help of their daughter, Tory. Tory & Phil McNabb had a baby boy, Declan in April.
For those of us who remember "little Tory", we just get used to aging some more!!

The weather in Sydney is no different to Melbourne!!! Full sun for a week and all hell breaks out the next!!

Just ask Jo Wigg, when you see her at the reunion!! Jo was one of the many thousands who went to the Olympics. The Hillman's was home base. Off she went with hat and sun screen for a couple of days. Wakes up to find rain so all the wet weather gear is on and off she goes!! Guess what? The sun came out and Jo came home looking like a lobster!!! Jo, don't you remember telling your passengers to be prepared for anything??!!

The Rod Leitch family also saw some of the Olympic activities and they left home without wet weather gear for everyone!! They have forgotten it does rain in Australia, just not very often in Benalla!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO SIMONE!!

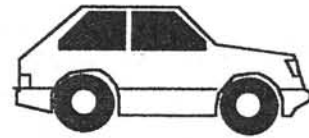
Our "little" Simone has made it to **18!** Mum & Dad Grant aren't sure how she managed to survived the years to get there, but she has. Parents always say these things, particularly when they are truly proud of the child they have brought into this world.

Simone has something else to be very happy and proud about!! Simone has received her **Queen's Scout Award!** About 125 went to see Simone get this award and watch a presentation of the work and fun times involved in working towards her Queen's Scout honor . **Well done, Simone!**

FROM GOLD TO DIAMONDS!!

The glitter of gold is changing to the sparkle diamonds for Hazie. Yes he's on the move again!

Hazie came down to Melbourne for Simone's big night and as far as he was concerned the only change to come in his life was a new car!! Well he's got that, but it looks like spending a lot of time without it's owner as Hazie is going to work for Argyle Diamond mines and they do all your transporting around the place! Hazie will be leaving all of his worldly goods in Perth and he will be flown to work by his new boss!!! **What a life!!**



NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members from Tassie. We wish to welcome Geoff Able and Stephen Larissey. Those of you who have worked in Tassie over the years would know Geoff & Stephen. Welcome to you from the rest of the ALDECC Members throughout Australia.

Clear Job Directions

A new employee is hired at the Tickle Me Elmo factory. The personnel manager explains her duties, and tells her to report to work promptly at 8:00AM.

The next day at 8:45AM, there's a knock at the personnel manager's door. The assembly line foreman comes in and starts ranting about this new employee. He says she's incredibly slow, and the whole line is backing up.

The foreman takes the personnel manger down to the factory floor to show him the problem. Sure enough, Elmos are backed up all over the place. At the end of the line is the new employee. She has a roll of the material used for the Elmos and a big bag of marbles. They both watch as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles, and starts sewing the little package between Elmo's legs!

The personnel manager starts laughing hysterically. After several minutes, he pulls himself together, walks over to the woman, and says, "I'm sorry, I guess you misunderstood me yesterday. Your job is to give two test **tickles!**"

The joy of camping!

Sherlock Holmes and Mr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down in their tent for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars."

"What does that tell you?" Holmes questioned.

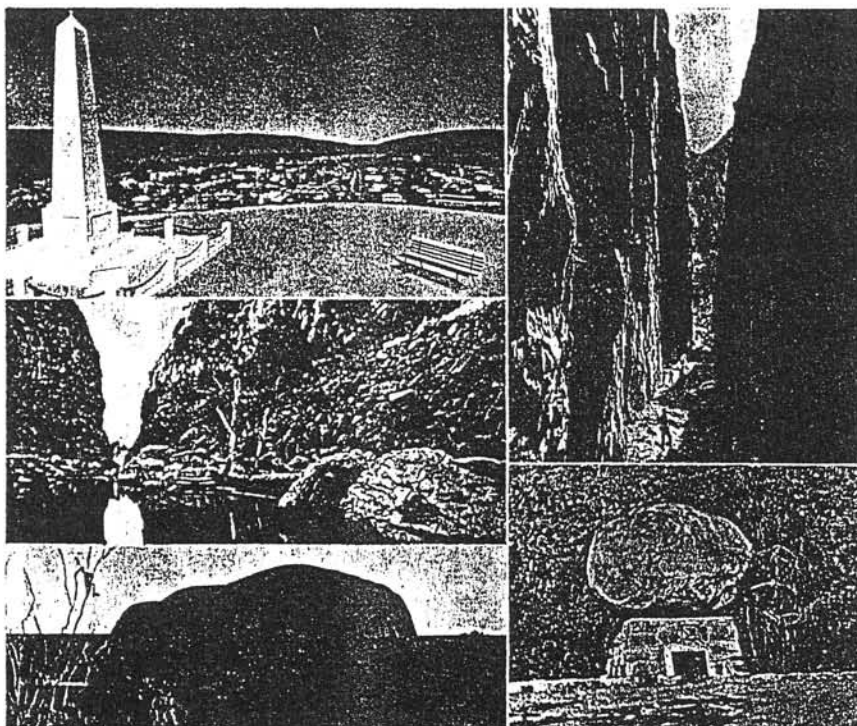
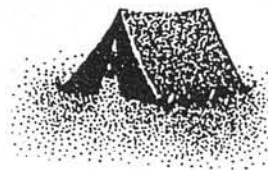
Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe Saturn is in Leo. Logically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Is that all?", Holmes asked.

"Yes." Watson replied. "Why, am I missing something?"

Holmes was quiet for a moment, "Watson, someone has stolen the F### tent!"

Geoff Jamieson sends his regards to all and said he is working at the Mossman Golf Club Shop. If you are in the area look him up. If he isn't in the shop, he will be out playing golf. He also sent a copy of the 1966 "The Inland Review" which has some great adds some of us will remember. Following is a sample of some of the adds. The copy of the magazine will be at the reunion for you to have a good look.



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SOUTHERN HOLIDAY FOR CENTRE CHILDREN

Each year Central Australia is the Mecca for thousands of tourists from interstate and overseas.

Each year the trickle of a few years back becomes a flood as more and more travellers pour into The Alice to see for themselves the natural wonders of the colorful Centre.

And each year, too, a group of Centralian kids leaves by air for three weeks' holiday at O'Sullivan's Beach, in South Australia.

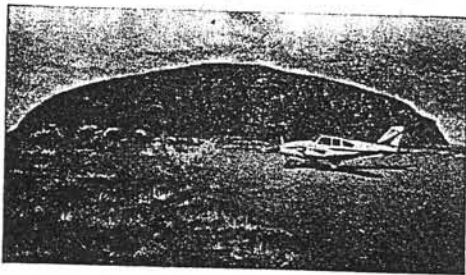
Few local committees working to raise funds for charitable organisations in Central Australia would support a worthier cause than the Centralian Children's Holiday Camp Scheme, which seeks to raise \$3,000 this year to give forty children, carefully selected without regard for race or creed, a never-to-be-forgotten holiday at the beach.

The story of this annual junior exodus from The Alice goes back to pre-war days, and is far too long to be told here.

But in 1947 "Skipper" Partridge, A.I.M. Resident Padre in Alice Springs, saw an urgent need to revive the scheme and approached Mrs. Agnes East for help.



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* Ayers Rock — Central Australia

AYERS ROCK TOURS
OUTBACK MAIL RUN TOURS

Twenty children attended the first post-war camp, under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, Headmistress of the Junior School of the Adelaide Presbyterian Girls' School.

The youngsters came from all over the Territory. It was wet in the Top End, and one lad rode all the way from Borooloola to the bitumen on horseback, then travelled by car to The Alice to join the party moving south by train.

Sleepers on the Ghan were not available, and the youngsters slept on their swags.

Local residents contributed funds for the 1948 camp . . . and again twenty children from The Centre had three weeks at the beach, this time under the supervision of A.I.M. Sister Nancy Ingals, assisted by Padre Colin Ford and his wife Margaret. The 1948 camp was staffed by volunteer helpers from the Presbyterian Girls' School and Scotch College.

A badge day held in 1948 raised sufficient funds to purchase an old house at The Grange, known as "Warrawee." The roof leaked, but nobody minded.

Later, when the A.I.M. decided to convert "Warrawee" to a convalescent home for Northern Territory children, there were fears that the scheme would come to an end.

In 1960 the youngsters missed their beach holiday, but the following year a committee, under Mrs. East, called a well-attended public meeting, from which emerged the present Centralian Children's Holiday Camp Scheme.

In 1962 the youngsters were off again . . . this time travelling both ways by air. They had their holiday in new surroundings at the National Fitness Camp at O'Sullivan's Beach. The pilot camp was such a success that the committee has worked hard each year to ensure the scheme is kept very much alive for the benefit of Centralian children.

In 1947 twenty children in need of a holiday were packed off to the beach by train, and six days were taken up in travelling.

In January, 1967, forty youngsters will fly out of The Alice bound for the beach, and it is quite likely that these little ambassadors from Central Australia, who invariably win the hearts of southerners whenever they arrive for their annual camp, will, in the not too distant future, be travelling by jet aircraft . . . a far cry from the long and tedious train journey of twenty years ago.

CENTRALIAN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP APPEAL 1967



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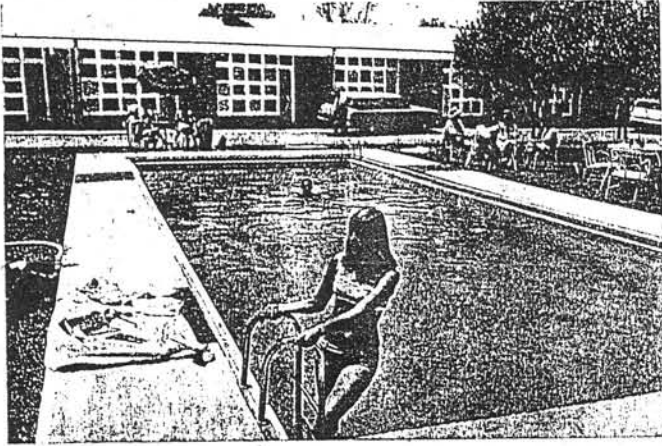
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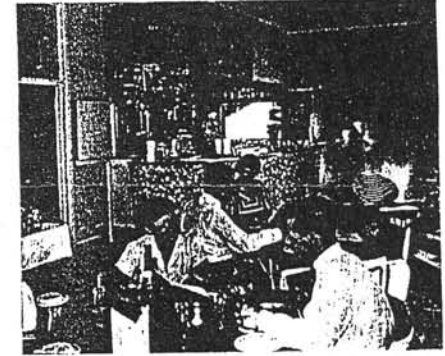
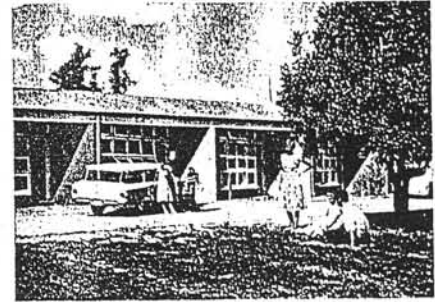
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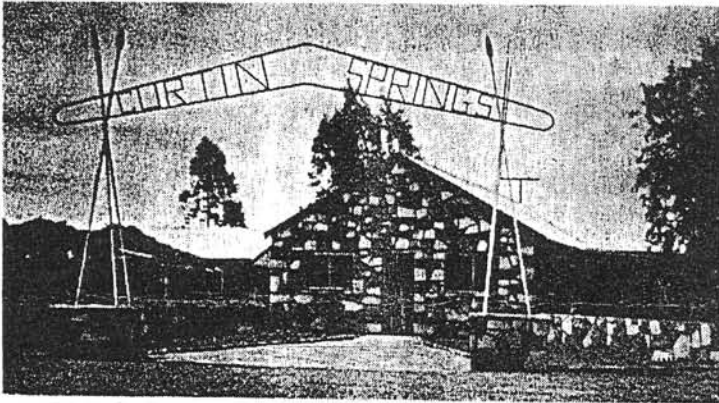
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