

ALDECC 2000



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Annual Subscription: \$15 (Couple \$20) Due: 1 Feb, 2001

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

LOGO ITEMS

Iron-on Transfers - Black or White	No charge
Transfers & Stickers	No charge
Replacement ALDECC Badges	\$5.00
ALDECC Keyrings	\$5.00

Please place orders with the Secretary
Cheques or money orders payable to
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT
& SECRETARY**

Hello to everyone,

It's hard to believe that 2000 is coming to a close so soon, not soon enough for some, but way too quick for others. What with GST and Olympics, it has been quite a year.

The reunion is coming fast. Your invitation is here so please fill it out and get it back to Barb as soon as possible. For those who wish to play gulf on the Sat. return the form at the back of the newsletter to Greg Reid by Dec. 31 so he can get the booking at the Golf Club confirmed.

At the AGM this year we have an amendment to vote on for the ALDECCinc. Constitution.

26. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership is to be bestowed upon a financial member of ALDECCinc. who has contributed in an outstanding manner for the benefit of ALDECCinc. and its' members.

- (a) Nominations to be made in writing to the Secretary.
- (b) Nominations to be discussed and passed by committee.
- (c) Committee approved nominations to be presented to the AGM for final approval.
- (d) Life members are exempt from annual subs.

As you all know we already have one Life Member, Lance Grenda. We did not have a provision in our constitution for this so we have now written one which we need to have approved by the members at the AGM.

Elections are due for 6 committee members:

President, Ray Higginson, Sec/Treas., Barb Conner

Committee members: Alison Coop, Garry Mathewson, John Whitelock and Brett Stafford are due to stand down.

If you are prepared to come to 4 meetings a year and help to organize our reunion and also help with the newsletter please let one of the committee members know. We need people who can get to Melbourne for meetings or can at least be in contact with other members if unable to come to a meeting for whatever reason. We realize the Secretary/Treasurer's job does take up some time and a basic understanding of bookkeeping does help. Having a computer also makes life much easier. Remember we are not sexist, a male or female can do the job!! Being on the committee is a bit of work, but you will have lots of good laughs and fun as well!!

We are Looking forward to seeing everyone on **Feb. 2nd,3rd & 4th, 2001 at Valley Homestead!!**

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday season.

Cheers,

Ray, Barb and the Committee

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

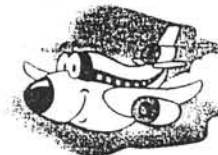


We wish to inform the members of the passing of Geoffrey Oehm in August of this year from a 4 year battle with cancer. His wife, Judith, asks that we thank everyone for making the newsletter so very interesting with news from around the country as Geoff looked forward to reading about what everyone was up to.

We also wish to inform the members of the passing of Henry Beams from a heart attack. Henry was not a member of ALDECC, but well known on the road for over 30 years. To Paul Beams we send our condolences.

Have you heard of "Travels with My Aunt"? Well we have "Travels with our Past Presidents"!

Lance Grenda will be able to have-a-chat with Alison Coop, Margie Goats and Garry Mathewson all about China! You see, he went over for 22 days with a China Painting group and saw lots of interesting places.



"Don't drink the water unless it's in ceiled bottles!" "Drink the beer as it is filtered water." Lance didn't need to be told twice!! The fact that the alcohol content is lower than our light beer ment he was back to his old self with the amount which he could drink. There is a rumour he is taking up China Painting?!

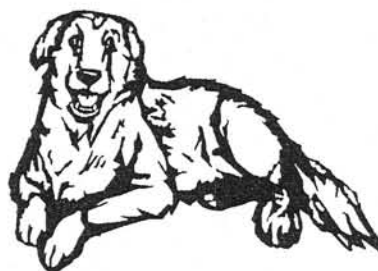


If you cast your memory back several years ago you might remember a certain past president went on a flight over the Antarctic. Well Kevin Bryant decided he didn't get close enough!! Kevin is off, after Christmas, on a Russian Ship to get a much closer look!! We wonder if the Russians will be able to understand Kevin or, more to the point, if he will be able to understand them!! We would hate to hear on the news that "Past President of ALDECC, Kevin Bryant, was left on the ice at the Antarctic due to not understanding how long he had to look."

We hope you have a great time and bring back some good video coverage to show. See you at **ALDECC!!**

There is a rumour going around that Faye Nayler and Elwyn Holohan have increased their food bill by at least one more adult!

Everyone knows how much they like animals!! Well, this time the pocket book is going to get quite a hiding!! Faye is very glad she has a King size Bed!! Gus, Barb's 4 month old Pug, would be a snack!!



We have it on good authority that Melton is now a safe place to be!!

We would like to introduce you to PC Peter Melick.

Yes, he made it through cadet training for the Victorian Police. PC Melick is now helping keep Melton a safe place!!

We wish you all the best in your new job and hope you will be at ALDECC in Feb. to tell us about windows, torches, guns and how well you do your job!!



“Big Rocks”

One day, an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget. As he stood in front of the group of high-powered over achievers, he said, “Okay, time for a quiz.” He then pulled out a one-gallon wide-mouth mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. He produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one by one, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, “Is this jar full?”

Everyone in the class said, “Yes.”

Then he said, “Really?” He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. He dumped some gravel in and shook the jar, causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, “Is this jar full?”

By this time the class was onto him, “Probably not,” one of them answered.

“Good!” he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, “Is this jar full?”

“No!” the class shouted.

Once again, he said, “Good!” Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then the expert in time-management looked at the class and asked, “What is the point of this illustration?”

One eager Beaver raised his hand and said, “The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in.”

“No”, the speaker replied, “that’s not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is this: If you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never get them in at all. What are the big rocks in your life? Your children, your spouse, your loved ones, your friendships, your education, your dreams, a worthy cause, teaching or monitoring others, doing things that you love, time for yourself, your health!? Remember to put these **BIG ROCKS** in first, or you’ll never get them in at all. If you sweat the little stuff (i.e. gravel and sand) then you’ll fill your life with little things you will never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks).”

So, tonight or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: “What are the **BIG ROCKS** in my life?” Then put those in your jar first!

PROVERBS

A first grade teacher collected well known proverbs. She gave the class the first part of each proverb and ask each child in her class to finish them. There are some very interesting results.

Better safe than-----punch a 5th grader
Never underestimate the power of----termites
Don't bite the hand that-----looks dirty
No news is-----impossible
If you lie down with dogs, you'll-----stink in the morning
An idle mind is-----the best way to relax
Where there's smoke there's-----pollution
A penny saved is-----not much
Two's company, three's-----the Musketeers
Don't put off till tomorrow what-----you put on to go to bed
Children should be seen and not-----smacked or grounded
If at first you don't succeed-----get new batteries
When the blind leadeth the blind-----get out of the way
Better late than-----pregnant
Laugh and the whole world laughs
with you, cry and-----You have to blow your nose

**HO HO HO
TO ALL NO MATTER WHERE YOU MAY BE!!**



HOPE TO SEE YOU FEB. 2nd, 3rd. & 4th. 2001!!

