

ALDECC 2001



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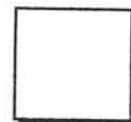
Membership is open to extended tour coach crew employed for a period not less than 12 months full time (full time casual for hosties and cooks), on tours of a duration of 7 days or more (5 days or more for Tasmanian crew).

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
ALDECC Keyrings	\$5.00

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





**FROM THE PRESIDENT
& SECRETARY**

Hello to all Members,

It's Spring which means the Spring Racing Carnival is coming. I hope any of you who are racing minded win a lot of money so you can come to our reunion **FEB. 1, 2 & 3!!!** My **TIP** for ALDECC members, "Don't back any Horses that like FOLLOWING other Horses!".

At the moment I'm just about finished restoring my 1955 Bentley and getting ready to drive to Adelaide for the Bay To Birdwood Classic Rally on Sunday Sept. 30th.

The report about my blocked arteries was correct, but it definitely had to be RED DUST which was "bogging" my heart!! I'm much better now.

I'm looking forward to the Birdwood Classic and ALDECC reunion!!

Best wishes to all,
Higgo

Hi everyone,

I received Higgo's report on the Sunday before our world was turned upside down with the horrific happenings in the USA and the closing down of ANSETT here in Australia!!!! Our world is most certainly going through major changes. All my family are safe, but they do have friends missing at this stage.

To all members who may have had a loss of friends, family or work contacts we send our thoughts and prayers.

ANSETT has effected Higgo's "peaceful work life". I'm sure a lot of other members have been effected as well. We all know what it is like to have a company go down and how it effects so many other businesses at the same time. Kim & Steve Brown had to make some travel changes for their holiday, but they have sorted it out with a train trip to Sydney to start their trip before flying out on their "Island Holiday".

The committee has got the next reunion in it's sights with plans underway. For those who found the trip up to the top BBQ sight for lunch on Sat. hard work, you can relax as we have decided to have lunch on the patio area down by the main building!! There are a few of us who are getting beyond mountain goat activities!! The playground area is still there to use for those who wish.

Best wishes to all, Barb

**ALDECC WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 1, 2 & 3 2002
ADULTS FULL WEEKEND \$150
ADULTS ONE NIGHT \$125
CHILDREN 5 TO 15 \$64
CHILDREN UNDER 5 NO CHARGE**

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE

After the last ALDECC annual general meeting 2001, the committee was giving consideration to changing the Constitution with the view of having an elected Vice President, who would become President and electing an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, who would become the Secretary/Treasurer. The reason behind this was to encourage more members to nominate for the committee with the knowledge that they would have support and back up in these roles.

After much debate the committee felt that changing the constitution would not necessarily achieve the desired objective and it would not warrant the cost involved for this change. The committee believes that most members think the role of President or Secretary/Treasurer is too involved or time consuming and therefore people tend to avoid electing for either of these positions.

The committee felt that it would be much better to look at the role of Secretary/Treasurer to see if there was anything that could be shared around to other committee members to lighten the load of this position. One of the best ways to assist the Secretary/Treasurer is to have the newsletter done by 2 other members of the committee in consultation with the Secretary/Treasurer and President. This would give other members jobs to do and help lighten the load. The newsletter is not mentioned in the constitution so has just evolved as a job for the Secretary/Treasurer. It was also agreed that the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer should be there to assist the incoming person during the transition. The Presidents job is not hard.

Having said all of this, the committee feel that if we asked for nominations for the committee earlier in the weekend and not just at the general meeting, we may have a more favorable response. This is your club, your reunion and all members want to enjoy it as much as possible. We need to have new blood regularly on the committee so that we ensure that everyone from the different ear's of the industry are represented and have the opportunity to have input in ALDECC as an organization and the reunion or any other activities that may become possible in the future.

The committee has also decided to have nomination forms with information like who people worked for and when so everyone at the AGM has a better idea of who has been nominated and who they are.

We ask you all to consider nominations for the next reunion. This is not the year for President and Secretary/Treasurer change, but there will be 5 committee members to be elected.

**ALDECC BELONGS TO IT'S MEMBERS AND THE FUTURE IS
YOURS.**

Hope you are still watching this space!
Greg Reid has finished organizing the
famous Sat. Golf afternoon!!
Registration forms will be in the next
newsletter!

Health Report

"Auntie Faye" (Nayler) and "Uncle KB" (Kevin Bryant) have both been in hospital! They were both in at the "same time", but for different reasons. In both cases there will be life style changes and we hope each will follow their Doctors advice and do as they are told. We need you around for a long time to come!

George Wieczorek had to have bypass surgery early in 2001. George was on the road in the early days of Centralian Tours as a Courier. George isn't an ALDECC member at the moment, but many of our members would remember him.

Take care from us all at ALDECC

Remember, if it doesn't feel quite right, go and have it checked. Like a coach, we need to keep the maintenance up to keep on going!!

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



Some people never learn!!

After being on the road for many years and knowing what can happen when you drink too much, you would think you would learn never say yes unless sober! Mary Purtill didn't learn and ended up out "on tour" as a cook in the last school holidays!! It has been a number of years since Mary was on the road and she discovered quite a few changes, but some things never change!! "Drivers" still do what they want without telling other interested parties their plans and don't understand when other parties get angry!!

There are still caravan parks which don't have a clue about coach groups and how they work. Check with Mary before you stay in Cannonvale or you may end up in the "WRONG" place!! This place was bad 10 years ago and from what was described by Mary, it hasn't improved or changed one little bit!!

RED, stayed home and looked after the KIDS! How did he go Auntie Carmel??

Will Pental Island Caravan Park ever be the same!!

On August 10th, 2001, 12 families (including 26 children, all products of APT) went to annoy Mary and Alfie Greenham on Pental Island in Swan Hill!!! Most families came from Melbourne and Rosebud. The Keatley's, from Ungarie and Calf's from Mildura were there too. Friday afternoon the invasion started with an enjoyable weekend in every ones sights!!

Much like Saturday morning at ALDECC, there were a few sore heads!! Most of the group took off into Swan Hill to explore and shop! How many stopped at the Pub??

It was decided a camp fire roast dinner was the go for Saturday night!! With the help of Mary's camp kitchen we had what looked like a scene from an APT camping tour dinner. Passengers lined up and the "crew" served from behind the counter. Mick Rodway and Magoo (Brian McLachlin), were having a great time hassling the so called "passengers".

Speaking of Magoo, he was seen escorting Mrs. Donna Oehm and children from Rosebud and back!! Where was Graeme, you ask?? He was driving his "Truck"! Yes, the rumors were flying at full force!! (Can't let this get away without some talk). The next time it might be Mrs. Jennine Stafford being escorted by Magoo as Brett might be driving his truck!! You see, Graeme and Brett both drive the same **TRUCK!**

Sunday arrived with more sore heads? Alfie decided it was time for the kids to have some fun. He got out his tractor and gave the kids a ride on some very antiquated trailers down past the river and through some puddles!! Mary got the sprinkler out and Alfie just had to ride over it and stop just long enough for all to scream!! Sounds like Alfie was having as much fun as the kids!!

After lunch we all said our goodbyes with a promise to return again next year!!

DESPERATE!

Two elderly ladies were outside their nursing home having a smoke when it started to rain. One of the ladies pulled out a condom, cut the end off it, put it over her cigarette and continued smoking.

The other lady asked, "What's that?"

"A condom," the first lady replied. "This way my cigarette doesn't get wet."

"Where did you get it?" the other lady asked.

"You can get them from any Chemist." was the response.

The next day the second lady hobbled down to the local Chemist and announced to the Chemist "I would like a box of condoms."

The guy looked at her kind of strangely (she is, after all, over 80 years of age!) and politely asked "What brand would you prefer?"

"It doesn't matter as long as it fits a Camel."

This newsletter is short. I'm afraid with what has been going on over the last 2 weeks, I have not been totally focused. There has been a chance I may need to go to California as my father has not been good. He is holding his own and hopefully this emergency has passed. The world turning upside down hasn't helped.

Peace to all, Cheers, Barb