

# ALDECC 2002



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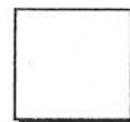
Annual Subscription: \$15 (Couple \$20) Due: 1 Feb, 2002  
 Joining Fee: \$5 (plus Annual Subscription of \$15)

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
ALDECC Keyrings	\$5.00

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



**FROM THE PRESIDENT  
& SECRETARY**

Hi to everyone,

Hope you all had a safe and happy Eater break. Did the Easter Bunny think you were good enough to leave you something nice? Hope so!!

For those who didn't come to our reunion, you missed a great time. There was lots of laughter and miles traveled as always. The golf was a great time for those who went and even better at tea on Saturday night when we found out just what did happen out there on the Golf Course!! We've decided to employ Celwyn Curtis as the physical commentator in charge of the different styles used to hit the ball. He has Sue Grant and Margie Byrnes down pat!!

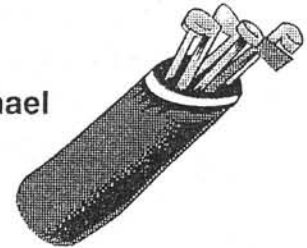
There was an added section to the golf this year, "**Wet T Shirt Golf**" with Ruth winning! You see, there was a thunder storm which added a downpour of rain to the already obstacle ridden game being played by our golfing group. It has also been suggested you wear protective clothing and head gear when playing with Ian Gallacher! He had a problem keeping the putter head on the club! Just as well it wasn't his new clubs!!

The winning team for the day was:

**Dub McCartin Rod Beird Bryn Hillman Ruth Carmichael**

Best Golfer on the day was:

**Paul Beames**



We now have two on going trophies for the golf. Mary Purtill has done a golf cross stitch which is framed and each year the winners are added on brass plates around the edge of the frame. Val Mack has made a wooden plaque with bras disks for the name of the Winning golfer for the day. Thank you both for your handy work.

We had an extra raffle this year on Friday night for the choice of a bottle of Bundy or case of VB stubbies. First ticket out was Colin Stubbs and you've never seen that man move so fast to grab the Bundy! If you were between Colin and that Bottle, you would have been knocked flat!! Higgo won the VB.

The big raffle was won as follows: Jo Wigg Chopping block (made by Lance Grenda), Dub McCartin Planter boxes (made by Mr. Gough), Lance Grenda \$300. cash, Margie Byrnes Whip (made by Val Mack) and Ronda from Valley Homestead the Mystery White Box which was a wooden truck (made by Lance Grenda).

**No, the raffles were not rigged again!!**

Jo was going to ask Lance to make her a chopping block if she didn't win. We hope Margie and Tim are enjoying each others company! Who got to use the whip first? With plane travel being such a "risk" these days we decided the \$300 cash ment it could be used for anything. Timber for next years chopping Block?

**Cheers to all, Barb & Higgo**

## Our new committee for 2002 is as follows

**President** Ray Higginson and **Sec/Treas.** Barb Conner

### Committee

Bernie Greely, Greg Reid, Laurie Walsh, Celwyn Curtis, Mary Purtill,

John Whitelock, Jo Wigg, Kevin Gough and Ruth Carmichael

Note: Ruth has changed her name back to Carmichael from Bannon, it isn't someone new.

The committee is getting things underway for next year. The questionnaire sent out to everyone was returned by about an 1/8th of the membership. The main result was people felt we needed a change of venue next year to a place where families could bring caravans and also have cabins or motel units to try and get the price down.

It was also made clear that people did not want to lose touch with Valley Homestead as it is still like being home. A place with the ability to take caravans and also have cabins and or motel units every couple of years as a change would be good.

In the past each time we changed the venue new and more people have come to join the members who always go no matter where the reunion is.

The big issue we always have is having sole occupancy so the group stays together. Pental Island Caravan Park at Swan Hill was put up as a possible venue. It was decided at the AGM the committee should look at several places along the Murray River area and see what they can come up with.

### The factors to be considered:

Price to be lower to help families who want to come, sole occupancy, caravan sights and camping as well as cabin or motel rooms, swimming pool, golf course not too far away, location easy to get to and not more than 4 to 5 hours from Melbourne.

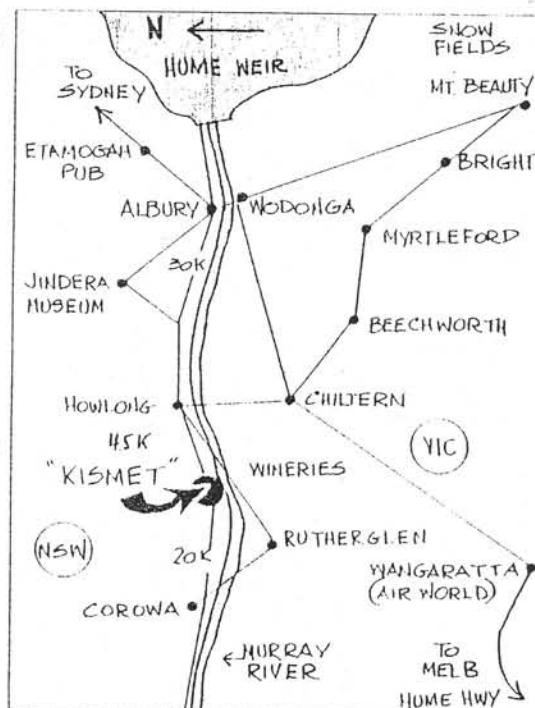
### The committee has found a new venue!

## KISMET RIVERSIDE LODGE

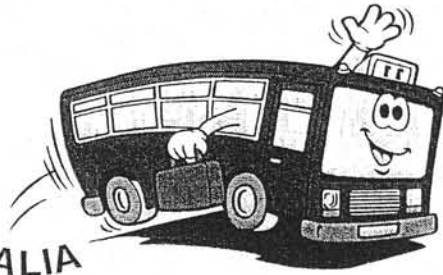
Corowa Road, Howlong N.S.W.

- \* MOTEL UNITS (all modern conveniences)
- \* FUNCTION CENTRE (fully licensed)
- \* VAN PARK & CAMPING SITES
- \* PARK CABINS
- \* BAR-B-Q
- \* POOL
- \* TENNIS COURT
- \* VOLLEY BALL COURT
- \* 3 HOLE GOLF PRACTISE
- \* GOLF DRIVING RANGE
- \* CONCRETE BOAT RAMP

We will have the price structure for our new venue in the next Newsletter as well as a pre-booking form to book your place and start paying for the weekend **Jan. 31, Feb. 1 & 2, 2003.**



## MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



### BEING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF 50 GETS THE BLAME!

You are packing for a weekend away. You don't need much, just a couple of shirts, change of under clothes, a change of trousers for going out on Sat. night and a change of shoes. Upon arrival at the Motel you unpack your small bag and find, to your dismay, a brown lace-up shoe and black slip on shoe!! Added problem, **Both shoes are right feet!!** Garry is sure he put in a matching pair!!

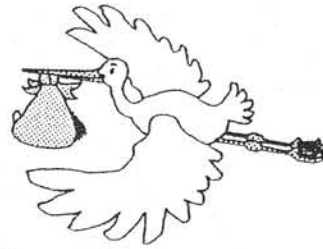


It's okay Garry, other people have similar stories they just don't own up!

*You begin to know how old you are when Fran Higginson answers the phone at Moonee Valley Bus Lines and tells you their "Baby" has started school so she is working a couple of days a week!! I'm sure it's only a couple of years ago when that "baby" was born!*

### The stork has flown in and landed!

Kim Gourlay-Ewards has a new bay girl. Becky and Sarah have a new sister, Cecilia-Rose.



Congratulation to all and a big **welcome** to Cecilia-Rose.

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We wish to notify members that Keith Maloney, who was on the road in the 70s and early 80s, has passed away.

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ALDECC members would like to send our condolences to Bob and Nella Willis on the passing of Bob's mother and Nella's step mother last year.  
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### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

While waiting to catch the Mornington Peninsula Steam Train one Sunday an "OLD" CENTRALIAN

carry bag was spotted in the ticket sellers cubicle. Ruth being Ruth had to find out who this belonged too!

#### ANSWER!

It belonged to John "Bluey" Cummings who worked with the original Centralian Tours. After the demise of Centralian Tours ("The first time") John joined the Melbourne Fire Brigade, where he remained until retirement.

If you have been looking for someone from the industry it might be possible to track them down by sending Barb the name of the person you are looking for and we can put it in the newsletter. You never know, someone might be able to help you out.

## Why older people Should Not have email

After being snowbound for two weeks over the winter, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip in Minneapolis.

They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain. He was put on a flight for the next morning.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold! The desk clerk gave him a message from his wife to say she was arriving as planned.

He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, so he quickly sent his wife an email, but due to his haste, made an error in the address.

His message therefore arrived in the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream and fell to the floor dead.

Her family rushed to the room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Departed yesterday as you know. Have just now checked in. Some confusion at the gate. Appeal was denied. Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow. Your Loving Husband.

P.S. Things are not as we thought. You're going to be surprised at how hot it is down here!

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### Life is a Vicious Circle!!!

#### Success is

|           |            |                                  |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|
| At age 4  | success is | not peeing your pants            |
| At age 12 | success is | having a friends                 |
| At age 18 | success is | having a drivers license         |
| At age 20 | success is | having "sex"                     |
| At age 35 | success is | having money                     |
| At age 50 | success is | "still" having money             |
| At age 60 | success is | "still" having "sex"             |
| At age 70 | success is | "still" having a drivers license |
| At age 75 | success is | "still" having friends           |
| At age 80 | success is | "still" not peeing your pants    |



Cost:

Saturday Night -

\$68.00 p.p. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in a double or twin room.

\$85.00 p.p. Dinner, Bed & Breakfast in a single room.

\$24.00 p.p. Dinner only.

Friday and Subsequent Nights -

\$47.00 per room plus

\$7.00 p.p. Continental Breakfast

or \$10.00 p.p. Full Breakfast.

Sunday's Morning Tea is also included.

All prices are inclusive of GST.

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Friday

☆ is totally optional.

Saturday

☆ 12.00 pm B.B.Q (details in newsletter)

☆ 4.30 pm Pre-dinner Drinks

☆ 6.30 pm Dinner

Sunday

☆ 10.00 am Farewell Morning Tea

Dear Friends,  
We wish to invite you  
to the

3<sup>rd</sup> annual

# Tasmanian Driver's Reunion 2002

When:

The weekend of-

Fr: 31<sup>st</sup> May, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Where:

Sandor's On The Park,

3 Brisbane st, Launceston.

R.S.V.P

NO LATER THAN

1<sup>st</sup> May 2002.

Name:.....

No. of persons-

Friday Room Only.

Saturday B.B.Q.

Saturday D/B/B Double.

Saturday D/B/B Single.

Saturday Dinner Only.

Sunday Morning Tea.

Other Nights, please specify.

Please send your R.S.V.P's to

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