

ALDECC 2002



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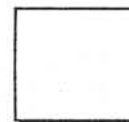
Annual Subscription: \$15 (Couple \$20) Next Due: 1 Feb, 2003
Joining Fee: \$5 (plus Annual Subscription of \$15)

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**

Hello to everyone,

It's hard to believe we are halfway though 2002!! We hope everyone has been busy, and enjoying what you are doing. Keeping a positive approach to life is most important so make sure you find a reason to smile everyday!! It's all up to you!!!

Our plans for the 2003 reunion are underway. As we said last newsletter, we have a new venue for next reunion. Kismet Riverside Lodge will be our "home". There is plenty of room for everyone and no "HILLS" to climb, unless you would like to walk down to the river and back. There are some bunk beds in the cabins, but only kids would need to use these as the units are set up with adults in mind!!! There is a small refrigerator in every unit and jugs for making that morning heart starter "Tea or Coffee".

The set up of the venue is such that we will use their bar at meal times, lunches and dinner on Saturday night and the rest of the time it will be BYO. There is a shop where you can get soft drinks, ice creams, chips, lollies etc. There is a great area where we can gather in the shade of some great trees and have a good view as well. The pool is close by and there is plenty of space for our budding whip crackers to practice, be they old or young. If you wish to bring a boat and water ski there is a boat ramp down by the river in front of Kismet Riverside Lodge.

ALDECC REUNION

JAN. 31, FEB. 1 & 2, 2003

The cost for the weekend is as follows:

Motel & Cabin Units
(includes towels & bedding)

Full weekend Adults \$110
Full weekend Children under 12 \$45
One night Adults \$70
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These prices include all meals and supper Friday & Saturday nights as in the past .

You will find a form at the back of this newsletter to book and pay a deposit for the reunion. Quite a few people have asked if they can pay in installments, **YES**, installment payment is welcome.

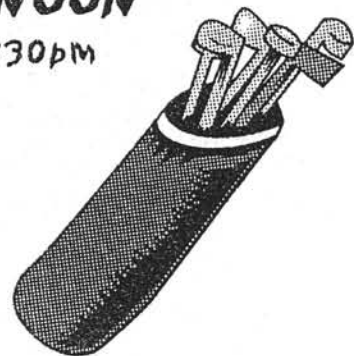
Cheers, Higgo, Barb & Committee

ANNUAL ALDECC GOLF AFTERNOON

Saturday February 1st, 2003 starting at 2:30pm

The Ambrose competition will be held at Howlong Country Club which is very close to Kismet Riverside Lodge.

The green fees for 9 holes will be \$18.
Golf club hire (if needed) including buggy will be \$11, if only hiring a buggy \$5.50



Watch this space for more information in the next newsletter!!!!

CHOCOLATE, RUM, SCOTCH OR BEER "MATHS"

It takes less than a minute to work this out as you read.

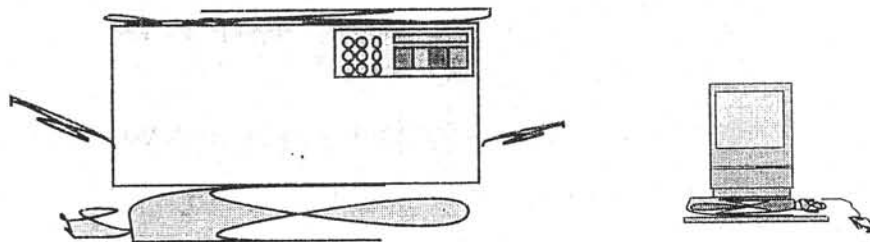
This isn't one of those waste of time things, it's fun!

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate, rum, scotch or beer. (more than once, but less than 10)
2. Multiply this number by 2.
3. Add 5.
4. Multiply it by 50. I'll wait while you get the calculator.
5. If you have already had your Birthday this year add 1752. If you haven't, add 1751.
6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born. You should have a three digit number now.

The first digit of this was your original number (i.e. how many times you want to have chocolate, rum, scotch or beer each week)

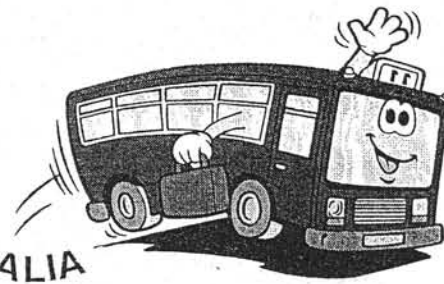
The next two numbers are Your Age.

OH YES IT IS



I wish to apologize for the late newsletter! The above items did everything they could to stop this issue, but we won in the end!!
If you got an upside down second page, thank Mario, he gave you a challenge!!

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



50 Years

That's how long Grace and George Cadzow have been married!!
Keep your rude comments to yourselves! We know you get less for murder! It takes two to make the marriage work and we congratulate you both!!

Yvonne and Glen Bradley are care taking at Bradshaw Station. The station is Army owned and about 320K west of Katherine and 230K east of Kunanurra and about 80K out of Timber Creek, off the Victoria Highway. In Explore Australia it's Map 418 C -12. They have had about 5 months worth of "the wet" so getting in and out can be interesting as most of us would know from touring in the wet season up North! The Station is 8750 Sq. Kms and is used only for army training. It's a beautiful spot according to Yvonne & Glen.

One of the many sporting activities children learn to do is skate! There is roller skating, in line skating and ice skating, to mention just a few. We're not sure which form of skating, it was but, Dieter Sternberg learnt not to use his arm to catch himself when he falls. **Arms break** when you fall on them!! Hope you are okay now, Dieter.

There are people in ALDECC which you tend to group together, such as Val & Margie. Well, at the last reunion Margie didn't make it because she was **Fogged in on Norfolk Island** and couldn't get back in time. Val came on his own. We discovered why Val & Margie are a team!! Val needs Margie to help him find his room and make sure he's got everything when he leaves the reunion!! Val put everything in the boot of his car and drove out waving goodbye to all as he passed. The boot **wasn't closed** and Rod Beird found Val's bag with all of his whips on the ground next to where he was parked!! Thanks to Rod, Val has his bag of whips. We missed you Margie, so did Val!!

Wendy Morrison(Kittelly) has decided to leave "Sunny Queensland" and return south to Numurkah Victoria. The last reunion Wendy was able to come to was 1989 so 2003 is looking good for Wendy.

REST IN PEACE

Elaine Mc Burnie(Misson) who has been a long time member of ALDECC and attending most reunions, passed away suddenly in June just a couple of days before her 51st. Birthday. The members & committee send our thoughts to John Stanley at this time. May Elaine be at peace without pain.

the Committee & members wish to send our condolences to:

George & Grace Cadzow on the passing of George's Mum who was 95.

To Lance Grenda on the passing of his mother who was 93.

To Robert & Veronica Earney on the sudden passing of Robert's Dad.

The following letter was sent to Barb back in April.
For those of you who don't know Alan, he was a courier with Camping Tours of Australia or Centralian as most people would know it as, at the same time as Garry Mathewson. Alan is a past member of ALDECC.

Dear Friend,

We are writing to you as a friend, either one we see regularly, irregularly or someone on our Christmas card list. A strange letter we admit but one that we hope will produce a positive outcome.

Due to an unfortunate accident Alan is a quadriplegic and has been since May 2nd 1992. The shining light for us is an organization called the Spinal Cord Society. It is a non profit research group run by a paraplegic with one goal and that is to find a cure for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury. The SCS has been in research since 1978 and is a leading group striving for a cure.

The research has reached a stage where trials with autologous stem cell production using human cells is about to take place at Peter McCullum Institute, Melbourne. Autologous stem cell production does **not** use embryos. The stem cells are obtained from a patient's own brain t - cells. SCS moved past embryonic stem cell development several years ago. This is a major step forward and is terrific to see that SCS Australia has come on board with the American research. We now raise funds that go to America as well as funds to support the two Australian Fellowships largely funded by the Traralgon Lions club as well as International Lions.

Alan has been confined to a wheelchair for 10 years this May. To acknowledge this, but in no way to celebrate it, we would like to make a significant contribution to SCS to help fund a cure that will get Alan out of his chair. We are therefore asking the people we know to help us achieve this by also donating something to SCS Australia during May.

This is an honest and open request, however, we do not wish to embarrass anyone who does not wish to contribute. To respect your right to make your own decision to contribute or not and if you are willing to support us, the amount is also a private matter. Therefore if you are willing and able to contribute something to our May fundraiser please send a cheque to SCS Australia directly on our behalf. More than \$2 is tax deductible.

We live for the day that Alan will be able to get out of bed, toilet, shower, dress himself and do so in privacy. It is the little things that one takes for granted that he craves and one day we believe he will have thanks to the research being conducted by SCS.

If you are able to contribute we thank you most sincerely. Please detach the bottom of this letter and send it with your cheque made out to **Spinal Cord Society Australia**. Send your donation to

SCS Australia, Attention Felicity, PO box 1048, Traralgon, 3844, Victoria.

Thank you again in anticipation
Alan and Jeni Franklin.

I would like to donate \$10 \$20 \$50 Other

To Spinal Cord Society Australia, on behalf of **Alan Franklin**.

Please send me a tax deductibility receipt yes no

Return Address _____



CURE - NOT CARE

WHERE DO THEY HEAR IT?

A mother was working in the kitchen, listening to her five year old son playing with his new electric train in the living room. She heard the train stop and her son saying, "All of you bastards who want off, get the hell off now, cause this is the last stop! All of you bastards who are getting on, get your arse in the train, cause we're going down the tracks".

The horrified mother went in and told her son, "We don't use that kind of language in this house. Now I want you to go to your room and you are to stay there for TWO HOURS. When you come out, you may play with your train, But I want you to use nice language."

Two hours later, the son came out of the bedroom and resumed playing with his train. Soon the train stopped and the mother heard her son say, "All passengers who are disembarking the train, please remember to take all of your belongings with you. We thank you for traveling with us today and hope your trip was a pleasant one."

She hears the little boy continue, "For those of you just boarding, we ask you to stow all of your hand luggage under your seat. Remember, there is no smoking on the train. We hope you will have a pleasant and relaxing journey with us today."

As the mother began to smile, the child added, "For those of you who are pissed off about the TWO HOUR delay, please see the bitch in the kitchen!"

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Please book (tick style wanted) Motel Cabin Powered Sight

Members Name _____

Other Adults Names _____

Children 12 & over Names _____ Age _____

Children under 12 Names _____ Age _____

Include a booking deposit of at least \$20
Return to Barb by September 1, 2002