
ALDECC



Newsletter
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From our Secretary.....



Dear Members.

Well another year, another reunion passed and this year another Secretary and President.

Our thanks and gratitude to Ruth and Kevin for 4 years of tremendous organization and great reunions.

Our 28th reunion once again went off really well with lots of laughs, friendships and frivolities. I don't think a reunion with Greg Oakley being present cannot happen without him having lots of bras adorning his neckline. Seriously it was great to see him and Helen once again both looking so well. It gives all of us a warm fuzzy feeling seeing special friends at our reunions as we all have been friends for a lifetime and that is something no one can replace.

Our A.G.M. this year had a sad note to it, losing 3 prominent members of our association, George Cadzo, Val Mack and Lance Grenda.

Graeme Hayes has spent quite sometime speaking to each families members and compiled an amazing life story about these great men and presented a tribute to us all.

There were even some stories told (very funny) told by Hazey himself.

We then presented Grace, Margie, Barb and Njrie (Lances daughter) with a memento in memory of their loved ones.

Welcome Bryn Hillman to not only the committee but the Presidency. We will break him in fast. Also welcome Mary Greenham onto the committee once again. We had Julie Keatley and Wendy Morrison stand down. Thanks ladies for your input and help over the past 2 years.

No doubt those of you who attended the reunion are seeing much more of the committee this year hanging on your wall.

We have agreed at the A.G.M. to move on from where we were and we are in the throes of finding a new venue. We have made lots of enquiries and are down to 2 final places. More info in our next newsletter.

Well folks, that's about all from your secretary at the moment. Please remember if you have any items for our newsletter it is being compiled at the Hillman household or just forward it to myself.

Kind regards

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First message from the President.....

After managing to avoid the committee for 28 years, I let my guard down for a moment (or was that nodded off) - and bingo! - Helen Merrick-Andrews is digging me in the ribs saying - "Just say Yes"!



Thank you (I think) for your vote - and I will do my best for ALDECC and the committee. Working with Sue will never be dull and I can assure you she will keep both myself and the rest of the committee well focused.

Thank you to Kevin & Ruth for the great job you both did during your terms as President and Secretary, and also to Julie Keatley & Wendy Morrison for all your efforts as well. Of course we welcome back Kevin & Ruth onto the Committee again as well as Mary Greenham.

We have had 2 Committee meetings since the reunion, and checked out several possible venues. Stay tuned for more info.

Apologies for the delay in our newsletter - technology is not always what it is cracked up to be! Don't forget to keep us informed about what happens around the traps, so we can keep everyone updated in future newsletters.

Best Wishes

Bryn

Thank you to Sue, Keith & Simone for giving Reen a lift after the last Committee Meeting. She was a forlorn sight standing with her bags in hand after her arranged ride to Melbourne didn't show.



PS from Sue:

We once again visited the Ovens Valley to select a venue for our next reunion. What a trip down memory lane it turned out to be. After lots of laughs and discussions all the committee agreed to book for the 2008 reunion at Feathertop Chalet in Harrietville.

I'm Sure many long and funny stories will appear. It is very suited to us and has great facilities to cater for all our needs no matter what they may be. (Pool, tennis, mini golf, caravans, hall, meeting rooms etc etc). Carmel even looked for Dubs missing undies—last seen many moons ago on the rafters in the dining room!

Trust this note finds you well.



Kevin Lamb has been a bit crook of late. Hope you are soon on the mend Lamby!

OOPS !!!! Word has reached the editor that Storky needs either a new Melways or better glasses when he directed Sue out onto Sydney Road from Moonee Ponds on the way to Colac. We think Simone turned the book around and they eventually got home! He never lost Ayers Rock though !!

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE TRAPS

Those of you present at the last reunion, would be aware that there is a trip planned to take the Lananda Coach to the Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs. This has been delayed until May (?) 2008.

Lance's daughter Ngarie will advise details at a later date for those who are interested in what is sure to be a very memorable trip!!



R. I. P.

Our condolences to the Murphy family on the recent passing of "Spud" from the famous "Pimba Roadhouse". Who could forget the wet roads, dirty cups, warm beer, the camel & donkey but above all the amazing hospitality always offered.

We also regret that Geoff Cottle - former owner driver for Centralian Tours in the early 70s, and then retired to San Remo, has also died. Boy could that man hold his beer!!! Our sympathies to the Cottle family.

It would appear some things never change – It may be a while between drinks these days but Greg Oakley proved that he still has what it takes to maintain tradition while breasting the bar (before we got "too noisy")! We can be assured that the adornments on him are not from either our secretary – Sue or Mary (Big M) – whose assets have still remain firmly secured away from Greg for all these years!



Did you hear???



JOHN THORNELY has turned 70!!! There was a gathering of the clan in downtown Lavington from far and wide to send John off into his 71st year. A good time was had by all and to everyone's sheer amazement – John was speechless when presented with a “special” birthday cake. So suspicious of his friends was he, that he thought the cake may explode – so he stood behind Leonie for protection.



Many Happy Returns John!



One of our Thurgoona committee members (and it's not Mary) will be turning the big “5 0” shortly. HAPPY BIRTHDAY (as if we would tell who!)

Rumour has it that

Hazey is on the move again – yes he has bought another house – this time in Kerang – so he can commute to work a bit quicker. Storkey and Hazey –kept the townsfolk amused as they performed the relocation. Graham can still be found in Lalbert – but mostly on weekends.

(Apologies to Colin Stubbs for the recent very early morning phone calls from fellow committee members – who did not know the time in Poland. Hope you got back to sleep eventually!



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A thought to leave you with:.....

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa , taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company.

One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost.. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says.

"Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Moral of this story....

Don't mess with old farts...age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill!

Bullshit and brilliance only come with age and experience.

I am in no way insinuating that any of you are old, some are just more youthfully challenged.



Until next time - good health safe travels and much laughter!