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From our Secretary.....

Greetings to all.

It is not so long ago that I put pen to paper for our last newsletter and we are here once more.



I bring you the sad news of the sudden passing of K.B. (Kevin Bryant) last week. I trust most of our members found out via the AL-DECC grapevine. My thanks to the members who helped me with spreading the news.

We farewelled KB on the 22nd November in Noble Park, with a fitting send off. Kevin died "with his boots on" as he wished.

Unfortunately, it takes an event such as this that is so close to us, to realize how precious life is and to not take it for granted. Keith and I spent 3 hours with him 2 weeks before his death sitting sipping coffee in his beloved shed discussing the 30th reunion. Looking back, we were privileged to have done this on many occasions with him and Alison.

Our reunion will be a "memories" with lots of old photos and memorabilia surfacing. If you have any photos, memorabilia, or anything of interest that we can use please bring it along. We hope to use lots of "stuff" for our *huge* 30th.

Seasons Greetings to all members and your families for the festive season. Stay safe over this busy time of year. Christmas is about remembering friends and how special they are, both distant and close. Even though we don't speak regularly or see each other throughout the year, you're all in my thoughts over the season. Remember we are only a phone call away if you need a chat.



Kind regards

Suzie

And from our President.....

Hello to you all in this our final newsletter for 2007.

Once again the Festive Season is upon us and the Fat Man in the red suit is getting ready to slide down the chimney.

Unfortunately our Newsletter is marred by the sad news of the passing of another most respected member—Kevin Bryant. Our very deepest sympathy to Gwen and the Bryant family, as well as Alison.

As this is the last Newsletter before our 29th Reunion, I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at Feathertop on the 1st weekend in February.

Please start looking for your memorabilia and bring it along to THIS reunion as we prepare for one hell of a 30th in 2009!

Wishing you & your families all the joys that this special Season brings with a healthy & prosperous year in 2008.

Best Wishes

Bryn

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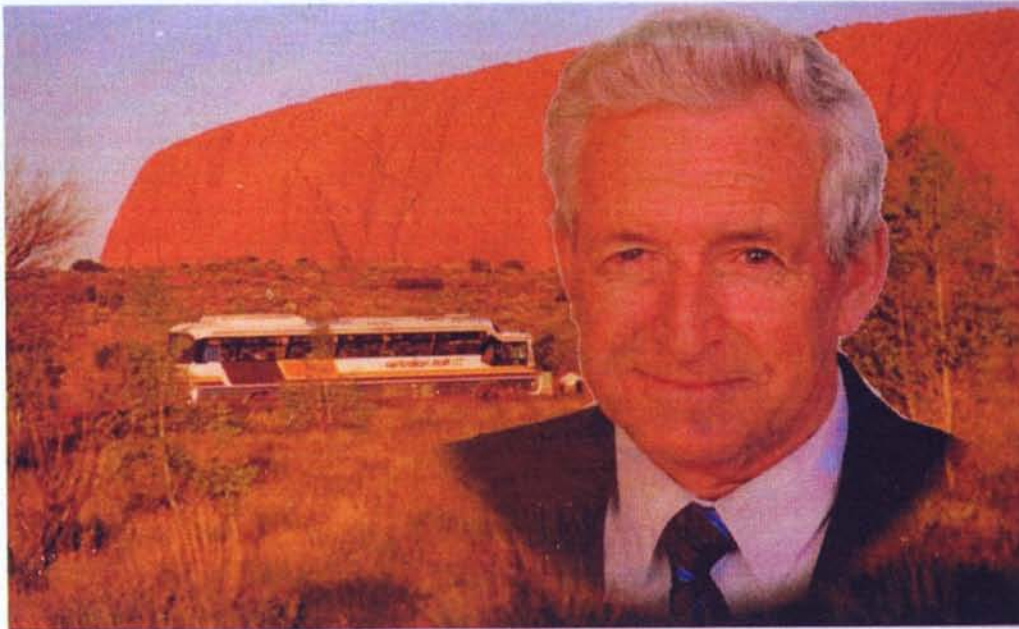


32 Years ago a friendship was started with a very special man, who was to become my best mate.

Kevin has made his final journey and is now in Gods care, but the bond will continue through his family.

In saying goodbye, I would like to share a poem with you. The original version was written at Ayers Rock in January 1984 and signaled the end of an era in Tourism, which many of us here today enjoyed so much - Kevin included.

KEVIN RAYMOND BRYANT



5 AUGUST 1938 - 15 NOVEMBER 2007



Farewell Uluru - My Rock

The years have quickly passed
It's time for us to part
But memories I hold so dear
Will linger in my ear

Dessert winds are softly blowing
Over all that we once knew
And I feel my heart bent softly
As I say farewell to you.

For your leaving behind fond memories
Of the friends and the good times we knew
My heart is breaking and the tears are flowing
As I say farewell to you (Uluru)

Read by Alison Coop at Kevin's funeral

More bits
to read....

29th Reunion Rundown

Hi all, here is a running sheet for our up-coming reunion in February 2008

We are staying at Feathertop Chalet Holiday Resort .Great Alpine Rd, HARRIETVILLE. Remember the 10th reunion ????. Well it's back there-- tales of our "P" party should jolt many memories!!!!

It certainly did with the committee when we visited earlier this year - and we looked hard but Dubs jocks were no longer on the rafters! There are lots of activities (sporting or otherwise) for us at Feathertop.

- Each room has private facilities.
- Please bring your own towels
- Bedding linen supplied
- BYO alcohol (The tiny bar is still there but the owners do not mind us BYO)
- Caravan Spots are available at request.
- Pool, Tennis, Squash, Mini Golf
- We have a conference room and are able to show any videos, slides photos without any interruptions

We will be planning our 30th Reunion--Remember it is YOUR reunion and we would appreciate your ideas in our planning for 2009.

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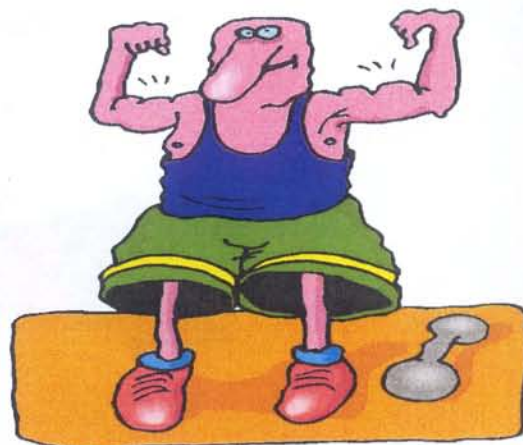
It would appear that Ruth has finally worked out a logical solution to finding the lost keys—so when you find yourself in this situation—you look to your handbag where you know you can't forget them - which should work except that Ruth forgot to attach them to her handbag so she went to plan B, and checked the ignition of the car when all other avenues were exhausted - and you guessed it - her keys were still there

.....oo00oo.....

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS YET?? - Not sure—then either check your last Newsletter to see if you had a coloured X or give Sue a call to see.

.....oo00oo.....

We all know that it is not size that counts—but what you do with it (the boys have been telling us for years!) - Well Purtill can agree with this as he single handedly stopped a coach from sliding down a mountain by pushing on the side leaning over on a rather dubious angle (the bus that is not Red). Help was forthcoming and the wheels secured but it got the heart racing a tad we're told! He does has pictures we're told. No wonder he is Mary's hero!!!!????





21 Things you can only get away with saying at Christmas

- I prefer breasts to legs
- Tying the legs together keeps the inside moist.
- Smother the butter all over the breasts!
- If I don't undo my trousers, I'll burst!
- I've never seen a better spread!
- I'm in the mood for a little dark meat.
- Are you ready for seconds yet?
- It's a little dry; do you still want to eat it?
- Just wait your turn, you'll get some!
- Don't play with your meat.
- Stuff it up between the legs as far as it will go.
- Do you think you'll be able to handle all these people at once?
- I didn't expect everyone to come at the same time!
- You still have a little bit on your chin.
- How long will it take after you put it in?
- You'll know it's ready when it pops up.
- Just pull the end and wait for the bang.
- That's the biggest bird I've ever had!
- I'm so full, I've been gobbling nuts all morning.

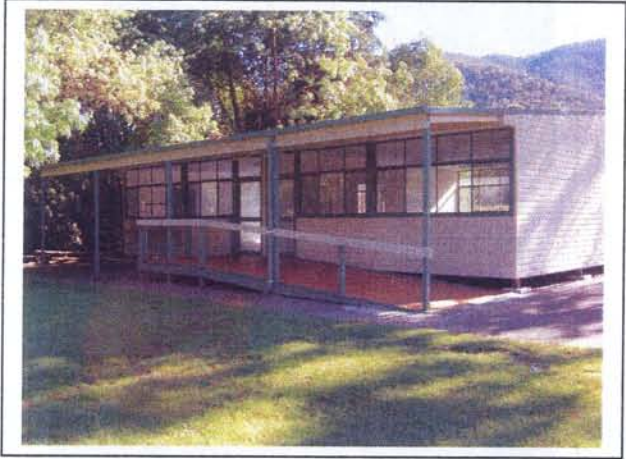


Recreational Facilities



Indoor heated Pool

Indoor Recreation



Portable Classrooms



Conference Centre seats 210

**Twin flood lit
Tennis Courts**

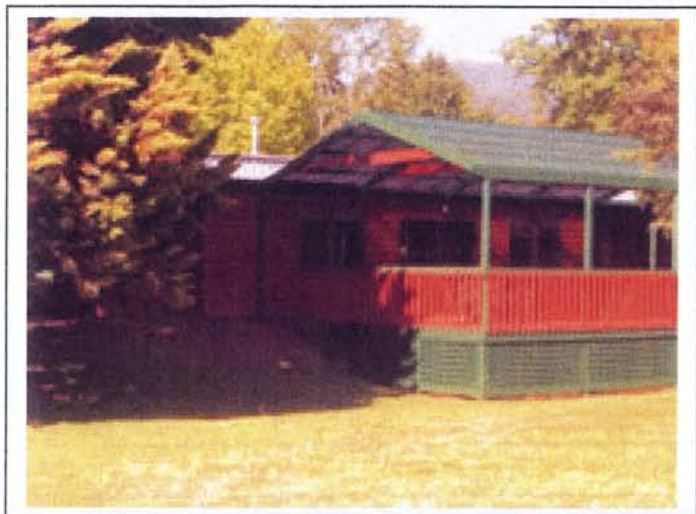


Squash Court

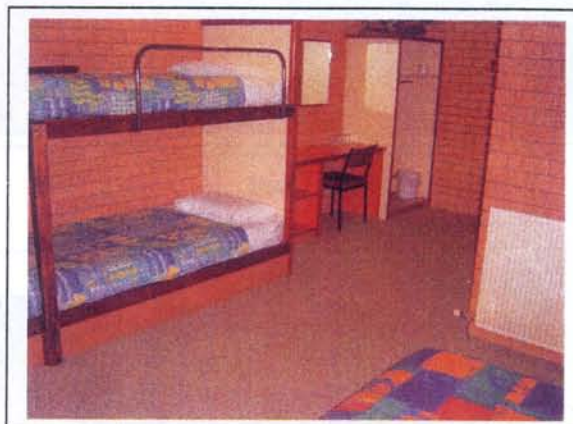
Sauna



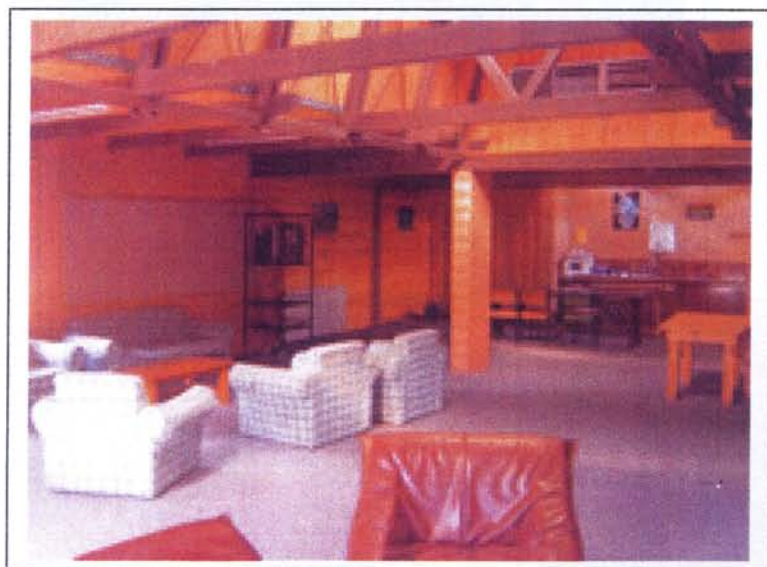
Pictorial Navigation of Feathertop Chalet Accommodation Facilities



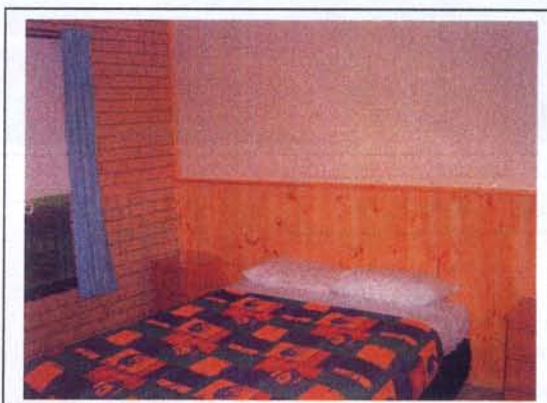
Balcony on Shamrock Lodge,
one of our 3 accommodation



Typical room layout

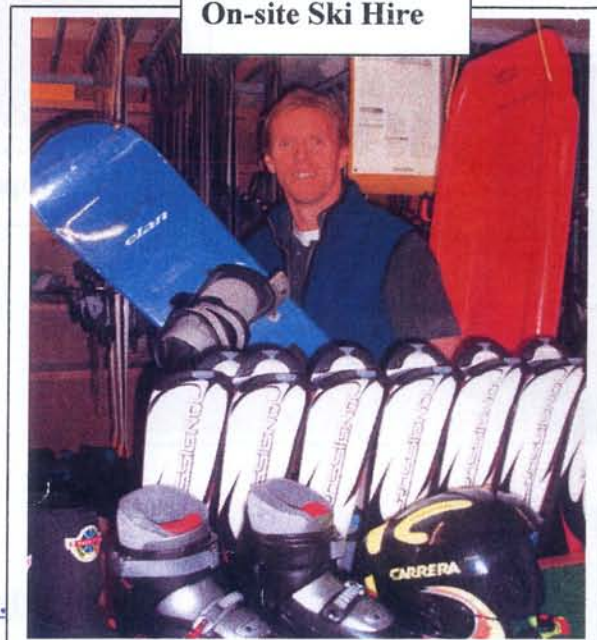
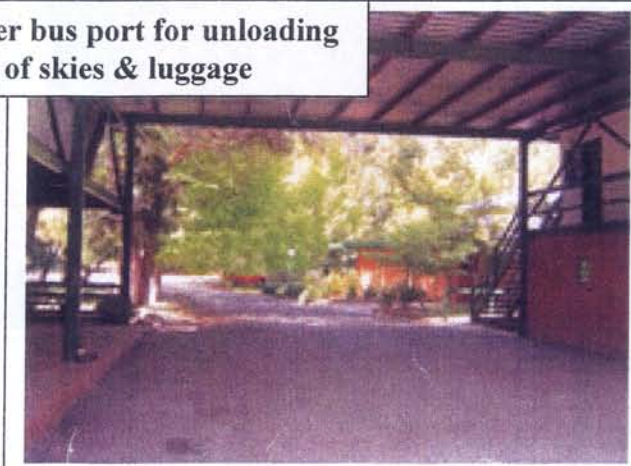


Guest Lounge Mons Meg



On-site Ski Hire

Undercover bus port for unloading
& loading of skies & luggage





**Something to ponder in this wonderful age of
“Political Correctness”**



We want to issue a Festive message but are mindful of the offence that this might cause to people who do not share our point of view.

All we wanted to say was, “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year” but with the current emphasis on Political Correctness we thought we should run it by our Solicitor. This is what he suggested was possible without us facing a possible lawsuit for discrimination:

From Us (“the wishor”)
To you.....(“the wishee”)

Please accept without obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, politically correct, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, celebration of the summer solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

We also wish you a financially successful, personally fulfilling and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2007, but with due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures or sects, and having regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith, choice of computer platform or sexual preference of the wishee.

By accepting this greeting you are bound by these terms that: This greeting is subject to further clarification or withdrawal. This greeting is freely transferable provided that no alteration shall be made to the original greeting and that the proprietary rights of the wishor are acknowledged. This greeting implies no promise by the wishor to actually implement any of the wishes.

This greeting may not be enforceable in certain jurisdictions and/or the restrictions herein may not be binding upon certain wishes in certain jurisdictions and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wishor.

This greeting is warranted to perform as reasonably may be expected within the usual application of good tidings, for a period of one year or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first. The wishor warrants this greeting only for the limited replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wishor.

Any references in this greeting to “The Lord”, “Father Christmas”, “Our Saviour”, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer” or any other Festive figures, whether actual or fictitious, dead or alive, shall not imply any endorsement by or from them in respect of this greeting, and all proprietary rights in any referenced third party names and images are hereby acknowledged.

This greeting is made under Australian Law, and only actionable under the laws of the said land.

What the hellMERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and every one of you good people and those near and dear to you!!!!

**From – All of Us in
Your ALDECC Committee**

See You in February!

