

ALDECC inc.



30 years

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Newsletter

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2008 ALDECC COMMITTEE



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Please contact any of the committee members listed above if you have anything you would like included in your ALDECC newsletter – hatchings, matchings, despatchings – you know - just any interesting bits of gossip that should be shared !!!!!



A Message from the President

It was great catching up with so many of you at the 29th ALDECC Reunion and AGM held at Feathertop. A special thank you to Ruth Carmichael and Colin Stubbs who stood down from the Committee this year. Your contributions to the Committee were really appreciated. A warm welcome to Steve Damm (Smurf) and Bernie Greely who have joined the remaining members to form your ALDECC Committee for 2008.

We have recently had our first committee meeting since the 29th Reunion and plans are well underway for the 30 Year celebrations! We appreciate all the suggestions put forward so far, and we welcome any assistance or ideas from you as the 30 Year reunion materialises. Your memories and/or comments and anecdotes of past reunions (see attached form) would be fabulous as we compile a special reunion booklet.

Stay Well, Safe and Happy

Bryn

From our Secretary - Sue.....

Greetings to all Members!

Well, our 29th reunion was not high in quantity but was big in quality. Those who attended really enjoyed the comradeship with fellow members. We had lots of laughs and even shed some tears at times. Our venue was well received and has been voted we return next year.

We had a very successful A.G.M.. Ruth and Colin are no longer on the committee. A huge thanks to Ruth for all her hard work on the committee and for her 4 years as secretary. You are a wonderful lady. Colin you brought lots of laughs and finesse with you - thanks also.

A special meeting was held following the A.G.M. with ideas for our 2009 reunion and we are using these comments and notes with our planning. The committee is busy with these arrangements. It is quite a milestone to reach. Many thought the 20th would be our last but because of the unique nature of our group, we still hold special strong links and will continue to renew friendships for some time yet.

During the year there will be notices in the newsletters re the reunion. Please take time to let us know info. It really helps with organizing the weekend.

Also, please remember you may bring anyone with you. There is no criteria for people to be paid members to attend.

As we head into the winter months and most of us are not heading north anymore, please stay healthy happy and warm

Kind Regards
Susie Grant.



NEW MEMBERS: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Leigh Colbert (NSW) and Graham Pyper (Australia!) who are now members of ALDECC.



IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull.....But that's not the worst of it!

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it one was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it —

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires !!!!!!!



ALDECC MEMBERS



WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!

As you would all be aware by now—ALDECC is coming up to it's 30th Birthday! That is 30 YEARS of meeting around the same weekend every year to catch up with old friends / foes / drinking mates / lovers or whatever! That is some feat—especially for those who have never missed a single reunion! We would dearly love to see as many of you as possible at our 30th Reunion. However we know there are several people who have been removed from our address list and may not be members anymore.

It doesn't matter if they are current financial members of ALDECC or not. If you know of anyone who might like to come along to the 30th Anniversary of ALDECC—please let them know they are very welcome and we would love them to be there and experience our unique weekend of laughter, memories, tall stories and all that goes into making it so special!

We would love to have as many past members attend our 30th Reunion, so please get the feelers out and see who you can find out there! **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Do you have a coloured X in your box??

If so you could owe subs.



Please contact Sue for any queries regarding this or just send her a cheque. Subs are \$20 for a single or \$30 per couple. Again – if you owe for more than 1 year please talk to Sue.

Don't run the risk of missing out on your newsletter and contact with fellow ALDECC friends.



Does anyone know the whereabouts of:

Dot Hamilton, Tim Young, Mick & May Pearson or John Richardson??

Please contact any member of your committee if you know where any of these people may be or you have lost contact with someone who you would like to see at the 30 Year Reunion. We'll try to help find them for you.

30 Years of ALDECC Reunion – 2009

As previously mentioned, our 2008 reunion will be held on the weekend of 30th, 31st January + 1st February at Feathertop Chalet, Great Alpine Rd, Harrietville. More details to follow.

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26th February, 2008

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Dear Sue.

Sorry for the late "Thank You" but I misplaced your address – yes I was interested in the calendar photos.

At first I was disappointed the photos were not labelled, but then decided it was a test and we had to identify them so here goes.

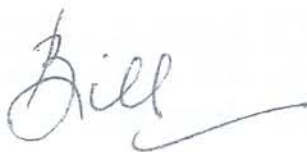
Front cover, Coober Pedy, A.P.T. on a long ago wet day in Central Australia, Doug Lever's pet coach, that odd triple deck Centralian coach, Lance Grenda giving the troops a bit of exercise.

- Jan. Lance not getting bogged
- Feb. Faye Naylor's place, Coober Pedy
- March Ross Eldred in the Top End
- April Dohertys, testing out some tyre chains
- May What a blast from the past. G.E.T. were big time in the outback during the 1960s*
- June A couple of Doug Levers Dominos. Having owned one it came as no surprise when they went out of business.
- July Fancy another Domino, this time Ron Murray on the road to the Olgas
- Aug Ansett Trailways puts this in Central Australia and it looks like lunch at Standley Chasm
- Sept The triple deck Centralian again, perhaps on the Palmer flood plan between Wallara and Henbury
- Oct This looks like coming back from the Olgas, anyway the Mulgas say Central Aust.
- Nov Could be anywhere, nice photo though
- Dec Centralian under Lofty's Entrance Arch, could be Kevin Bryant.

Well that was fun and I must have got a couple right.

Once again thank you very much Sue – we have been retired now for thirteen years and enjoy memories such as this,

Regards,



* WE HAVE IT ON
GOOD AUTHORITY
THIS WAS AT LAKE
MOONDARAH - MT ISA.

Around the traps.....

Some people never learn—Bernie Greely recently carried a passenger who last toured with him on Centralian's last tour. She said Bernie hadn't changed a bit!



Congratulations and Best Wishes to Annette Biar on reaching her 1/2 century! Following a surprise party she headed off for a hot date with Mickey Mouse—NO it was

not Peter!—but the real thing over in Disneyland.



Which Ungarie Bush Mechanic needs advice on which way an oil seal goes on???????

Seems technology is a bit too much for some of our Committee - and if you think you have not heard back from them it is probably because they are still trying to work out how to retrieve messages from their mobile phones. Storky to the rescue however he could not HEAR the message he worked so hard to find.



New Grandparents—Doug & Dawn Lever are busy helping out Karen & Peter on the new big surprise arrival of Isabella Dawn. Congratulations to all!!

When our President told everyone at the AGM that nobody is to fall off the perch between now and the next reunion - Celwyn Curtis was clearly NOT listening!!!!!!!!!!!!

The very next morning at work he fell some 7 metres While the fall didn't hurt but the sudden Stop slowed him up a bit. He landed on his head so not as much damage as there could have been.

While not back at work yet Celwyn is doing OK and From all of your friends - and even the others Celwyn We wish you a speedy recovery.



RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and also to each of you who bought tickets! The prizes were great and the lucky winners were (eventually)....

Celwyn	Budget Bitch Package
Mary P (after Colin Stubbs)	Lamp
Alfie (after Simone)	Sugar Bag
Helen Merrick Andrews	Aeroplane
Bob Clarke (after Ngarie)	Luggage
Hazy	Pypers Book
Charlie (after Alfie)	Bar
Margie	Outdoor furniture
Simone	Outdoor furniture

Joy, Mary G, Leonie T, Bryn, Meryll, Ngarie, Mary K., Margie and Amy all were the lucky wine winners

START CLEANING OUT THE CUPBOARDS, SHEDS AND WHATEVER SAFE PLACES YOU HAVE STORED ALL THAT PRECIOUS CRAP / MEMORABILIA OVER THE YEARS SO YOU CAN BRING IT ALONG FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY AT THE 30TH !!!

Just like the Early Bird gets the worm - those who book and pay early will get a discount! SEE OVER FOR YOUR EARLY BIRD FORM!





EARLY BIRD FORM



We already have a great number of people who have indicated they will be at the 30 YEAR ALDECC Reunion to be held at Feathertop. (80 so far)

There have been coaches kindly donated to come out of Sydney and Melbourne by Bob Clarke and Higgo for those who are interested—however it would be great if we had some idea of numbers. This will assist with the planning of this special reunion greatly.

The actual cost of the reunion is still to be confirmed but will be in the next edition — however IF you are thinking of coming to the 30 YEAR celebrations - send in the form below with payment in full by 30th September and you will get a \$10 discount per person off the cost of the weekend.

MEMBERS ATTENDING.....

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

GUESTS ATTENDING.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....

Please return to Sue Grant at 180 Queen St Colac Vic 3250 by 30th September 2008 .



