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A Message from the President



Hello to you all !

Well as we survive the chilly months of Winter and with just 6 months to go before our 30th Reunion, I wish to thank the Committee for their ongoing efforts in bringing the reunion together. I am pleased to report that early bookings are promising with many people taking advantage of the Early Bird Discount—are you??

It looks like we will see several new/old faces which will make this a reunion to remember (depending on your fluid intake of course). As this newsletter goes to print, we have just about finalised all the nitty gritty details with Feathertop - so in the next edition we will have all prices confirmed to you—in the meantime please refer to the Early Bird Form attached.

Looking forward to hearing from you with any ideas you may have for the Reunion (see back of Early Bird Form) or bits for the newsletter. It is all very welcome.

Best Wishes

Bryn

From our Secretary - Sue.....

As I put pen to paper there are about 400 coaches travelling to Sydney for WYD. Doesn't that bring back memories for many of us in the early- late 70's. To those who were involved, we trust everything went well. (fancy trying to get a pee in a Q)?

Your committee has been very busy organizing and arranging our 30th celebrations. We still have plenty to do. Please remember, if you know anyone who you think will enjoy a weekend of friendship and memories, let them know.

It is difficult to find addresses of some people. Being a member of ALDECC is not a criteria at all. We hope to catch up with quite a few "old" crews and make the weekend one to not forget.

A few of our members have met some challenges recently (including myself). To those of you face the hill, climb with strength and courage. We wish all our sickies all the very best.

I found these words recently:

Remember that It's those small daily happenings that make life special

Remember that being kind is more important than being right

Remember that love not time heals

Remember that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile

Remember that a happy life comes from not having what you want, but not wanting what what you have

Remember the importance of respect of others

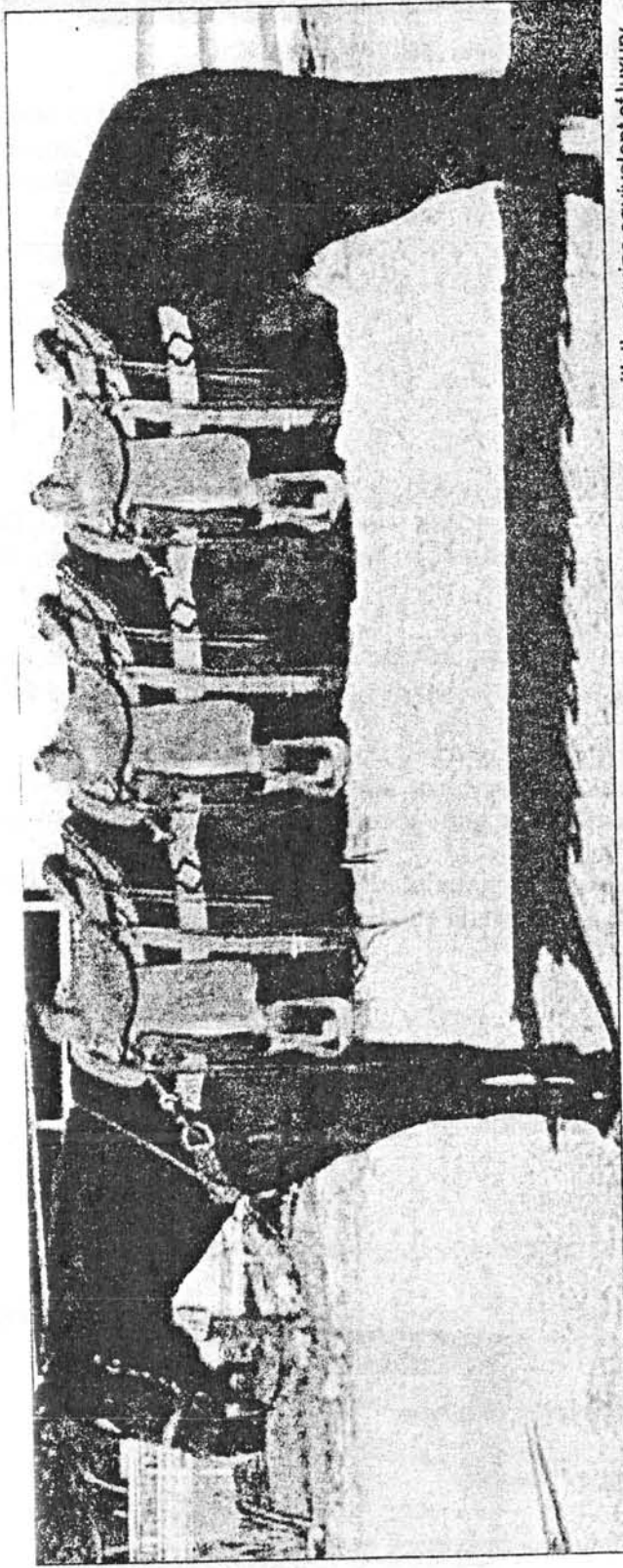
the positive influence of laughter

and to grow old with happy memories and grace

I trust our letter finds everyone safe and well

Kind regards
Suzie





Stretching the truth

AND they said it couldn't be done.

Trail-riding establishments have no doubt watched jealously as those people who run stretch limos get all the celebrity and bridal action going on around town.

But it was only a matter of time before someone

came up with the equine equivalent of luxury chauffeur-driven transport.

In a triumph of genetic engineering, for the first time, scientists have found a way to cross a

Daschund with a Thoroughbred.

Work is continuing on a version with a mini bar and plasma screen TV.

Around the traps.....

Firstly our best wishes to all of you who have been a bit crook of late. Our secretary Sue is ready to throw her crutches to anyone in sight as she recovers from yet more surgery on her ankle! You'll soon be chasing Storky around again Sue!



Greg Oakley - keeps on keeping on although he takes delight in keeping poor Helen on her toes and the Flying Doctor up in the air! He and Helen are now down in Adelaide for a spell enjoying their first Winter for some years while Greg recuperates.

To Gary Higginson - we look forward to seeing you at the reunion feeling a whole lot better. Stay strong and positive.

Selwyn is on the mend and back at work and driving everyone nuts — while Greely is now redundant since Selwyn got his old job back.

Our President was doing fine during his unexpected spell in hospital until the hospital convinced him that he'd better tell Reen (who was busy at a Committee Meeting in Thurgoona) of his whereabouts - before they did! There is now no evidence of what Reen did to him when she got to the hospital and he is back on deck again.



Word has gone around that two of our special ALDECC friends have their clean jocks & socks packed and are heading over to Canada to buy some tractors to bring over to Australia and flog / sell, and have a bit of a look around.

Hazy and Alfie are flying over in August. I believe The Foreign Affairs Minister has been notified just in case! Watch out Canada!!!!!!

A great time was had by all when Alison Coup, Garry Mathewson and Barb Conner headed north to visit Fay and Elwyn recently!

Rumour has it Faye has a great deal of problem trying to dish out soup??

How many people does it take to get a key out of the car ignition Alison?? Clearly Alison has problems with cars telling her what to do!

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Spotted - Ian Gallagher travelling north with a load of German pilgrims on board. Maybe their timekeeping skills will improve after their visit with His Holiness?



Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Geoff Shearing—Ex Tasmanian Redline, and also John Marr—ex AAT. They have recently left us with some great memories while they too join the crew around the big camp fire beyond.

The entire Hillman Family would like to thank the ALDECC Committee and Members for the amazing support we received following the recent passing of Bryn's father—Bryn Hillman (or Grampy as he was known). A very special thank you to Grace Cadzow and her wonderful team in Charlton, for once again being there for us, sleeves rolled up, beds made, with organizational skills to the fore!

Have you started to clean out your 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 \$10 discount! SEE YOUR EARLY BIRD FORM!





Have we reached this stage in our lives?????? Read on!

One night, after the couple had retired for the night, the woman became aware that her husband was touching her in a most unusual manner.

He started by running his hand across her shoulders and the small of her back. He ran his hand over her breasts, touching them very lightly. Then, he proceeded to run his hand gently down her side, sliding his hand over her stomach, and then down the other side to a point below her waist.

He continued on, gently feeling her hips, first one side and the other. His hand ran further down the outside of her thighs. His gentle stroking then started up the inside of her left thigh, stopped and then returned to do the same to her right thigh. By this time the woman was becoming aroused and she squirmed a little to better position herself.

The man stopped abruptly and rolled over to his side of the bed. 'Why are you stopping?' she whispered.

He whispered back, 'I found the remote'.

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THINGS TO REMEMBER !!!!!!!

- * Start looking for your memorabilia
- * Dig out some photos of reunions to jog your memories
- * Note down some of these on the sheet provided
- * Fill in your Early Bird Form
- * Spread the word about the 30 Year Reunion
- * Contact anyone on the committee if you have any ideas you want for the reunion

Dear friends...



*I've just read an article on the dangers of heavy drinking...
Scared the shit out of me.*

So that's it!

After today, no more reading.



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: \$.....

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