



ALDECC inc.



30 years



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Newsletter

November - December

2008



## A Message from the President

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all—

Who can believe that this year has all but vanished and Christmas is upon us. Once Christmas is over, in just a blink, it will be time to celebrate our 30th ALDECC reunion! Everything is shaping up nicely with much hard work going on behind the scenes to make it a Reunion to Remember.

I would like to wish you and your families the best the Festive Season can bring to you with good health, and happiness in the year to come!

Best Wishes  
Bryn

## From our Secretary - Sue.....

Greetings to Everyone.

This being our last newsletter for 2008.  
Firstly, we extend Christmas wishes and New Year greetings to all our members.

As the song goes-----  
Another year over, and a new one has begun.  
The years seem to be slipping by quicker, the older we become  
and no-one is spared!

As well as the usual riff-raff we write to you the most important info coming to you all is the reminder to send in your reunion responses with the money. We need to be able to pay a substantial deposit to be able to keep these prices valid. This is not our idea but times are a changing and moneys need to be paid.

Please read the enclosed info page and remember to bring towels, drinks etc.

The responses from members and non members as to their intentions to attend has been encouraging. I am sure when people arrive and see who is around it will be a bit overwhelming for some.

Our AGM will be held on the Sunday morning and there will be items of interest for everyone I'm sure.

If anyone needs any invitations for friends, please let me know and I will forward them on.

Kind Regards to all, stay safe  
Suzie

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.....

May the blessings and joys of the Christmas Season be with you and those dear to you. Stay well and Safe—until we see each other at the 30th Reunion!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Lots of interesting things turn up at Pawn shops. One of our trusty committee members was smiling at a new baby in his shop lately. He had seen the whole evidence of its beginnings on a phone that had been pawned earlier in the month. He can now produce evidence of the next generation!







## ALDECC MEMBERS

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!

REMEMBER—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.

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**HAVE YOU MOVED?? TELL US PLEASE — It will make it much easier for you to get your newsletter if we know where to send it to!**

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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Tracey White and David Pearce who were recently married. Their wedding was a Western Theme. Unfortunately we do not have any photos of the bride and groom as yet (maybe they were censored) —but here are a couple of the guests getting into the swing of things. Can anyone guess who??



According to Greg Oakley “Every man should take up a hobby when he retires”—so Greg decided his hobby would be Helen! Helen and Greg were married in the long weekend in October in a very special ceremony in Adelaide. We wish them all the very best as they continue their journey—this time as husband and wife!

## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY HIGGO!

Well—we hear the local fire brigade was on standby as Ray Higginson celebrated his 80TH BIRTHDAY recently!

There were a few surprises in store for him but rumour has it—he took it all in his stride, although speechless for a moment or two!

A great milestone Higgo—and all the best for many good years to come !!!

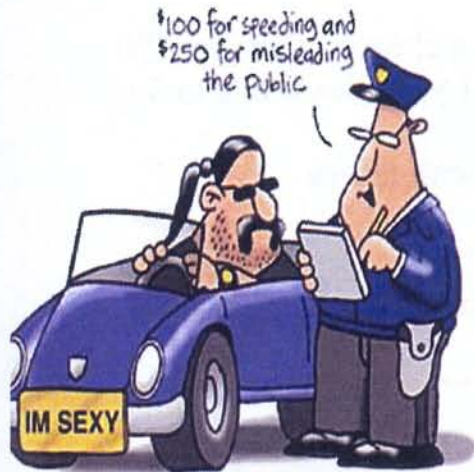
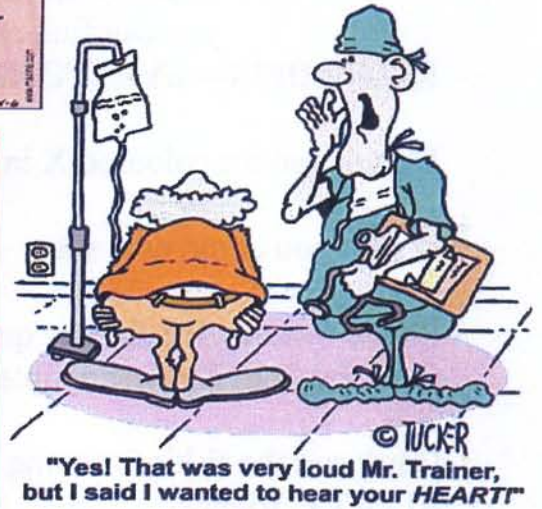




**Quote of the Day!**

Whatever you give a woman, she's going to multiply.  
 If you give her a house, she'll give you a home.  
 If you give her groceries, she'll give you a meal.  
 If you give her a smile, she'll give you her heart.

So – if you give her crap, you will receive more s...t than any one human can handle!



There's nothing worse than a receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients. Many of us have experienced this, and I love the way this old guy handled it.

An 86-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk. The receptionist said, 'hello, sir. Can you please tell me why you're here to see the doctor today?'

'There's something wrong with my dick,' he replied. The receptionist became irritated and said, 'you shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that.' 'Why not? You asked me what was wrong and I told you,' he said. The receptionist replied, 'now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the doctor in private.' The man replied, 'you shouldn't ask people questions in a room full of strangers, if the answer could embarrass anyone.' The man walked out, waited several minutes and then reentered. The receptionist smiled smugly and asked, 'Yes?'

'There's something wrong with my ear,' he stated. The receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice.

'And what is wrong with your ear, sir?'

'I can't piss out of it,' he replied.

The waiting room erupted in laughter.

When your kids take away your drivers license—this is what happens.....







## ★ ALDECC - 30 YEAR REUNION - STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW / DO!! ★

**THE DATES:** Friday 30<sup>TH</sup> January 2009, Saturday and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009

**WHERE IS IT???** Feathertop Chalet, Great Alpine Rd Harrietville

★ **IS IT THE SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR?** Yes

**WHAT DO I HAVE TO BRING?** TOWELS, ALCOHOL for the whole weekend, your memorabilia (photos, old uniforms, – you know – the ones you used to fit into when you went on the road in the first place + any other interesting bits / travel paraphernalia that was all a part of a special era making our industry what it was then and is today).

**HOW MUCH:** Check your invitation.

**CAN I GET A DISCOUNT IF I PAY EARLY –** Yes. Pay before December 15 and save \$10 per person!! See the attached Early Bird form and your invitation for details.

**HOW CAN I PAY?** You can either send Sue Grant a cheque made payable to ALDECC, or you can make a direct payment into the ALDECC account.

Details are:

**ANZ Bank Account Name – Australian Long Distance Coach Crews**

**BSB #: 013 – 445**

**Account #: 2992 – 39891**

Please make sure you add your name for the reference details AND please email Sue Grant to advise that you have made a direct credit into the account so she can be on the look out for it. Her email: [keithsgrant@dodo.com.au](mailto:keithsgrant@dodo.com.au)

**IS THERE COACH TRANSPORT?** Yes from Sydney and Melbourne. Please check your invitation for times and LET US KNOW if you want to use this.

**ARRIVING FRIDAY NIGHT???** Please let Sue know so we can let the hotel know rough numbers for counter meals. (own expense). Better pack an esky in case you win any of the meat raffles at the pub as well!

**CARAVANS** are welcome but you will need to book yourself in at the nearby Caravan Park. Contact Sue Grant (03 5231 5520 or 0417 341 001) for details and meal prices.

**Rodney Vincent** is keen to help us celebrate this fantastic milestone and will be entertaining us again for a while on the Saturday night!

**COMING TO THE REUNION?** 1. Contact Sue. 2. Send Sue your payment by cheque or Direct Deposit. Do it soon so you don't miss out !!!!





# EARLY BIRD FORM



## Reunion Dates: Friday 30th Jan to Sunday 1st Feb 2009

We already have lots of people coming to the 30 YEAR ALDECC Reunion to be held at Feathertop. Many have taken advantage of the Early Bird Form and paid a deposit already. It is shaping up to be a very good weekend!

Coaches have kindly been donated out of Sydney and Melbourne by Bob Clarke and Ray Higginson for those who are interested. Please advise on your invitation if you want an easy ride to and from ALDECC by coach. No numbers means no coach—Please let Sue know.

The cost of the reunion is **\$170 (after 15 Dec) or early bird price of \$160 per adult** for the full weekend including the usual meals. **Children: 4 – 11 yrs \$80, 12-17 yrs \$90 (usual meals included)** Pay early and save!

Do you want to go to the 30 YEAR celebrations ?? **1. Contact Sue. 2. Send in your money. If you want to request your room mates (?) then FIRST IN BEST DRESSED!**

We will do everything we can to accommodate your request BUT - send in the form below, or the Tear Off Bit from your invitation with your payment by **15th December!!!!** You can also Direct Deposit (refer to attached details) —but please let Sue know!

MEMBERS ATTENDING:.....

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: .....

GUESTS ATTENDING:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....

Coach from Melbourne ? Yes or No

Coach from Sydney? Yes or No

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

