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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all members,



I trust this finds everyone safe and well, following some terrible floods and fires. That's what Australia is all about, however we never wish any of these on anyone. Many thanks for the phone calls from various members concerned about fellow members in the fires. Fortunately we don't know of anyone who was **directly** affected. A few of us have had family or friends that have been burnt but we face the future with hope and healing. Some of our travellers had to be evacuated from areas at short notice and are safe.

On a bright note what a FANTASTIC reunion we had. We had our biggest attendance in 30 years. Although it was warm, we ignored the heat and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The committee did a great job with the organizing of the weekend and worked tirelessly throughout the entire weekend to ensue it's success. THANKS to you all. A huge thanks go to Carmel for her job as MC for Saturday night. We could not have had anyone better. You were tops.

We had lots of surprises when the coaches and cars arrived on Friday and Saturday night. The look on some peoples faces said it all. Some of us catching up after 30 years is amazing.

We have had some new memberships and many renewed, we hope this will encourage people to keep in touch. A very successful AGM was held on Sunday morning with the highest attendance. We had important input from you all and we appreciate this and take it on board for the next years reunion. Who said we would only last 20 years!

The committee apologises to you all about the calendars. We realised the problem on the Monday while some of us were travelling home. The committee made their first meeting from the wrong calendar. I hope you haven't done the same. To all those accident prone members and those not too well our best wishes from everyone goes to you.

Until next time
King regards Suzie G

FROM OUR SECRETARY:

Hello to you all.



Welcome to a new year for all ALDECC Members. A great weekend was held for our 30th Reunion at Feathertop Resort Harrietville. A lot of old and new faces joined in for the festivities held.

Our Committee has changed once again for the years 2009 and 2010. A big thankyou goes to Bryn Hillman who stepped down as President. Sue Grant stepped down as Secretary and Kevin Gough, Reen Hillman, Mary Greenham and Graeme Hayes stepped down as Committee Members. A lot of work is put in by the Committee Members and it is appreciated.

Elections were held with the new office bearers being. Sue Grant President, Mary Purtill Secretary. Committee Members Reen Hillman, Mary Greenham, Mary Kirk standing for 2 years and Graeme Hayes elected for 1 year. These members join John Gullock, Carmel McCartin, Steve Damm and Bernie Greeley. Please feel free to contact any of your Committee Members. We love to keep in touch and a bit of gossip or news does get through via the network and grapevine

For those of you, who may have missed out on our reprint of the 2009 calendar, please let me know and arrangements will be made to get one to you.

Wishing you all a safe and happy year.
Regards
Mary Purtill.

From Bryn.....



Firstly I would like to congratulate the committee members for all their support over the past 2 years and for the tremendous effort everyone put in towards making the 30th ALDECC reunions one to remember! I was extremely proud to be a part of ALDECC's history with the opportunity of working with you all. We had a lot of laughs and a great deal of fun.

I would also like to thank each and everyone who attended the reunion - some of whom travelled far—while experiencing many difficulties along the way. We also appreciated the messages sent along to the reunion from some of you who wanted to be there and couldn't. Hopefully we will see you next year!

Congratulations to both Mary and Sue for your new roles as Secretary and President, and it will be great having Mary Kirk as part of the Committee for the next 2 years.

A big thank you to both the Higginson families and the Clarke Brothers for their generous donation of time and coaches in transporting our members from Melbourne and Sydney. The anticipation of the coaches arrival was great.—and what a rare sight when all the girls got off complete with their bras on!

I wish all of you a very happy, safe and healthy year ahead, and my thoughts go to all of you who have experienced less than ideal times during the weeks since ALDECC with both fires and floods.

I also look forward to being a part of your Committee as we move forward with ALDECC.

Bryn

WELCOME

The Members and Committee welcome the following new members :

Eddie & Fay Hoffman

David Campbell

Max Burgess

Simone Grant

Welcome back to all our previous members who rejoined ALDECC at the last reunion.



Thank You

A most sincere thank you to Geoff McGeary at Australian Pacific Tours for his generous donation and good wishes to the members of ALDECC. It was greatly appreciated by all.



To both Greg and Helen Oakley - what a pair you two are! Hopefully you are both on the mend and we know you are very appreciative to the Eldreds who came to the rescue when neither of you were much chop! e are cer-

tainly part of a wonderful industry.

To our new President Sue We will be seeing a lot less of her at the next Committee meeting. Wishing you all the best for a very speedy recovery as well.

To any other members not in the best of health at present—we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery!

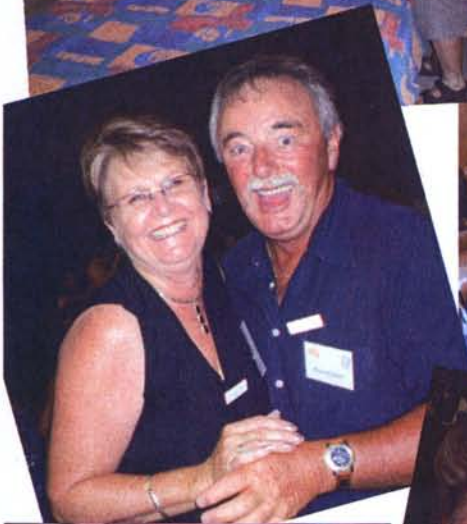


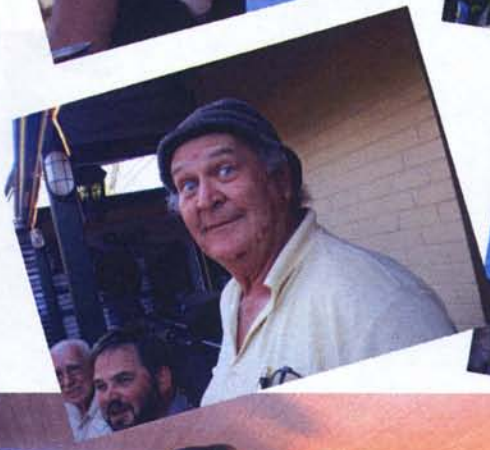
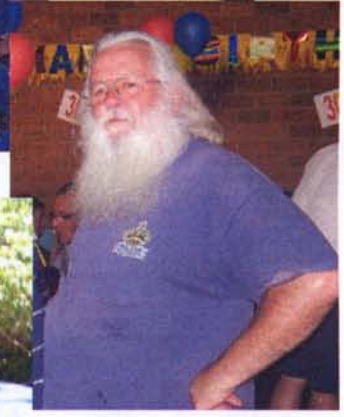
Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of both Geoff and Margaret Johnson who passed away within 3 days of each other at the end of January. Jeff of course had a long association with Truck & Bus Magazine and was instrumental in ensuring all ALDECC members as well as the general coach community were kept informed of all gossip around the traps. In his later years Geoff was often seen down in Loftus (NSW) at the Tramway Museum. His smile and good nature was legendary. He and Margaret were a team right to the end. Our thoughts are with their children and grandchildren.

Our thoughts and sympathy to Margie Goates and her family on the recent death of her sister Judith after many years of poor health.

If you have lost a blue checked short sleeved men's shirt—then it was probably the one left behind at Feathertop following the last ALDECC reunion. Please contact Reen or Bryn Hillman and they will send it onto you.

ENJOY THE CALENDAR WITH THE RIGHT DATES!!





RETIREMENT IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE

One day, while going to the store, I passed by a nursing home. On the front lawn was six old ladies lying naked on the grass. I thought this was a bit unusual, but continued on my way to the store. On my return trip, I passed the same nursing home with the same six old ladies lying naked on the lawn. This time my curiosity got the best of me, & I went inside to talk to the Nursing Home Administrator. 'Do you know there are six ladies lying naked on your front lawn?' 'Yes,' she said. 'They're retired prostitutes, - they're having a garage sale.'



Cup of Tea .

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me.

I was maybe 2 1/2 years old and had just recovered from an accident.

Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a get-well gift and it was one of my favourite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mum came home. My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!'

My Mum waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says, (as only a mother would know..

'Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?'





Quick Check for Alzheimer's

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University

Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake.

The average person over 40 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat..
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the **third** word in each line from the top down

