



# ALDECC inc.



**Newsletter**

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**2009**



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## A Message from the President ..... SUE

Greetings to all Members,

What a year we have had! The weather has been unpredictable in many areas with lots of rain in some areas, no rain in others, winds that would blow your socks off, and of course the fires we had.

2009 has been great for many and not so for others. Christmas is the time we spend time with families and loved ones, then for many it is holidays where we catch our breath and relax for some time. If this is you ENJOY your time. Our lives seem to be busier and faster as the years go by. Our reunion is another time to catch up on friends, enjoy each others company and relax as well. If you haven't sent in your replies, it is a great weekend, so get motivated!

Your committee are still in the process of finalising the arrangements. I can assure you it will be enjoyable!

The ALDECC committee and members sends everyone greetings from member to member for Christmas and 2010.

I am on my 3rd Christmas break-up for the day.

Till Feb 5 6 7

Kind regards

Suzie Grant.



## From our Secretary - Mary.....

Dec 2009

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Christmas is now upon us all and the mad Silly Season began in this household probably at this time last year, and I am still waiting for it to stop. The Catering Business is going at full speed at this time of the year and I have even called upon a couple of Members of ALDECC to give a hand. It brings back some memories of on the road experiences for us all. Yes we still deal with Drunks, Punks and Shirts and Skirts.

A big thanks to all Members who have returned the "Bits and Pieces" that were included in the last newsletter. A few Members have now gone onto the Gone Missing list that has sprung up since our last mail out. If anyone can help me out with a phone number or address for these Members it would be greatly appreciated. We would love to keep them in touch.

The Early Bird price for the 31<sup>st</sup> Reunion closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. We have had a good response, but it would be great if you could let me know ASAP of your intentions with regards to next years Reunion. Even if you cannot attend don't forget that we still need some more photos for the calendar and of course please don't forget to send your subs for 2010.

Our condolences go to Sue Grant and her family on the recent passing of her Mother. May we all take the Time to Stop and Reflect on the past year, be it good or bad and make sure that the next year will become better and happier for us all.

Until next time have a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Mary Purtill

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE.....

May your Festive Season be a time spent with those dear to you, filled with much laughter, peace and great memories. Stay well and safe until we meet again in February!





## WHERE ARE THEY ???? - The Gone Missing List for ALDECC.

These members have had returned mail since our last mail out. We would love to keep in touch with them. If any Member could come up with an Address or Phone Number please let Mary know.

Leigh Colbert ✓  
Tracey Pearce (White) ✓  
John McAlister ✖  
Klaus Winand ✖  
Joel McClelland ✖  
Paul & Jonny Harris ✖



Ruth Carmichael recently helped out a "Lame Duck" by going on a trip to Tassie to show her around as a person of experience. The terrific highlight of the trip was when they were about to board the "Lady Franklin" to cruise the Gordon River and an APT coach pulled up and out stumbled Margie Goates.

Her driver had just been telling all their passengers that Margie knew people in every town that they stopped and Margie had been telling them that she knew no one in Strahan until our Ruth stepped up to say hello. As you can imagine a lot of fun was had by all.

Ian Purtil has had a few words lately with the man upstairs. Whilst knocking on the door he thought that it was rather hot and when it opened he did wonder why God had horns. The Devil actually told him that he had the wrong Brother and Red said that he had better go look in Deni and returned safely to the family fold. He is now well on the road to recovery and is looking forward to next year.



All Sue Grant really wants for Christmas is a new front tooth! While racing around as she does— flitting between one Christmas break up to another— she managed to break her front tooth.

She too must have been speaking to the "Man upstairs" and word reached the local priest. While meeting with Sue following the sad loss of her Mum, Father mentioned to Sue that it would be a good idea not to open her mouth much! There is always time for laughter even in the most saddest of situations!

Karen & Peter Ingram (daughter and Son in law of the Levers) were in Fiji to watch their sons play for the under 18's Rugby League for NSW, when the Surnami hit.

Apparently the boys thought that the flood of water was great fun rushing through the hotel they were staying at. They said Surf's up let's go.

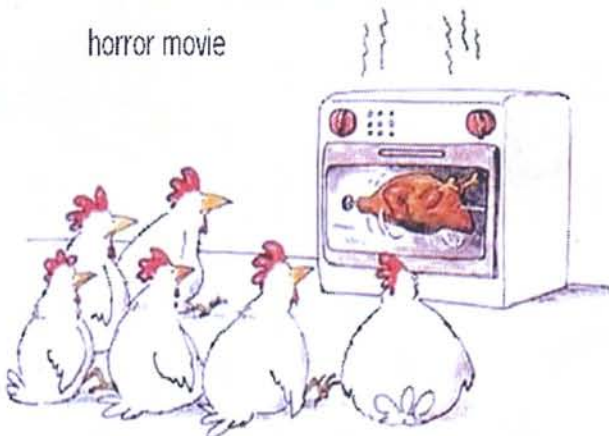
Typical of today's young ones!

Not sure on the outcome of the Rugby though!



Deluxe Coachlines are having a 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion on the 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010.  
For more info and details go to [www.deluxecoachlines-reunion.com](http://www.deluxecoachlines-reunion.com).

horror movie



We have had a great response from members returning the ALDECC Members Information Update sheet. (this was the pink page in your last newsletter. There was even a reply paid envelope included for you to send it back to Reen).

Thank you for your help with this and to the Levers who had their reply back before most members even opened their newsletters!!! Some members provided some very amusing inclusions, along with their subs and reunion cheques.

This information will be used to update our records and ensure that you're not in the "dead book" if you don't need to be!

Additional copies of the Information Sheets will be available at the ALDECC reunion in February.

**ALDECC - 31st Anniversary REUNION**  
**STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW / DO!!**

**THE DATES:** Friday 5th, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February 2010

**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.

**HOW CAN I PAY?** You can either send Mary Purtill 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 Mary Purtill to advise that you have made a direct credit into the account so she can be on the look out for it. Her email: [purtilldrivetrain@bigpond.com.au](mailto:purtilldrivetrain@bigpond.com.au)

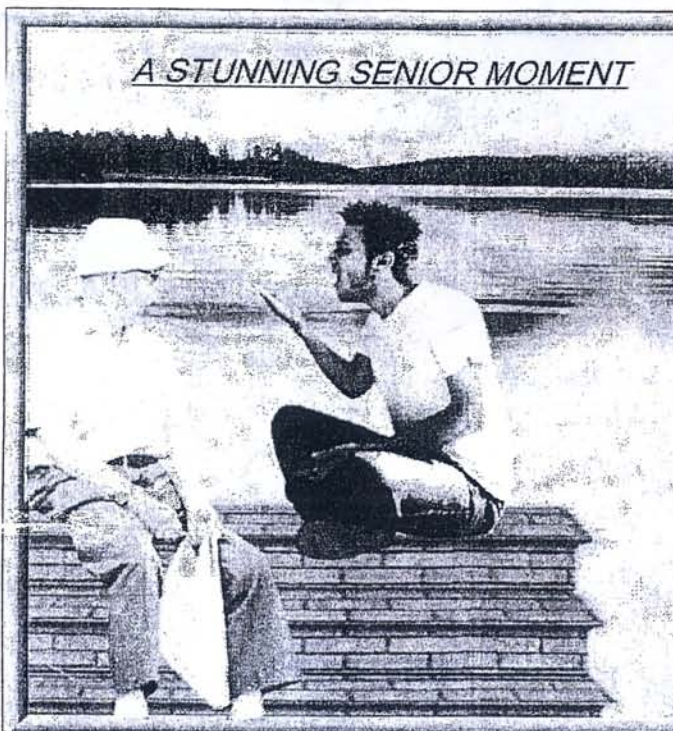
**IS THERE COACH TRANSPORT?** Please check with Mary Purtill regarding this.

**ARRIVING FRIDAY NIGHT???** Please let Mary 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 very welcome but you will need to book yourself in at the nearby Caravan Park. (Please check your invitation for details and meal prices)

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

*A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT*



*A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh\*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!*

THANKS  
HAZEY!



Many thanks to Garry Mathewson for sending us the photos of Lance and Barb's coach and trailer which has now been set up at the Transport Hall of Fame in Alice Springs. It was taken when Garry went up in August for KB & co's inductions.



Our thanks also to the Grenda family for your generosity and ensuring Lance's dream was realised.

Set alongside the trailer is the infamous ARCSC board which has finally made it's way back to the fold! Again - thank you to the many behind the scene helpers who assisted in making this possible and again to Jeff Tucker for surrendering it back. It is very much appreciated.



To our members and their families who have been unwell of late, we hope things have improved and you are well and truly on the mend!

*Congratulations!*

To all our members children and grandchildren who have completed the HSC this year. We hope your results were what you hoped for and your futures are now a blank canvas to do with what you would like.

It can be a stressful time for students and their families—so a big relief when it is all over.



Sometimes....  
when you cry...  
no one sees your tears.

Sometimes...  
when you are in pain.  
no one sees your hurt.

Sometimes..  
when you are worried..  
no one sees your stress

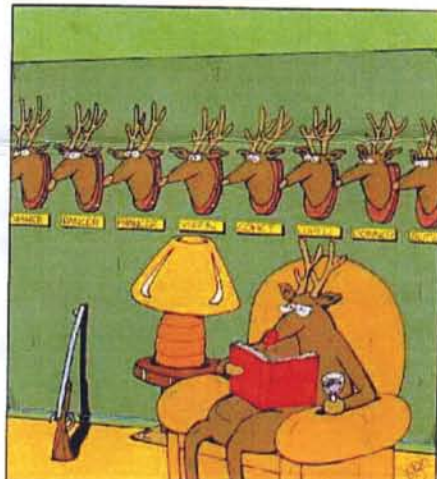
Sometimes.  
when you are happy..  
no one sees your smile ...

But **FART !!** just ONE  
time...  
And everybody knows!!

**Virtual Humor** by Kevin Duffy



**Santa's sexual harassment trial takes a dramatic change for the worse**



All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 31ST ALDECC REUNION ON FEBRUARY 5TH, 6TH & 7TH**

