

# ALDECC inc.



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## President's Report



Greetings to all Members

Once again the year has flown as we are now in the last few months of 2009. Yes, it is invite time for our 31st Anniversary in February 2010.

It really makes our organizing easier (as well as cheaper) if you reply early. So please take 10 minutes and fill out the relevant form and sent it back to Mary. You may email and direct debit but don't forget TO LET MARY KNOW YOU DID IT!

We have been receiving bits of info from members around the traps. It really does help with our newsletters. Some of our committee members are still doing the occasional tour and we enjoy hearing stories of their travels. As we all know the countryside changes vastly from year to year and when told of the big masses of water, some of us remember the huge 1972 floods and what the country looked like then.

Enjoy your newsletter! They are a great source of info and humour. They require lots of phone calls and messages as well as tall stories. Thanks to all who spend time and talent formatting, printing and posting them. (Even though we make the occasional mistakes!) - Who noticed our gaff in the last newsletter? (look for the answer somewhere in the newsletter)

For now - kind regards

Suzie



## Secretary's Report

Hello to you all

July, August and September have sped away along with the rest of the year. Now we are into the business end with Christmas not that far away.

Red, the kids and I have just taken 3 weeks time out during the last school holidays on a road trip to Queensland. We had used up the excuses of not being old enough or tall enough to visit the theme parks on the kids and now that Emily, Tim and David are old enough to show no fear visit the theme parks we did. Red had the best time at the Wet and Wild Water Park. He couldn't understand why everyone looked totally different the next day at Movie World with their clothes on. Emily ran away with disgust. It was nice to catch up with old friends along the way. Thanks to Tim and Margie in Maleny for your hospitality and tours of the Hamlets surrounding your beautiful area in which you live. Boxhead and Susie Stephenson at Maitland are also keeping very well.

In this newsletter you will find bits and pieces added on. There is an Information sheet, a couple of questions to answer and of course the all important invitation to the next ALDECC Reunion to be held Feb 2010.

Now I know that you all lead very busy lives, but help me out and return the bits and pieces so as I can keep the ALDECC information up to date. We have even included a reply paid envelope to help you out.

If anyone has suggestions or donations to go towards the raffle prizes at the next reunion, please drop me a line I am all ears. We also need some more photos of Campsites and Lunch spots for our next Calender.

I hope that you all stay well and in touch with each other.

Until next time

Mary Purtill







We would love to have as many members attend our 31st Reunion, as possible so please get organised and if you know of anyone who you think would enjoy the week-end—let them know it's on or just pass on their information to any member of your committee!



REMEMBER—EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Do you have a coloured X in your box??

If so - you could owe subs.



Please contact Mary 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 Mary.

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

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HAVE YOU MOVED?? Share your new address with us! It will make it a whole lot easier for you to get your newsletter if we know where to send it to!



Two more have joined the "50's club! Many happy returns to Mike Gunn and Caroline Walsh!

Still looking good!



Joe and Laurie Pincini have been inducted into the Transport Hall of Fame. It is very well deserved. You join fellow ALDECC members Bill Hand and the late KB—who we mentioned last newsletter as being inducted in August. We look forward to the photos SOON!



You certainly can't keep a good girl down—an that is certainly true for our friend Amy McClaggish, who has recently been spotted gallivanting around BORNEO. You go girl!

Remember:

Senior Citizens  
Are Valuable!



We are more valuable than any of the younger generations:

We have SILVER in our hair.

We have GOLD in our teeth.

We have STONES in our kidneys.

We have LEAD in our feet and

We are loaded with NATURAL GAS!

It would be easier to list those members who are not or have not been crook recently at present—so to those of you who have felt a whole lot better in the past—hope you are soon on the mend!



To Graeme Trease—who had an accident on the farm recently— we hope you are soon a lot more mobile than you are now.







There are still some ALDECC "The Journey" books for sale. If you know of any one who would like one, please contact Mary Purtill.



The first testicular guard was used in cricket in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974.

The Higgenson family were spotted in Alice Springs. According to a very reliable source, the eskies they had with them for the grog were far better than any they ever supplied for the food on tour !



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Mr Pyper has now left the Alice and is headed for WA.

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The "bacteria lodge" boys - (Messrs Walsh, Rodway, Keatley, Martin and Greenham) had a stopover in Mildura. Word has it that some never slept a wink all night when Alfie appeared in a maroon nightgown ! Some even say that two members had to cuddle up to keep warm..... As if !!!

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Jim Heyward can still be found helping out around the Alice also.

**31ST ALDECC REUNION—See attached Invitation, Early Bird Forms and Information Fact Sheet for Details!**  
If you still have questions—then please feel free to contact Mary Purtill, Sue Grant or Reen Hillman for additional details.

BEFORE MARRIAGE

John Ah...At last. I can hardly wait!

Jane Do you want me to leave?

John No! Don't even think about it.

Jane Do you love me?

John Of course! Always have and always will!

Jane Have you ever cheated on me?

John NO! Why are you even asking?

Jane Will you kiss me?

John Every chance I get!

Jane Will you hit me?

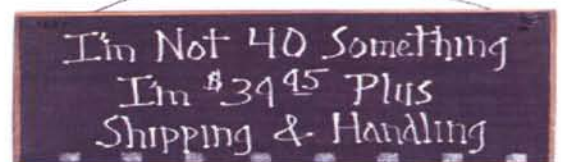
John Hell no! Are you crazy?

Jane Can I trust you?

John Yes

Jane Darling!

AFTER MARRIAGE—READ FROM THE BOTTOM LINE TO THE TOP



An Aussie garbage collector is driving along a street picking up the wheelie bins and emptying them into his compactor. He goes to one house where the bin hasn't been left out, and in the spirit of kindness, and after having a quick look about for the bin, he gets out of his truck goes to the front door and knocks.

There's no answer. Being a kindly and conscientious bloke, he knocks again - much harder. Eventually a Japanese man comes to the door. "Harro!" says the Japanese man.

"Giddy, mate! Where's ya bin?" asks the collector.

"I bin on toiret," explains the Japanese bloke, a bit perplexed.... Realising the little foreign fellow had misunderstood him, the bin man smiles and tries again.

"No ! no ! mate,

Where's your dust bin?"

"I dust been to toiret, I toll you!" says the Japanese man, still perplexed.

"Listen," says the collector. "You're misunderstanding me.

Where's your 'w h e l i e' bin?"

"OK, OK.." replies the Japanese man with a sheepish grin, and whispers in the collector's ear.

"I wheelie bin having sex wirra wife's sista!"



Three women, two younger, and one senior citizen, were sitting naked in a sauna .

Suddenly there was a beeping sound. The young woman pressed her forearm and the beep stopped.

The others looked at her questioningly. "that was my pager" she said. I have a microchip under the skin of my arm.

A few minutes later, a phone rang. The second young woman lifted her palm to her ear. When she finished, she explained, "That was my mobile phone—I have a microchip in my hand".

The older woman felt very low-tech, and so not to be out done, she decided she had to do something impressive. She stepped out of the sauna and went to the bathroom. She returned with a piece of toilet paper hanging from her rear end.

The others raised their eye brows and stared at her. The older woman finally said ..... Will you look at that ..... I'M GETTING A FAX !

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THE A.R.C.C.S Board is FINALLY at the Transport Hall of Fame.  
Many thanks to Mary P and all concerned up in Alice for your diligence in making sure it happened.  
Thanks also to Jeff Tucker for agreeing to surrender the Board after actually meeting with Mary in Alice!  
There will be further updates in the next newsletter.

**WANTED**

WE URGENTLY NEED Photos of any camp grounds, pubs, lunch stops used while you were touring. Please send either duplicate copies to Mary Purtill or email scanned photos to Reen Hillman at [lareen.hillman@minit.com.au](mailto:lareen.hillman@minit.com.au) BEFORE 30th NOVEMBER. Many thanks.

Yesterday I was at my local supermarket buying a large bag of Purina dog food for my Daughters Springer Spaniel and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but that I'd lost 2 stone before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.) Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's arse and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

I'm now banned from the store.

Moral of the story: ... Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.



Stan & Ruth Tidy are now busy with the Voluntary Marine Rescue at Round Hill in Qld, and are enjoying retirement. Stan was awarded a O.B.E and as a result still gets to travel a bit.





## **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.

**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 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 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 !!!!

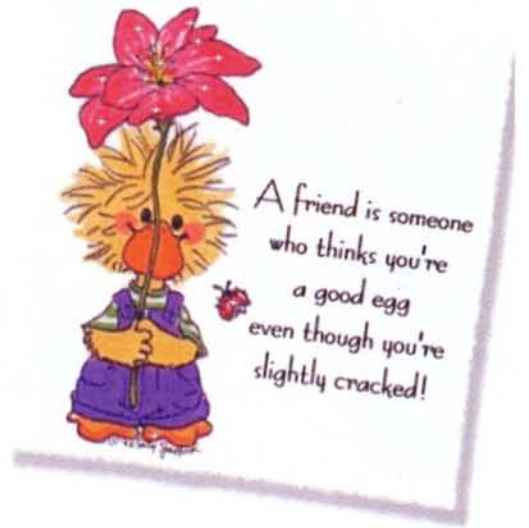




A British store is launching a range of under-pants for left-handed men, an innovation it says will save them both time and embarrassment in front of the porcelain.

The new range, by UK-based Hom, will have a horizontal opening instead of a vertical slit accessed from the right-hand side, breaking a tradition that has lasted for 75 years.

"In our view, this is a vital step toward equality for left-handed men," said Rob Faucherand of Debenhams store. Almost 10 percent of British men are believed to be left handed but men's Y-fronted underpants have traditionally had a right-handed opening from the time they were invented in 1935.



A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're slightly cracked!



True Love.....

A man was sitting on the couch watching TV when he heard his wife's voice from the kitchen.

What would you like for dinner Love ?

Chicken, beef or lamb ?

He said, Thank you, I'll have chicken.

Shut up. You re having soup. I was talking to the cat.





# EARLY BIRD FORM



## Reunion Dates: 5th, 6th & 7th February 2010

We already have good numbers of people coming to the 31st ALDECC Reunion to be held at Feathertop.

Do you have your own transport or would a coach be required? Please let Mary know so we can make arrangements if required.

The cost of the reunion is \$160 (after 15 Dec) or early bird price of \$150 per adult for the full weekend including the usual meals. Children: 4 - 11 yrs \$70, 12-17 yrs \$80 (usual meals included.)

Meals only price is \$60 for all the meals during the weekend - Sat :B.L.D, Sun: B.L.

Pay early and save! This is in fact CHEAPER than you paid last year!

If you want to come and share the fun and memories at the 31st Reunion celebrations - send in the form below, or the ear Off Bit from the enclosed invitation with your payment before **15th December !!!!!**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: .....

GUESTS ATTENDING:.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:.....

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....

Coach from Melbourne? Yes or No

Please return in your Reply Paid envelope enclosed OR to Mary Purtill

