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1942 Ford V8 owned & restored by Symes Bus Service Tingha N.S.W



1956 ANSAIR FLEXIBLE CLIPPER

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Your Committee hard at work.

Purtills feed us well and we get to try out any new dishes before the unsuspecting public actually pays for them. We don't mind one bit!





GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:



Greetings to all Members.

Well the year is in its last few months and by now I'm sure some of us have grown web feet with the rain we have had. At our recent committee meeting in Albury there was a lake behind the Purtills. Also, the Hume weir has gone from 2% full last year to 100% full at the moment. It is something to see, as not many children have seen water like this before. We have had great reports from the Transport Hall of fame annual weekend in Alice. It is great to hear these reports as many members are unable to travel and are still very interested in what is happening.

Congratulations to Ray Higginson for his induction. His name is added to many other "Coachies" names on the board. Enclosed is your Invitation for our next reunion, please fill it out & send to Mary as it helps us with our arrangements. Phone calls & e mails are always appreciated as news is always handy for gossip side of our newsletter as well as catching up with everyone!

That's all from myself at the moment Your Secretary has given a full story regarding the reunion fees etc. Trust everyone is well.

Kind regards

Sue Grant.

A WORD FROM YOUR SECRETARY

secretary@aldecc.org.au

Hello to you all

Spring has sprung and I have been busy updating and collating our ALDECC records in readiness for the end of year.

Some of our members will find a cross on their newsletter letting them know that they are behind in paying their 2010 or 2009 subs.

So whilst you are filling in and replying to the invitation attached to the 2011 Reunion please don't forget to add that little bit extra for subs.

The costs for the 2011 Reunion have been finalised, \$185.00 per Adult or \$180.00 Early Bird (that's if you pay before December 20th 2010), Kids \$100.00 or \$95.00 Early Bird.

For those that like to bring their own homes with them for the weekend the Meals Only Price is \$75.00 per person. Remember that you can pay online if you wish, just make sure that you give your name as a reference.

There are Elections to take place at the 2011 (32nd) Reunion. Standing down are Sue Grant President, Mary Purtill Secretary, Committee Members Mary Greenham, Bryn Hillman, Reen Hillman, and Mary Kirk. The Committee would like to thank these members for their hard work and efforts over the past 2 years. It would be great to see some new faces nominate to take a turn at organising the rest of us. The job isn't that hard and usually a lot of laughs are had by all.

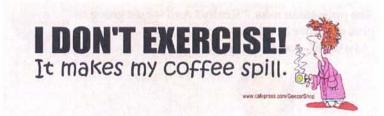
Photos for the 2011 Calendar are wanted. If you have any funny holiday snaps from your touring days please send them in

Prizes for the raffles are needed and if you have any thoughts for these please let me know.

Don't forget that we have our official Website. Make sure that you click onto www.aldecc.org.au and if you wish send comments to the webmaster or drop an email to the secretary. We would love to hear from you.

Until next time stay safe and well Regards

Mary Purtill secretary@aldecc.org.au







Our Intrepid seniors are showing us some style. At the ripe age of 83 - ALDECC member Max Pryce of Melbourne, still rises at 5am EVERY DAY and rides horses at the track! Not bad for our most senior member!! Well done Max and keep it up!!

Trevor Duffy can be found doing some volunteer work at the Old Timers Village in Alice Springs.

Now that's our Trevor!



"Wherethebloodyhellareyou???"

Dirk Campbell Graham Pyper Klaus Winnard John McCallister

If you know where any of the above members are, please let Mary know as their newsletters keep getting returned:

A.R.C.S.C. Board Update:

The board is still located in the Lananda Coach, however plans are underway to relocate it into a new display room for buses/coaches. There will be a plaque placed on/near the board saying that the board has been restored and kindly donated by the members of ALDECC. Will keep you posted. Speaking of Seniors, Tracey White (or should that be Pearce) recently competed in the Masters Games in Alice Springs playing Softball. Good on you Tracey.

While on the subject of Awards our very own John Gulloch received a Bronze Medal in a shooting competition over in South Australia. We understand there was another medal pinned to his chest as well but our news source was a little slack with the exact details. Well done anyway John.

Bernie Greely & Lourelle has been back in town for an ALDECC committee meeting which just happened

CALENDARS for 2011

Here is your golden opportunity to get your 5 minutes of fame and appear in one of ALDECC'S calendars! The theme for the next calendar is "Life/Days on the Road".

Please dust off those photo albums, dig into that bin of photos you are going to sort out when you retire or have time. Please scan or copy your photos and send them to Mary Purtill, or Reen Hillman.

Speaking of calendars - just turn the page to see the latest Calendar Boy! Shame he was not on the Committee a couple of years back!

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.

Education....

A man is stopped by the police at midnight and asked where he's going.

"I'm on the way to listen to a lecture about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on the human body."

The policeman asks, "Really? And who's going to give a lecture at this time of night?"
"My wife", comes the reply.



Faye & Elwyn have had a few visitors lately with Amy McClaggish, as well as the Oakleys popping in.

Helen & Greg also caught up with Naybob & Viv at Tewantin when they were passing through.

Garry Mathewson has been in China, while Bernie Greely and Craig Cotterill have been driving 4WDs through Palm Valley. Bernie will be back down in Melbourne before Christmas for his usual gig as Santa for Anglicare.



Remember that ALDECC has joined the computer age and now has our own

ALDECC Website

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If you want to contact Mary Purtill via email — the email address is:

secretary@aldecc.org.au

2011 ALDECC REUNION

The dates are: 4th, 5th and 6th February 2011.

Your invitation is attached to this Newsletter. Please take a moment to read it, and take advantage of the EARLY BIRD OFFER. (form attached). Just pay before 18th December 2010. Don't forget to include your name as the reference if you are paying with a bank transfer, or let Mary know.

If you have any queries regarding the reunion — then Mary Purtill is just the girl to give you the all the answers. Phone her at home on 02 6043 1640 or Mobile 0438 431 640

RAFFLE PRIZES

Our raffle is always a lot of fun and gives us the chance to raise a few funds.

If you would like to donate any prizes for our next Reunion Raffle, it would be VERY welcome and greatly appreciated. Please let Mary Purtill know as soon as possible.

ALDECC Banking Details

Please note our banking details below if you intend to deposit subs or reunion fees:

ANZ Bank

BSB 012-708

Account No 3692 76963

Address

Centro Lavington S/C

Lavington Shop 80 Griffith Rd

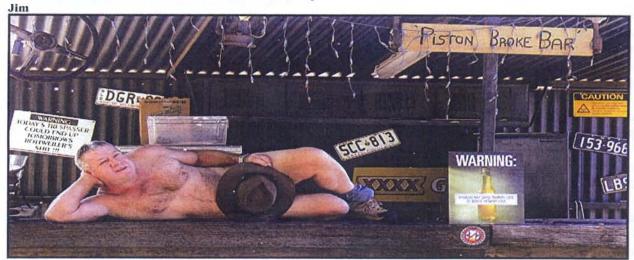
Lavington NSW 2641

A recent visit to the Alice Springs Transport Hall of Fame, in October,
Found a bit more of as local celebrity visible, than we would normally want to see......

Maybe, he is, as the picture says "Piston Broke" so he is supplementing his income in other ways.

It must be mentioned that the gentleman in question, was seen fully clothed prior to this, so maybe this is something he reserves for his days at the Transport Hall of Fame.

Good on you Jim.



Would you buy a cold beer off this bloke? Thousands of people a year do because Jim pretty well runs our 'PISTON BROKE BAR' in Stuarts Bush Kitchen and in the Roadkill Café whenever we do functions and events which is fairly often these days. Jim has his own busi-

ness and is involved with 4WD training, blood alcohol testing, tour guiding and car detailing among other things. He's a pretty handy volunteer to have around the place and will be using his share of calendar money to put some new equipment into the bars.

If you were around in 1919 and came upon the following poster.

With age comes wisdom......

A guy is 84 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say,

'Pick me up.'

He looked around and couldn't see anyone.

He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again,

'Pick me up.'

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said, 'Are you talking to me?'

The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you.'

Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen.

I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!'

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket. The frog said, 'What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.'

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said,

'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'

After his exam, the doctor said to the elderly man:

'You appear to be in good health. Do you have any medical concerns you would like to ask me about?'

'In fact, I do.' said the old man.

'After I have sex, I am usually cold and chilly; and then, after I have sex with her the second time, I am usually hot and sweaty.'

After examining his elderly wife, the doctor said:

'Everything appears to be fine. Do you have any medical concerns that you would like to discuss with me?'

The lady replied that she had no questions or concerns. The doctor then said to her:

'Your husband had an unusual concern. He claims that he is usually cold and chilly after having sex with you the first time and then hot and sweaty after the second time. Do you know why?'

'Oh, that crazy old fart!' she replied. 'That's because the first time is usually in June, and the second time is in January.'



I mean. seriously. wouldn't you just keep drinking?

NOT ALL SENIORS ARE SENILE.....

A white-haired man walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young blonde at his side.

He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring. The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40, 000," he said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement. The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque clears so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank on Monday morning to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up on Monday afternoon," he said..

On Monday morning, the jeweller 'phoned the old man and said "Sir, there's no money in that account."

"I know," said the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend!"

ALDECC COMMITTEE

The following Committee members are standing down at the next AGM:

Sue Grant President, Mary Purtill Secretary, Mary Greenham, Bryn Hillman, Reen Hillman, and Mary Kirk.

Please give some though to whom you may like to vote in at the next ALDECC election - or have a go on the Committee yourself. It not hard, is a lot of fun, and new faces are always welcome! One of our Committee members recently walked in the footsteps of her ancestors while doing research for the family tree. This involved trekking around many cemeteries.

After finding Great Nana & Grandad at the Mansfield cemetery, she decided to clear up a few small weeks growing through the gravel on their concrete bordered grave. As she stood on the grave to reach the middle, the surface of the grave gave way and down went one very startled Reen, into the grave up over her knees! She would have had help to get her out of there had it not been for her unhelpful family rolling around laughing and grabbing the camera!

Reen scrambled OUT of and OFF that grave as fast as she could crawl! A change of clothing was required, along with an apology to her grandparents for what she said when she fell in!

YOUR ALDECC NEWSLETTER

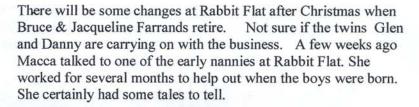
Have you got any gossip, tid bits you would like included in the Newsletter? If so Please contact Mary at secretary@aldecc.org.au so it can be passed onto the Editor. You must know SOMETHING that someone else would like to hear about also.

YOUNG AT HEART Slightly older in other places.

The main ingredient to being happily married in later life is to have sex nearly every night – Nearly on Monday Nearly on Tuesday Nearly on Wednesday.....

BOY I'M RICH.....

Silver in the Hair Gold in the Teeth Stones in the Kidneys Sugar in the Blood Lead in the Feet Iron in the Arteries



PARKINSON'S UNITY WALK

Dub McCartin recently took part in the Parkinsons Unity Walk in the Albury/ Wodonga area to help raise awareness of Parkinsons Disease. It was a very successful day, with Dub even ending up with his picture in the local paper. Well done Dub.



ON THE MEND

We are pleased to report that the list of "sickies" in the last newsletter are now firing on most cylinders, and are much better.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Ian & Tammy Gallacher and their family on the recent death of their Dad / Granddad.

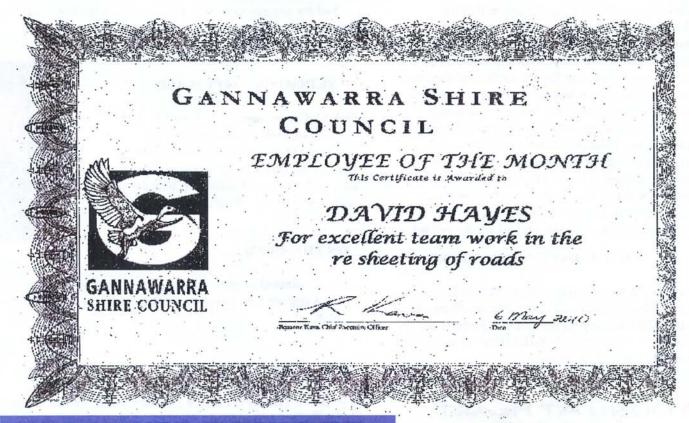
GET WELL.....

A few of our members are not travelling as well as they should be at the moment - and to you - we wish you all the best for a speedy recovery!

HAPPY 50TH MARY!

Following the last Committee Meeting, celebrations got underway for Mary Purtill's 50th birthday. Not even the rain or floods could dampen the festivities and a great night was had by all. Apparently Mary can even remember it......







Do you know the difference between Grandma and Grandpa?

Well here it is:

A friend, who worked away from home all week, always made a special effort with his family on the weekends. Every Sunday morning he would take his 7-year old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some bonding time -- just him and his granddaughter. One particular Sunday however, he had a bad cold and really didn't feel like being up at all. Luckily, his wife came to the rescue and said that she would take their granddaughter out.

When they returned, the little girl anxiously ran upstairs to see her Grandfather.

'Well, did you enjoy your ride with grandma?'

'Oh yes, Granddad' the girl replied, 'and do you know what? We didn't see a single arsehole, blind bastard, dip shit or wanker anywhere we went today!'

Almost brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?

What Happens if you Order a Bacardi Breezer in Outback Australia?





Stay healthy and safe. Happy travels—until next time....... And remember to Book Early for the 2011 reunion!