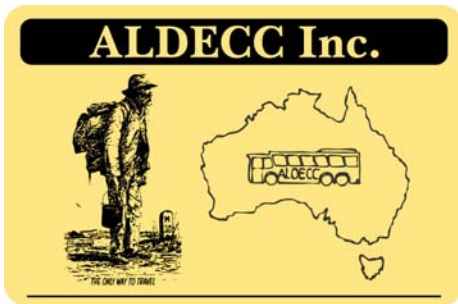


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It's not to offend but to amend

As you are all aware we pay our subs each year to be a member of ALDECC - \$20.00 single member \$30.00 per couple.

We all lead busy lives and some may forget to pay this small sum. Should you find a X in the following box's with a \$figure then that is what you owe.

By being a member you receive newsletters throughout the year and the right to come along to our annual Reunion organised by members for members. You also have the right to stand for Committee to help organise the continuance of ALDECC.

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New Banking Details for ALDECC

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Presidents Report June 2012

Bonjour! Buon Giorno! Hallo! Gooday

Well I can speak a few languages now, not really. The two M's had a great, fantastic, mind blowing, incredible time on our month long adventure in Europe. From London to Paris, Rome, Venice, Lucerne, Brussels, Heidelberg, Amsterdam, and too many other places to mention. Our Trafalgar Tour was great and it was nice to be on the other side of the fence for a change. Had a great Driver and the Tour Guide was great too, he would fit in very well over here, we even gave them ALDECC stubby holders as thank you gifts.

The tour reminded me of the reasons we choose that life style way back, travelling to great places, meeting new and interesting people, working hard offcourse, and making life long friends. ALDECC was founded on that friendship, and it took doing another tour to remind me of the wonderful memories we share even to today, when a couple of Aldecc members rolled in for a catch up.

Hope all is well with you, as winter kicks in. A special thought also goes out to our members feeling poorly at the moment. Its half way through the year now and it won't be long till another reunion comes our way. So please try to come along and catch up. Don't forget to send the Secretary any tid bits from around the tracks, and photo's please for the next calendar.

Till next time,

Arrivederci, Au Revoir, Dag, Goodbye

Mary Greenham

Secretary's Report June 2012

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Hello to you all

After looking out over London from the London Eye, Riding a Gondola to the peak of Mt Pilatus in Switzerland, Wandering through the Colosseum in Rome, climbing the Eiffel Tower in Paris, walking over every cobblestone in the town squares of Europe, Checking out the Windmills in the Netherlands, drinking plenty of rum one forgets how hard it is to be a tourist. Yes the shoe was on the other foot and the brain certainly went into la la land. Thank God for Bus Drivers and Tourist Guides who help you out along the way. Big M and I had a wonderful time away and I am now recovered from the bruises on my face where the earth hit me as I landed back into reality.

Just a gentle reminder for those saving up for that big trip, could you kindly send a little our way in payment for your subs for 2012. We have a few outstanding and I'm sure you know who you are. I always hated seeing red crosses on my homework or exams and hate to see them on the ALDECC newsletter.

The ALDECC committee are moving along steadily with planning for next year's reunion. Remember to keep Fri 1st Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd Feb 2013 free to catch up.

The price will increase slightly from this year more info in the next newsletter.

Photos for next year's calendar are always welcome. I'm sure we all have fond memories of our days on the road and it is nice to look at them as the months go by.

Mary Purtill

Secretary

Newsletter Bits n Pieces

It seems that the Month of May is the time for travel. A few of our Members have enjoyed the fruits of their labour with trips away overseas.

Graham Hayes Vietnam

Bernie Greely England, Ireland and Europe

Greg Reid Cruising Europe

Steve Damm (smurf) Singapore playing with monkeys

Big and Little M travelling England and Europe

Have we missed anyone please let us know

New Member

The Committee and Members would like to welcome

Greg Bowman Centralian Driver for starters with other companies to follow

Subs

To pay your annual subs send along a cheque payable to ALDECC to the secretary or transfer the funds into our ALDECC bank account, only \$20.00 for singles and \$30.00 for a couple.

Bank account details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

On the Mend

With time and age catching up with us all it's good to see that our thoughts can go out to those who have little setbacks along the way.

Ray Higginson had a small rest in hospital recently. (God help the nurses??)

Peter Byrne Battling with his test results and showing his true strength in looking forward to a brighter future.

Chin up guys we are all thinking of you.

On the Move

Barb Conner has moved house. It may be only a couple of blocks from the old one which saved on moving costs, but downsizing and practicalities are the way to go. All the best with settling in.

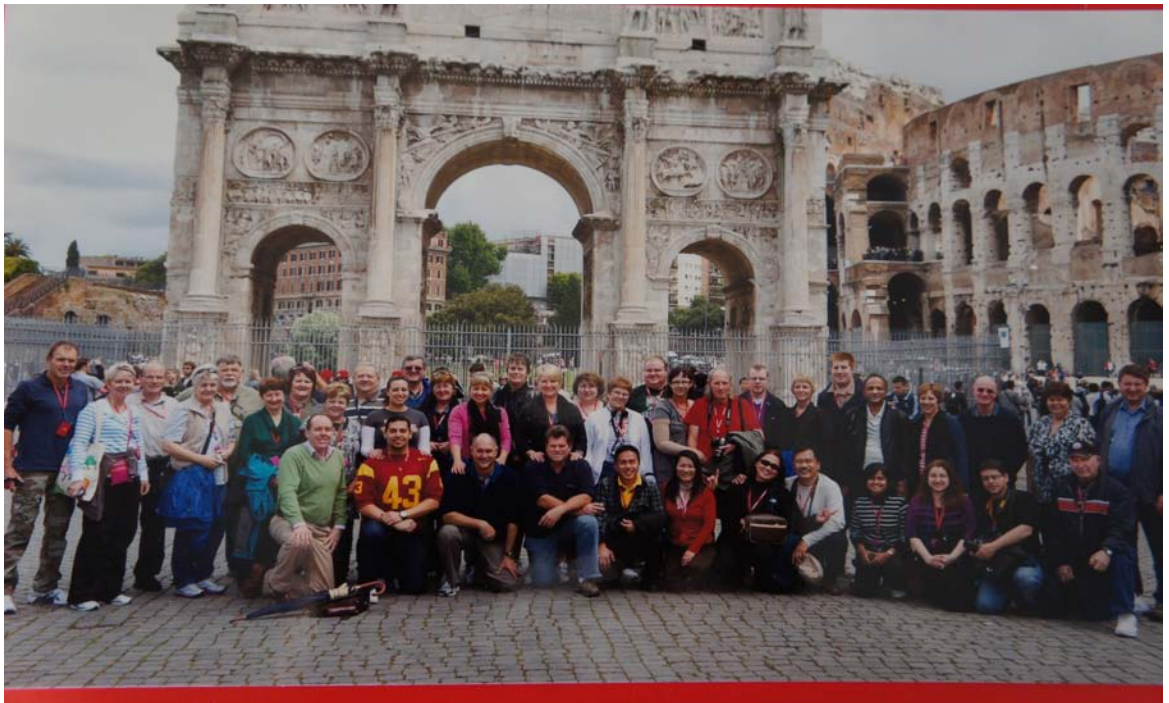
ALDECC Website

A lot of work has been done to the ALDECC Website over the past few months.

www.aldecc.org.au Nearly all of the ALDECC newsletters printed over the years have been added to the site and they sure make for an interesting read. Feel free to leave a comment on the visitor's page or just check out the news page to keep up to date with what's happening. Of course this doesn't happen over night and our Guru Garry has been kept hard at work in his retirement for ALDECC.

We are looking for missing newsletters in 1997. Can anyone help???

Big & Little M's Europe



On a night out in Rome, Mary P was the last one to receive her main course, when it came out, the waiter had a rose between his teeth and her dinner was on a silver tray. Well after he placed it in front of her, with the music playing, he nestled up to her neck and gave her a kiss. As the photo shows it was a laugh. PS. On leaving the restaurant he gave her a kiss goodnight and I got a hand shake. What does that say????

We had a great trip, with lots of laughs and many great times



A Look into the past - Crew Training 1987



A look into Operations '87.

The first day saw us leave Melbourne and head down to Warrnambool. The rain came out at lunch time giving us a chance to use the new awning. A comment was heard from Brian Taylor "Their go's the \$3.00 Lunches".

Our overnight camp was at a very nice caravan park in Warrnambool. After dinner we saw a very interesting video on The Birdsville mailman, The weather was quite cold that night, and most crew found out what its like to sleep in a tent during the rain. They now all appreciate what passengers have to put up with. One certain courier left his sleeping bag at home, so into an opp shop he went looking very destitute and brought a few blankets for \$5.00, we thought only passengers forgot things.

The second day was very quite, leaving Warrnambool behind we headed for the Grapians and our overnight camp for two nights Dadswell Bridge.

Day three we spent in camp finally in the sunshine, it was that warm that consequently everyone got sunburnt. A very informative day, with everyone doing lots of work.

Around the campfire that night tinkers showed us one of his campfire classic's.

It definitely was a classic!!!!!!! Later that night, two crew members (we need not ask who) decided to let down everyones tents. The mistake they made was they left their own tent up. The courier in question even slept in the next morning when it was his turn for duty.

A Look into the past - Crew Training 1987 Cont....

The next day saw us leave the Grampians behind and head to the thriving metropolis of Minyip for lunch, with another lunch in the rain. Next was Birchip where we were treated to a guided tour of the area by one of the towns people.

For most of us, it was the first time to a pig farm and the last for some.

We also visited an old shearing shed where we almost got bogged, but thanks to Freddie's driving and a few pushers we got out with a limited amount of fuss. Well we do hope Couriers guided tours run a little better . The sky looked like rain again, their was a toss up whether to camp or get a hall, but being crew and so tuff!! we put up camp, but some decided on caravan's.

The last day say us heading home via Bendigo, where we took a tram ride and went down a old gold mine.

From the highlights and low lights, it seems everyone learn't something and it also gave people a chance to get to know each other. This now means '87 should be a great year so to all crew, have a great year and keep bringing in good tours and repeat business.

Operations dept.....

