

# ALDECC inc.

Australian Long Distance experienced coach crews inc.



April 2013 NEWSLETTER

## 2013 ALDECC Committee Members

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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.

2011

2012

2013

### New Banking Details for ALDECC

ANZ Bank BSB 012-708

Address

Centro Lavington S/C

Account No 266880092

Lavington Shop 80 Griffith Rd

Lavington NSW 2641

Please put your Surname in for reference

## Presidents Report....

Hi, it's already Autumn and finally the weather is a little cooler, it's been a very, very warm summer.

We had perfect weather for our reunion this year in Tocumwal, it was another great weekend, catching up with those that could make it. Most of us went to a great Museum on the Saturday afternoon that Old Man Higgs had organised. Not knowing then that it would be the last time we would spend time with him. It is very sad that we have now lost one of the absolute characters and founding members of ALDECC, Past President and Life member, it will leave a hole at our reunions as another one of our members heads off. We send heart felt condolences to Lyn, Garry and Frances and the whole Higginson family. At Ray's funeral, we caught up with some old friends we hadn't seen in many years. It however was a sad time to catch up, so remember our days on the road and the special friendships we made for life. Try to make a special effort to come along to our next reunion which will be our 35<sup>th</sup>.

A special thanks go to Mary Purtill and the committee for all the work they do, thanks.

Keep safe and well till next time

Mary Greenham

President

## Secretary's Report...

Welcome to our first ALDECC Newsletter for 2013. After a great weekend at the 34<sup>th</sup> Reunion held in Tocumwal the Committee are once again back into the lines of communication with each other in organising the next reunion to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014. This will be the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion for ALDECC so it would be great to see a lot of old faces. We will be returning to Tocumwal so for those who missed this year it would be great to see you next year. Our numbers topped 57 for the weekend and a lot of laughs and talk of old times were had by all. The weather was even a little cooler with a few looking for woolly jumpers in the evening.

Our Committee members who stood down after 2 years being Mary Greenham President, Mary Purtill Secretary and Committee Members Garry Mathewson, Brian McLauchlan, Lyn Higginson and Kevin Gough were re nominated from the floor and accepted the nominations. Thankyou to the members that voted with confidence the return of the Committee I am sure that they will continue to contribute to ALDECC for the benefit of all.

Our calendar received by those attending the reunion was a big hit once again. I have a few left if anyone would like a copy for the sum of \$7.50.

Until next time, start looking in those old photo albums for any days on the road pictures that could be included into next years calendar and don't forget that you can send bits n pieces in via email or snail mail for all to share in for the newsletter.

Mary Purtill

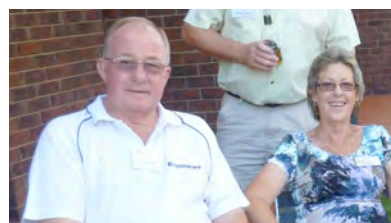
Secretary

Once again there was a lot of excitement in the air as the Raffle Prizes were drawn at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion.

The Committee would like to thank all those who kindly donated their time and efforts in making the prizes possible. Special thanks to Frances Higgo's Mother Yvonne McKenzie who spent hours of her time putting together and hand stitching the beautiful ALDECC Quilt as our main Prize which was duly won by Suzie Grant.

Raffle Prize	Donated By	Won By
ALDECC Quilt	Yvonne McKenzie	Sue Grant
Baby Q BBQ	ALDECC	Barb Conner
RED Rum	Garry Mathewson	Garry Higginson
Yellow Rum	Mary Greenham	Keith Grant
Irish Whisky	Bernie Greely	Jeff Spence
RFDS Cook Book	Graham Hayes	Ray Higginson
Ceramic Koala	Garry Mathewson	Bob Clarke
Centralian Photo Book	Garry Mathewson	Geoff Jamieson
Fun Park Vouchers	Glenn Calvert	Paul Beames
Fun Park Vouchers	Glenn Calvert	Sandy Corby
Glass Ware	Garry Mathewson	Frances Higginson (Kate)
Booby Prize	Garry Mathewson	Barb Woosey

Congratulations are in Order to Doug and Dawn Lever on the Celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



Jack Rogers is determined to get to an ALDECC Reunion eventually. You see Jack for the past two years has rung and let the Secretary know he will be coming. Unfortunately Jack forgets the dates and misses the event, thinking that the Reunion is the following week. Next Year we are determined to remind Jack of the dates for the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion and to make sure he gets there.



Recently seen out and about in Melbourne was no other than Bernie Greely. Bernie flew in from Alice Springs to attend the Funeral of Ray Higginson. As one Member of the clan said "I realise now what a special group of people we are in the coach industry and just how much of a bond we set up all those years ago"

There are few of our Members who are, and have been quite ill over the past few Months. We are thinking of you and hope that you are back on your feet soon.



*Forever in our thoughts,  
forever in our hearts*

*Raymond James  
Higginson*

*16 December 1928 - 15 March 2013*

*Ray's family would like to thank  
you for your kind and caring  
expressions of sympathy.*

*We thank you for the love, friendship  
and support that you have given  
to Ray over the years and know  
that each of you have your  
own special memories of him.*

It is with great sadness that we note the Passing of Ray Higginson on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Ray was a Founding Member and a Life Member of A.L.D.E.C.C. and attended every Reunion including the last one in February 2013.

All Members of A.L.D.E.C.C would have been touched by Ray at some stage in their Career or Lives whether it be by a kind act, advice or an opinion of sorts, of which Ray was never short of giving.

Ray held the position of President of A.L.D.E.C.C in 1987-1988 and from 1999 - 2002. During 1987 Ray was instrumental along with the committee of working on the Constitution of A.L.D.E.C.C to bringing the Club to become Incorporated. (a big effort at the time).

To Lyn, Garry and Frances and their families our thoughts are with you. Ray will be sadly missed by all and will be fondly remembered at the many reunions to come.





2013 ALDECC REUNION

## FOR SALE

1970 Albion freighter for sale it is a camper Accommodates 2 people full stove oven fridge Shower, separate toilet ,gas hot water dble bed , Long range tanks grey water and fresh 200 lts. Invertor , House batteries Good tyres full air brakes S cams. Air con, Leather couch.

Large rear boot Awning , It was built for Sinclair's and is the same as the one K.B had on tour in the early 70's for Centralian. Front mount 401 engine 6 speed overdrive on 10.00 rims. Will do 110 kmh easy.

I am asking \$18.000 for it but will look at any good offer it is unregistered.

Kind Regards

*Brian McLauchlan*

REMEMBER.....30+years ago.....





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