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Australian Long Distance Experienced Coach Crews



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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

Hello to all,

We are now heavily into winter, and its very cold here. Hope everyone is well and of course keeping warm. Its already half way through the year, and our next reunion is only 6 months away. The committee is busy planning the 36th reunion at Tocumwal, and the Nostalgic trip to Alice Springs. 2015 will be a big year, don't forget to keep saving, it will come round quick enough. Included in the newsletter is your Itinerary and costs for the Alice trip.

We are sending our thoughts and prayers to members who are not too well at the moment.

Till next time,

**Mary Greenham
President**

Secretary's Report

Hi All

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and keeping nice and warm at the same time.

Boy has it got cold here in Albury. We have had a lot of days with the temperature not getting into double figures and on the odd clear and sunny days we can see the snow tipped mountains in the distance.

Attached to the newsletter you will find the Itinerary and a booking sheet for the Nostalgia Trip to Alice Springs from Wed August 26th to Wed September 2nd 2015.

The cost for these wonderful 7 Days will be \$750.00 per person with motel accommodation on the first and last nights. We have also set a price for those who wish to leave the tour in Alice Springs to head off to do other activities.

It would be great if you could let me know your intentions as to travelling along on the trip of a lifetime by December 15th 2014 when the Bookings will close and make the deposit of \$100.00 so as we can make sure that all will be in order for when we depart.

Plans are underway for the Next Reunion No 36 to be held from Friday 30th January - Sunday 1st February 2015 and yes we will be heading back to the Tocumwal Golf Motor Inn at Tocumwal. You're Invitation and all information will be in the next newsletter.

For those of you who are able to access the computer don't forget to check out the Aldecc Website on www.aldecc.org.au as Garry is updating all the time with lots of news and information.

Until next time

Regards

Mary Purtill Secretary

bits n pieces

Congratulations are in order to Leonie and John Thornley upon reaching the milestone of 50 years of wedded bliss. Upon checking out the decorations for the day Gold Gold and more Gold seemed to be the colour for the day with John worrying that a plane may mistake the house for a landing strip with all the lights strung around the home.

Many Happy returns to Dawn Lever on her milestone of 70 young years. We hope that Doug was well enough and the family were good enough to spoil you on the day.

Bryn and Reen Hillman are homeless at present. After selling their home of 10 years in Helensborough they are living out of boxes and house sitting until their new home is built to design hopefully in the not to distant future.

Joe Murray (SA) has returned from his exploits into the outback on his Land Yacht trip. If you are interested in reading all about it check out gibberjoes latest road trip at seabreeze.

Ian McMillan, Barb Woosey and even Dieter Sternberg have all been playing Burke and Wills lately and have been seen popping in and around different outback locations throughout Central Australia over the past couple of months



Photos Courtesy Mark Flemming



DELUXE REMASTERED

Moonee Valley Coaches, one of Melbourne's longest operating companies, has restored their 1987 Austral Tourmaster back to its original condition in a fitting tribute to the company's founder, Ray Higginson, who recently passed away in March. Moonee Valley have had quite a long history operating Tourmaster coaches, having purchased three units from Domino between 1977 and 1987, before ultimately purchasing their last two at the Deluxe auction in 1990. While four of the Tourmasters received extensive rebodging from Austral Pacific and later QCC from the mid-90s onwards, the final coach was kept in original condition as it operated across Australia under sister company, Expo Travel Services, for the next two decades. As it turned 26 years of age in June this year, Ray's son Garry, who is now Managing Director of the company, engaged the services of Coachworks to refurbish the vehicle back to its original condition to honor his father's immense legacy throughout the industry.

Over a period of three months, the Tourmaster was restored to original condition which involved extensive repairs to rid the frame of rust, plus a complete re-panel which included the replacement of its stretch and skirt panels and refurbishment of its bumpers by L Bright & Sons. After the bodywork repairs were complete,

the Tourmaster was then painted into the Moonee Valley livery before being handed over to Garry by Coachworks' founder, Evan Issacs, on Monday August 26. Following its return to their Tullamarine depot, the restored Tourmaster will now undergo in-house interior and mechanical repairs before joining their 1988 PMCSA bodied Elwood which has been kept by the Higginson family for preservation since its withdrawal from service.

FLEET NUMBER 57

REGISTRATION 2257AO

CHASSIS NUMBER B446

BODY NUMBER 1346

BUILD DATE June 1987

HISTORY New to Deluxe Coachlines, Wangaratta, VIC as (128) TC 798 before being sold at auction during 1990 to Moonee Valley Coaches.



Remember When.....From Bob Burrage



ALDECC
Nostalgia Trip
Melbourne - Alice Springs & return.
Wednesday 26th August - Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Day 1: Melbourne to Clare Wednesday 26th August 2015 (D)

Depart Melbourne at 7.30am from T.B.A and travel via Ararat, Stawell, Bordertown, Tailem Bend, Murray Bridge and over the hills through the Barossa Valley into Clare for our first night. Overnight Motel Accommodation at the Clare Valley Motel. Twin Share

Day 2: Clare to Coober pedy Thursday 27th August 2015 (BLD)

Its up early today travelling via Crystal Brook, Pt Augusta, Glendambo and into Coober pedy, where we will enjoy the hospitality of Lorraine and Dieter Sternberg at the Opal Cave bunkhouse.

Day 3: Coober pedy to Alice Springs Friday 28th August 2015 (BLD)

Escaping the bunkhouses we head up the road to Marla for a cuppa then onto the border for a very quick photo through to Kulgera, ERLDUNDA we will stop for lunch somewhere and into Alice Springs for the next 3 nights.

Alice Springs Accommodation. McDonnell Range Tourist Park (sole use of the Bunk House.)

Day 4: Alice Springs Saturday 29th August 2015 (BL)

This morning we will head out to the Transport Hall of Fame attending the festivities and checking out the many displays. You are quite welcome to spend the day at your leisure or join in for a town tour of Alice stopping for lunch at one of the many old stomping grounds of days gone past. Tonight Dinner is at your expense. A booking will be made at the Heavitree Pub for those who wish to attend.

Overnight McDonnell Range Tourist Park Bunkhouse.

Day 5: Alice Springs Sunday 30th August 2015 (B)

Today we will view the parade of vehicles from a suitable location on the Stuart Highway. The rest of the day is yours. You may want to spend it at the Transport Hall of Fame, shopping in town, or just R & R.

Tonight we will make a booking for dinner at the Casino for those who wish to attend.

Overnight McDonnell Range Tourist Park Bunkhouse.

Day 6: Alice Springs to Coober pedy Monday 31st August 2015 (BL)

Heading off early today we say goodbye to those leaving us and the Alice.

Travelling back down the Stuart Highway via ERLDUNDA, Kulgera and Marla to once again experience the hospitality of the Opal Cave at Coober pedy. A booking will be made at Coober pedy for dinner tonight.

Overnight Opal Cave Bunkhouse Coober pedy

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Nostalgia Trip
Melbourne - Alice Springs & return
Wednesday 26th August 2015 - Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Booking Form**

Name/s _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Next of Kin

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Please accept my booking on the ALDECC Nostalgia trip for 2015.

Price per Person

\$750.00

**Melbourne - Melbourne
(Day 1 - Day 8 incl)**

\$630.00

**Melbourne - Alice Springs
(Day 1 - Day 5 incl)**

A Deposit of \$100.00 is required at the time of booking. Bookings close 15th December 2014.

Final Payment due 30th June 2015.

I / We will be travelling from Melbourne - Melbourne @ \$750.00 per person

I / We will be travelling from Melbourne - Alice Springs @ \$630.00 per person

No of people travelling _____

Deposit _____

Final Payment _____

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Please use your name as the reference