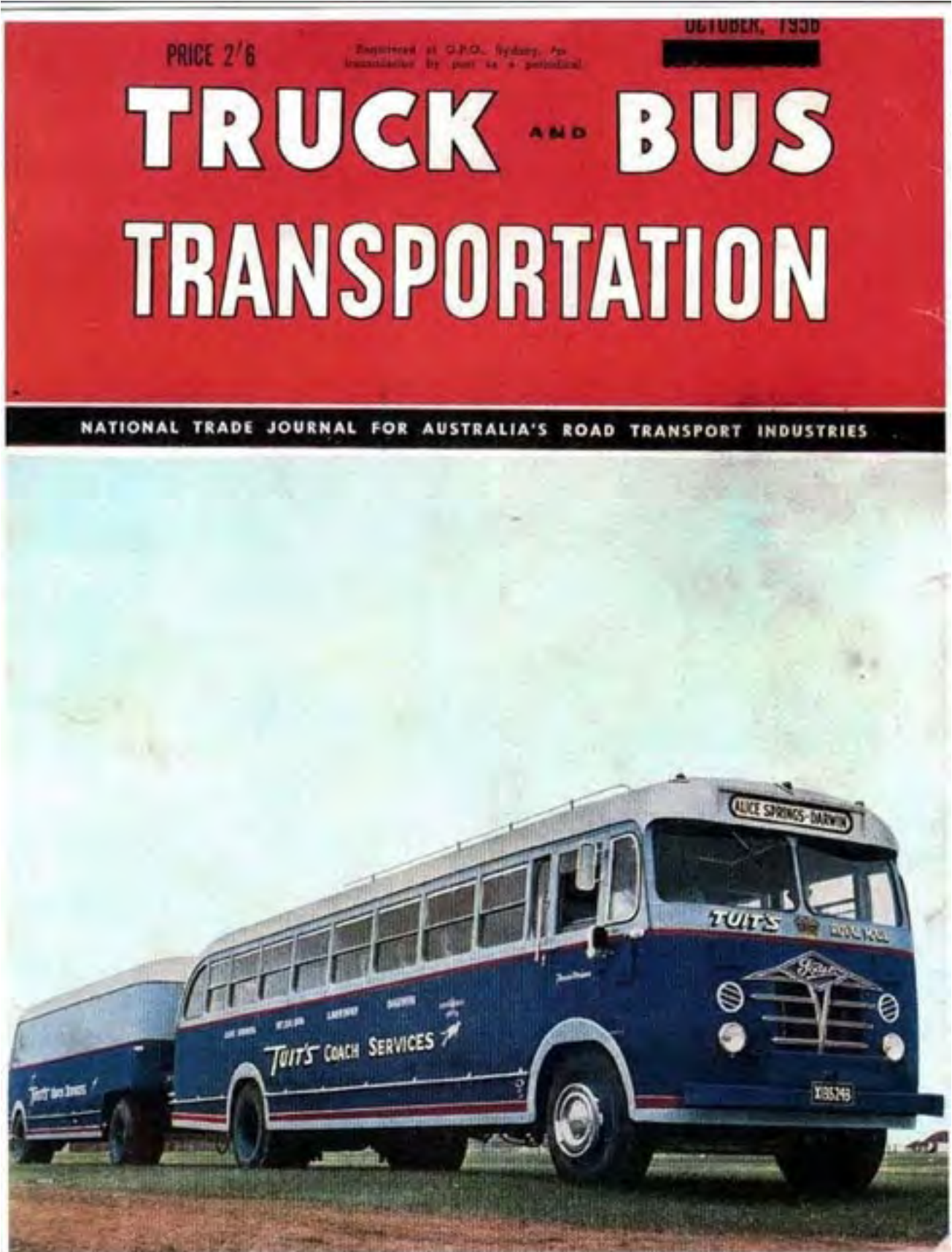


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As you are all aware we pay our subs each year to be a member of ALDECC - \$20.00 single member \$30.00 per couple.

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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Presidents Report

Hi everyone, it's Autumn and the leaves are turning, finally the weather is a little cooler, it's been a very, very hot summer.

We had a great time this year in Tocumwal for the reunion, the weather was hot and the pool got a lot of use. It was great catching up with those that could make it. A few members played golf in the morning and Margie Byrnes won the ladies and David Purtill won B grade. We had fun at happy hour on the Saturday night with the Bus Piñata that Mary P organised. A special thanks to Tim Purtill for building the Bus Cake display for the cup cakes that we enjoyed for lunch on Saturday.

We have booked the accommodation for our trip to Alice next year, thanks to Francis and Gary Higginson. Don't forget to keep saving for the trip as we will have a cost soon and will require a deposit.

I would like to thank Mary Purtill and the committee for all the work they have been doing, thanks.

Keep safe and well till next time

Mary Greenham

Secretary's Report

Hi All

Welcome to our first Newsletter for the year. Our 35th Annual Reunion was held once again in February and boy was it a hot one. 82 members joined in for a lot of laughs, reminiscing and a good time over the weekend with the pool getting a good workout throughout the weekend.

It was great to see a lot of old faces catching up on good times. Nostalgia seems to be the word for 2014 with our Committee working together in putting the finishing touches to the itinerary for the 2015 Nostalgia trip to Alice Springs. This trip will depart on Wed 26th August 2015 and return Wed 2nd September 2015. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

The past couple of months have seen many members being very busy with their work and lifestyles hopefully this is a sign of good things to come to all during 2014. In Albury we have now turned the air conditioner off and are now thinking about when to put the heater on. It is nice to be able to work in cooler conditions.

Our committee for 2014 has not changed with John Gullock, Steve Damm, Bernie Greely, Garry Higginson and Rosemary Trease being re elected for 2014 / 2015. We thank them for the time and effort that they all put in and remind you that should you wish to contact any of the committee the details are on the second page of the newsletter.

Until next time

Regards

Mary Purtill Secretary

bits n pieces

Once again there was a lot of excitement in the air as the Raffle Prizes were drawn at the 35th Annual Reunion.

The Committee would like to thank all those who kindly donated their time and efforts in making the prizes possible.

Raffle Draw

Mary Greenham thanked those Members who donated prizes for the raffle

Prize	Donated by	Won By
Garden Furniture Jack & Jill 2 seat chair	Kevin Gough	Tracey Pearce
Garden Furniture Lounge Seat	Kevin Gough	Fred Bednarczyk
Baby Q BBQ	ALDECC	Alfie Greenham
Small Guth Painting Large Guth Painting	Garry Mathewson Garry Mathewson	Sandra Corby Barb Woosey
Picture Frame	Jack Rogers	Bryn Hillman
Luggage Carrier	ALDECC	Julie Purtill
Scotch Whiskey	Bernie Greely	Fred Bednarczyk

18 Lake Eyre in Pictures Books donated by Brian Mclauchlan
Ian Gallagher, Geoff Jamieson, Marilyn Soares, Tracey Pearce, Cel Curtis, Amy McClaggish, Margie Goates, Fred Bednarczyk, Tony Keatley, Julie Purtill, Bryn Hillman, Ian Purtill, Barb Woosey, Ian McMillan, Dan Murphy, Merril Gough, Barb Woosey, Steve Damm, Rosemary Trease.

Name Badge Return 5 Bottles Wine donated by ALDECC
Margie Goates, Jack Rogers, Julie Purtill, Steve Damm, Celwyn Curtis.

New Members

The Committee have accepted the following people as New and Returning Members to ALDECC during 2013

Sandra Corby	Kevin Pike	Marilyn Soares
Mark Flemming	Paul & Jenny Harris	Peter Goldsmith
Peter Twist	George Wiczorek	Fred Bednarczyk
Nanette Biddiscombe	Michael Kinnaird	Dean Cash
Robin & Pauline Burnside		Harry Durkin

McGoo (Brian McLauchlan) and Christine Russell are Happy to announce their engagement in April 2014.

Brian has just returned from the Tassie Get together with 62 Tassie Drivers turning up for a good time.” Denis Maxwell has donated a bus to the bus and coach society in Tassie and old AEC it was looking worse for wear I can tell you. “



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A HISTORY OF THE HORNSBY BUS GROUP

HORNSBY BUS GROUP began life in the 1920's as Ku-Ring-Gai Bus Co, operating services from Chatswood Station along the Pacific Highway to Hornsby. The depot was located at 1398 Pacific Highway Turramurra, at what later became the site of a Mobil Garage.

In 1949, Mr James Huntly Knox purchased a shareholding in the Ku-Ring-Gai Bus Co and, in 1965, purchased the remaining shares off Mr and Mrs William Stonex.

(On his passing at age 81, a Memorial Service for James Huntly Knox was conducted at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium on the 25 October 1994).

During the 1950's and up to 1965 the Ku-Ring-Gai Bus Co operated 9 buses, including Bedfords and ex-Government Leylands. The Chatswood-Hornsby operation was extended to Mt Ku-ring-gai with a service along Parklands Road.

Subsequently the company bought Hornsby District Bus Co as well as Pennant Hills-Hornsby Bus Co., Warringah Bus Lines, Griffith's Bus Service, Berowra Coach Services and Talbot's Transport Service, which operated in the Brooklyn area ... and so became the Hornsby Bus Group, although operating as 9 individual company entities.



HCT 004 - The first with Koala Tours new livery

Around 1982, Hornsby Bus Group commenced the Koala Tours operation (which subsequently sold to Murrays Coaches) following acquisition by Transdev.

In 1988, the company moved to new purpose-built premises in Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai and, from 19 February 1990, adopted the new Shorelink trading name.

At the same time, Mr Knox purchased a majority of the Deanes Bus Service, which included all services north of Gordon and the Gordon to Macquarie Park service.

In 1991, Warringah Bus Lines, which operated the Pymble to Mona Vale and Narrabeen routes, was sold to Forest Coach Lines.

In October 1992, the Hornsby Bus Group was sold to John A. Gilberts Pty Ltd, and continued to operate as Shorelink Buses. Then, in March 1996, the company was sold to Mr Frank D'Apuzzo and Peter Simpson, In 1998 they acquired part of the former St Ives Bus Company and they continued to operate Shorelink until 2001.

On 3 September 2001, the company was acquired by French public transport giant Transdev, from the John A Gilbert group. In 2005 Transfield Services took 50% ownership, with services continuing to operate with TransdevTSL branding. Following the 2009/10 merger of Veolia Transport and Transdev, the partnership was dissolved.



