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# ALDECC. INC

Australian Long Distance Experienced Coach Crews



## 2016 ALDECC Committee Members

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### Committee 2016

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### Committee 2016 / 2027

John Gullock  
Steve Damm  
Bernie Greely  
Garry Higginson  
Rosemary Trease

### 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.

2014

2015

2016

### New Banking Details for ALDECC

ANZ Bank BSB 012-708  
Account No 266880092

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Centro Lavington S/C  
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## **Presidents Report**

Well, another reunion has been had, it's always great to see those that can make it. It was a wonderful weekend, the weather was good, great company, good food and lots of laughs. It was a unanimous vote to return to Tocumwal next year, we all like our creature comforts now.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank first of all, our Secretary Mary Purtill, who does so much work. To our publicity officer Garry, thanks for all the work on the newsletters and of course our ALDECC website. To the committee, thanks for all your input in the last 12 months and to our incoming committee, same as. I look forward to working with you in planning our next reunion.

We would like to send Simone, Tony, Sam, Sue and Storky our special thoughts, at the tragic passing of little Hamish, our love will always be with you.

When turning the page on the calendar to April, it was nice to see everyone enjoying there nana naps, things don't change much over the years.

Please remember to keep sending all that news, and the bits and pieces for our newsletters. Have a great year.

Stay safe and well.

Mary Greenham President

## **Secretary's Report**

Hi all and welcome to a new year in the ALDECC community.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion was once again held at the Tocumwal Golf Resort where 69 members and their partners enjoyed the beautiful weather and friendship.

Old and new faces alike joined in the laughs as we watched a great slide show put together by Barb Woosey, Ian McMillan and Garry Mathewson on all the old ALDECC photos and among others Centralian Bus trips of the past, copies of which are available at a small cost to those interested.

Elections were held and those Committee members who stood down being, John Gullock, Steve Damm, Bernie Greely, Rosemary Trease and Garry Higginson were re-elected unopposed from the floor.

There was a lot of interest from members in putting together another Nostalgia Trip. The committee will be working on this project over the next few months so keep an eye out in the future newsletters for more details and yes there will definitely be a no bunk bed policy on the next trip. (one for the girls)

A reminder that any member is welcome to send in bits n pieces for the newsletters it is nice to hear about what's happening in the wider community.

Until next time enjoy the cooler months ahead.

Mary Purtill

## Bits n Pieces

2015 saw the passing of Colin Wilson in May. Many members will remember Colin from the Centralian era of Travel.

Faye Nayler passed away in August 2015. Faye was a past President of ALDECC and was a great friend to many who passed through Cooberpedy on their travels.

Noel Fullarton although not a member of ALDECC passed away in September 2015 and was one of the many friends who aided and abetted ALDECC members on their travels throughout the years.

In January 2016 we heard of the passing of Jim Ashford who worked with GET driving Funfari Tours and Southern Cross Tours.

Please keep these members in your thoughts.

2016 has been a bit of a rough start for some members. Age is beginning to catch up with a few spending some time in different hospitals around Australia.

Noel Gow is recovering after a triple bypass in December

John Stanley is on the road to recovery after a major operation in January for Pancreatic Cancer.

Bryn Hillman is recovering his balance after a series of small strokes during January and February.

Leonie Thornely is back on two legs after a knee replacement operation in February.

Doug Lever is back in training after receiving a Pace Maker in March.

To those of you who have been ill or are not doing too well we wish you well. To those of you who have given your time in looking out for your mate's thank you.

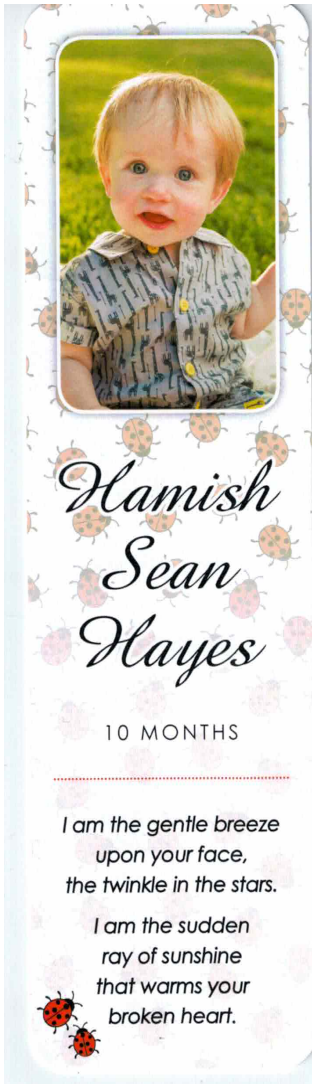
*I thought this would tickle your fancy.....*

*We would like to confirm this quotation below for our 3 day Canberra excursion.*

*You mentioned that you need the itinerary? Is this where we are going and when? If so, the lady from our Canberra excursion said she will be sending this to me hopefully by the end of the week, then I can send it to you.*

*Thanks*

*Kind Regards,*



Hamish Sean Hayes (26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016)

In January we were notified of the confronting news that Tony and Simone Hayes youngest Son Hamish was diagnosed with a rare and inoperable brain tumour.

12 months earlier at the ALDECC reunion we had wished Simone and Tony all the best on the impending birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> child and eagerly awaited the news of Hamish's arrival.

With the support of family and friends Simone, Tony and Sam brought Hamish home from the Royal Childrens Hospital to enjoy the precious time they had left with Hamish.

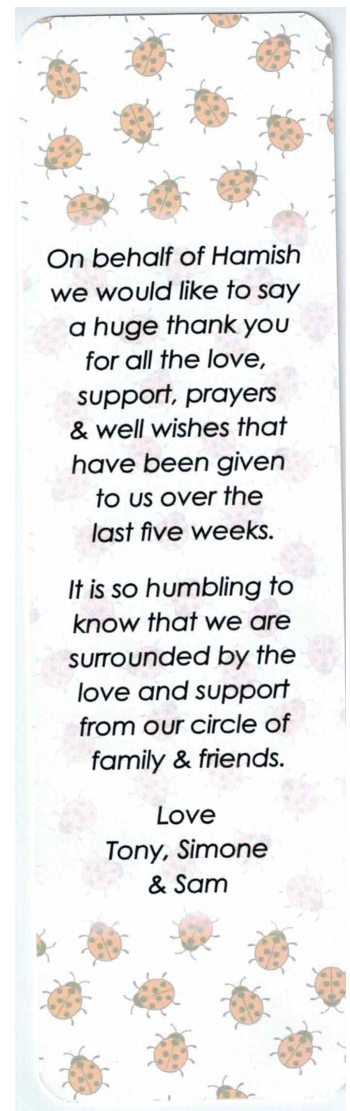
It was wonderful to see ALDECC members get behind the families of Simone, Tony and Sam Hayes and also Suzie and Keith Grant in generously donating time and funds to assist their needs. A Hat for Hamish was put out at the Reunion with envelopes available and also the ability to donate through the Aldecc bank account. The proceeds from the raffle draws were also added and a cheque was drawn and presented at the AGM.

It was a privilege to have Simone, Tony, Sam and Hamish attend this year's ALDECC reunion and for many members a pleasure to meet young Hamish for the first time. We are grateful to Simone and Tony for sharing their family time with ALDECC members and are very proud of the family in the way they showed compassion and thoughtfulness towards others in their own hour of need.

Sadly Hamish passed away at home on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at 10 months.

A beautiful and uplifting funeral service was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February and Hamish was laid to rest at the Colac Childrens lawn Cemetary.

For those ALDECC Members who attended thank you.



## Raffle Prizes 2016

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

Prize	Donated By	Won By
\$200.00 Bunnings gift card	ALDECC	Lyn Higginson
Jack & Jill Seat	K Gough	Nyrie Grenda
Boot Box	K Gough	Joe Hornak
Bench Seat	K Gough	Michelle Purtill
Hamper	Sue Grant / Simone Hayes	Kevin Gough
Great Ocean Rd Trip x 2	Grey Line / D Verity	Garry Mathewson
Penguin Trip x 2	Greyline / D Verity	Barb Woosey
Bunnykin	G Mathewson	Ros Brewer
Drink Coasters	G Hayes	Tracy Whitelock
Glass Tumblers	G Mathewson	Julie Purtill
Bundy Hydrant	S Damm	Ian Purtill
375ml Bundy	G Mathewson	Paul Beames
700ml Bundy	G Higginson	Veronica Earney
1125ml Bundy	G Higginson	Dan Murphy
Topaz Stone	Anon	Kevin Gough
Sapphire Stone	Anon	Kevin Gough
Cake Stand	G Mathewson	Bob Clarke

Nothing has changed ...

*A bit like a certain High School in Hornsby on a year 12 excursion to the Snow,*

*The Teacher (Mrs Rattle) asked the Driver (me) could I turn the Engine noise down so the Girls could sleep !!*

*Really ... a 6.92 Detroit Turbo Diesel only comes in one noise level, "loud"*

*I did allay her concerns by indicating I would activate "quite mode" ha' ha'*

*Bloody Morons ...*



**2016 ALDECC REUNION**