

APRIL 2017

Australian Long Distance Experienced Coach Crews

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## ***2017 ALDECC COMMITTEE***

John Gullock, Lynne Higginson, Mary Greenham, Rosemary Trease,  
Kevin Gough, Mary Purtil, Steve Damm, Peter Twist, Garry Higginson,  
Bernie Greely, Tracy Whitelock.

## 2017 ALDECC Committee Members

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### Committee 2017

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Bernie Greely  
Garry Higginson  
Rosemary Trease

### Committee 2017 / 2018

Lynne Higginson  
Kevin Gough  
Tracy Whitelock  
Peter Twist

### 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.

Please note if you are receiving the newsletter via email these boxes will not be ticked please check with the secretary, if you are not sure if you are currently a financial member.

2015

2016

2017

### New Banking Details for ALDECC

ANZ Bank BSB 012-708  
Account No 266880092

Address

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 again to Tocumwal next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to first of all thank you all for re-electing me as President for the next 2 years. A special thanks to our Secretary Mary Purtill, who does so much work and keeps us all informed. She will be spending the next 12 months on the Gold Coast with Ian, working on the bus movements for the Commonwealth Games, good luck, and we may need a committee meeting up there this year, that would be fun. A special thank you to our publicity officer Garry, who has retired and handed the important job onto Steve Damm (Smurf), thanks for all the work on the newsletters and of course our ALDECC website and Facebook Page. To the committee, thanks for all your input over the last 12 months. We would like to welcome our new committee member Peter Twist, he has already been inducted into the committee at our recent meeting he's a great BBQ cook. I look forward to working with you all in planning our next reunion and then onto the 40<sup>th</sup> in 2019.

When turning the page on the calendar to April, it was nice to see how young we all were in the early years of ALDECC, and to those t-shirts, back then, "**Experienced**", at what I'm not sure!

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 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion was once again held at the Tocumwal Golf Resort where 63 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 Mary Greenham President, Mary Purtill Secretary and the following Committee members Lyn Higginson, Kevin Gough and Tracy Whitelock were re elected unopposed.

Our Final Committee member is Peter Twist who has replaced Garry Mathewson for the period of 2017/2018. We thank Garry Mathewson very much for the time and efforts that he put into the running of ALDECC over the past 6 years.

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

## Bit's N Pieces

### 2017 Annual ALDECC Reunion.

What a great time was had once again by all those who attended the 38<sup>th</sup> ALDECC Reunion held at the Tocumwal Golf resort.

63 people enjoyed the cooler weather, good company and lots of laughs over the weekend, it was good to see some old faces that had not attended for many years and of course the regular year in year out faces.

We welcomed some new and some old members rejoining.

Ashley Reed, Peter Melick, Mark Dale, Rick Toohey and Ron Coleman.

The Sydney crew appear to be growing in numbers with Terry and Bob Clarke slowly but surely filling more seats on their Coach. How full will it be next year boys?



**30 to 40 ALDECC MEMBERS  
To attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour  
August 11<sup>th</sup> To August 19<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

**Book NOW to avoid disappointment  
Full details on last 3 pages of the newsletter.**

## Pictures from the 2017 Reunion



## Who Remembers Rabbit Flat?



Below is a link to an 18-page newsletter written by Bruce Farrands from Rabbit Flat.

This link was passed onto ALDECC by a member who thought it was a very interesting article.

Many of us spent great nights at this remote roadhouse over the years.

Bruce and Jackie's hospitality will always be remembered.

[https://infoxpert.hcshire.wa.gov.au/docs/Public/Heritage%20Information/Family%20Histories/Rabbit%20Flat%20final%20letter%20\[2012.08.28\].pdf](https://infoxpert.hcshire.wa.gov.au/docs/Public/Heritage%20Information/Family%20Histories/Rabbit%20Flat%20final%20letter%20[2012.08.28].pdf)

## Where are they NOW ????????????????????

Over the years we all worked on a variety on Busses and Coaches but where are they now?

I recently found a couple of pictures on various Facebook sites of a couple of Mid Mount Bogie Drive Dennings, fairly certain that one of them is Little Jeanie the other appears to be ex Centralian by the roof rack.

If any member has any pictures of any, then and now pictures that could be included in the newsletter could you, please email then to myself. [stevedamm1@bigpond.com](mailto:stevedamm1@bigpond.com) to enable them to be shared with other members. Hopefully they might not be a sad as the ones below.



The location of Little Jeannie unknown and the burnt out motorhome was in an auction yard in WA.

## Raffle Prizes 2017

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	Josh Paul
Jack & Jill Seat	K Gough	Barb Woosey
Boot Box	K Gough	Tony Hayes
Bench Seat	K Gough	Geoff Purtill
Hamper	Sue Grant / Simone Hayes	Kevin Gough
Great Ocean Rd Trip x 2	Grey Line / D Verity	John Gullock
Penguin Trip x 2	Greyline / D Verity	John Whitelock
Pet with personality	G Mathewson	Michelle Purtill
O P Rum	Stephen Damm	Ron Coleman
Mirrored Photo Album	G Mathewson	Ian Purtill
Lazy Susan	Tony Hayes	Peter Twist
375ml Bundy	G Higginson	Rosemary Trease
375ml Bundy	G Higginson	Margie Goates
Bundy Small Batch	Tracey & John Whitelock	Warwick Rock
Jim Bean SmallBatch	Tracey & John Whitelock	Ian Purtill
Gloves & Ties	Nyrie Grenda	Fred Bednarchyk

Lucky name badge Red wine prizes Peter Twist, Julie Purtill, Ray Brewer, Joe Hornack, Bob Clarke.

Auction of the RFDS Radio kindly donated by John Gullock.

After a very spirited auction with the opening bid starting at \$0.50 the price climbed very quickly with a few members keen to get their hands on the prize. Persistence paid off as the price climbed higher the bidders dropped out one by one leaving two to battle it out to the end.

Sold to Garry Mathewson who was bidding on behalf of a Phone bidder for the price of \$255.00.







# ALDECC 2018 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour Departing Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**\$1450.00 per person**

<b>Day 1 Saturday Melbourne - Clare</b>	<b>approx 800 klm</b>
<b>Day 2 Sunday Clare - Ceduna</b>	<b>670 klm</b>
<b>Day 3 Monday Ceduna day trip Fowlers Bay</b>	<b>300 klm</b>
<b>Day 4 Tuesday Ceduna - Port Lincoln</b>	<b>404 klm</b>
<b>Day 5 Wednesday Port Lincoln</b>	<b>free day 35 klm</b>
<b>Day 6 Thursday Port Lincoln - Port Pirie</b>	<b>479 klm</b>
<b>Day 7 Friday Port Pirie - Victor Harbour/Goolwa</b>	<b>311 klm</b>
<b>Day 8 Saturday Victor Harbor/Goolwa</b>	<b>50 klm?</b>
<b>Day 9 Sunday Victor Harbour/Goolwa - Melbourne</b>	<b>approx 800 klm</b>

## Accommodation as follows

<b>Day 1 Saturday Clare Clare 1 night</b>	<b>(DBB)</b>
<b>Day 2 &amp; 3 Sunday / Monday Ceduna 2 nights</b>	<b>(DBB)</b>
<b>Days 4 &amp; 5 Tues / Wed Port Lincoln 2 nights</b>	<b>(DBB)</b>
<b>Day 6 Thursday Port Pirie 1 night</b>	<b>(DBB)</b>
<b>Days 7 &amp; 8 Friday/Saturday Victor Harbour/Goolwa 2 nights</b>	<b>(DBB)</b>
<b>Day 9 travelling from Victor Harbor/Goolwa to Melbourne</b>	

## **The Price also includes:**

A visit to the Wadlata Outback Centre Port Augusta and a Coorong Cruise from Goolwa approx. duration 6 hours

**Deposits of \$200.00 are required by Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.  
Final payment due Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

**ALDECC**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour**  
**Melbourne – Ceduna- Victor Harbour/Goolwa - return**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Booking Form**

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Next of Kin**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Please accept my booking on the ALDECC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour

**Price per Person**

**\$1450.00**

**Melbourne - Melbourne**

**(Day 1 - Day 9 incl)**

**A Deposit of \$200.00 is required at the time of booking.**

**Bookings close Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

**Final Payment due Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

I / We will be travelling from Melbourne - Melbourne @ \$1450.00per person

No of people travelling \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit \_\_\_\_\_

Final Payment \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANZ Bank**

**BSB 012 708**

**Account No 266880092**

**Please use your name as the reference**