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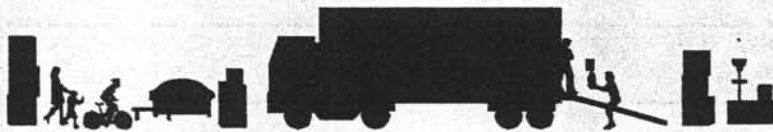
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 (full time casual for hosties and cooks), on tours of a duration of 7 days or more
 (5 days or more for Tasmanian crew).

ARE YOUR ALDECC SUBS NOW DUE??



If at the time of preparing this newsletter, our records indicate you to be unfinancial, an X will appear in this square.

Orange is one year overdue. Green is two years overdue.



CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
 Please advise our Secretary of the change

LOGO ITEMS

Iron-on Transfers - Black or White	No charge
Transfers and Stickers	No charge
Replacement Badges	\$5.00
ALDECC Keyrings	\$5.00

Please place your orders with the Secretary
 Cheques or money orders payable to ALDECC Inc.



Presidents Message.



Hello Members,

well our 2004 reunion has come and gone. I hope you all enjoyed our weekend together (depite the heat).

It was very pleasing to see members that had not been for a few years there. I hope the venue was satisfactory (Because this time last year we didn't have a venue to go to) I think the staff and management helped make the weekend a great success because nothing was a problem and the food was great (Plenty of it).

I would like to thank the committee for a great effort. Now it is time to say goodbye to the outgoing committee and welcome the in comming committee for the next year and hope that 2005 is another great reunion. Last but not least a very special thankyou to secretary Ruth for a tireless effort during the year and reunion weekend.

Regards

Kevin Gough.

Secretary's Message.



Hi everybody,

Our "journey" to the 25 Reunion is over and didn't we have some fun and experiences on the way! Some of the hurdles we had to jump in the beginning were quite challenging, but in the end it was all so worthwhile a rewarding. Quite a few people have remarked to me how much they enjoyed the weekend, some even saying it was the nest time they'd had at ALDECC. Thank you for the compliments, it's all made possible by quite a number of people, all working together for the ultimate enjoyment of our members to come along and share quality time with each other.

I really think the staff at the Great Aussie Resort were "the makings" of our successful reunion. Each one put in "their all" and always with a smile and nothing ever seemed too much trouble for them. Food was just tops – wasn't it? Many thanks to all at the G.A.R. So committee has set place and date for 2005 reunion:



Great Aussie Resort
February 4, 5, & 6 - 2005
Cost TBA

Thank you to all members who brought along memorabilia, photos, and uniforms. It was getting quite scary there for a while – didn't know what would come next – but I think the film at dinner just took the cake. What an absolute hoot, and didn't everyone gasp when we thought it had broken down half way through showing. Good one Garry M – well done!

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Thank you to Carmel Mc Martin for donating the cake – it was a generous gesture and very much appreciated.

Thank you also to folk who donated items for our general raffle – Opal Earrings from Lorraine & Dieter Chopping Block from Lance Grenda , Wine Rack from Grahame Hayes, Garden Furniture from Mr. Gough Snr, and the Bundy Plane from Contacts of the Grants.

The special raffle of One way Ghan to Darwin and flight home was extremely popular and what a thrill to see Joyce Harry held the winning ticket. Many thanks to Leon and Gina at House of Holidays for assistance with bookings and Garry M for liaison and expertise. I know everybody joins me in wishing Joy a wonderful trip - send us a postcard!

The committee enjoy themselves so much they stood up for another round! However Jo Wigg declined re-election, so we thank you Jo for time served and hope you enjoy your leisure time which is now available to you. Heard you are going to put a dog in car and just travel to your heart's content.

We welcome John Gullock to the committee. John recently moved from Alice Springs to Wangarratta.

Thank goodness we didn't have a meeting on April 1st. It would be with great caution I would approach him – got caught with his "pen" when writing raffle tickets. Thank You!! This appointment left a gap for a Northern Territory Rep – however Kevin Lamb rang me last week and I decided to put the – no – won't go there! – to ask him to represent NT and he said yes. Thank you Kevin (I must be very careful of my sentence structure – it tends to cause me to blush at times!).

The weather being so hot wiped out our planned sport of golf and tennis. However, fun of Valentines Day gifts at dinner on Saturday evening made up for it a little bit and I hope everyone enjoyed the laughs, chocolates, and peppermints! Thank you to the "romantics", who thought it all up and made it so special.

It was so nice to see so many folk at the reunion – 82 adults and 14 children. Some hadn't been here before, some not for a long time and of course our regulars. Thank you all for making time to come along and enjoy the weekend – not one complaint – that is the ultimate compliment to any committee – what a top lot!

For the young lasses who assisted at GAR we are sending a certificate of appreciation plus a small monetary award for their supreme effort in such adverse weather for the work they were required to do.

Many thanks to my committee for time and effort put into this past year. It is very much appreciated. Also a big thanks to G M for all the work on the newsletters.

Photos Please! For some crazy reason – like brain black – I didn't take many photos – and this being such a significant celebration we need them for our albums. Has anybody got "doubles" spare out there that you could send to us?

Cheers and safe traveling

Ruth



The following page is an article sent to me by Kevin Lamb about Henk Guth who passed away on the 20th July 2003.

The gallery was sold before he passed away to Terry Lee who owns Murray Downs and a long time Territorian. He will be keeping it all intact.

We thank Kevin for passing this information and article on to us, as I know it will be of interest to many of us who had a long association with Henk Guth.

Henk fell in love with Red Centre

Burial
will be
at his
dear
gorge

By GREG McLEAN

HENK GUTH will be buried on Saturday at Ormiston Gorge where he fell in love with Central Australia in the early 1960s.

Henk applied for special permission by the NT Government to be buried at his favourite place long before he became ill. His request was granted for his services to the tourism industry.

Henk was so passionate about Ormiston Gorge and Mt Sonder on his first visit that he decided to spend the rest of his life in Central Australia.

He dedicated much of his time and effort into painting and promoting the region.

He is believed to be the only person to be given permission to be buried at Ormiston Gorge.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday.

CENTRAL Australia lost one of its most treasured ambassadors with the passing of artist Henk Guth on Sunday. He was 82.

Everyone who met Henk was touched by his artistic perception of the Central Australian landscape.

Henk was born in Holland in October, 1921, and started his working life as a painter and decorator and motor vehicle sprayer.

But his desire to be an artist was recognised by his father who sent him to study for an arts degree.

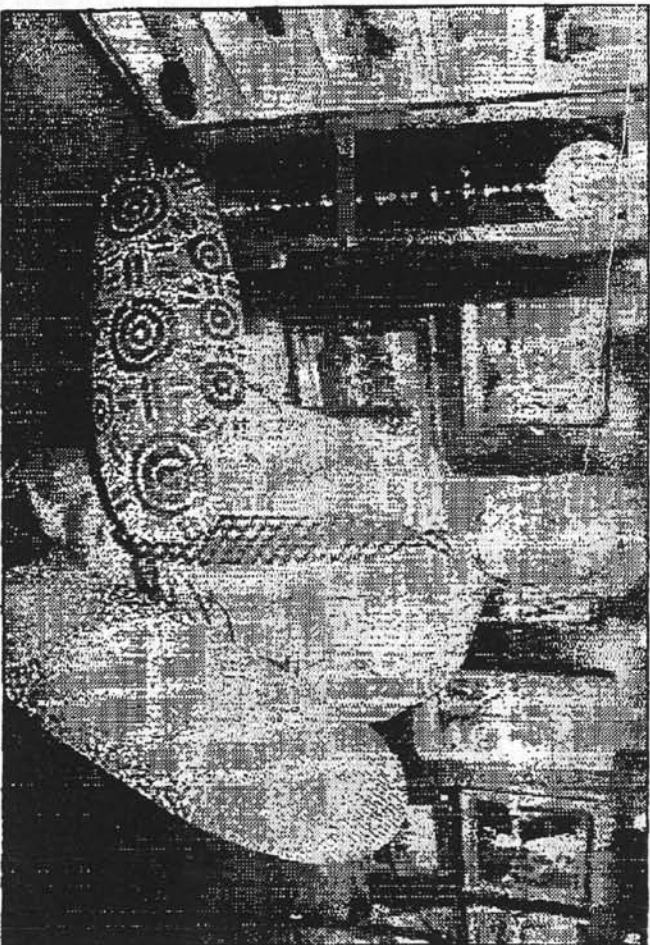
The six-year course was cut short when World War II broke out and Henk used his talents for the Dutch underground.

Henk transformed Jews' passports by removing the compulsory Star of David, saving the lives of many people who were able to flee to safety.

Henk was caught and failed but escaped several months later.

The Germans tracked him down and sent him to a concentration camp where he endured terrible hardships until the end of the war.

After the war Henk made a living teaching art and



Henk with Aboriginal artifacts in Panorama Guth earlier this year. Picture: AUSTIN REID.

patented recognition with exhibitions in Switzerland.

In 1961 he migrated to Australia and despite not speaking English he forged a name for himself in Melbourne.

Henk then decided to re-

turn to Europe but wanted to see Central Australia before he left.

On arriving at Ormiston Gorge, with the imposing Mt Sonder on the horizon, Henk fell in love with the region and decided to stay.

He rented two houses in Harley Street and did painting demonstrations for tourists until he raised enough money to buy and renovate the properties.

By earning the trust of Aboriginal elders he also ac-

quired one of the world's most extensive private collections of sacred artefacts and paintings to go with his own gallery of artworks.

Henk then envisaged creating Australia's first 360-degree panorama painting of the MacDonnell Ranges as a way of giving something back to the country which had been so good to him.

Then he set about building his "castle" — Panorama Guth — brick by brick by painting "prolifically" and putting all the profiles into his construction.

Ten years after he first dreamed up the idea, the exterior was finished and Henk started painting his panorama.

Panorama Guth was officially opened by Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in August, 1975, and remains one of the major tourist attractions in Alice Springs with more than two million visitors since the doors opened.

In April Henk sold Panorama Guth to concentrate on writing and making a film.

He was diagnosed with cancer in May and died peacefully in Melbourne on Sunday with his daughter Jacqueline by his bedside.

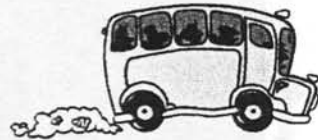
The New Age Greenie.....

A Little storey about someone we ALL know.

We were staying at friends place in Sydney last October and had a very pleasant BBQ that evening.

It came time to clean up and wash the dishes. One particular person said that she would wash the dishes and the others dry. Getting to the end of the washing (Just keep in mind a lot of talking was being done and not much attention being made.) the only thing left on the sink as a very nice alive!!! indoor plant and of cause not watching what they were doing , in goes the plant dirt pot and all into the dish washing water and proceeded to wash the plant and yes still talking and looking at everyone else and not that they were doing. ... Well we now have a very clean pot plant....

"Good one"! Reen.....The New Age Greenieeee.



FEBRUARY 4th , 5th & 6th 2005

R.S.V.P
NO LATER THAN
31 st MAY 2004.

Name:.....

No. of persons-

- Friday Room Only.
- Saturday D/B/B Dbl/twin.
- Saturday D/B/B Single.
- Saturday Dinner Only.
- Sunday Morning Tea.
- Other Nights, please specify.
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Unable to attend.

Contact Phone number:
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X

Please send your R.S.V.P.'s

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Dear Friends,

We wish to invite you

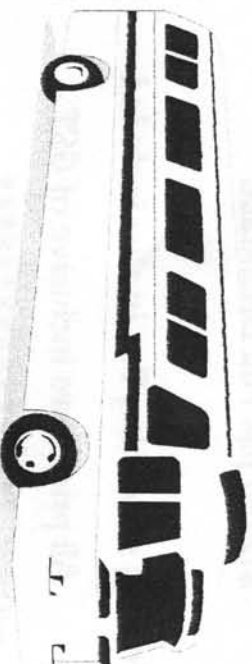
to the

5 th annual

Tasmanian Driver's

Dinner

2004



When:

The weekend of-

Fri 18 th, Sat 19th & Sun 20th

JUNE !!!

Where:

Sandor's On The Park,

3 Brisbane St,

Launceston.

Cost:

Saturday Night -

- \$71.00 p.p. D,B,B in a double or twin room.
- \$88.00 p.p. D,B,B in a single room.
- \$26.00 p.p. Dinner only.

Friday and Subsequent Nights -

- \$51.00 per room plus
- \$8.00 p.p. Continental Breakfast or
- \$12.00 p.p. Full Breakfast.

Sunday's Morning Tea is also included.

All prices are inclusive of GST.

Friday

- ☆ is totally optional.

Saturday

- ☆ 5.00 pm Pre-dinner Drinks
- ☆ 6.30 pm Dinner

Sunday

- ☆ 10.00 am Farewell Morning Tea.

Dear Friends,

It's time to gather together again at Sandor's on the Park for this our 5th Annual Dinner. I know you all must be wondering what has happened because we have been getting a few phone calls, so we'll take that as a good sign!

Yes, the Weekend is in June so as those of you who are still working in May might be able to make it, & also to move it away from the School Bus Ass. Dinner.

We haven't planned anything for entertainment this year, & there will be funds left over in kitty so if someone can think of something let me know.

We will be haveing a Buffet style meal so that will be different. Geoff & I now have the Internet on, we can now be contacted through our E-mail address as well as Phone/Fax & good old mail. Do you remember the 2000 Reunion? there was over 150 of us, it would be GREAT to do that again or even better it!!! Look forward to seeing you all in June.

Regards Theresa & Geoff

LOST!!!!

I think I have left my camera hanging near the door in the dinning room at the Great Aussie Resort. I have looked everywhere for it I have searched my bag, all the ALDECC boxes everywhere and cannot find, I have spent days looking. I even rang the resort and they can't find it.

FOUND!!!!!!

ONE CAMERA. Where? On the dinning room table under all the ALDECC paperwork.

Good one RUTH.....

ALDECC COMMUNICATION LINE.

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There been many requests for a copy of the Centralian Staff Safari Style DVD that was shown at the last ALDECC reunion,

I am in the process of putting the Centralian Staff Safari Style Film and the Centralian Staff "Under 30's Australian Holidays Film on to ONE DVD.

The cost of this DVD with BOTH films one the one DVD is \$25.00 Per DVD Postage. Included.

For those who would like a copy please complete the following form and post along With your payment Either Cheque or Money Order made out to Garry Mathewson to arrive no later than the 15st May 2004. To:

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