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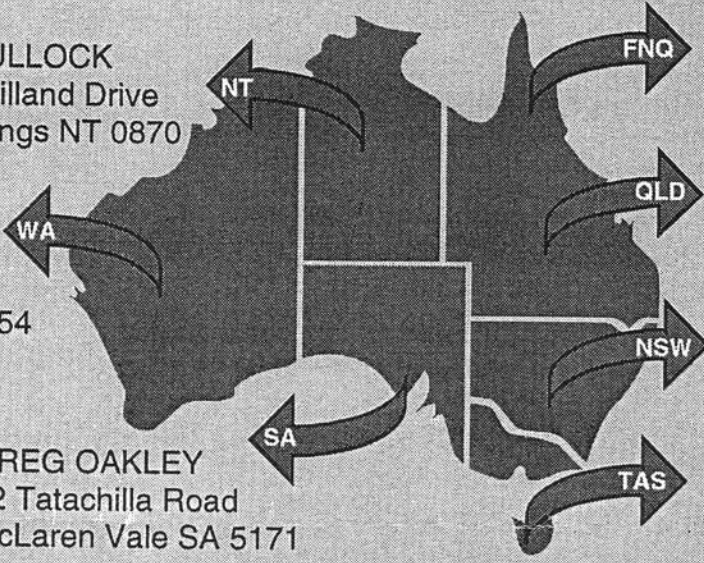
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Annual Subscription: \$15 (Couple \$20) Due: 1 Feb, 1998
Joining Fee: \$5 (plus Annual Subscription of \$15)

Membership is open to extended tour coach crew employed for a period not less than 12 months full time (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

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

*Please place your orders with the Secretary
 Cheques or money orders payable to ALDECC Inc.
 ** Remember to include your postal address! ***



**FROM THE PRESIDENT
& SECRETARY**

WELCOME TO THE 2ND. NEWSLETTER FOR 1998,

Sorry we are a bit late getting this newsletter out, but there has been a bit going on around the traps which we were waiting on to let you know about.

The plans for our 20th party are coming along very well. We feel those of you who are planning to come will enjoy the party. There is lots happening not only for us big "KIDS" but also the children who are coming with their parents. Thanks to those who have sent your pre-booking forms in. We need to know the numbers as soon as possible for catering and accommodation.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!!
IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR PRE-BOOKING FORM WITH THE NUMBER AND NAME OF ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN (AGE OF CHILDREN), PLUS \$10 PER ADULT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEND TO BARB CONNER 28, KAREELA RD. FRANKSTON, 3199.

The other item to remind some of you about is your **"REGISTRY FORM"**.

The final book is being put together now and some people have not done their forms yet. It is very hard to put details down next to your name if you haven't sent the information. The book is to be ready for the 20th and we want everyone in the book who has been on the road or in our industry. If you don't have a form just put the information on paper. Who you have worked for and how long and what you are doing now. It really isn't that hard to do. If you don't remember dates it really doesn't matter, an approximation is just fine.

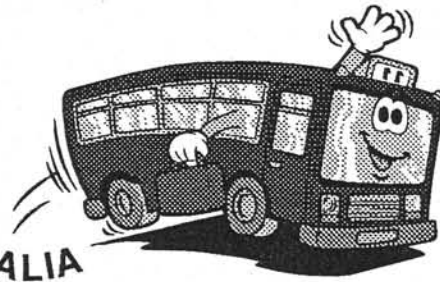
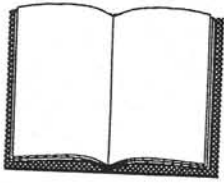


REGARDS TO ALL KB, BARB & THE COMMITTEE

"THOUGHTS"

- * Forty isn't old, if you are a tree!
- * Middle age is the awkward period when Father Time catches up with Mother Nature!
- * It takes ten years to get used to how old you are!
- * Middle age: The time in life you are still young, but only once in a while!
- * Middle age is the time of life when everything starts to wear out, or spread out!
- * Middle age is like underwear.. **IT CREEPS UP ON YOU!**
- * You know you're old when your candles cost more than your cake!

MESSAGES FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



Graham Pyper has discovered Publishing a book "Isn't cheep"! "The Coach Crew" looks like staying on "disk" as \$8,000. for 1000 copies is too much!! At least you had a go, Graham.

"Auntie" Faye Nayler, has been busy writing a book! "Her" book, "Warm In My Heart" has hit print. The book is about her early days coming to Coober Pedy. She returned to Coober Pedy and Ayers Rock to launch the book earlier this year. Margie Goates found the book last trip and was most impressed. There is another book about the people who pasted through Faye's life, while in Coober Pedy, starting to happen now!!

THE CIRCLING STORK HAS BEEN AT WORK AGAIN.

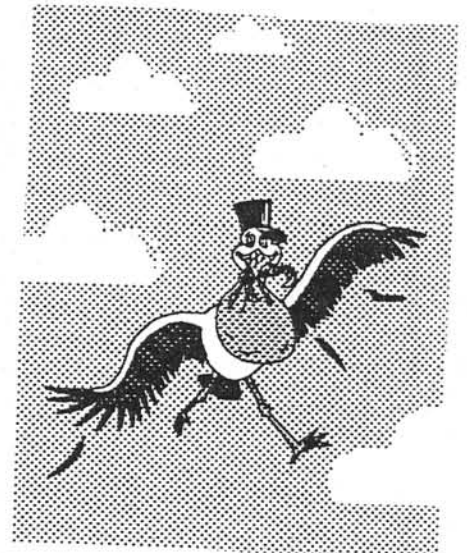
Lance Grenda has another Grandson. That makes 7 grand kids to help age "Mr. G".

Kate Norton has a "beautiful baby Girl", according to "Grandpa Celwyn". Take heart Claire, you have a long time to before your three make you a GRANDMOTHER!!

THE CIRCLING STORK HAS CREATED A PROBLEM FOR MARGIE GOATES!! YOU SEE, MARGIE NOW WORKS WITH A GREAT GRANDFATHER!!

Val Mack now has one big excuse to claim senility when he can't remember what he was saying. He has a Great Grandson!

CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL



For those members on the road in the 70s, we are sorry to pass on the news that Heather Rhodes has passed away. Heather has been fighting cancer which finally won. She is now at peace without pain.

We also send our thoughts to Leonie and John Thornely on the passing of Leonie's father.

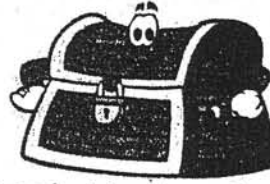
QUESTIONS?

- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- Why is the word abbreviation so long?
- When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?



MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

If you were planning on calling in on Carmel and Dub at Jerilderie, don't bother. They have moved to the Albury area. Thurgoona to be exact. Carmel says Dub has got the best job going. He drove a school bus for 2 weeks and then has 2 weeks holiday!! School bus drivers have it good?! As for Carmel, she can't get out of the Kitchen! Carmel said 20 years in a kitchen of one sort or another is a bit much. The Golf course isn't far away either!!



Greg and Anne Reid have moved out of Canberra so don't go looking there for them. You need to go to Wisemans Ferry to find Greg now!! The place to look is:

DEL RIO RIVERSIDE RESORT
WISEMANS FERRY NSW 2775



A DAY ON THE TRACK

The coach rolled to a stop near the entrance of the Saltbush Hotel. Leadfoot, Beard, Donger, Maggot and Spanner stood watching the wonderful Central Australian sky where you can see STARS.

"A majestic sight, pity not many people get to see this" said Maggot.

"Wonder if anyone up there is watching us?" Leadfoot remarked.

"Not bloody likely! Anyway, who would want this planet, the way it is being stuffed up?!" said Spanner.

"Burr, lets get inside, it's fresh out here and the rum is in there!" cried Beard.

It isn't often this group of Longflat Tours drivers are together at the Big Red Rock. A few steps inside and it was like a science fiction movie with music blaring, people trying to talk over the noise and many an inebriate staggering about trying to win a heart.

"Sometimes I wonder why we drive halfway across Australia, only to end up in a dimly lit bark shanty," whimpered Donger.

"India, have you been to India?" "Noo?" "Well get this induya" said Maggot.

Many of the rival tour crews were present. Beard enticed the others to follow him over to a dim lit corner where several hosties and cooks from Why Not Tours were sitting.

How many times have you heard "This is your lucky night" and the reply "What for?"

Well it happened, but the next statement was much better. "Bundy all round? Good, my SHOUT" said Donger. There were many shouts and lots of stories told.

"I'll tell you a story about the opal fields," said Leadfoot. "A couple of years ago I had a girls high school group there and they were told about water being short, by Lady, as she always does. She also asked the girls to keep a look out for her kitten, Fluffy who was missing. Well one of the girls went to the long drop and came back all upset, because there was meowing coming from down below. Sure enough Fluffy was down the hole so miners were called to the rescue. The toilet was dismantled and a bucket on a rope went down to Fluffy. What a smelly mess came up in that bucket!! After a towelling down and into a bucket of soapy water, Fluffy was as good as new."

"I'll tell you another story about Fluffy," Maggot said. "Ten years ago Pixie joined Longflat Tours. Her first trip included the opal Fields. Lady was doing her opal cutting demo and stopped as she spotted Pixie. "I know your face. Let me think. You saved my cat Fluffy!!

"How did you remember that?" said Pixie.

"Never forget someone who does you a good turn. For that matter never forget some who does you something wrong either." said Lady

Many more stories later, everyone was off to bed.

SANDMAN

Jimmy Watson has lost his fight with cancer. He passed away several weeks ago. If you came to the 2nd. ALDECC reunion, you would remember Pal Dog food, Velvet soap and directions for everyone not to fall of the "BRIDGE", from Jim. None of us did, but Jim DID! Rest in peace Mate.

OLD MEN AND TIME

by Peter Hogg, Kinclaven Station

I walked into a public house
To get a glass of beer.
In the corner in a quiet spot
Two old men I did hear.
"Yes Jim, these times are not the same,
You're right at that!" one says,
"Not like the times we used to know
Back in the good old days."

"Back when we swung the packs on
When we'd mustered up the mob."
And I gathered from the way they spoke
That working cattle had been their job;
Cause they drove a mob real steady
Out across the Barclay grass,
And they camped that mob at sundown
With every empty glass.

One could see their minds had left us,
They were no longer in the bar;
They were pushing eastward into Qland.
And their compass was a star
Their beds were on a pack horse,
Their drinks boiled by the rays
Of a torrid sun from a cloudless sky
Back in the good old days.

Yes! They mention riders of a kind
Who long have left this land
Hard men, with wills of iron,
And a dainty bridle hand.
Men whose hearts were always truer,,
Men they'd met along the way,
Men who somehow seemed much better,
Back in the good old days.

Tho' I wondered as I listened
To the tales they told of yore,
Was it really any better then
Did life give any more?
Or is it just an old man's way
Of polishing the truth
As with sadness in heart, he says,
"Farewell to a parted youth."

But they needn't make excuses
For the act of growing old.
Life also has it's sunset
Bound with silver and with gold.
And as their sun is slowly sinking
There is nothing can erase,
The story time has written
On each weather beaten face.



THERE IS GOING TO BE A

"PARTY"

WHEN?

JANUARY 29, 30, & 31, 1999

WHERE?

VALLEY HOMESTEAD,

ALDECC IS 20 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR AND WE ARE HAVING A "PARTY"!! THE THEME IS A "PARTY" AND WE HOPE YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME AND JOIN THE FUN.

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE THINKING ABOUT COMING SO PLEASE RETURN THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM WITH A \$10. BOOKING DEPOSIT FOR EACH ADULT. INCLUDE AGES OF CHILDREN.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER WHO WOULD ENJOY CATCHING UP WITH "OLD" FRIENDS AND MIGHT LIKE TO COME? IF SO, INCLUDE THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS WITH YOUR BOOKING FORM.

NAMES: MEMBERS _____

GUESTS _____

CHILDREN _____

TOTAL \$ _____ REFUND REFUNDABLE.

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Work History (*Please be brief*)

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