



MARCH 1994

Roaring 40's

Apex 40 is the recognised body of Affiliated Past Apexian Groups

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day,

"It is a land of drought and flooding rains", words immortalised by Banjo Paterson. This has been so true this year with natural disasters throughout the Land of Oz. We wish all those affected all the best of luck in the future.

Yet another year of Apex 40 has drawn to a close with the Melbourne Rort just days away. I will see you all once again for our annual get together of fun and frivolity for famished souls in search of a great weekend.

Having been very busy in the quest for the quid these past months, I have not ventured far from the Sunshine Coast. Betty and I were pleased to accept an invitation from Nambour Apex 40 to attend their first meeting back in the latter stages of last year. David and Jenny Marlay (formally of Grafton) were the driving force behind Nambour's formation. Thanks to you both. I might mention Betty and I renewed lots of old friendships on the night as well.

We have recieved several enquiries from people all over the Land of Oz, re the formation of clubs. It's great to hear most have done so.

An added bonus this Rort is the tour after Smoko' on Monday, of some of the attractions of Victoria, and with fellow Rorters boarding buses for yarn telling and sleeping in the p.m. before the night's activities. It certainly is a great friendship fostering event.

Unfortunately, National Secretary/ Treasurer, Andrew, won't make it to the Rort due to unforeseen commitments, but David Marlay will fill in for him on Sunday.

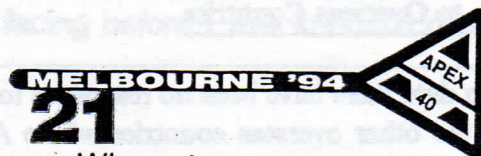
See you at the Rort,

Yours in Apex 40,

Glen Rossiter

Attention !!! Branch Secretaries

We are only able to send a few copies of "Roaring 40's" to each Club, so please ensure that you reproduce extra copies for distribution to your members.



Where Apex 40 was born

NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Well, here we go for '94 and I would like to thank those clubs who have sent me copies of their newsletters. Clubs certainly have a great variety of activities and it is great to see that clubs are really upholding our motto of "for continuing fellowship".

We have heard of two new clubs forming recently, Eureka (Ballarat, Vic) and Nambour (Qld). Congratulations to both groups. Here's hoping you, too, have a lot of fun. I know Kevin Huxham has sent Apex 40 information in response to requests from many areas of Australia, but these two clubs are the newest of which I have heard. If you know of any new club that has formed recently, please let me know.

Thankyou to those club secretaries who have returned their club registration forms and cheques. There are still over 50% of clubs who have not. Please return them to me A.S.A.P. so I can update the mailing list. I have still not heard from clubs mentioned under the heading of COO-OO-OO-EE-EE-EEE in the last Roaring 40's i.e. Bribie Island, Bundaberg, Casino "Oasis", Crosslands, Foster, Ipswich, Mt. Isa, Riverland, Roma and Warracknabeal. I can only assume that they have disbanded or they no longer wish to be affiliated with Apex 40.

I have had a few enquiries from clubs regarding ordering of badges, lapel pins etc. Badges are still available @ \$7 ea. from Alan Kinder, 34 Shafer Rd., Blackburn, Vic. 3120. Lapel pins @ \$2.50 and Apex 40 banners @ \$5 ea. are available from Kevin Huxham, 29 Valley Dve, Altonville, N.S.W. 2477. Cheques for these orders are to be made out to either Alan or Kevin.

It is not long now to the Melbourne Rort and it promises to be another terrific convention. Unfortunately Pam and I won't be able to make it, but I look forward to hearing the many stories about the wonderful times which all will enjoy.

Regards,

Andrew James

MEMBERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

There have been only a few enquiries to form new clubs since the last "Roaring 40's". Since the Apexian publication has ceased to exist, we can't even get any publicity to notify retiring Apexians of our existence.

Extension to Overseas Countries

To date there have been no responses to our letters to the other overseas countries where Apex exists, suggesting they may be interested in the formation of Apex 40 clubs in their respective countries.

The 2nd Apex International Convention is to be held in Fiji May 27th to 29th and I have no doubt that it will be discussed there. An invitation has been extended to our organisation to join Apex International at an associate level. Cost is US\$2.50 per club.

Benefits are said to include being a part of a united Apex, receipt of international directories, information relating to conventions, regular updates of Apex activities and copies of the International Apexian.

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NATIONAL RORT - 1994

Friday, April 1 to Monday, April 4

Hosted by

Melbourne - Gippsland APEX 40

We have nearly 150 members registered for the Rort, so a great time is assured.

Although we have already paid accommodation deposits, there is accommodation still available and we can cater for more at all functions. So, if you have not registered, but are still thinking of coming to the Rort, please ring Marj Flaherty (03) 802 7655, as soon as possible to ensure that we can arrange accommodation for you.

Looking forward to renewing many old friendships and meeting new Rorters,

Alan Kinder

Rort Committee Chairman

Round Table 41 Convention — New Zealand

This will be held this year in the top of the South Island and hosted by Motueka 41 Club on Friday, June 3rd to Monday, June 6th. The format is very similar to our own.

The weekend will include a welcome social, bus tour, Abel Tasman National Park cruise, Halloween night, AGM on Sunday morning, leisure afternoon (wineries), semi formal 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with live music on Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Cost of registration is NZ\$115 per person and home hosting is available. Registration forms are available from myself and I will have more at our Rort.

Having attended one of these weekends before, we can guarantee you will have a fabulous time.

See you all at the Rort!

Kevin Huxham

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Alstonville - Had a terrific roll up of 34 members to a meeting at a local restaurant. Have held a combined weekend bus trip with Ballina Apex 40 to the wineries at Glen Innes and Tenterfield. A great weekend by all accounts.....a little like the Grand Prix.... lots of "pit stops". Had a combined meeting with Alstonville Apex and the Alstonville Apex Old Boys, plus had a Mystery Debate - the subject - "What Gough Whitlam did for the economy of Australia"!!!!!!



Outgoing President of Alstonville Apex 40, David Besson (on right) congratulating incoming President Bruce Tidmarsh (on left) after a hotly fought contest (????) for the job following their recent AGM....

Bendigo - Have just celebrated their 15th Birthday and are still a very active group of between 35 and 40 members. During last year, members had a day trip to the "Spa Centre of Australia", Daylesford, where they were joined by members from Melbourne/Gippsland. Following a picnic lunch catered for by Bendigo, the group then boarded the Highlands Tourist Rail Motor for a short historical journey. A great weekend of fun and fellowship.



All Aboard for an "unforgettable" journey!!

Throughout the year they have had a wine tasting evening, and, on another occasion, attended a Dinner Dance. In October they hosted their annual golf weekend with members from Melbourne/Gippsland, Werribee and Norwesters joining in. For the second year running, the skies opened up on the brave (or is the silly?) golfers, giving them a drenching. BUT... they all had a great weekend. Had an enjoyable Christmas Breakup held in a member's garage and had all the trimmings, including Christmas Tree and Santa. 38 members made it a great night. Thanks for the photos, Merry!



Past Nat.Pres.Ron Clarke(L.)& Past Nat.Sec.Kevin Harvey handing out the Christmas Pudding.



Peter & Elaine Dumont with Meryl Clarke (R) enjoying dinner with all the trimmings.

Colac - Their Christmas function consisted of a big roll up of members enjoying an evening cruising around the canals (to see how the other half live), on a licensed charter boat, followed by a seafood smorgasbord at a nearby restaurant.

Colac - Travelled to Ballarat and had a meeting with Wendouree Apex 40. Joined with Colac Apex for their Christmas Dinner Meeting, with Apex 40 members putting on a skit. First meeting for the year was a Sunday BBQ lunch. Will be assisting local Apex club at their "Kana Carnival".

Devonport - Held a combined Christmas party with Ulverstone, Launceston and Deloraine Apex 40 clubs. It was such a success that they have already set the date for the next Christmas bash. Planning to attend an old time dance night for their March meeting.

Gold Coast - Had Christmas lunch on a Sunday with over 60 members attending. It consisted of a Spit Roast with salads, desserts, tea & coffee, beer, wine, soft drinks included for \$25 a head. Their February function is a champagne breakfast.....(sounds good to me:Ed)

Kuala Lumpur - Held a party for some 80 to 100 children from Rumah Faith in Kajang, in January. Party packs were distributed to the children. TVI recorded the programme performed by about 15 to 20 children from various schools.

Launceston - Their A.G.M. in November was a casual BBQ lunch on a lazy Sunday - (sounds like a great way to have an A.G.M.)

Malacca - Held one meeting where "the new treasurer, Allagapan, who was on stand by due to the imminent floods threatening the city, managed to attend the meeting.....if only in a dinghy that had to be moored just outside the Majestic. He was a sight to behold.....in his macintosh, brolley, knee high boots and an all weather flashlight.....".

From another newsletter..."following the meeting, led by the President, some members adjourned to the Emperor Hotel, for more drinks, with a dash of music and pretty faces. The Secretary provided some fine whisky while Albert took to the floor to deliver some memorable songs to the delight of all the pretty girls at the lounge....." (doesn't that bring back memories???Ed) Club decided to again host a 6-a-side hockey carnival.

Moralla - Have at least five members attending the Melbourne Rort. Had a great Christmas party with a lot of new faces and have enjoyed a few BBQ meetings.

Maroochydore - Pre Christmas meeting was at a local theatre restaurant. Planning a canal cruise shortly, similar to Caloundra Apex 40 (also want to see how the other half live:Ed)

Seremban - Following various meetings they will be holding their Inaugural Dinner on April 30, '94. The club is on a recruitment drive and currently has 12 members. Having a combined meeting with the Apex 40 clubs of Knal Lumpur and Malacca.

Tamworth - Their first meeting for the year was a very laid back BBQ in early January with a few quiet drinks amongst friends. They are planning a bus trip to meet up with Apex 40'ers from Manilla, Barraba, Inverell, Tablelands and Moree.

The Great 8 - Gourmet nights or Pig Outs....whatever they are...this club has enjoyed a good variety of them which include a " Let's Go Eat Italian" night, an "All You Can Eat Seafood" smorgasbord.....who cares about the middle age spread????????sounds great to me:Ed.

Warribee - Held a Christmas brunch which was well attended by 25 members and have organised a BBQ at Lake Eppaloch for their next function.

Wyang - Wyong currently has 40 members, who meet monthly at different restaurants, with an average attendance of 85%. Meetings usually have a fines session and where the only business discussed is usually where to go for their next meeting. December and January meetings are BBQ's at a member's house and their monthly meetings are interspersed with nights to local dances, theatres and shows. Their meeting in May will feature a weekend in the lower Hunter Valley Vineyards with a stay at the Neath Historical Hotel. Neath is an old coal mining area near Cessnock and Kurri Kurri.

For those who don't know much about the area, Wyong is situated 100km north of Sydney and 60km south of Newcastle. It has diverse attractions - sporting venues, the sea, lakes, forests in the hinterland, state parks and many other places to go and things to do. Cessnock and Pokolbin vineyards are less than one hour's drive away.

Wyang Apex will bid for the '96 Rort at the Melbourne Rort this Easter. The club would like all Apex 40 Rorters to come and see the beaut Central Coast of New South Wales and to sample their hospitality in '96.

Chef's Corner

Roast Duck - Hawaiian Style

Ingredients - One 1.5kg Duck

Three eggs , 3 slices pineapple

Three cups uncooked rice

1kg uncooked popcorn



Method - Mix dry ingredients. Add eggs and pineapple. Place duck in oven 180°C . Cook for one hour. Remove duck from oven and season with dry ingredients. Replace in oven .Cooking should be completed when the popcorn blows the arse out the duck.

JUST A BOY

I remember the first time I tried it
I was just a green kid of 16,
And even though she was much younger
She was far more composed and serene.

I was eager yet awkwardly backward
Uncertain of how to proceed,
But she seemed not to pay much attention
As to how I prepared for the deed.

It was out in the barn, I remember
At the close of a fine summer day
And the evening was scented with clover
And the fragrance of new mown hay.

I remember I spoke to her softly
And the touch of her body was warm
As I moved up lovingly towards her
As she nestled her head on my arm.

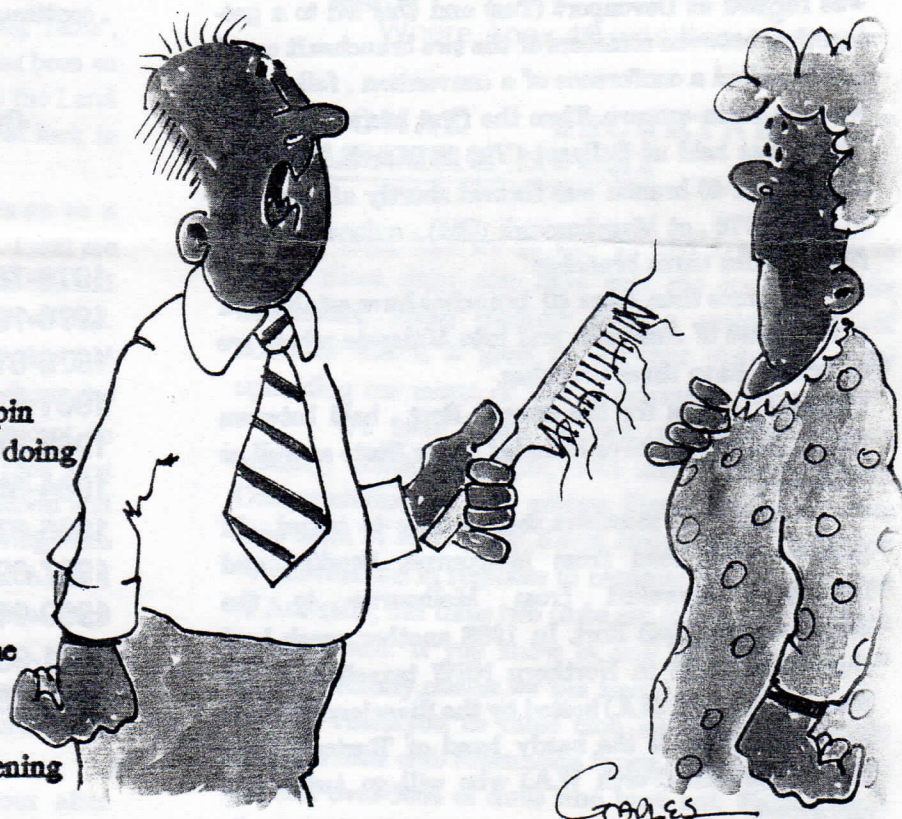
Looking back on it now I remember
How I stood when my heart seemed to spin
With the thoughts of the thing I planned doing
Yet somehow afraid to begin.

Then later I found myself standing
Uncertain to stay or to run
And the feeling of pride that possessed me
As I know the job was well done.

Twenty years have gone by since that evening
But I've never forgotten, I vow,
The thrill and the job that I felt as a boy
On that day when I first milked a cow.

A little old lady was on her way home
from bingo one night when she bumped into a
little old man, and they both fell to the
ground.

The little old man was full of apologies.
"That's quite all right," said the little
old lady. "But could you please tell me which
way I was facing before I was knocked down?"



"I PREFER not to think of it as losing hair, but gaining face."

Kevin was paying a lot of attention to a little old lady who lived nextdoor. He knew she had no relatives and he figured that, if he was in her good books when she died, she might leave him her house.

On this particular day, he spent an hour reading to her while she served him with cup of tea and some peanuts.

As he was leaving, he thanked her for the cup of tea and apologised for eating so many of her peanuts. "That's all right", she replied, "Since I lost my false teeth I can only suck the chocolate off".

It was the opening of the duck season and, in the excitement, one of the hunters stood up in his boat to get a good shot and fell overboard, sinking like a stone into the murky depths below.

His mate dived overboard and, after swimming around for some minutes, recovered the unlucky hunter and dragged his body to the edge of the dam. With the body half out of the dam, he began pumping on his chest until his mate began coughing up water. With continued pumping he coughed up tin cans, mud, fish, barbed wire and numerous underwater plants.

It was then that the owner of the dam came puffing over to the bank of the dam, and the would-be rescuer asked, "Do you know anything about resuscitation?"

"No", replied the farmer, "but I know about pumps, and if you don't get his bum out of the water, you'll drain me bloody dam!"

APEX 40 - A Glance at 21 Years

In July this year, Apex 40 will celebrate its 21st birthday. From a humble beginning in 1973 at a family barbecue in Mornington (Vic), at the home of Past Zone 12 President Lionel Mussell, it has steadily, if slowly, grown into an organisation of around 70 affiliated branches throughout Australia and Malaysia.

The Melbourne - Gippsland branch of Apex 40 existed on its own for a couple of years, due in some measure to the reluctance of the then executive of Apex to recognise its existence. In 1975 a second branch was formed at Devonport (Tas) and this led to a get-together between members of the two branches. It could not be called a conference of a convention, fellowship was the main concern. Thus the first annual Apex 40 "Rort" was held at Ballarat (Vic) in March 1976. The third Apex 40 branch was formed shortly afterwards, in May 1976, at Maryborough (Qld) - a decent spread for the first three branches.

Since then Apex 40 branches have established in all states of Australia and into Malaysia where we currently have three branches.

Likewise, venues for the annual Rort, held between March and June, have included every State as well as Malaysia.

Apex 40 members seem happy to travel. In 1981 a coach load from Melbourne, Bendigo and Devonport travelled from Melbourne to the Maryborough (Qld) Rort. In 1988 another coach load from Altonville in Northern NSW travelled to the Rort at Renmark (S.A.) hosted by the Riverland branch. And then there is the hardy band of 'Rorters' from Morella branch (Perth W.A.) who will go just about anywhere.

In 1989 the Rort was hosted by Wynnum - Manly (Qld) and in the following year the Rort went overseas for the first time to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where over 160 Apex 40 members attended. 1991 saw the Rort go overseas again but this time to Launceston (Tas) followed by Grafton in '92 and Perth (W.A.) in 1993. This year, it is fitting that the Rort is to be held in Melbourne (Vic) to celebrate Apex 40's Twenty First Birthday and also the birthplace of this wonderful organisation. Congratulations Apex 40, may you continue to grow and enjoy your fellowship.

National Apex 40 Presidents

1976-78	Lionel Mussell	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1978-79	Kevin Frazer	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1979-81	Alan Kinder	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1981-83	Em Butler	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1983-84	Jock Littler	Devonport	Tas
1984-85	Ron Clarke	Bendigo	Vic.
1985-87	Brian Roach	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1987-89	Ian Foss	Morella	W.A.
1989-91	Kevin Huxham	Altonville	N.S.W.
1991-93	Nell Hookey	Melb./Gippsland	Vic.
1993-95	Glenn Rossiter	Sunshine Coast	Qld.

A Key Person

Even though my typewriter is an old model, it still works quite well except for one of the keys. I have at times felt that it worked perfectly. It is true that there are forty six keys that function well enough but just one key not working makes all the difference. I have sometimes thought that the club is something like my typewriter - not all the people are working. You may say, "I am only one person, I won't make or break the club." - but it makes a difference. So next time you think that you are not needed, remember my typewriter and say,

" I AM A KEY PERSON".

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Branches are requested to forward news of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of Roaring 40's.

Let's have a photograph of a branch function so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to -

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