

ROARING 40's

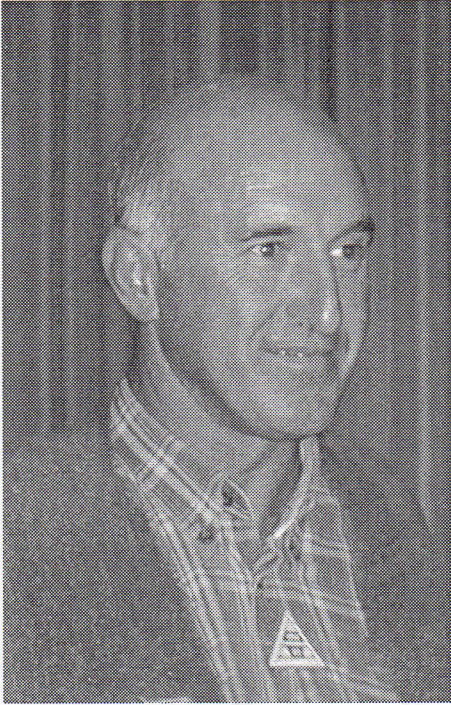
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FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, my first year as your Apex 40 President has flown and here we are at another National Rort.

I must congratulate David Cameron and his hard working committee for organising such a great Rort for us here in the Redlands district. It has been a time to remember and will surely go down as one of the great Rorts.

It is great to see such a big turn out this year and it has been wonderful catching up with so many members once again. Apex 40 is such a vibrant organisation, we really know how to enjoy ourselves. We are the envy of many past and present organisations who have struggled to maintain social fellowship and friendship. Long may we party!

This year has been a busy one, with one new club being formed, the Nepean Valley Apex 40 Club (Sydney West) and they have 23 couples and 2 single members. This club has been a real success, and at the Annual Apex Foundation Dinner were called upon at short notice to wait on the tables. After a few phone calls they had the numbers and from all reports did a great job. They have two members here at the convention, so please catch up with them and say hello.

As you may have read in the Roaring 40s, we now have an Apex 40 web page up and running and a big thank you must go to Alan Padgham and Pam Swayn for their efforts in achieving this. Alan is currently updating the page on a regular basis, so please talk to him if you have any ideas.

Insurance and our tie with Apex will be discussed at the meeting and some points to note.

Kevin will give a report on overseas travel during the meeting, and update us on the trip to England he is planning.

Thanks to Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham for another great Roaring 40s magazine, to Brian for his International Relations work, Garth for his job in liaising with Apex and Membership (South), and last but not least, our Secretary/Treasurer Pam who has done a great job this year in many areas. Thanks to you all, it has been a pleasure working with you.

Looking forward to the 2003 Rort in Mildura, hope to see you all there.

Leon Squires.

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



Being the first female to be elected to the National Apex 40 Board, it was with trepidation that I accepted this position at the last Rort. I need not have worried, as I have been willingly assisted with every query I have had over the past year. Thanks, guys!

Our website – <<http://www.apex40.org>> is up and running. Thanks, in a very big way, to Alan Padgham for setting it up and for his ongoing commitment to update it on a regular basis (until Leon and I learn more at TAFE). It is now up to us all. Members are requested to send him (or me) any information, photos, news, etc. to keep our website interesting, new and fresh. This will encourage us all to keep checking it to see if we are in it!

The two Alan's (Padgham and Kinder) have kept up their excellent standard in compiling the three editions of the 'Roaring 40s' newsletter this year. It

entails a lot of research and work as it has 16 pages, and we sincerely thank them for their continued efforts. I send out copies to 12 Apex hierarchy, 54 Clubs, and 11 Members-at-Large, financial or not. Should I reduce this number to financial Clubs and members only? Printing costs money!

It has been very disappointing to have received the Affiliation Fees from only 25 Clubs and 6 Members-at-Large, despite letters being written to the Secretary of those Clubs who have not yet paid. **I should remind Members that they do not have voting rights at the AGM if their Club is unfinancial.**

Thank you to the 13 Clubs who send me a copy of their Dinner Notice, some on a more regular basis than others. This helps to keep us in touch with what is happening in your area. Also, a big thank you to the 17 Clubs who have sent their Membership List to me for inclusion on the database. This will, of course, need to be continually updated (due to the mobility of our Members!) and I do think the Membership List included on your Dinner Notice is a great idea! Changes could be made easily.

Thank you to Redlands Club for what I know will be an excellent Rort 2002. They have put in more than 18 months of solid preparation and have been approachable in every way to the National Board. A big thanks to all of you and congratulations on the wonderful effort and the way you have organised this big event.

Pam Swain

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

A great year for International Relations with the twenty-one K40 members from Canada travelling around Tasmania after they had attended last year's Rort at Hall's Gap. I believe the 2001 Hall's Gap Rort banner now has a new home in Canada!

After their tour of Tassie, they then went over to New Zealand for the NZ 41ers AGM, where they (again) met up with the forty of our Apex 40 members who had travelled to New Zealand in May/June 2001. 41 Club (ex Round Tables) members around the 'shaky isles' home hosted all. The New Zealanders have a saying – 'May the hinges of friendship never rust'.

The hospitality and friendship of the New Zealand people is out of this world!

During the year communications continued between Apex 40 and New Zealand, South Africa, England, Canada and Malaysia on a regular basis. A tour of England for 2004 is in the 'pipeline' and will be discussed at this AGM by Kevin Huxham.

I have also had discussions with 41 International who are being represented at the Redlands Rort this year by their President, Sammy Sampath, and he is being accompanied by his wife, Geetha.

Brian Roach

APEX LIAISON & MEMBERSHIP (SOUTH)

Once again we have had great communication between Apex Australia and Apex 40, thanks to their Administration Manager, Ms Dot Smith and her staff. She has always been very obliging and friendly. Apex numbers have remained static at approximately 3800.

We have promoted ourselves again through 'The Apexian' magazine, which is produced to educate and inform their members. So, hopefully we may get some of their older members after they retire later in the year. We can only achieve this if we try very hard to attract them – there are many other organisations also very willing to attract these people.

Apex 40 members can assist by going to your local Changeovers and speaking

within your local communities.

Garth Whitchurch

CHANGE REGARDING THE ORDERING OF APEX 40 NAME BADGES

Apex 40 name badges are still available at \$7.00 each, but instead of ordering from Alan Kinder as previously, they must now be ordered from:

**Alan Flaherty, 34 Fernhill
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A RIGHT ROYAL RORT AT REDLANDS

The Rort, as usual, kicked off with a welcome social on Friday night, at the Cleveland Community Cultural Centre where Rorters gathered to – as it says in our song – ‘see familiar faces, old friends to greet, new friends to meet’. And we did, all 240 of us – from 21 Apex 40 Clubs with two Members-at-Large and four 41 Club members from New Zealand. This was the largest number to attend a Rort, except for the Rort in Malaysia in 1990.

Rort Committee Chairman David Cameron introduced the Mayor of Redlands Shire, Don Seccombe, who declared the Rort open and National President Leon Squires offered a few well chosen words, and then we got down to some serious talking, drinking and eating (not necessarily in that order). Sunraysia members, in their conspicuous yellow vests, manned their display about next year’s Rort at Mildura and handed out samples of local produce from their local grape and fruit growing area. During the evening

we were entertained by Murray Hartin, a bush poet from Moree who recited a couple of his poems including ‘Turbulence’, the amazing and highly amusing first experience of flying for bull rider Billy Hayes.

On registering all Rorters received, in their ‘goodies bags’, a macadamia fudge bar made by Dawn McKay and a beautiful decorative plate, hand painted by Alma Despot.

We were also all presented with our accreditation ‘lanyards’ (to be worn round our necks at all times) which were our admission tickets to the various functions as well as containing our bus time tables. A very good idea that proved very helpful, although one shopkeeper in Cleveland believes that we were all dementia patients who weren’t allowed out without them!

Redlands turned on wonderful weather for the Rort – the sun shone all weekend. It really lived up to the Queensland claim of ‘beautiful one day, perfect the next’.



*Front: At Friday's welcome social, Redlands Mayor Don Seccombe and Mayoress, Margaret Cameron and David Cameron (Rort Chairman).
Rear: Ross Pollock (Redlands Apex 40 President) and Marion Pollock.*

An early start on Saturday morning to catch the ferry across Morton Bay in beautiful weather to North Stradbroke Island where we had morning tea at Cabarita Park, then on to Lookout Point on the ocean side of the island and a walk around the Gorge Boardwalk circuit with its spectacular views. Outdoor lunch was at the Little Ship

Redlands and Wyong clubs put on sketches and the Geebung Polo Club, performed by Redlands members, was judged the best and winner of the Bull Horn trophy. Redlands Apex Club members, under the direction of Redlands Apex 40 member Brian Ziegenfusz, manned the bar as they had done also on Friday night, and business was brisk, as usual.



Grafton members on ferry to North Stradbroke Island

Club where the sun was shining, the beer was cold, the BBQ lunch was very nice, and the fellowship continued.

Saturday night we all 'went troppo' at Redland Bay Community Hall with most Rorters dressing the part. The hall had been beautifully decorated in a tropical seaside theme by Pauline Denisenko and others of the Redlands Club's lady members. We enjoyed good food, good fellowship and dancing to good, if loud, music. Members from Alstonville,

on the mountain top with expansive views over Morton Bay. A picnic lunch



At the Cleveland Street Market, from left: Julie Primmer (Sunraysia), Nola Kinder (Melb/Gipps) and Elaine Gray (Sunraysia).

was served in the gardens amphitheatre under large shade umbrellas in a delightful tropical setting. National President Leon introduced Sammy Sampath, National 41 Clubs President and his wife Geetha and Sammy addressed the gathering, bringing greetings from 41 Clubs members.

After lunch we visited historic Ormiston House, built in the 1860's by the pioneer of Queensland's sugar industry, Captain Louis Hope, and set in beautiful grounds overlooking Raby Bay. We had guided tours of the house and the adjoining Carmelite Chapel with its colourful, modern stained glass windows. Then we were served Devonshire Tea on the verandah while listening to the pipes and drums of the Ormiston House Heritage Pipe Band.

Sunday night's function was held at the Sirromet Winery at Mount Cotton, commencing with wine tasting while we

were entertained by the Cleveland State High School String Quartet. Dinner was in the modern restaurant complex where the Annual General Meeting was then held and annual awards were presented. Wyong won the Attendance Trophy and our newest club, Nepean Valley, won the Penultimate (dinner notice) Trophy. Nepean Valley Vice-President, Gary Rumble, attending a Rort for the first time, accepted the Dinner Notice Trophy on behalf of his Club. Mike Dawson, last year's winner, nominated Mal Clarke (Wyong) as this year's deserving recipient of the Whizzy Trophy, however Mal was somewhat indisposed still after Saturday night and Marion had to accept the trophy on his behalf. As previously mentioned, Redlands won the Bull Horn for their sketch. The Boomerang was presented to Sunraysia, who will host the 2003 Rort, and Graeme Duffy told us about



Some of the group atop Mount Cotton, resting after their climb.

some of the attractions that will be offered to us in Mildura next year.

No music, dancing or other special entertainment was provided during the night, and none was needed as members appreciated the opportunity just to talk and enjoy each other's company. A fines session was conducted by Ken Primmer (Sunraysia) and Bill Coleman (Redlands) and then we all joined in a spirited rendition of the Rort Song.

The Rort wound up on Monday morning with breakfast at the Cultural Centre in Cleveland, with Rorters saying their farewells and promising to meet again

next year at Mildura – See you there.

Is there ever anything other than a great Rort? The Redlands Rort was again the resounding success that we have all come to expect and, of course, that was due not only to the Redlands members who had put in so much time and effort to ensure it's success, but also to all of the Rorters who came along to further our Apex 40 objective of 'continuing fellowship'.

If you wish to see some more photos from the weekend, check out the Apex 40 web-site at:

<http://www.apex40.org>

POST RORT TOUR

The tour got under way straight after breakfast on Monday and the first stop was at Juri and Pauline Denisenko's egg farm where cars were parked for the period of the tour. Then it was off to Yatala for a tour of the Carlton & United Brewery and, of course, a taste of their products. This put us in the right mood to enjoy lunch at one or other of the many restaurants at Sanctuary Cove.

On to the Nara Resort at Sea World on the Gold Coast where we dined and stayed the night. Next morning there was a bit of a hiccup about entry to Sea World but those who wanted to go in did, while others went off to Southport or down to the Mirage Marina or just relaxed around the Resort. Lunch in the poolside cafe was very pleasant. After lunch we headed off to Toowoomba, stopping along the way for an ice cream or whatever in a park in Ipswich and a drive around town

where driver Darryl was able to provide a wealth of local knowledge. We travelled through Gatton and the productive Lockyer Valley, then made the steep climb up to the Darling Downs and Toowoomba. On Tuesday night we dined in at our motel in Toowoomba, so it was a reasonably early night for most.

In the morning we had a visit to the beautiful Japanese Gardens within the University complex, before heading out to the Jondaryan Woolshed Historical Museum for morning tea and damper. The museum property contains many historical buildings, apart from the woolshed itself, which was built in 1859 and is the oldest operating woolshed in Queensland. The 300-foot-long woolshed held 52 stands and accommodated up to 88 shearers and other workers. We watched the blacksmith at work and then saw a display of working dogs rounding up

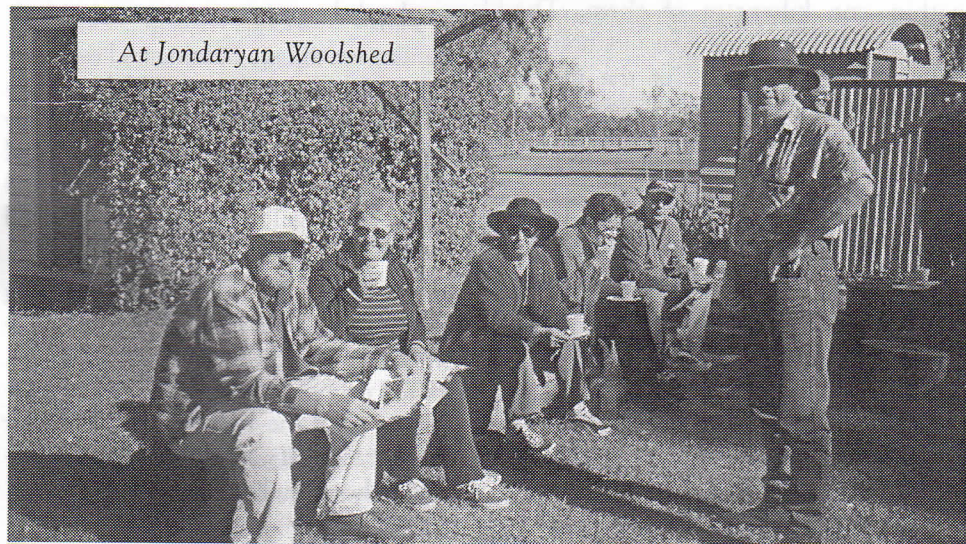


Wagon ride around the property at Jondaryan Wooshed.

sheep. Some had a ride about the property on the two horse drawn vehicles while others looked over the extraordinary collection of tractors. Lunch was provided in the old Lagoon Creek Homestead.

Then it was on to Highfields to visit the

Danish Flower Art establishment and various other art and craft shops – and, of course, the chocolate shop, where we indulged ourselves before heading back to Toowoomba. Dinner on Wednesday night was at the Toowoomba Railways



At Jondaryan Woolshed

Heritage Restaurant where dinner is served with 'silver service'.

On Thursday morning, before leaving Toowoomba, we went up to Picnic Point where there are expansive views to the east. After that we visited the Cobb and Co. Museum which was most interesting. Having started as a museum to display its wonderful collection of old horse-drawn vehicles and a history of Cobb and Co. transport, it has developed into a wide ranging, general museum of the Darling Downs area. For morning tea we were served lamingtons which are said to have originated in Toowoomba.

Then it was back to Highfields to have a look through the Swiss Clock shop with

its hundreds of different cuckoo clocks, grandfather clocks and every other sort of clock. A scenic drive took us through Esk and on to Cressbrook Dam, one of the chain of reservoirs on the Brisbane River that provide Brisbane's water supply. This was a lovely setting for our picnic lunch, after which driver Darryl had the job of taking group photos for everyone with a camera.

Back at Cleveland on Thursday night we were joined by some more Redlands members for dinner at Stevens-by-the-Bay. After dinner, Steven provided the accompaniment for a good old sing-along around the piano, which made for a very enjoyable wind up to a great week of Apex 40 fellowship.

THE SUNRAYSIA RAGE – FOR OUR COMING OF AGE SUNRAYSIA RORT 2003

The Rort will be held in the first half of May, but more on that another time. Accommodation will be at three motels in close proximity and the caravan park is within one kilometre of them. The Registration point and Friday function are within walking distance of the motels (and a bit longer walk from the caravan park to liven up caravaners after driving all day).

One day of the weekend will be based around the river and the other around the dry land areas. We will get into New South Wales of course, so some of you will get back into the home state and others will find themselves in a different one.

We will see some historical beginnings of the irrigation area and what crops can be grown (and bottled) as a result of irrigation. Hopefully, a trip on the river and a close

look at the lock system that enables boats to travel up and down the river.

Saturday night we are having a party, because it is Sunraysia's twenty-first birthday. So get out the glad rags to get partying.

Sunday we will see farming and early settler areas of the district and how they cleared the land for planting. Sunday night will probably be out of Mildura and will be a quieter night to start the wind down. You will not get too relaxed though.

Monday farewell breakfast looks like being back to the river bank. After all, there would be very little Sunraysia if it were not for the mighty Murray River. After breakfast, as usual the Post Rorters set off for another four days of fun, and we say goodbye to those heading home or elsewhere.

Julie Primmer

AROUND THE BRANCHES

ALSTONVILLE: In April, members had an 'observation walk' which commenced along the river at Ballina. While door-knocking to find answers about local features, one couple discovered a massage parlour.

Pizza and Trivial Pursuit night in May and a car rally in June...

The car rally went over like a lead balloon. The few that were interested decided to cut the conservation leg and concentrate on the eating leg. The idea of fish and chips was dropped in favour of a very long lunch at 'Riversleigh', Ballina. Much talk, a little wine and we solved most of the world's problems. A very pleasant afternoon.

LAUNCESTON: "A fantastic meal and a terrific night" was enjoyed in May at the home of Gwen and Ernie Wakeling.

June meeting cancelled because it was inadvertently scheduled for the long weekend.

July meeting is an opportunity for a 'sea change' with a weekend at Rex and Jeanette Lethborg's 'Stone House' near Bridport – or, for those who can't spend the weekend, a BBQ on the Sunday.

August meeting will be a dinner at the Red Ruby restaurant at Beaconsfield.

LAVINGTON: recent meetings have been at Trader Jack's in Albury, Edwards Tavern in Wodonga, and a Sunday lunch at Springdale Heights Tavern in Lavington.

MELBOURNE – GIPPSLAND: At the March meeting at Clayton Bowls Club, Glen Twidale related some high-

lights of his recent trip to China. On a visit to a hospital there he was greeted by the Chinese professor of herbal medicine with a 'G'day mate'! He offered to cure all of Glen's ills with herbs – at a cost of about \$1,000 per treatment.

April function was a picnic at Healesville on a mild sunny afternoon.

June saw a good roll up for dinner at 'Fountains' restaurant at Box Hill TAFE college where the excellent meal was prepared and served by students doing the catering/hospitality course.

MOREE: A dinner meeting at The Tavern in May and then a picnic lunch and car trial in June. Then there will be the usual Christmas in July night.

Photos in a recent dinner notice brought back memories of the 'AGM in the bull ring' and the Back 'o Bourke tour group at the Australia Telescope complex at Narrabri.

NEPEAN VALLEY: May meeting was a dinner at the Penrith Golf Club with a good turn up of members and families.

'A good afternoon of chat, a drinkie or two and the barbie' in early June at the home of home of President Keith and Rachael Miller at Narellan Vale.

Later in June there was a return visit (by popular request) to the St. Mary's Leagues Club for Mussels, Prawns and Flies

July meeting will be the Club's First Birthday Bash and will be a 'Ridgee Didge' Gourmet Roast Dinner at the home of Jim and Wendy Harris at Kurrajong.

Dinner Notice editors, Ken and Janice Wright, celebrated their winning of the Dinner Notice trophy at the Redlands Rort by producing a special multi-coloured issue (complete with 'Oscar') for the late-June meeting.

REDLANDS: 'Good food, good friends and perfect weather made the Champagne Breakfast (in May) a most enjoyable occasion'. Ray Despot, John Pulvirenti, Bob Skinner and Bill Coleman cooked up a scrumptious breakfast and Pauline Denisenko produced a very tasty 'baked beans dish'. The breakfast was attended by National President Leon and wife Cheryle, and National Secretary Pam. Cheryle awarded the 'scungiest hat' prizes to Geoff Hegarty and Alan Bach.

July meeting is at the Wynnum-Manly Leagues Club and Wynnum-Manly Apex 40 members are invited for an inter-club get together.

SUNRAYSIA: June function was a casserole lunch at the home of Annette and Graeme Duffy – a great opportunity to hear about the Redlands Rort and plans for the Sunraysia Rort in 2003. The Rort Committee have been meeting on a regular basis and, now that the Redlands Rort is past, will soon be making final decisions on venues and functions, etc.

THE GREAT 8: May meeting was a night at the theatre, following an enjoyable dinner, to see a local repertory group's performance of "Lend Me A Tenor" – a great show with great local talent.

June dinner meeting at the 'Vault' restaurant, an old CBC Bank building at Paterson, was a 'fantastic night'. Poet

Bob Bush joined members for dinner and entertained with some well written words afterwards. President Allan Thorley, well fortified with red wine, delivered a vote of thanks in verse which sounded great on the night but not so great next morning when he re-read it!

July's meeting at the Family Hotel in Maitland will be Christmas in July as well as the Club's changeover meeting. The Club will continue the tradition of providing the champagne and port.

WYNNUM MANLY: An Apex reunion night was held in April and was a great success with 66 in attendance, and although the 43 guests said it was wonderful to get together, there did not seem to be anyone who would like to come into the Apex 40 fold.

A picnic in the park was held in late April. Christmas in July will be at Stanthorpe where members will stay overnight. A couple of wineries will be visited on the way to Stanthorpe and on the way home on Sunday there will be a stop at Warwick for market day.

WYONG: The food, the fellowship, and the venue at River Reflections at Tacoma (owned by a former Apexian) were great for the 26 members who attended in April.

The May meeting at Forrester's Resort was well attended despite quite a few members still being away following the Rort. The fines session produced a record \$37.55.

June meeting was at the Thai Lilly Restaurant in Toukley for a Thai Banquet dinner.

Wyang members were there in strength at

the Redlands Rort, taking off the Attendance Trophy. Mal Clark was awarded the Whizzy Trophy which the Wyong dinner notice (of which Mal is the editor)

refers to as the 'you are a disgrace to Apex 40' award! And the members who appeared in the Wyong Club's skit reckon they got the 'we was robbed' award.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

The Great Eight: Woken by knocking on the door at 3 am, the man refused to answer it until nagged by his wife to do so.

'I'm sorry to bother you but could you give me a push?' said a stranger.

'No way at this time of night,' snarled the householder, shutting the door and returning to bed. 'How rude of you,' his wife admonished him. 'Remember the night we broke down in the pouring rain and a stranger helped us? What if he had told us to go away?'

Shamed, the man dressed, went outside and called, 'Hey, do you still want a push?'

From the darkness a voice responded, 'Yes please'.

'Where are you?' yelled the householder.

'Over here on the swing,' came the reply.

Two little boys were sitting on the beach examining each other's navels.

'What are they?' 'Well, when you're born there's a piece of rope hanging out there. And they cut it off and twist the end around and tape it inside'.

'What for?'

'So you don't go pssssshhhh and go down!'

'Where did I come from, Mum?' asked a six-year old.

Mum had been dreading the question but decided against an indirect answer. She gave the little boy a frank, candid descrip-

tion, beginning with the sex act and concluding with the drama of the delivery room. She then awaited his reaction.

'I just wondered,' said the child. 'The boy who sits in front of me at school came from New Zealand'.

Launceston: Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noahs Ark - .

Don't miss the boat.

Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, you may be asked to do something really big.

Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Build your future on high ground.

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.

When you're stressed, float a while.

Remember, the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Melbourne-Gippsland: The 6th grade science teacher asked her class, "Which body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?"

No one answered for a long time until little Mary stood up, angry, and said "The teacher should not be asking 6th graders a question like that". She said

she was going to tell her parents, who would tell the principal who would fire the teacher!

The teacher ignored her and asked the question again. "Which body part increases to 10 times its size when stimulated?"

Finally Billy stood up and said that the body part that increases 10 times its size when stimulated is the pupil of the eye.

The teacher said, "Very good, Billy," then turned to Mary and said, "As for you, young lady, I have three things to say: Number one, you have a dirty mind. Number two, you didn't read your homework. And number three, one day, you will be very, very disappointed."

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze.

When he heard nothing more, after a while, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light back on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice.

Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" He hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I am just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who the hell are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of stupid people would name a parrot Moses?"

The bird promptly answered, "Probably the same kind of people that would name a rottweiler Jesus."

Nepean Valley: One night a police officer was staking out a particularly rowdy bar for DUI violations. At closing time, he saw a fellow stumble out of the bar, trip on the kerb and try his keys on five different cars before he found his own. The man sat in the front seat fumbling around with his keys for several minutes.

Meanwhile, all the other patrons had left the bar and driven off. Finally he started his engine and began to pull away. The police officer was waiting for him. As soon as he pulled out into the street the officer stopped him, read him his rights and administered the breathalyser test to determine his blood-alcohol content.

The breathalyser showed a reading of 0.0.

The puzzled officer demanded to know how that could be.

The driver replied. 'Easy, tonight I'm the designated decoy'.

A young boy wants a new bicycle and

asks his mother. She tells him to write to God and ask Him for the \$200 for a new bike.

So the boy writes to God and asks for the \$200.

The Post Office gets the letter and decides to send it to the Prime Minister.

The PM reads the letter and, on a Government letterhead, writes a reply and sends it along with a cheque for \$200; both signed 'God'.

The boy gets the mail, reads his letter and tells his Mum. She says he should be grateful and should send a letter of thanks to God.

He does so, writing, 'Thank you God for the money for my bike. But did you have to send it via Canberra – the mongrels took 90%'

Redlands:

At age 4 success is – not peeing your pants.

At age 12 success is – having friends.

At age 17 success is – having a driver's licence.

At age 20 success is – having sex.

At age 35 success is – having money.

At age 50 success is – having money.

At age 60 success is – having sex.

At age 70 success is – having a driver's licence.

At age 80 success is – having friends.

At age 90 success is – not peeing your pants.

Wyong: On the first day, God created the cow. God said, 'You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer and I will give you a life span of sixty years'.

The cow said, 'That's a kind of tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty years and I'll give back the other forty'. God agreed.

On the second day, God created the dog. God said, 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years'.

The dog said, 'That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give back the other ten'. So God agreed, sigh!

On the third day, God created the monkey. God said, 'Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you twenty years life span'.

The monkey said, 'How boring – monkey tricks for twenty years! I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too. OK?' And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man. God said, 'Eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy. Do nothing, just enjoy, enjoy. I'll give you twenty years'.

Man said, 'What? Only twenty years! No way man. Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back, and the ten the dog gave back and the ten the monkey gave back. That makes eighty. OK?'

'Okay,' said God. 'You've got a deal'.

So that is why for the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, have sex, enjoy, and do nothing; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain our grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit in front of the house and bark at everybody!

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Branches are invited and urged to forward news & photos of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of "Roaring 40's"

Let's have photographs and news of branch functions so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to

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