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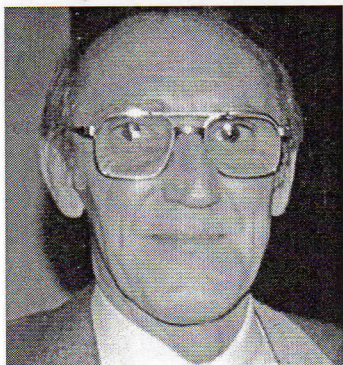
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The difficulty with writing a report of this nature is deciding where to start. It is probably best to commence with the visits we have made since my last report. Mary had decided she wished to attend her Nursing reunion in Newcastle in mid November 2005, (without admitting how long ago she graduated) which just happened to coincide with my opportunity to visit with the Rort Committee at Penrith.

Keith Miller was gracious enough to delay their meeting by one week in order for us to be present and witness their deliberations. We left Penrith satisfied that the plans for the 2006 Rort would result in an

event that would more than satisfy even the most experienced and consummate Rorters in our ranks. Thank you to our accommodation hosts, Barry and Joyce Leavitt-Brown, for so generously opening their home to us. Our thanks must also go to Bryan and Bonnie Spencer on behalf of the Rort Committee, for providing an excellent lunch during the group's deliberations. It was a pleasure to sit and chat with such a committed group of people.

Wyong just happened to be our next stop for a few days of R&R on the way home. As Malcolm Clark had been elected President (again) it was appropriate to congratulate him and join Apex 40 Wyong for their Xmas Party – celebrated in November, but nonetheless a true Xmas spirit was in evidence. Particularly the red. Thank you Malcolm, Tom and all the folks at Wyong for a memorable evening.

Anybody who has travelled the Pacific Highway to Brisbane will know that Grafton just happens to be up that way. Accordingly, Carol and Bill Moffatt went out of their way to arrange for us to meet with the group over a barbeque. Peter and Roz Chessell



took over the arrangements as Bill and Carol were in the throws of moving to Mackay and new horizons. Despite the short notice, Peter and Roz were able to convince a great group of folks to come for a steak and a chinwag. A wonderful wind-up to an excellent year.

Year 2006 has taken up where 2005 finished. A visit to a dinner and games night with the folks at Caloundra

Wyong President Mal Clark, Mary & Bob McKernon and Wyong Secretary Tom Dumpleton, at Wyong's Christmas dinner.

proved to be a great success. Thank you to Greg and Glenese Wolski (Pres. and Sec.) for their efforts on our behalf. I'm still not sure how John was scoring the 8-ball game, but then again it was his billiard table. The strongest desire to win, on the night, must go to Hilton. Keep it up mate, 500's your bag.

The Apex 75th Celebration Dinner took place at Parliament House, in Brisbane, on Saturday 14th March. Approximately 250 past and present Apexians, comprising members from rural and far north Queensland and interstate, attended a most rewarding evening. It is my impression that numbers were evenly divided between current members and Life / Senior Active members, which suggests a positive future for Apex in Queensland. It was indeed an honour for me to be invited to propose the Toast to Apex Australia.

Finally, the Nepean Rort is only a few weeks away. If you haven't yet registered, now is the time to do so. May we wish you all an enjoyable break over Easter and if you are travelling, stay safe.

Bob McKernon, National President

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



Hello all. It has been an exciting few months and a busy time over Christmas/New Year. I hope you have all settled into 2006 with regular Dinner Meetings and get togethers.

President Bob, his wife Mary and I have been doing a spot of visiting and have enjoyed wonderful hospitality and getting to know some of our members. On 5th March we travelled to Caloundra and joined the Apex 40 members for an informal dinner and games night. What a hoot! Thanks to all the members at Caloundra who made us most welcome and taught us

to play some rather interesting games. Hmm! Seriously though, we really did have a great night and our hosts could not have been more delightful.

The Club Registrations have been filtering in with Affiliation Fees, but it would be very much appreciated if those of you who have not yet returned your forms and payment could do so as soon as possible. Our 2006 Rort is coming up very quickly now and it is also very important to have your Club affiliated before the AGM. If there are any matters for inclusion in the Agenda for discussion at the AGM, please get them to me ASAP so that we can plan our Agenda.

Several of the Redlands members attended the Apex 75th Anniversary Dinner at Parliament House, Brisbane last Saturday night and had a wonderful night of eating, drinking and music, not to mention meeting familiar faces and new friends alike. Congratulations Apex Clubs of Australia.

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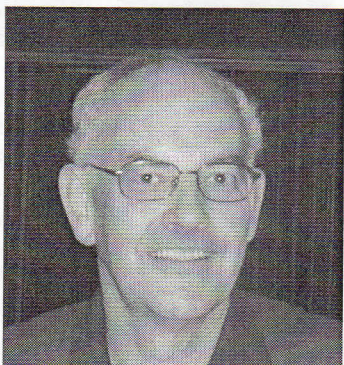
I have not received any entries to date for the Apex 40 Golf Competition and time is running short as the closing date is 1st April. If you wish to enter a team from your club, please do so as soon as possible.

With just seven weeks to go to the Nepean Rort, the Rort Committee is in full cry seeing to the last of the nitty gritty of running such an event. I'm sure we will all be treated to a great time and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

Travel safely.

Marcie Irvin, National Secretary/Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & APEX LIAISON REPORT



Apex Clubs of Malaysia and Singapore have invited Apex 40 members to join them on an Asian mass tour which will be held from 28th July to 6th August. (11 Days). The tour is very reasonably priced at just US\$350 each plus airfares to Singapore and return. We have two starters already and if any other members would like to participate, please contact me. It is important bookings are made early to avoid disappointment and to secure seats on internal air transfers. Details of the itinerary and registration form can be downloaded from the Apex 40 web site.

Our President Bob and Secretary Marcie attended the Apex 75th Anniversary celebrations at Parliament House in Brisbane and I am sure they will give us some feedback.

The Kiwis have apologised at being unable to attend the Nepean Rort but may be interested in attending some future Rort.

I haven't received any info on the formation of any new clubs but I am sure good work by a few of our members is continuing.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Penrith in May.

Rob Noble, International & Apex Liaison Officer.

NEPEAN VALLEY RORT 2006

"Come and Mix in 2006"

5th – 11th May 2006 – Penrith, NSW

Where is Nepean Valley?

Apex 40 Nepean Valley is located at Penrith NSW – 54 km west of Sydney.

What's on?

The 2006 RORT will have a central theme – a Dimboola style-wedding event – so dress up in your best "glad-rags" to attend a country wedding! You could be the Bride's cousins, or the drunken uncle or the eccentric grandparents – it doesn't matter! We

just want you to get into the spirit and have some fun!

Cost:

\$300 per person (subject to change) includes Friday night registration and Welcome Social, RORT activities including transport, lunches and evening meals on Saturday & Sunday night and departure breakfast on Monday.

Registration Forms:

See your Club President or Secretary for a copy of our registration form (circulated in January 2006) or visit the Apex 40 website <www.apex40.org>.

APEX 40 NEPEAN VALLEY PROGRAM 5TH – 8TH MAY 2006

Friday, May 5 – “Meet the Bride & Groom & families”

Registration and welcome gathering. Light Supper provided 6pm – 9pm. Hornseywood Room, Penrith RSL – corner Castlereagh & Lethbridge Streets, Penrith.

Saturday, May 6 – “The Pre-Nuptials”

Buses will collect Rorters from their accommodation and take you to the Nepean Belle & Platypus (2 x Paddle Steamers) for a 2 hour Morning Tea cruise down the Nepean River. This will be followed by a quick tour of the Whitewater Stadium (a Sydney 2000 Olympic venue). Rorters will then be taken to University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury Campus for a light lunch and walk around the grounds.

Saturday afternoon, May 6 – After lunch, free time will be available in the afternoon to do your own thing, e.g. shopping at the great Penrith Plaza shopping centre or visit the State Masters Rowing Championships at the International Regatta Centre.

Saturday night, May 6 – “The Wedding Reception”

Buses will collect Rorters from their accommodation at 5.00 pm and take you for dinner at the Hubertus Club at Luddenham for dinner and entertainment. Actors will present "The Dimboola Wedding" plus we will have a 7-piece Country & Western Band "Tall Timbre" bringing you dance music and dancing.

Dress – your best Dimboola wedding gear! Prize for the best dressed couple and single.

Buses will then return you to your accommodation after the function.

Sunday, May 7 – “The Morning After”

Luxury air-conditioned coaches will collect Rorters from accommodation and make our way down to Gledswood Winery (near Narellan) for a Wild Colonial Day including lunch and entertainment.

The AGM will be held at this venue.

Sunday night, May 7 – “The Hangover Chaser”

Buses will collect Rorters from their accommodation and take you to the Penrith RSL, Lawson Showroom, for dinner and entertainment. We have booked a 5-piece

Rockabilly/Rock & Roll Band "Ian B McLeod & The Rockabilly Express". This will get you jumping – be prepared to rock your socks off!

Buses will then return you to your accommodation after the function.

Monday, May 8 – "Farewell the Rellies!"

The traditional Apex 40 fellowship breakfast and farewells at the Penrith Golf Club (looking down the 18th Fairway).

Post Rort tour will commence after breakfast at 9.00am.

POST RORT TOUR MONDAY 8TH MAY 2006

Cost:

\$295 per person (subject to change).

Price includes 4 evening meals and 3 lunches but does not include accommodation.

Monday, 8th May, Blue Mountains and surrounds tour.

Dinner – Penrith Golf Club.

Tuesday, 9th May, Hunter Valley Gardens.

Dinner – "Flavours Plus" Restaurant – Panthers World of Entertainment.

Wednesday, 10th May, 9.00 am – 11.00 am Free time (We suggest Penrith Markets located at Penrith Paceway – just across the road from Panthers). Buses will pick up at 11.15 am Penrith Paceway for the Penrith highlights tour in the afternoon.

Dinner – Mountain Blue Café, Glenbrook.

Thursday, 11th May, Sydney City Tour & Sydney Harbour Cruise (Morning Tea).

Dinner – Combined meeting with Apex 40 Nepean Valley – The Skyline Lounge, Penrith Paceway.

For further details contact RORT Chairman – Garry & Louise Rumble on 02 4731 1835 (e-mail: garry.rumble@penrith.nsw.gov.au) or RORT Secretary Keith & Racheal Miller on 02 4647 3203 (e-mail: millerk@bigpond.net.au).

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Alstonville:

"A great Australia Day breakfast celebration was held at Duncan and Prue Walker's home. Twenty-one people sang the National Anthem and consumed beautifully cooked bacon, eggs and sausages. Carolyn Rose was the chief egg-chef while Jeff Rose and Duncan Walker were responsible for the rest of the meal. Breakfast was washed down by

Australian orange juice that contained Australian sparkling wine (better known to older Apexians as champagne). This 'beautiful' orange juice encouraged much chatter and it helped with the very hot task of cooking the breakfast."

February function was a lunch at the 'House With No Steps'.

Upcoming functions are a dinner at the Wardell Sports Club on St. Patrick's

Day and an Indian Curry Dinner at Blossom's Café in April.

A trip is being planned to visit Redlands Club in Cleveland, Q. to recover the Club's fines box and for 'good fellowship' with Redlands members.

Bendigo:

Welcome to new President /Secretary/ Treasurer couple Bill and Angie Porter who will host a 'sixties/seventies' BBQ night in early March as the first function for the year.

"The Christmas meeting at the Bendigo Club was a great success and many thanks to the Andrews, Clarkes and Lannens for organizing the activities, especially the very interesting version of pass the parcel".

Grafton:

In November a BBQ was held to welcome National President Bob McKernon and his wife Mary who were spending a couple of days in Grafton.

At the January meeting, President Carol Moffat ran what she expected to be her last meeting. The first item on the agenda was her resignation as President. However, to her surprise the resignation was not accepted. Carol will complete her term and be known as President in-absentia with the balance of the executive covering the position.

John Betts made a farewell speech for Carol that included the presentation of a card and Jacaranda tea towel signed by the members who were present. (Carol and Bill have recently moved to McKay, Queensland, where Civil Engineer Bill is working for the City Council.

Ed.)

The following is from the Club's January dinner notice:

"It is with some sadness that we say farewell to Bill and Carol as they have departed to Mackay. Unfortunately time did not permit for us to organize a farewell function, but maybe there will be an opportunity in the future.

Bill and Carol have been associated with Grafton Apex and Grafton Apex 40 over many years and we have enjoyed their friendship and company during that time. I'm sure that contact and friendship will continue into the future. We are going to miss the bagpipe playing and belly dancing but what will be our loss will be Mackay's gain.

Grafton Apex 40 wishes Bill and Carol all the best for their future in Mackay and thank them for their friendship and contribution to Apex and Apex 40 and the Clarence Community.

Good Luck and keep in contact.

February meeting was a jazz river cruise' on the Clarence River at Yamba with a short meeting afterwards in the car park.



Grafton members at Yamba after the river cruise.

The Great 8:

January meeting was a card night and supper at Allan and Robyn Thorleys, with an opportunity for a dip or spa. February saw the gang again at Thorleys for a 'massage/spa night' – an early Valentine's night with chocolates and champagne for the ladies.

March meeting is a Greek night at the Hellenic Community and Cultural Centre of Newcastle at Hamilton with authentic Greek traditional food, Greek music and dancing to Zorba, etc.

Kuala Lumpur:

March meeting at the PJ Club is the Club's 24th Annual General Meeting when a Board of Directors for 2006/2007 will be elected.

Launceston:

22 members and guests enjoyed Christmas dinner at The Flying Teapot at Bridport and then went on to President Rex Lethborgs where Rex and Jeanette handed out Christmas goodies. February meeting was again at Bridport, this time at the home of Barry and Dot Rowe. This function stretched over the weekend with a roast dinner on Saturday night and then lunch on Sunday. Twelve members stayed for tea to try and clean up the surplus food – but they failed!

The weather was great as usual for sunny Bridport and casual summer attire was the norm.

Barry said: "For one and all, please accept this vote of thanks and appreciation from the hosts who supplied the venue for this fantastic weekend. We could have extended the weekend to

Thursday as the amount of luscious and tempting food that was available, but such is life as we must get back to reality and get on with our lives again."



President Rex, Barry and Dot Rowe

From the Club's March dinner notice:

"Congratulations must go to our illustrious Secretary /Treasurer Dorothy Rowe for accepting a 'Certificate of Achievement' and 'Community Volunteer Award' which was presented to her at a ceremony at the Australia Day Awards at the Derby Town Hall on Australia Day on the 26th of January 2006. The award was presented for her outstanding contribution of over ten years with the Bridport Girl Guides Association and also her involvement with the Bridport Tennis Club for over 20 years and 11 years in succession as Treasurer. Dot is the only Life Member for the tennis club that anyone can remember as previous records before her time have been lost or destroyed.

Congratulations from all of us and may your good work continue into the future.

Although not wishing to be 'a high flyer' Dot is most happy to be of assistance to help the young girls improve their social abilities as they enter into this great big world of ours."

Manly:

Christmas party was held at the home of Ian and Robyn Dennewald. President John Cameron said:

"On behalf of you all I extend a special thank-you to Ian and Robyn Dennewald for kindly making their home available for our Christmas Party. As in previous years, the function was well attended and a complete success. Thanks are also extended to the ladies for their generous contributions of sweets, cheeses, dips and the like."

January function was to be the traditional annual barbeque and sailing night with Maurie Wilkinson again making his yacht available – depending, of course, on the weather.

A number of members will be travelling to the Apex Children's Chalet at Smiggins Holes in April as a working party.

President John said in the March dinner notice:

"I have much pleasure in advising that Gordon James (member) was awarded the O.A.M. in the New Years Honours List. I know I speak for all of you in expressing our warmest congratulations to Gordon whose dedication to caring for other individuals and the community as a whole has been appropriately recognized."

Melbourne-Gippsland:

Christmas meeting was also the Club's AGM when Barry Preston, past Zone 12 President, was elected as President to take over the reins from Marianne Speirs who had held that position for the last two years. Marj Flaherty has retained the Secretary's job and Colin

Speirs takes over as Treasurer from Jan Padgham who had managed the money during Marianne's term of office.

In the Club's dinner notice for the February meeting, President Barry said:

"Greetings to everyone from your new President. I hope we all have as much fun in 2006 as we did last year, when Marianne and her team created so many opportunities for good fellowship. Special thanks from me to Marj Flaherty for staying on as secretary and guiding this new Chum.

The social outings organised by Nola Kinder have been a highlight, and I hope we can do similar things.

I give you a few New Year Resolutions to try:

1. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you have never tried before.
2. Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
3. Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.
4. Boycott shampoo! Demand the real poo!"

In February, a number of members went to the picnic races at Healesville.



MelbourneGippsland members at Healesville picnic races

Nepean Valley:

January meeting was the Back-Into-It BBQ at the home of Ken and Janice Wright. "A very sociable night and another good example of what Apex 40 is all about – Fellowship!"

February dinner meeting was an 'all-you-can-eat' buffet at St. Mary's Leagues Club.

The Rort Committee is working hard and looking forward to a great Rort in May.

Redlands:

"An excellent rollup of seventy-three attended the Christmas break-up come boat trip on Moreton Bay. Some serious storms on the nights before the break-up but the weather was absolutely perfect for our night on the water. After setting off from Raby Bay Harbour we steered a course to Stradbroke Island via Horseshoe Bay on Peel Island. As members were upstairs, downstairs, inside and outside the Sergeants-at-Arms, Geoff and Pauline, found it difficult to conduct the fines session. So they fined everyone as they had it on good authority that everyone had been bad anyway. Managed to fill up that 'Alstonville Fines Box' again. Hope they don't want a percentage. On the way back to the harbor the Captain took us through the Raby Bay Canals to check out some other Christmas Parties. The night was another chance for Apex 40 and Apex to enjoy a social night together and keep in touch."

February meeting was a dinner meeting at the Capalaba Tavern when the theme was 'F' for 'Fun in February'. Members were required to come as

something or someone beginning with the letter 'F'. David Cameron was excluded from wearing his red wig and coming as someone 'on fire'!

"Members foregathered in the Cockatoo Room at the Capalaba Tavern for the first meeting of the year. Many used their felicitous imagination and flagrantly came in their fantastic "F" creation. A few members fleetingly forgot and the rest came as Fred or Frieda. None were frightened but most were fascinated by the fatuous, Financial Fairy and collector of funds (Treasurer, Bill Coleman) who flabbergasted guests with his factitious (not fictitious), fervently pulsating and frenetically, flashing wand.

There were also the Fishes, the Faceless, F1 and F2, the Farmer, Mr. Wit the Fan Dancer, the Flimflam, and the Freckle to name a few. One couple even came as the Fowler's, an almost perfect impersonation. Phil and Rae really joined in the spirit of the night and were popular winners of the Best Costume Prize with their Fiona and Shrek outfits."

Wynnum – Manly:

"Our Christmas Party was held at the home of Jim & Jill Goodwin on Sunday afternoon/evening 4th of December. Twenty-eight members had proven themselves "naughty, but nice enough" to receive pressies from Santa. Des Clements took over this role from Bruce Garland who was out flying in the Caboolture and Glass House Mountains area in a World War 2 vintage "Wingeel" aircraft. Bruce's family had given him this flight as a birthday gift. He arrived in time to get his present from Santa.

Election of principal officers – President and Secretary – resulted in a "threepeat" for Jim & Jill Goodwin. The Brisbane Lions couldn't manage a "fourpeat" in the A F L so perhaps, just perhaps

A social committee, comprising Dianne Watson, Lindsey Vinen and Denice Clements, was formed to plan outings/functions for the coming year. Already they have brought forward a number of novel ideas which should keep our members fairly active through the next nine months.

Several of our members will be attending the Nepean Rort in May and are looking forward to catching up with "old" mates, and some others, "not so old".

'Til next time, cheers from Wynnum -

Manly at the smarter end of the Gold Coast!"

Wyang:

January meeting was on Australia Day, so a good old sausage sizzle and games night was held at the home of President Malcolm and Marion Clark. Mal and Marion had had a wonderful surprise on Christmas Day when their youngest son, John, arrived unannounced on the doorstep dressed in a Santa suit!

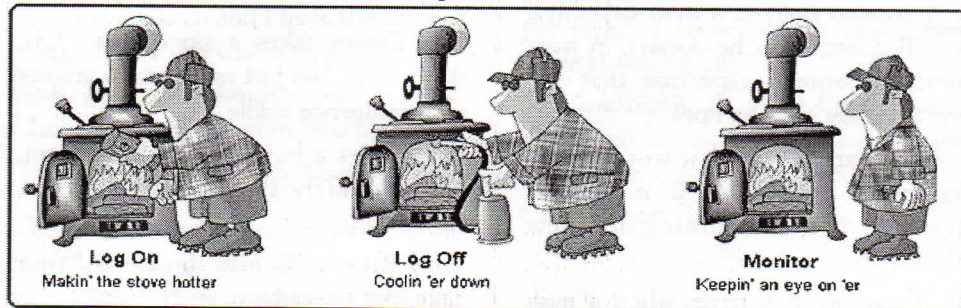
February meeting was an Italian dinner at Piercarlo's Trattoria and March function is the annual 'Heilbrun Seafood Festival' at the Caves Beach home of Dennis and Marie Heilbrun.

Members are busy preparing a skit to entertain us at the Penrith Rort.



Wyang members at Terrigal Haven

Country Folk Explain Technical Computer Talk – Number 1



DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville:

Differences between Male and Female

1. A man will pay two dollars for a one dollar item he wants. A woman will pay one dollar for a two dollar item that she doesn't want.
2. A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.
3. A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
4. To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.
5. Married men live longer than single men – but married men are a lot more willing to die.
6. Any married man should forget his mistakes – there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.
7. Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.
8. A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.
9. A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.
10. There are two times when a man

doesn't understand a woman. Before marriage and after marriage.

Bendigo:

Two lawyers are in a bank when, suddenly, armed robbers burst in. While several of the robbers take the money from the tellers, others line the customers, including the lawyers, up against a wall and proceed to take their wallets, watches, etc. While this is going on lawyer number one jams something into lawyer number two's hand.

Without looking down, lawyer number two whispers, "What is this?" To which lawyer number one replies, "It's that \$100 I owe you."

Grafton:

George Bush is visiting the Queen of England. He asks her, "Your Majesty, how does your country run such an efficient government? Are there any tips you can give me?"

"Well," says the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people."

Bush frowns, "But how do I know the people around me are really intelligent?"

The Queen takes a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy. You just ask them to answer an intelligence riddle."

She pushes a button on her intercom. "Please send the Prime Minister in here, would you?"

Tony Blair walks into the room. "Your Majesty?"

The Queen smiles. "Answer me this, please, Tony. Your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?"

Without pausing for a moment, Blair answers, "That would be me."

"Yes. Very good," says the Queen.

Back at the White House, Bush calls in his Vice-President, Dick Cheney.

"Dick, answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?"

"I'm not sure," says the Vice-President. "Let me get back to you on that one."

Dick Cheney goes to his advisers and asks every one, but none can give him an answer.

Finally, he ends up in the mens room and recognizes Colin Powell's shoes in the next stall. Dick shouts, "Colin! Can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?"

Colin Powell yells back, "That's easy. It's me."

Dick Cheney smiles. "Thanks." He goes back to the Oval Office and asks to speak with Bush. "Say, Mr. President, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It's Colin Powell."

Bush gets up, stomps over to Dick Cheney, and angrily yells into his face... "No, you idiot! It's Tony Blair!"

There is a competition run annually by the Washington Post's Mensa Invitational where readers are asked to

take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supplying a new definition. Here are some of the better entries for 2005:

Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.

Bozone: The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. There are no holes in the bozone layer.

Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

Cashtration: The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

Glibido: All talk and no action.

Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Arachnoleptic fit: The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

Caterpallor: The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Great 8:

A young ventriloquist is touring the clubs and one night he's doing a show in a small town in Arkansas. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes when a blonde in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting:

"I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the colour of a person's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's guys like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community and from reaching our full potential as a person. Because you and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general, and all in the name of humour!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells, "You stay out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little smart-arse on your knee!"

"Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce court Judge said, "and I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

"That's very fair, your honour," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Two Mexican detectives were investigating the murder of Juan Gonzalez.

"How was he killed?" asked one detective.

"With a golf gun," the other detective replied.

"A golf gun? What is a golf gun?"

"I don't know. But it sure made a hole in Juan."

—
A man is recovering from surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm O. K. but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say?" asked the nurse.

"OOPS!"

Launceston:

Why is it when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the radio?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money, called a broker?

Why is the third hand on a watch called a second hand?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there a special name for the tops of your feet?

Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?

Can fat people go skinny-dipping?

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

Why does the sun lighten our hair but darken our skin?

Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?

Why is a boxing ring square?

Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?

Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin?

Why is it that doctors call what they do practice?

Why is it that rain drops but snow falls?

Why is it that to stop Windows on your computer, you have to click on Start?

A man walks into the dentist's surgery and, after the dentist examines him, he says, "That tooth has to come out. I'm going to give you a shot of Novocain and I'll be back in a few minutes."

The man grabs the doc's arm, "No way. I hate needles. I'm not having a shot!"

So the dentist says, "Okay, we'll have to go with gas."

The man replies, "Absolutely not. It makes me very sick for a couple of days. I'm not having gas."

So the dentist steps out and comes back with a glass of water. He says, "Take this pill."

The man asks, "What is it?"

The dentist replies, "Viagra."

The man looks surprised, "Will that kill the pain?" he asks.

"No," replies the dentist, "but it will give you something to hang on to while I pull your tooth!"

Kuala Lumpur:

An attractive young girl, chaperoned by an old lady, entered the doctor's office.

"We have come for an examination," said the young girl.

"All right," said the doctor. "Go behind that curtain and take your clothes off."

"No, not me," said the girl. "it's my old aunt here."

"Very well," said the doctor. "Madam, stick out your tongue."

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!

Q: Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A: He only had two worms!

Q: When was the longest day in the Bible?

A: The day Adam was created because there was no Eve.

Q: Why did God create man before woman?

A: He didn't want any advice.

Q: Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?

A: Even then men wouldn't ask for directions!

Melbourne-Gippsland:

Out Of The Mouths...

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter."

Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown."

The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?"

She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

An acquaintance of mine who is a physician told this story about her then four-year-old daughter. On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her

stethoscope on the car seat and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. 'Be still my heart,' thought my friend, 'my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps!'

Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?"

Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough."

The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

Nepean Valley:

A turkey was chatting with a bull. "I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree," sighed the turkey, "but I don't have the energy."

"Well, why don't you nibble on my droppings," replied the bull. "They're packed full of nutrients."

The turkey pecked at a lump of dung and found that it gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally, after a third and fourth night, there he was proudly perched at the top of the tree.

Soon he was spotted by a hunter who shot the turkey right out of the tree.

Moral of the story.

Bullshit may get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

One liners:

Regular naps prevent old age....especially if you take them while you are driving.

Having one child makes you a parent; having two makes you a referee.

I believe we should all pay our tax with a smile. I tried, but they wanted cash.

In mid-life your memory starts to go. In fact, the only thing you can retain is water.

Redlands:

A Slightly Different Blonde Joke.

There was an Irishman, Mexican, and a blond guy, who were construction workers and they were working on top of a building. It was lunch time and the Irishman opens his lunch and he gets a cabbage and beef sandwich. He says, "If I get one more beef and cabbage sandwich for lunch I'm gonna jump off of this building." Then the Mexican opens his lunch and he gets a burrito. He says, "If I get one more burrito for lunch I'm gonna jump off this building." The blond guy opens his lunch and gets a bologna sandwich. He says, "If I get one more bologna sandwich I'm gonna jump off of this building."

The next day the Irishman opens his lunch and finds a cabbage and beef sandwich, so he jumps off the building to his death. Then the Mexican opens his lunch and finds a burrito, so he jumps off the building to his death. Then the blond guy opens his lunch and finds a bologna sandwich, so he

jumps off to his death as well.

The next day, at their funeral, the Irish man's wife said, "Begorrah, if I only would have known that he didn't like cabbage and beef I would have packed him something else." Then the Mexican's wife said, "If I only knew he didn't like burritos, I would have packed something else." Finally, the blond man's wife said, "I don't know what his problem was, he packed his own lunch."

Oriental Language School

Ai noh pei – I got it for free.

Lai Lo – Stay out of sight.

Wai hang mi – I'm innocent.

Wai go nao – Stay a little longer.

No bai dam ting – Too Dear.

Tai nei po nei – Small horse.

Wyong:

A 50-year-old woman visited her doctor for a general check-up and he informed her that she was in exceptionally good condition and effectively had the body of a 30-year-old. When she proudly told her husband, he teasingly asked, "What about your 50-year-old bum?" To which she quickly replied, "Oh, he didn't mention you!"

The lady of the house returned to her mansion to find her husband being more than friendly with the cook, so she sacked the cook on the spot. The cook packed her bags and, as she was leaving, snapped, "Anyway madam, your husband said I'm better than you," and before she slammed the door she added, "and so did the gardener!"

WHERE DOES RESPONSIBILITY START & STOP?

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 50s, 60s, 70s and early 80s probably shouldn't have survived, because...

Our baby cots were covered with brightly coloured lead-based paint, which was promptly chewed and licked.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, or latches on doors or cabinets and it was fine to play with pans.

When we rode our bikes, we wore no helmets, just flip flops and fluorescent 'clackers' on our wheels.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the passenger seat was a treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle – tasted the same.

We ate dripping sandwiches, bread and butter pudding and drank fizzy pop with sugar in it, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle or can and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and then went top speed down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into stinging nettles a

few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back before it got dark. No one was able to reach us all day and no one minded.

We did not have Playstations or X-Boxes, no video games at all. No 99 channels on TV, no videotape movies, no surround sound, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet chat rooms. We had friends – we went outside and found them.

We played elastics and street rounders, and sometimes that ball really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits. They were accidents. We learnt not to do the same thing again.

We had fights, punched each other hard and got black and blue – we learned to get over it.

We walked to friend's homes.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate live stuff, and although we were told it would happen, we did not have very many eyes out, nor did the live stuff live inside us forever.

We rode bikes in packs of seven and wore our coats by only the hood.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

And you're one of them. Congratulations!

Remind others who have had the luck to grow up as real kids, before lawyers and governments regulated our lives 'for our own good'.

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<http://www.tlcforkids.org.au>

<http://www.seniorsite.com/>

<http://www.greypath.com/Portal/main/index.asp>

<http://www.aboutseniors.com.au>

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<http://www.benaway.com.au>

<http://www.bonzer.org.au>

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