

ROARING 40'S

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A Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to Everyone

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S 'Chin Wag'. Rob Beveridge

Another Rort has come and gone, unfortunately Kaye and I were doing it tough cheering the Aussies on at the World Cup Cricket in the Caribbean.

From all reports, rorters had a marvellous time at the Mackay Rort. We missed your company and your fellowship. On our return to Australia, Kaye and I left the cooler climate of Tasmania and headed north to Queensland to visit children and grandchildren. Whilst travelling up and down the coastline we were fortunate to spend a few hours with past president Bob and Mary at the Atkinson Dam camping grounds.

In Brisbane we had two lovely evenings with Alan & Mary Bach and at one of these evenings catching up with some members from the Wynnum – Manly Club. Travelling down the coast to Alstonville we had a pleasant two day stay with Rob & Helen Noble and were also lucky enough to attend a combined social evening with the Alstonville and Wyong clubs at the Ballina Bowls Club. A great evening was had by all in true Apex 40 spirit with lots of laughs and fellowship. Thanks Helen & Rob. A further few kilometres on we then had a lovely night with Barry and Colleen Lancaster. At Grafton we had morning coffee with Peter and Roz Chessell, and it's great to hear from Apex 40 members what their clubs fixtures are. At Fingal we had a lovely evening with past president Leon Squires and Cheryl at their new residence. Fingal is in the Nelson Bay area and one can see why they have chosen this area of Australia to reside.

Before arriving in Sydney to visit family we also had an evening with International Relations Apex Liaison officer Sandy Harmer and her husband Darrol at their home at Gosford. For me this was a very productive social visit where Sandy and I were able to discuss Apex 40 issues.

I have come to realise over the past few years that Apex 40 is like a huge family. Whether at a club function or an annual Rort it is great to catch up with friends of long standing and also meet new ones. The lasting friendships we all make are far too good to lose through self glorification.

The 2008 Rort in Perth will be upon us before we realise. I urge as many members as possible to registrar for Perth. Bev and Ian Foss have run wonderful Rorts in Perth previously and again I believe this Rort will be no exception. Hoping to see you all there.

To the Table 41 Group from the UK we extend a warm and friendly Aussie Welcome and hope they have a great tour of our fabulous country.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & Apex Liaison Report – Sandy Harmer
Thank you for the privilege to be your officer for this portfolio. I am very excited about it and know that I have heaps to learn.

It was wonderful having the Kiwis at our Rort in Mackay. It added a whole new dimension to the weekend and certainly fostered the spirit of international relations. They introduced me (by email – how did we ever live without this??) to their International Relations Officer, Derek Johns, who I have since spoken to and look forward to meeting one day. New Zealand 41 Clubs held their AGM in June and are very interested in holding a joint AGM/Rort in 2011 over there so there is plenty of time to gauge your interest and work out the logistics.

We are all looking forward to the tour from Great Britain and Ireland of Past Tablers-41 Club members in November/December. They will be home hosted by seven Apex 40 clubs during their trip so it is a wonderful opportunity to form new friendships and for them to experience Aussie hospitality.

Brian and Pam Fulmer from the new Apex 40 Club of Maryborough joined Darrol and I for another fantastic Malaysian Mass Tour in August to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Malaysia Apex. There were 12 participants from all over Australia plus Lily, a 9 month old baby, who was the most amazing and happy traveller. Having blonde hair, she was an instant attraction to locals and very popular with Apex club members. The hospitality and friendship on this tour is amazing plus the opportunity to experience another culture is something we thoroughly recommend to you all.

This year we travelled up the east coast and stayed in hotels that were on the beach in local villages. It is mostly Muslim areas – translated means we had pre-dinner drinks in our room as alcohol was not available at the hotel! The tropical fruits are just delicious and breakfasts are certainly different. The banquets in Penang are amazing and the superb entertainment at the Grand Dinner at the convention was performed by “he/she” talents imported from Thailand.

Malaysia only has two Apex 40 clubs, Kuala Lumpur and Seremban (60 klms south of KL) as there is no age barrier in Apex so members stay on. The Apex 40 members go to many Apex functions, including their national convention in August each year. We gave out Perth Rort brochures and encouraged them to join us again for renewed friendships.

Congratulations to C.C. Naidu, Past National President of Malaysia Apex Clubs



for a job well done. Congratulations to K. Thavanesan (Thava) who is the new National President of Malaysia Apex Clubs. We look forward to seeing you in Toowoomba next July for the National Convention of Apex Australia.

Sandy & Darrol Harmer (Wyong), with Pam & Brian Fulmer (Maryborough Q.) and members of Penang Apex Club

The Malaysian Convention is also a great place to catch up with some Aussie Apex national board members, Rick Hose and Co. They have discovered that

Apex members are not interested in perusing our web site for information on either joining an Apex 40 club or starting a new one and suggested a Start Kit for Apex 40. So Secretary Pamela has culled the web site and packaged up a kit which copies have now been forwarded to Rick. Please contact Pamela if you know of anyone who would like to receive this kit. Through our two Mass Tours, we are hopeful of two new clubs starting over the next 2-3 years in Geraldton W.A. and Murray Bridge S.A.

GRAFTON – Peter Desborough

The August meeting was held at the Chessell's at Juntion Hill for a mini golf day, Peter designed a 9 hole mini golf course in his backyard. Requirements were a putter, pitching wedge and a ball. Lunch was in the form of a BBQ.

The October meeting was a weekend away in the Tenterfield/Stanthorpe area visiting the local wineries.

DEVONPORT – Kaye Dixon.

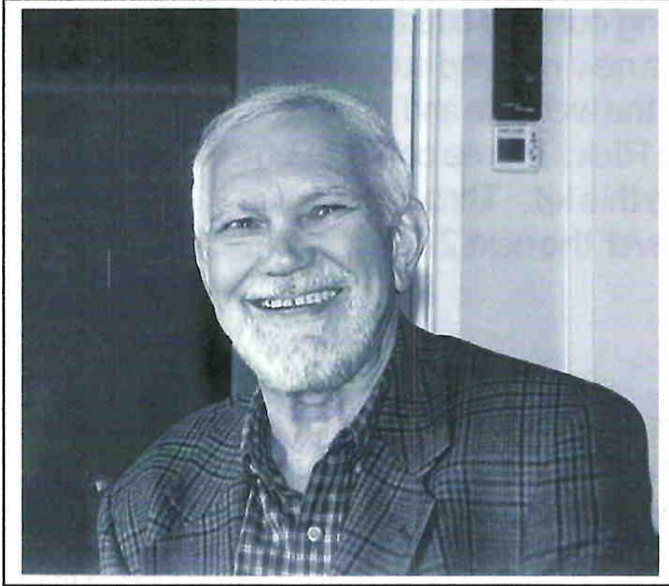
President Peter and Secretary Heather have been touring Northern Queensland, and one assumes that the nomads are not lost.

The Devonport Club will be hosting the Round Tablers from the 30th November until the 01st December and hopefully the weather man will be kind to us and we look forward to a great weekend.

Members travelled to Ulverstone in July to our favourite Chinese restaurant and as always a wonderful evening.

The next social function will be Jock Littler's garden party on the 14th October. This is always a great day and monies raised go to Breast Cancer. Jock always works overtime for this day so we hope everyone will support this very worthy event.

The next three months will be very busy with the RT41 tour, our Christmas Dinner and hopefully some great Tassie weather so we can get into BBQ mode.



THE ALAN PADGHAM STORY

Alan Padgham has been involved with Apex 40 from the time in July 1973 when forming an organisation to continue the Apex Fellowship was an idea in the minds of a few. Since then Alan has become a household name in Apex 40 through his many years of assisting Alan Kinder with the Roaring 40's, being in charge of the Apex 40 Website and attending many Rorts.

Our spies have been busy digging and the following story gives an insight into the early years of a man who has put a considerable effort into Apex 40.

In December 1931 Alan Padgham Snr. and his wife Ruth welcomed their third son into their lives. Alan was a strapping 10 lb 7oz baby, a younger brother for Douglas and Kenneth.

The early years were spent at Balwyn, approximately 10km northeast of the Melbourne city centre. The family then moved to nearby Surrey Hills. By age 7 Alan had two girlfriends and he couldn't decide which one was his favourite. The boys found how to produce hydrogen by reacting hydrochloric acid with spent zinc toothpaste tubes in Stone Ginger Beer bottles. The liberated gas was caught in balloons. With older brother Doug, Alan would climb to a high nearby tower and release the balloons and watch them drift on the wind. Each balloon had a card attached asking for the finder to advise where it came to rest.

Alan was always excited about receiving replies to these cards from people who seemed to live vast distances away. Cigarettes could be made from pencil shavings wrapped in rice paper. There was always plenty happening in the street and life was never boring. Trimming the Pussy Willow Tree was a never ending job and it was fun to hide in the top of the tree and scare any pedestrians.

The baker would arrive in his ornately decorated horse drawn cart with the delicious smell of newly baked bread. The iceman would arrive to replenish the ice chest. Early in the morning the clip clop of the milkman's horse would cease at the gate. The Milkman read his instructions and tipped the requested amount in the family milk-billy. If the milk-billy lid was not put on properly snails would crawl in or a stray cat would help themselves to an early breakfast.

A big steamroller would compact the road a few times a year. The steamroller driver was never as friendly to curious children like the men on the icecart. Alan's father was the Melbourne manager for the Sanitas X-Ray Company and bought out the principals of the company. Next move was to a rented house down the road, soon after the outbreak of the World War II. Alan had the responsibility of dropping off the seventeen shillings and sixpence (\$1.75) to the estate agent every Saturday morning.

Alan Padgham Snr came under the surveillance of the authorities because of his involvement with a German company. His great sense of humour prompted him to answer the phone sounding German. "Just to give them something to worry about" he would remark. Sadly Alan Snr. died, at age 44 years, with his wife Ruth at his bedside in 1942. Alan Snr. succumbed to injuries after an electrical accident at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

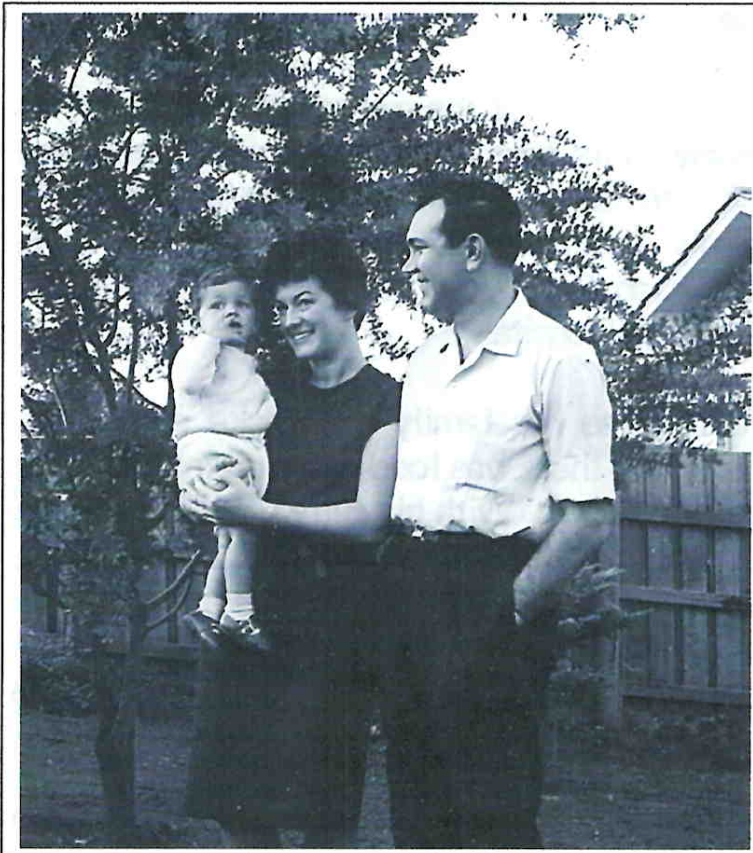
Ruth Padgham worked very hard to raise her family and make ends meet. Perishable food had to be bought daily and there was food and clothing rationing and families needed coupons as well as money. With his Billy Cart in tow Alan would scour the streets for horse manure for the garden or drag it to buy wood, briquettes or coke for the fire. School was a 20 minute walk away for Alan. Being Protestants living next to a Catholic Convent and near a Catholic School meant for plenty of verbal debate with the local children for Alan and his brothers.

School was never a favourite part of Alan's life but he thoroughly enjoyed joining the workforce in spite of working a 49 hour week. As an apprentice

lithographic dot etcher Alan received the princely sum of twenty seven shillings and sixpence (\$2.75).

Alan for a short time also had a part time job as an usher at a picture theatre. A suit was required for the job and the only one he had access to was kindly lent to him by a much shorter and more corpulent person. His short sighted vision caused problems for him to accurately locate the correct seat rows. Patrons were soon being allocated already taken seats and confusion reigned supreme. Alan was banished from the theatre and the rest of the staff was called in to move in and reseal everybody. At the time he did not know that he was destined for much greater things.

The print and advertising industry became his forte. His expertise covered all areas of the print and pre-print spectrum. Alan is a Fellow of the Lithographic



Society of Australia and for 15 years a member, President for 3 years, of the Working Group for Finished Art at various TAFE Colleges. Alan worked for Show Ads for many years and helped the company gain an international reputation.

Jan came to Australia in 1963 on a working holiday. Her ideas of returning home soon changed when she met and married Alan. Their son Ian was born in 1964. Alan joined the Apex Club of Bayswater in 1965 and he received Life Membership of the Club in 1972.

Jan and Alan Padgham with son Ian in 1965

Daughter Tracey was born in 1967. Jan and Alan have two grandchildren, Alan and Zoe. In 1980 Alan set up his own company handling his clients work from concept to print. His expertise includes design, photography, copywriting, typesetting, computer art and supervision to the final print stage.

Alan's knowledge in these fields shows he is a very handy fellow to look after our Apex 40 website. The efforts of this very humble man are truly appreciated.

KELAB APEX 40 KUALA LUMPUR - Suresh Sivaram.



Thirty Second National Convention 2007

This important event the 32nd National Convention 2007 from 10th to 12th August 2007 was hosted by Apex Club of Penang and held at G Hotel Penang. The Organising Chairman and members of Apex Club of Penang must be congratulated for a well organized event. The convention was attended by Apex 40 and Apexians of Australians, India, Singapore, Malaysian Apexians, sole Apexian of Bangladesh and Round Tablers of India. The Friday pre-convention social was excellent with a lavish and generous amount of food, a one man band

to accompany the many local Elvis and Cliff Richards and to top it all the convention dinner entertainment was par excellence. It takes a "he/she" to give us the great entertainment and they did; danced and sang the can-can of France. Many were bewildered as to the gender of all the dancers but President Lawrence at one glance confirmed the gender. How great ya?

In the world of Apex Clubs Malaysia, there are only 2 exclusive Kelab Apex 40 that are in existence, namely the Kelab Apex 40 of Kuala Lumpur and Kelab Apex 40 Seremban. These special breed of senior Apex specimens are something we are pleased with.

We share fond memories of past Apex fellowship, activities of organising fund raising functions, conventions, the overseas tours in Philippines, India and Australian, assisting the underprivileged, not forgetting the arguments and clashes that ensued. All these are etched in our memories and we often reflect on these incidents with fond memories. Whenever members meet over a glass of beer, these incidents and episodes will spin in their stories and will generate unrestrained laughter and hilarity. "Fond memories" is the word for Apex 40.

Coming National Convention 2008 - The Apex Club of Seremban will host the next National Convention for the year 2008. The convention will be another grand show in Port Dickson. Apex Club of Seremban will also be celebrating its club's 50th Anniversary in 2008.

National Convention 2009 - Apex Club of Kuala Lumpur will host the 2009 National Convention and they have always been in the forefront in putting a good programme and members will be sure of a good show.

SEREMBAN – T. T. Singam

Greetings to all members! It has been quite a while since our club elections. Though the Board had already met, shortly after the Installation Dinner last July, this will be our first meeting for the Apex 40 year 2007/2008. At the last Board meeting I made some appointments viz Vice President M. H. Segeran will continue as Service/Social Director, Sgt-at-Arms: PP.K. Choudhury and Immediate Past President T.T. Singam continues as Dinner Notice Editor. I have

also lined up some activities such as excursions to Medan, Indonesia and Langkawi.

Though there are a number of grandfathers in our club, three of them stand out, like a sore thumb. All of them held special functions recently to mark their status. John Chang, whose daughter recently entered motherhood, celebrated his grand-daughters first month, according to Chinese rites, with a grand dinner at his residence on August 25th. Meanwhile, K. Chelliah and yours truly, whose grandchildren share the same birth date, merrily ushered in their grandchildren's first birthday on September 15th.

LISMORE :- Gone to the Dogs – Paul Denmeade.

Recently Lismore APEX 40 had a night at the local dog races which was enjoyed by all who attended despite the pouring rain. We have recently celebrated our 10th anniversary with the cutting of a ceremonial cake and had a Christmas in July function that went very well with the surprise appearance of an early Santa.



Next outings on the agenda for our members are a tennis day and a car rally. Hopefully not too many people will get lost.

We will also co host the UK visitors from the Table 41 Clubs with Alstonville in November.

Andrew Harris, Elizabeth Dwyer, Liana & Jade Harris, Jenny Dwyer, Jill Denmeade, and Sue Harris.

DUNCAN BERRIMAN MEMORIAL – APEX ZONE 9 REUNION

Keith Miller

Terrific weather, great venue, good food and heaps of good old fashioned Apex fellowship – What more could one ask for.

To help with fellowship, we stacked on a surprise “Happy Hour” (drinks at ½ price) on the Friday night, but those thirsty “old” Apexians emptied the till in only half an hour. We made up for it on Saturday night with “Happy Hour” running non-stop from 6pm – 12pm midnight. For those not staying on-site at the function centre, we ran a shuttle bus to and from the venue for the whole weekend, and this was much appreciated by all!

Ken Wright (ex Penrith Apex) put together a great DVD of Zone Nine Apex in the 1980’s, and the crowd sat enthralled on the Friday night as they relived many of the flashbacks being shown on the BIG screen! Well done Ken.

Ah yes – a top weekend of the old Apex fellowship that – all in the spirit of Apex!

NEPEAN VALLEY- Maralyn Kastel.

On Sunday 12th August a group of us (Rumbles, Leavett-Browns, Millers, and Vic Ashby) travelled up to Maitland for a day in the Hunter Valley, hosted by the Apex 40 Club of Great 8. We were joined with 12 members of Great 8 and what a day – sensational weather saw us in short sleeves as we tasted numerous wines.

The day started with breakfast at the Readers Café at the East Maitland library. We then travelled out to the wineries for a private tasting at the Adina Winery, followed by lunch at Oscars Restaurant (located at the Roche Complex near the Hunter Valley Gardens). After lunch it was off to Tullochs Winery for another private wine tasting.

As Vic Ashby said to us “That was an excellent day”. Thanks ever so much to Jo-Anne and to all the members of Great 8 Apex 40 for their hospitality. The function was well organised and all had a beaut day! Hic!!

GEELONG OASIS APEX 40 - Gary Bruce and Greg Melville

Our Apex 40 club in Geelong is known as OASIS....Old Apexians still in Service/Sex/Sin. (take your pick). Our club began in 1955 and began our affiliation with Apex 40 in 2006.

As most Apexians and past Apexians are aware, our bayside city was the seat of the first Apex Club, Geelong Club, Charter Number One in 1931. Up until last year Geelong Oasis Club was blessed with the last surviving charter member of that unique group- Alan David.

His passing last year ended the glorious era of early Apex. With fifty male members, mainly from the Zone 1/District 1 area, we have monthly meetings with a high attendance rate. And our interesting agenda normally includes a quality guest speaker.

Recent guest speakers have included Ted Whitten Jnr., Lee Troop, Tony Graham, father of Ben Graham (GFC) (GO CATS), the talented Stephen Smith...National President 85/86, who spoke of early Apex and a great crossing of the Kakoda Trail, John Jacoby, the master endurance athlete, and Les Twentyman...a true altruistic helper of street-kids.

Two or three annual meetings are shared with the ladies, while fellowship and memories always hold prominent front stage. So we are travelling very well and enjoy feed-back from the 'Roaring Forties'.

SUNRAYSIA – Elaine Gray

Our Christmas in July was well attended and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. The cryptic clues to some well known Christmas Carols, provided by Julie Primmer, got the grey matter working overtime, and gave us a good laugh. Colma Fechner, daughter of Barry and Joy, gave a short talk about her interesting career, which was well received by all. Thanks to Julie and Colma for their input on the night.

Members for many years, Jackie and Terry Sedgwick are moving to the Mornington Peninsula. Sad for us but great for them, as I am sure it will be cooler and wetter down there! We wish them all the very best for the future.

MOREE - Pam Swayn

In September a relaxed luncheon get-together was held at the Post Office Hotel to discuss the coming organised tour of 34 Britons visiting Apex 40. The annual general meeting was planned for October including dinner at the Beer Fest.

ALSTONVILLE – Ross & Margaret Richardson



Combined Alstonville/Wyong Club Dinner with Rob Beveridge & Kaye Dixon.

The weekend of the 21st and 22nd July saw the club celebrating Christmas in July at Mt. Tamborine. Saturday night was enjoyed at the St., Bernards Hotel in the normal Apex 40 style.

After a leisurely Sunday breakfast and leaving the Mt. Tamborine Motel a tour of the Glow Worm Caves followed by a little wine tasting then on the road to the Heritage Estate Restaurant for a sustaining lunch to fortify us for the trip home.

Wyong visited Alstonville during August for a combined dinner at the Ballina Bowling Club. National President Rob Beveridge and Kaye Dixon called in for a visit during their extended holiday.

ODD SPOTS Did you know That – The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it has already been digested by a bee. Until 1990 sausages were still legal tender in Germany. No piece of paper can be folded more than seven times. (try it). 23% of photocopying faults are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks. One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet. Babies are born with 300 separate bones but by adulthood we have only 206 bones in our bodies.

GREAT 8 (Hunter Valley) – Marion Loiterton

A great time was had by all who attended the “70s” Karaoke Spitroast” Christmas in July dinner.

VALE – MERVYN SWAN by Allan Thorley.

Merv was a member of Beresfield Apex Club, and a member of the Great 8 Apex 40 Club for a number of years. He was an avid bowler in his retirement, and a great advocate of Ozzie the Mossie – Hexham Bowlo’s

Staff at the Club said he had been ill for a little while. On behalf of the Great 8 Apex 40 Club, may I extend to Anne and the family, our deepest sympathy. Merv left us with many a fond memory of friendship and fellowship.

LAUNCESTON - Barry Rowe.

Thanks Jeanette for suggesting Carbones Café for the June meeting. It was a wonderful venue for our luncheon. The sunny warm day with a magnificent view of the river was enjoyed by the members who attended.

Apex 40 Annual Golf Competition - The competition is to take the form of Four Aggregate Stroke Event, to be played between 1st November and 1st April yearly, over 18 holes played on the same day. Completed cards handed in by 1st April. Golfers get practicing.

The game does not build character, it reveals it. – Heywood Broun

We are not creatures of circumstance; We are creators of circumstance – Benjamin Disraeli.

MANLY INC - John Cameron

It was indeed a pleasure to welcome our ladies at the July meeting for a particularly interesting evening.

Following our meal, we adjourned to the School of Artillery at North Head to view the magnificent coach currently being built for her Majesty The Queen by our guest speaker, Jim Frecklington.

In 1998 Jim built a coach for The Queen to commemorate the Bi-Centenary of Australia. The Queen now uses that particular coach for State occasions including the openings of the British Parliament. The coach is officially known as The Australian State Coach.

This new coach Jim is building will be presented to Her Majesty upon its completion and will be called Britannia after the Royal Yacht of the same name. Jim gave us a wonderful insight into the craftsmanship associated with its construction and the historical components that make it a “time capsule” of British history.

There has only been two State Coaches made for the Royal Family over the past 106 years. This will probably be the last of its kind ever built. It was a fascinating experience for all in attendance.

Guest speaker at the September dinner meeting was Paul Couvret who spoke of his experience as a P.O.W., working in the Nagasaki shipyards at the time of the atomic bomb being dropped on Japan. Paul is a past Warringah Shire President and Life Member of Cowra Apex Club.

PERTH – Bev Foss

On Sunday 21st October a meeting was held at the Bayswater Hotel which included a buffet lunch.

WYNNUM /MANLY - Jim Goodwin

A fabulous Christmas in July function was held at the home of Des and Denise Clements. The function was very well attended with several guests. The Apex 40's ladies did a superb job of the catering.

Most of the fun was enjoyed by Santas arrival and opening the very comical presents he delivered. The big book on SEX was well perused. It was noticed that the lady to whom Santa gave the Sex book slipped home early with her husband who was looking after the book.

Wynnum Manly members enjoyed some fellowship Rob Beveridge and Kaye Dixon in August. The September meeting was held at the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club.

PERTH RORT & POST RORT TOUR 2008

The Perth Club is receiving a good response to the 2008 Perth Rort. A steady stream of early registrations has been arriving. Some accommodation is already fully booked. Anyone wanting to do the Post Rort Tour is encouraged to register early. Unfortunately numbers for the tour have had to be restricted.

2nd – 5th May 2008 is set for the Perth Rort. Some of the attractions are Hillary's Marina, Swan Valley Vineyard, Kings Park, Fremantle, dinner/dance river cruise and the beautiful city of Perth on the Swan River. The cost for the Rort Weekend is \$335 per person.

Monday 5th – Friday 9th May 2008. The 5 day Post Rort Tour takes in the splendour of the marvellous National Parks of the South West, cruises the calm inland water ways and explores the magic wonderland of the underground world. Come and enjoy the sensational wines and other local produce in great company. You will be assured to take home wonderful memories and experiences. The cost for the Post Rort Tour is \$735 per person.

For further information contact Mrs Bev Foss on 0895812062
or email ianbevfoos@optusnet.com.au or Kathy Rowe on 0892793731

REDLAND – Bill & Val Cramp

A Trivia Night including dinner was held at the Carbrook Golf Club. Christmas in July took the form of a weekend away sampling food and wine in the Stanthorpe region. -



A happy Bob and Mary McKernon are back from their Train Trip to Cairns courtesy of Queensland Rail. Mary won the Train/Plane Holiday Package at the Mackay Rort.

The service was excellent on the train and the meals were superb. The seafood was irresistible so a few kilo's of condition have been added. The

stay in the apartment in Cairns was also very pleasant and it was easy relaxing around the four pools.

After enjoying the delights of Cairns the next stop was Cooktown. After exploring the surrounds the prizewinners returned to Innisfail. then took the complimentary Virgin Plane home. Thanks again to Queensland Rail for their fantastic support. Bob and Mary thoroughly recommend the Queensland Rail Holiday to one and all. A truly great experience.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND - Alan Padgham.

A Message to all of our Kids.

As we grow up, we learn that even when the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will. You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember

how it is felt when yours is broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back.

Lois Stevens was credited with her great work in assisting President Barry Preston during his term as president. Barry and Lois were thanked by the club for their efforts. The next planned social outing is the Annual Melbourne Cup BBQ at the Kinder's home.

News from New Zealand

Upper Hutt won the best skit at the National Convention with the 'Bonds Skit' written by Liz Hammond. The James Bond T-shirts that members of the Club purchased in Mackay while attending the Rort really helped. The play is being modified, so even Aussies can follow it, and it could make its Australian debut in Perth in 2008. A contingent of 10 Kiwis have planned to attend the Perth Rort.

It's that time of year again where things are reaching a climax at the North Pole. Mrs. Claus has been extremely busy but has lodged a complaint against her husband. She says that she spends all year managing toy production, keeping elves in line, cooking and keeping house, cleaning up after reindeer. Meanwhile 'Fatboy' sits around 364 days out of the year, dons his red suit, works only one night and gets all the glory!

Thank-you The Roaring 40's has seen an ever increasing amount of mail. Our Apex 40 friends in Malaysia keep us very well informed and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Please accept our apologies if we have credited the wrong person with supplying us the information. People have requested that more stories and less jokes appear in the Roaring 40's so we have tried to accommodate. Writing the story on Alan Padgham gave us an even greater appreciation for the tremendous effort he puts into Apex 40. Hope you enjoy it.

So Thank-you ever so much to all of the contributors.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All. Mary and Alan Bach.

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