



Roaring 40's Magazine June 2024

Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.
Apex 40 Australia Inc. is the recognized body of affiliated past
Apexians groups.



The majority of the 2024 Sunshine Coaster Rorters taken at the Caloundra Air Museum, minus a few needing additional retail therapy.

About Us.

For Continuing Fellowship

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is not a Service Club, but an organisation formed to foster fellowship among past Apexians and their partners, and to retain the many friendships formed during their Apex years.

It also exists to assist Apex, when asked, and not to operate in opposition to Apex. It is open to past members and their partners, and Ex-World Councillors who have retired from their respective organisations.

Some Apex 40 members decided to form sub-committees which are generally based around past or present Apex Club locations. These sub-committees may meet monthly or less regularly, but all with a view to maintaining and fostering friendships, and occasionally providing assistance to Apex Clubs.

Each year members from Apex 40 gather for a weekend to attend the Annual Convention known as 'The Rort'. During this weekend there is a brief interruption to the festivities to conduct the necessary formality of The Annual General Meeting. In the past, after the RORT, a Post-RORT tour of 4 or 5 days duration has been programmed, visiting areas surrounding the town hosting The Rort. In future both events may be combined and shortened to reduce costs.

The socialising of individual members with each other, across the whole organisation, never ceases. When on an interstate holiday, for example, members invariably look up acquaintances and friends made during the Rorts. It is a huge social club and fosters friendships among whole families.

Membership is open to all past members of Apex, their partners and members of affiliated clubs.



Neil Hookey and Lionel Mussell, two of our founding members still able to attend the 2024 Sunshine Coast Rort.



President's Report

Col Gifford, XEPA. Qld

I am pleased to submit my first report as your National President. Firstly a big thank you to all for allowing me the privilege to hold this position. I will endeavour to perform as well as my predecessors. I would also like to thank Mark Tramby for the work he has done for the past few years and also for talking me into having a look at National Board by taking on the Membership Role, which led to National Vice President and now President.

As we have been fortunate enough to have Vic Ashby to nominate and be accepted to the role of National Vice President my term as President will be for a period of one year after which Vic will take over.

Now would be a good time for members to think about nominating for the position of Vic's Vice President when takes on the President's role.

For those who may feel the role is arduous it really isn't. The heavy workload falls on our Secretary and Treasurer and I thank them for their dedication.

I think I can talk for everyone in thanking Col Ramsay for putting together our recent Rort.

The event contained plenty of fellowship, food and entertainment (including a raffle draw which had everyone laughing). Further entertainment from a great fines session and Dutch Auction.

Next year's Rort at Broken Hill was confirmed and is appearing to be very popular based on the bookings already made. Thanks to Julie Primmer for the work, she has put into getting this underway.

At the latest Rort I had asked members whether the idea of a Cruise Rort would be worth considering. Around 40% of those present showed interest. For those that were not present the idea was to find something that sailed from Sydney to minimize travel requirements. Ideally the voyage would remain in Australian waters to avoid the need for passports. I will begin some investigations as to how this could work and keep everyone informed of any progress.

As previously requested, it would be great if Sub Committees could advise of their upcoming events on our Facebook site.

It is a great way for members who may be in your area on holiday to be made aware of the event and to attend.

The number of members who are now on our Facebook group is growing and I would encourage everyone to join up. The site is safe and comments etc. can only be viewed by members of our Facebook group who have to be approved by our administrators. If you are not too sure how to sign up, please don't be concerned about asking for assistance from members of your group or national board.

Hoping this finds you all fit and in good health

Yours in Apex 40

Col Gifford.

president@apex40.com



National Vice President & Membership
Vic Ashby. Nepean Valley. NSW.

Now that the Tumult and shouting has died down from the Sunshine Coast Rort, we can now focus on the 2025 Rort at Broken Hill. The feedback I'm receiving from our Facebook page is that it has been well received with bookings being progressing well. If you haven't been on a Rort before I highly recommend that you give Broken Hill some thought.

On another topic an issue which has been discussed at National Board, is our aging membership, so I implore all sub committees to reach out to past Apexian inviting them to get involved in Apex40 One thing I'm committed to over the next twelve months is the visiting of as many sub-committee functions as possible so I am asking you all to let me know of your function and if at all possible, I will try and attend.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.
Yours in Apex40.
Vic Ashby
Vice President Apex40 Australia
vicepresident@apex40.com



Secretaries Report
Col Ramsay. Wynnum Manly. Qld

From the Desk of the Secretary:
Congratulations to the Incoming National Board members for the 2024-25 year:
President Colin, Vice President Vic, IRO Robyn, Treasurer Keith; and from me, a thank you for all who accepted my nomination as Secretary.

A very special thank you to Ken and Bill for maintaining the WEB and Roaring 40's respectively. Our Vice has also taken on the duties of Membership, thank you Vic.

Apex 40 Rules (commonly known as the Constitution) and our By-laws need some attention. As we all recover from the "Covid" pandemic, the Department of Fair Trading is bringing in some changes to the Rules we need to observe. As National Secretary, I will present a fully re-written set of Rules at the 2025 Rort in Broken Hill. We also need to update our By-Laws to reflect the changes in the way monies are handled (No more Cheques and the introduction of our Card facility for payments) and also the way we now manage and finance Rorts. This will be done by the National Board and when finalised, a copy will be forwarded to all members for whom I have an updated email address.

The National Secretary is responsible for maintaining the "Member Register" and I request that all subcommittee secretaries keep me up to date with any member details as they change and also send me a complete listing of members annually.
secretary@apex40.com

Our National Treasurer looks after the money side of things, so please forward any information regarding payments etc. to Keith. treasurer@apex40.com

All of our National Board members are contactable by email:
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Col Ramsay secretary@apex40.com

To all, have a Safe and Healthy 2024 and beyond,
Col Ramsay
National Secretary.

2024 Rort Report:

Well, what a great 7 days of “Continuing the Friendship”, Great venues, fantastic company and as usual, Excellent food, all be it, it was far too much.

I believe all enjoyed what was presented, Steam train ride (with lunch), a Silent movie, the Air Museum and much-much more. A visit to the Eumundi Markets, lunches at Cooroy and Nambour RSLs and lunch at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. Dinners at the Ramada and the Mudjimba Surf Club and to top it off, our AGM and lunch at the Apex Camps Twin Waters.

Much time was spent travelling to and from our venues and we must say a special thank you to our four different coach drivers who looked after us. Thank you to Glenn and Tony our Coach monitors who kept most on track.

Considering the wet Summer we have been experiencing, we should all be very thankful that we had such wonderful days of sunshine which allowed us to enjoy the time together.

Thanks also goes to all the National Board members for helping this 2024 Rort all come together.

Thank you also goes to our immediate Past President Mark Tramby for organising the Pre-Rort get together at Somerset Dam where many Caravaners enjoyed a fantastic time together.

See you all in Broken Hill in 2025,
Col Ramsay
The 2024 Rort Team.



Treasurer's Report.
Keith Miller. Nepean. N.S.W.

From the Treasurers Desk.

Greetings all

I have reconciled all bank accounts as at 31/05/24.

Raffles created substantial income. Sundry cash collections as follows;

Raffle Mary Valley Train trip \$330

Membership Badges \$30

Raffle Car Polisher (donated by Ian Mutch) \$640.50

Apex Bonus Raffle (stubby holders donated by NP Apex Australia Ben Curnow) \$288 plus Credit card purchases;

Dutch Auction \$111.80

Fines \$222.20

Membership Fees \$15

Donations to the Apex Foundation (Robert Stoltz Fine Arts Scholarship) \$325 & Apex Queensland Camps \$225 (with our recommendation to purchase an Urn to be engraved has been adopted) have been finalised.

Current 2025 Broken Hill RORT numbers are 56 registered online (changing daily but as at 3/6/24). Cabins at The Outback Resort are just about booked out. We are looking at an “overflow” to another Motel in Broken Hill. Details to be confirmed. 2025 Rorters are reminded that the due date for final payment of 2025 RORT fees is 28th February 2025.

Please contact me if any questions.

Keith Miller
Apex 40 Australia Inc



International Relations and Apex Liaison
Robyn Thorley. Great 8 Group. NSW.

I.R.

What a fantastic time we had at the 2024 RORT. Our six N.Z. guests enjoyed the RORT and are eager to have visitors next March to their ‘Gathering’, so anyone interested in visiting NZ, this will be a wonderful opportunity to visit the Kaikoura area. There is an Itinerary included elsewhere in this edition.

I have also received a request from Derek from the British 41 Isis Area Club who will be visiting during the The British Lions tour in July 2025 in Melbourne and Adelaide. He would like to contact members/groups while he’s here. Derek sent me a detailed personal letter about himself and 41 Club and his professional careers. If anyone can help, please contact me so that I can relay the info to him.

Apex Liason

Apex N.P. Ben Curnow attended the RORT and is keen to build Apex back to the prestigious service organisation it once was. He also wants to build relationships between Apex and Apex 40 to enhance membership possibilities. Check out the Apex Website.

Some info from his talk at the RORT:

- *Apex currently has 1000 members with 92 clubs Australia wide, with an age limit of 45, (but determined by each club)
- *Apex is looking at quality members not quantity of members ie it seeks genuine and interested and active members.
- *Apex will focus on ‘what you get out of Apex’ rather than ‘what you do for Apex’. Comment was made that all past Apex members recognise ‘what they got out of Apex’, thus aligning more with today’s generations.
- *Apex is wanting to rebuild the reputation of ‘fun, service and personal development.’
- *Family inclusion is part of this plan, however, there are several ‘men’s only’ clubs developing, i.e. 75% male.
- *Service will involve getting “the best out of every buck’. This currently involves assisting the underprivileged in 3rd world countries and work teams have already been involved in projects.

*There is a person in every state who is charged with developing new clubs or supporting existing clubs. This includes initial visits, continuing club visits and mentoring. We are asked to put forward anyone who we think would be interested in starting a new club, they will do the rest.

*Ruth Huth from Rotary gave us a presentation about a joint service scheme with Apex called 'Book in a Box', where old, refurbished laptops are taken o/s by Apexians. If you have old laptops, this is one way Apex 40 members can help Apex service.

*The flow on effect of increased Apex membership is that when contact is made, it is often through old Apexians, and with new clubs starting, this may increase Apex 40 membership and ensure the longevity of Apex 40.

*Ben attended the National Convention of Philippines after our RORT.

*Apex's National Convention will be held in October 2024 and 2025.

**Lastly, but not least, Ben invites any Apex 40 members who are passing through a town, to make contact and / or lend a hand at a service scheme i.e. country show etc for a few hours.*

Robyn

National IRO & Apex Liasion



Webmaster
Ken Wright. Nepean Valley. N.S.W.

41 Club National Reunion March 2024

During March this year Janice and I were joined by Joanne & Mark Carter and Joanne & Richard Gale from Leeton to attend the 41 Club Reunion in Nelson, New Zealand.

The reunion was a smaller scale of our RORTs with about 60 attendees. We were welcomed warmly by all the Kiwis and particularly by Judy & Barry, and Andrew & Jenni who joined us for our RORT in Queensland.

We arrived the day before the reunion and were pleasantly surprised to be greeted at the airport by Alan Nikki who then became our tour guide of Nelson and surrounds.



Janice and Alan

at the entrance to the Waterfall



Janice with a Silver Fern

All accommodation and most functions were held at the Tahunanui Holiday Park in Nelson.

The reunion started with a welcome on Thursday night with great fellowship and gourmet finger food.



Friday night meet and greet

Friday was a visit to a brewery which included a hair-raising coach ride along the way. The lunch was superbly presented and plentiful in an outdoor setting. The standard of food was far beyond what we expected with the staff going overboard to welcome us.



Lunch at the Brewery

Unfortunately, a medical episode prevented Janice and I from going on to the evening which was held in the oldest continually licensed pub in New Zealand and from all reports everyone had a great evening. We must thank Alan and his wife Fee for helping Janice and myself with getting us safely home after the hospital visit.

Saturday, we caught a local bus into Nelson, about 4km away and enjoyed the markets and shopping experience. We decided not to attend the AGM and rejoined the reunion that evening for dinner and dancing well into the night. This was our chance to say thank you and goodbye to the New Zealanders for their wonderful hospitality before our flight next morning, back to Sydney.

In 2011, Apex 40 held a RORT in Nelson NZ and many friendships were forged which has seen a continual effort by Club 41 to have members attend our RORTs and in particular Barry, Judy, Jenni and Andrew and a few others who have made the journey across the ditch.

The warm welcome and continuing friendship we received in Nelson was incredible and the way members helped, when Janice had a medical episode and required urgent medical assistance was above and beyond. Details of the 2025 Reunion are - Tuesday 11th or 18th March in Kaikoura (South Island) – more details soon.

Ken and Janice Wright



From the Editor's Desk
Bill Cramp, Redlands. Qld.

The recipient of the 2024 Penultimate Award for the best newsletters was Kerry McGill from Crest Blue Mountains group. Kerry manages to condense on one double sided page, all the information for the next meeting, member contacts, reports and photographs that I need several pages to emulate! That said, next year I might for different reasons, select one of the other editors and be pleased by their efforts.

After the excitement of the Rort activities, Facebook postings have slowed. I guess many of us need time to recover or make the journey home before getting back to subcommittee business.

The committee have decided that I should continue to edit the Roaring 40's magazine for another twelve months, which I am happy to do. However, all of us have a use by date and someone from our membership will need to step up and take on production of this communication sometime in the future. Beware!

Bill Cramp.
Editor.

MEMORIES OF THE 2024 RORT

OPENING NIGHT AT THE RAMADA.



President Mark welcoming Rorters



Random photos of members catching up.



WEDNESDAY FOR THE GYMPIE RATTLER.



The Gympie Rattler bound for Amamoor and return. Don Le Cudennec with the royal wave. Lunch on the platform in Gympie and some classic car owners joined us for the trip.



WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE RAMADA



THURSDAY AT THE POMONA MAJESTIC THEATRE AND LUNCH AT THE COOROY R.S.L.

This morning, we were entertained with a silent movie starring Buster Keaton in “Steamboat Bill Jr” with the music score played on a classic theatre organ. Then on to one of the many lunches. Dinner was back at the Ramada.



We were well fed at all venues, whether by your own selection or preselected by the Rort committee.

Thursday night dinner again at the Ramada.

FRIDAY, APEX CAMP INDUCTION, LUNCH AND A.G.M





The “business” session! Our annual A.G.M.

THE PARTY AFTER, AT THE MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB.

The preparations.



The Party



And afterwards we cleared up and packed the tables and chairs away.

SATURDAY MORNING, OFF TO THE EUMUNDI MARKETS



Enter here all ye shoppers!



Yvonne and Les Moulds taking a break.



Barb and Bernie Kenny



Alan and Leon in discussion.



One of the many stall lanes.

LUNCH AT THE NAMBOUR RSL



Saturday night's dinner was at the Ramada Resort.

SUNDAY MORNING OFF TO THE AIR MUSEUM, CALOUNDRA.



Would you feel safe flying with any of this trio in the pilot's seat? Mark Tramby, Leon Squires or Kevin King.

LUNCH ON SUNDAY WAS AT THE CALOUNDRA POWER BOAT CLUB



THE FESTIVIES FINISHED WITH DINNER AND THE FAREWELL BREAKFAST BOTH AT THE RAMADA RESORT.



Current president, Col Gifford and 9 former presidents attending the 2024 Rort.

The Last Word from past President Mark.

Well, that's a wrap on the 2024 Sunshine Coast Rort, and what a week we all had with (mostly) fantastic weather and some real fun times during the wonderful program put together by national secretary Col Ramsay

The 2024 Pre-Rort Caravan / Motorhome Gathering was very well attended, 19 vans turned up and we had a ball of fun.

My time as National President has been completed so congratulations to Colin Gifford & his new Vice President Victor Ashby on their elections and I'm sure they'll be guiding the organisation well during their time at the helm.

To those that caught the dreaded virus at the end of the Rort I do hope you'll sail through your recovery with not much of an issue.

I'll put up an event on Facebook for the 2025 Rort pretty soon but note this isn't a booking area really, it's just an indication of who might be going that are on the Facebook group (many aren't so it's far from complete).

I'm going to start work on the pre Rort Convoy group, which isn't only aimed at those with caravans but really anyone that's doing a "road trip" out to Broken Hill. Cabin accommodation will exist at all the caravan parks I choose HOWEVER in some it will be very limited, so if you miss out on this a nearby Motel would suit, the two places this is likely to be is Cobar / Wilcannia, both Lightning Ridge & Bourke have plenty of cabins.

Whilst I've stepped down from the board, I'm still an admin on the Facebook group and will continue in that role for the foreseeable future. Best wishes all, sorry I missed the last night / breakfast but with Rosemary Tramby testing positive this morning it was a smart move.

Around the Sub-Committees

New South Wales

Alstonville

740 kms north of Sydney

Alstonville currently meet for lunch on the first Thursday of the month at various venues usually in Ballina. The last meeting was on Thursday 6th. June for lunch at the Henry Rous Tavern, BALLINA. The previous meeting on 2nd. May was for lunch at Federal Hotel **ALSTONVILLE**



Byron Bay

760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest

100 kms west of Sydney



Photos from the ANZAC Day Stall selling ANZAC Biscuits. Rosemary and knitted poppies were a gold coin donation.

It has been lovely weather to celebrate Anzac Day and Bronwyn has just announced the sale figures for our sale of biscuits and poppies... \$1242.



Thank you to all who cooked biscuits and assisted in any way. Jan, your wrists must be still painful from the fabulous knitting of different coloured poppies

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

Friday 17 May: Dinner at Bushrangers, Largs Pub. “The usual good food and fellowship abounded and an attempt at a meeting dissolved into a rabble BECAUSE NO ONE LISTENS and events and dates have to be repeated up to 13 times. Who’d be a schoolteacher...???” quoted President Andrew Vile in his latest missive.

Saturday 22 June The annual casserole night at the Vile Manor.



Inverell

560 kms northwest of Sydney

Leeton

590 kms southwest of Sydney

Lismore

745 kms north of Sydney

Manly

15 kms east of Sydney.

Moree

640 kms northwest of Sydney.

Nepean Valley

60 kms west of Sydney.

We (Neville & Margaret Barnier, Ernie & Peter Campbell, Ken & Janice Wright, Vic Ashby & Keith & Racheal) have all returned safely from another great Apex 40 Australia Inc AGM or RORT, held on the Sunshine Coast. We had a great time with bus trips, lunches, dinners, drinkies, and fellowship. Always a great week of events. The next function Sunday 16/6/24; 10am Tour of Printing Museum Penrith & 1.00pm lunch at St Marys Leagues.

Wyong

100 kms north of Sydney

We had a great turn out of 17 for lunch at The Royal Wyong the Thursday before Easter! But because Anzac Day falls on our usual lunch day in April we are not meeting again until noon on Thursday 30th May at Wyong Golf Course.





Wyong Apex 40, plus new Vice President Vic, lunched at Wyong Golf Course on 30th May and had a good catch up. We will return there again on Thursday 27th June at noon.

Victoria

Bendigo

153 kms north of Melbourne.

Sunday, 28th April Bendigo Apex 40 members had an enjoyable day at Axedale Tavern. So great that Ron Clark was able to join us.

Elaine Dumont.



6th June Members of Bendigo Apex 40 club are saddened to be informed of the death of Reyer DeMoel a longtime member and recent secretary - president; and loved husband of Christine.

His charisma, personality and love for the joy of life endeared him to us all.

Dandenong Valley

35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong

73 kms southwest of Melbourne

Melbourne-Gippsland

40 kms east of Melbourne

Melbourne Nor-westers

22 kms northwest of Melbourne

Melbourne Sou-westers

270 kms southwest of Melbourne

Sunraysia

546 kms northwest of Melbourne

Queensland

Bundaberg

165 kms north of Brisbane

Caloundra

103 kms north of Brisbane

April 17 Caloundra Apex 40 had a lunch at the Powerboat club Golden Beach. Lots of yapping and catching up with everyone not to mention the odd liquid refreshment and great tucker consumed. a raffle was had & low and behold Bill & Carol won again, the meet was organised by Dave & Chris they supplied the raffle 2 bottles of "grape " juice as Dave carried it into the venue the bum fell out of the bag but luckily, they did not break, I think it was a recycled brown paper bag!!!!



May: Caloundra Apex 40 had a "picnic "at the Rossiter's place at Dicky Beach, 27 turned out mainly for Betty's pavlovas & chocolate Mousse. Bill & Carol Moffat also became members of Caloundra at last.! a little rain did not dampen the spirits or other imbibing liquids from the mob with lots of laughter and nattering.

Central Queensland

636 kms north of Brisbane

Curtis Coast

530 kms north of Brisbane

Gold Coast

80 kms south of Brisbane

The Gold Coast branch enjoyed their luncheon at the Runaway Bay Tavern on Sunday, 19th May. Members chose their own meals from the menu which was in contrast to our days in Apex of fixed menus and 'dead chook'.

We are sad to note the death of our long-time member, Past District Governor Don Beck. Don and Lynne were stalwart members who happily travelled from northern New South Wales to attend our functions.

As winter is now almost upon us, I am contemplating a further indoor venue for our next get-together probably another one with great 'pub grub'.



Hervey Bay

290 kms north of Brisbane

Ipswich

43 kms southwest of Brisbane

Maryborough

290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands

35 kms south of Brisbane

For the May function, Redlands hired the local Lions Community Centre in Cleveland and had the local Banjo's Bakery outlet cater with variety of hot pastries, sandwiches, Pita rolls and sweet slices. Jenny and Lucy McCullagh added plentiful fruit platters to ensure no one went home hungry!



As this lunch was held in early May, and the next due in August, several members attended a lunch and show at the Redland Museum. The production was “Mother and Son” with the cast taken from museum members. A delightful matinee performance was enjoyed by all who attended.



Wynnum Manly

20 kms east of Brisbane

The next outing will be Friday 21st June, meet at 11.30am at Easts Leagues club, Coorparoo for lunch.

XEPA Great South East

30 kms southeast of Brisbane

The Xepa group will be holding it's next function as follows:

Date: 10th July Time: Midday Function: Lunch

Venue: Victoria Point Tavern...

Address: Town Centre Victoria Point, Colburn Avenue.

South Australia

Adelaide Hills

35 kms southeast of Adelaide

Tasmania

Devonport

255 kms northwest of Hobart

Launceston

200 kms north of Hobart

Jan Storay reports:

The smallest get-together of our group met on the 26th May at Mario’s Italian Restaurant at George Town. Only 7 members attended. One lady was holidaying with her daughter in the British Isles, another lady was in hospital recovering from surgery, some had gone north for the winter and the remainder were apologies. What delicious meals we all had but I wore mine. Perhaps we should ask for bibs.

And the sweets were yummy. Some members had coffee to finish their meal.

2025 APEX 40 RORT Venues

Royal Flying Doctor Service
Located within a working RFDS base and airport, we can tour the base, view the aircraft in the hangar, explore the Mantle of Safety Museum, and watch a film in 44 seat theatre.

Pro Hart Gallery
Pro Hart's art captures the lush colours, the sense of space and the spiritual quality of the outback in ways very few artists are able to emulate.

Jack Absalom Gallery
Jack captures the true outback through his paintings. Jack was a member of the "Brushmen of the Bush" a group of 5 artists that exhibited in Australia and all over the world.

Living Desert Sculptures
J Lawrence Beck, a Gosford based sculptor, designed the sculpture to Broken Hill's art culture. Using 53 tonnes of sandstone to create the "Living Desert Sculptures".

The Palace Hotel
The Palace Hotel Broken Hill was used as a film set in the 1994 Australian iconic movie, Priscilla Queen of the Desert. The building was erected as a coffee palace in by The Temperance Movement. This is the pub with all the murals inside.

Albert Kerston Mining & Minerals Museum
Also known as the GeoCentre, represents the extensive mineral history of Broken Hill. This geological science museum boasts a 42kg silver nugget as well as a large mineral collection, and it is home to the Silver Tree. At the museum you can explore all aspects of Broken Hill's unique geology, as well as the earth sciences of mineralogy and metallurgy.

Town of Silverton
Located about 20 minutes from Broken Hill, Silverton is a historic community where the streets are dominated by galleries of all shapes and sizes. Silverton is a mecca for artists, photographers and their admirers. Some say the draw card is the outback landscape, rich in colour and boundless beauty, while others are inspired by the serenity. The film industry is a major part of Silverton's identity having played host to many classics throughout the years including Mad Max. The Silverton Pub is also a famous watering hole.

Silver City Mint & Art Centre
The Silver City Mint & Art Centre has a lot going for it. An art gallery, silversmiths and chocolate factory all rolled into one. For those who have not ventured into the Broken Hill Mint - it contains a huge diorama: it is completely landscaped to bring the outdoors indoors - you will be amazed.

Railway & Historical Museum
The Sulphide Street Railway & Historical Museum Complex houses the Silverton Tramway Company locomotives & memorabilia in the original 1905 magnificent station building and grounds. The Broken Hill Migrant Heritage Museum, Hospital Museum, Ron Carter Transport Pavilion and the Tess Alfonsi Mineral Collection are all onsite.

Synagogue of the Outback Museum
Broken Hill boasts one of the most remote Jewish museums in the world and the building which stands proudly in the former Synagogue as a reminder of the evolution of the Jewish community in regional Australia.

Some of the other Apex 40 venues

- Broken Hill Distillery
- Musician's Club
- Bells Milk Bar
- Democrat Club
- Mundi Mundi Lookout

2025 RORT Broken Hill NSW

Tue 6th May to Mon 12th May 2025

REGISTRATIONS

To register for the 2025 RORT please go online to our web page at www.apex40.com or use this QR code to display the Registration form.

Should you like to register and do not have access to the online form - please contact our National Secretary, Col Ramsay on 0419 253 030 or write to him at -
National Secretary Apex 40
PO Box 5204 Manly Qld 4179
or email: secretary@apex40.com

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the 2025 Broken Hill RORT will be \$650 per person with a minimum deposit of \$150 per person payable at the time of Registration.
(The rest payable by 28th February 2025)

Payments can be made via a fee free bank transfer or using credit/debit card (a 2.25% transaction fee applies)
See the Apex40 Website for more details.

All cabin accommodation has been booked at the resort. Additional rooms are being arranged and will be circulated shortly.

Apex Australia News

Robyn's report on Apex Liaison earlier in this edition updates us on the current situation with Apex Australia and what is being attempted to grow the organisation.

Apex Foundation News.

An excerpt from the Apex Foundation Quarterly Newsletter: June, 2024

PUBLIC ANCILLARY FUND

Previously known as the Charity Fund, the Apex Foundation Public Ancillary Fund has had a busy 2023/24. We continued to support causes such as Children's Cancer and Melanoma, which is for around 50 years and 40 years respectively.

In addition, we sought new causes, often with a strong volunteer element, where a small donation can go a long way to promote a really great idea.

Cancer support - this was the second year of funding \$25,000 for the Apex Foundation Scholarship at the Children's Cancer Institute. It is gratifying to see the Community support behind what was an Apex initiative all those years ago.

We also supported the Bloomhill Cancer Care in Buderim, Queensland for \$7,500. They do amazing work helping sufferers through a really difficult period in their life. They are a community based facility with a lot of volunteer helpers and I'm sure this point resonates with all Apexians. Last year an amazing 79,000 of community volunteer hours supported this Cancer Care facility.

Melanoma support - it was fantastic to see two researchers from the Melanoma Institute of Australia made 2024 Australians of the Year. Professors Georgina Longwood and Richard Scolyer won the award for their research work on immunotherapy treatment for melanoma.

This year we supported the volunteer based group 'Melanoma Patients Australia' (MPA) with a further \$15,000. MPA tele consults with practical, first hand knowledge to help those fighting melanoma. This is another organisation with a large volunteer base.

Magic Castle Chalet is doing a major door and window refit. The Ancillary fund donated \$10,000 this year to help make this happen, sooner rather than later. The refit will help save on heating costs and make the Chalet generally more comfortable.

Mental Health - we have again supported the Brisbane based White Cloud. White Cloud is a leader in Tele- Mental Health Services, and was founded in 2011 by Professor Adam Scott who was nominated for the 2024 Queenslander of the Year Award, in recognition of the fantastic work they do. Our \$3,025 is a follow on and will assist in training front line volunteers to provide support to those suffering depression and anxiety in their life. They are a first point of call to steer away from suicide and to giving solutions. More information is available on their website <https://whitecloudfoundation.org/>.

Dementia. As our Society ages, dementia will become more prevalent. There are no known cures, only medication and treatments that delay the degradation of mental capacity in particular short term memory. We made a Grant of \$10,000 to Dementia Australian for the purpose of running seminars and workshops in country towns. This is another cause Apex Foundation sees as relevant to our Community.

In total over \$70,000 in Grants have been made to these worthwhile organisations. You are encouraged to provide us with ideas for next year's round of donations. A requirement is the organisation must be a registered charity with DGR1 status.

Regards
Lindsay Carthew

International Relations.

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Where?

Donegal House, Kaikoura donegalhouse@xtra.co.nz

Donegal House has had a chequered history but is under younger, passionate, helpful management who are going great guns renovating the whole place and with what we have seen the gardens will be done as well.

There are 29 guest units there and 20 powered camp sites as well as lots of unpowered one so we will be all together over the Reunion.

When?

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th March 2025

As we're virtually all retired and we can get better deals during the week we've decided that's what we'll do!!

Programme Tuesday 11th:

Arrive, **Register 5pm** then **Meet & Greet** in bar, 6pm Welcome and Speaker then catchup with 41 Club Family.

Wednesday 12th:

Explore Kaikoura for day.

Back to Donegal House for evening Happy Hour then meal and guest Speaker

Thursday 13th:

Morning; AGM, activities/ games for those not attending meeting, light lunch then free time.

Evening meal will possibly be in Kaikoura, we're still investigating!

We'll see if we can arrange group bookings for those who chose to do any of the expensive activities in the area during free time or after Farewell Breakfast.

Friday

Farewell Breakfast, Handover and trophy presentations at Donegal House.

In continuing friendship

Keep sending in your pictures, club notices and general stories of interest so they can be shared with the rest of the Apex 40 community through our *Roaring 40's* publication.



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See you all there, Cheers.

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