

HISTORY.

Although an organisation for retired Apexians had been talked of by many people for many years, the Apex Constitution did not permit affiliated bodies until after the Maryborough Convention in 1973.

At the Scarborough Convention the previous year two Apexians shortly to retire from active membership conceived the idea of getting such an organisation started.

Encouraged by the Maryborough Convention decision, and with the backing of the then President of Zone 12, David Cotton, these two men - Lionel Mussell and Neil Hookey - called the inaugural meeting of Apex 40 on 8th July 1973, at Lionel's home at Mornington, Victoria.

The first meeting was a barbecue and family day, and committee meetings held since then have continued in the same way.

Members of the Interim Committee formed that first day were Lionel Mussell (Mornington), Neil Hookey (Camberwell), Alan Padgeham (Bayswater), David Saunders (Malvern) and Kevin Frazer (Nunawading).

On 1st September 1973, the Inaugural Committee was elected and consisted of the members of the Interim Committee, plus Alan Kinder (Box Hill), Barry Preston (Hawthorn), John Ritchie (Bayswater), Ley Garrett (Bayswater), and Kevin Morrish (Croydon). Co-opted members were Voila Ritchie, Judith Saunders and Rosemary Frazer.

The Apex Zone 12 Convention in October 1973, became the first Zone Convention to officially recognise Apex 40.

Fifty members attended the first dinner meeting, held at the Keysborough Hotel, on 14th December 1973.

First interstate member was Alan Olden, a former Zone 12 President, now living in South Australia and another former Zone 12 President, Geoff Angus, now working in England, became the first international member, in October 1974.

Branches are now forming throughout Australia.

HEARD THIS ONE

Gin and "it"?

A man very obviously in bad condition from the night before, stepped up to a bar and muttered - "Give me - give me something for - for a hang-over."

"What do you want?" asked the barman.

The sufferer blurted out: "Tall-cold-and full of gin."

"Sir", snapped a man standing next to him, "You are referring to the woman I love!"

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