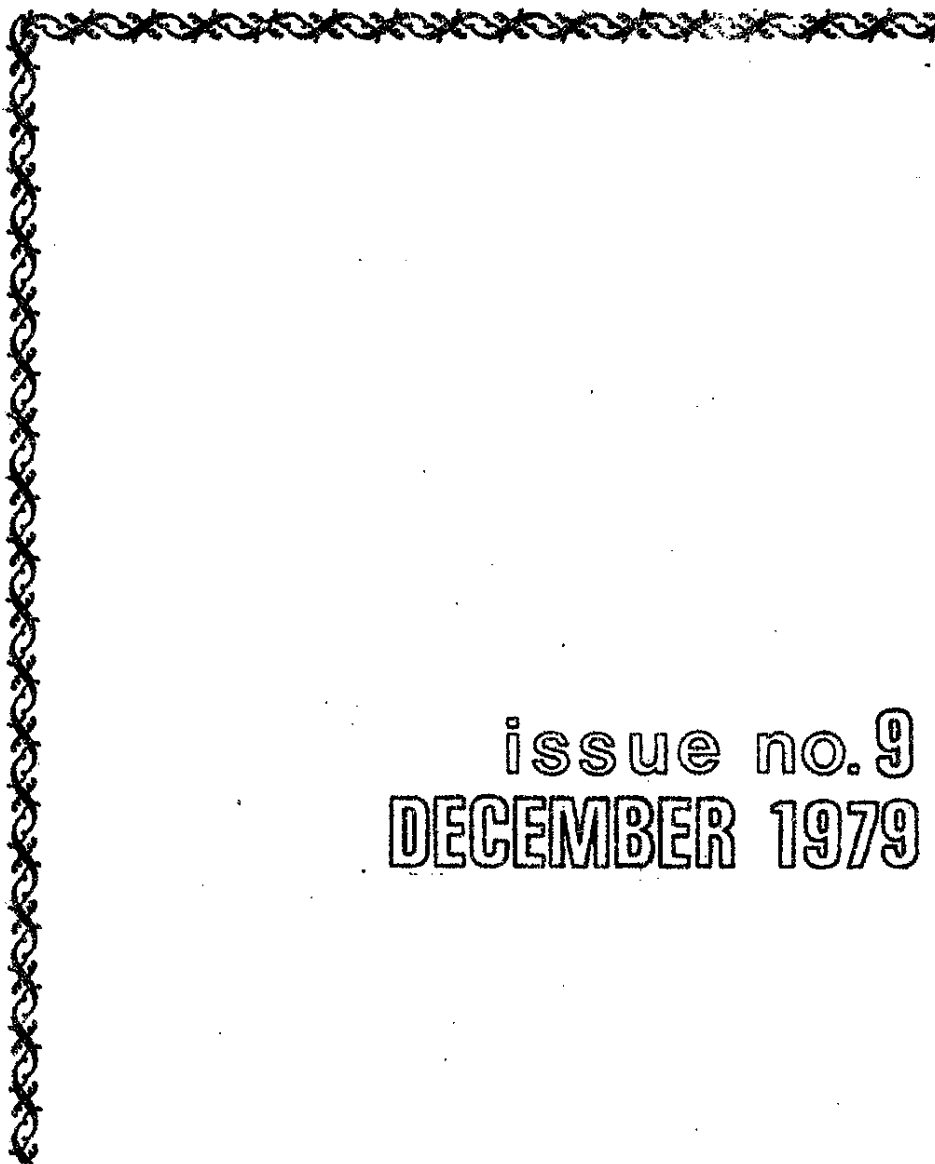


# ROARING 40'S

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here it is almost Christmas. Before we know it will be 1980 and it won't be long to the Rort at Bendigo. Ian Morris and his committee members have organised a great-sounding weekend in the Golden City, as you will see elsewhere in this issue. Everyone who has attended a Rort in the past will tell you it is the highlight of the year, so now is the time (if you haven't already done so) to make a definite commitment to attend - you won't be disappointed. I will be looking forward to meeting some new Rorters, especially I hope from branches which have not previously been represented.

In the last Roaring 40's we featured a copy of the article sent to the Apexian for publication. Some of you may already have seen that it was printed in the last (September) issue, thanks to the support of Apex National President Ian Main. The article was reproduced almost as written, but came out under the heading of "40+ Goes National" and the paragraph about wives being equal members was edited out. I was rather disappointed at that as I believe very strongly that our early decision on that score has proved to be one of our strengths. Nevertheless, it was pleasing to attain recognition at last and we hope that publication of the article will help to spread knowledge of our organisation and activities, and result in more new branches and affiliation of other existing groups of former Apexians. It will also be interesting to see if publication of the article engenders any response in forthcoming issues of the Apexian.

Most branches will be holding pre-Christmas functions in the next few weeks, so I will take this opportunity to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous year in 1980, from Nola and myself.

ALAN KINDER

EXTENSION REPORT

Quite a bit of good news on the extension front this time, and in fact if you subscribe to the old saying that "no news is good news" - then all the news is good.

That opening gibberish is meant to say we have had quite a few enquiries about Apex 40 recently, have replied to all of them, but so far no reports have come in about action following the correspondence.

The article we wrote was published in "The Apexian" and the response, although not startling, was at least very encouraging.

First was a letter from Glyn Cashin of Stawell (Vic) where a number of retired members are interested in forming a Branch. I've been rash enough to suggest some Melb/Gippsland members might like the excuse of a weekend away to visit them sometime - sort of a mini-rort, if you know what I mean.

Some of you may remember Con McCormack who was a member of Doncaster and then Templestowe. Con is now a 'Lifer' in Queensland - Toowong/Kenmore - and has a group of over 40's up there interested in meeting together as we do. Con hopes they will eventually affiliate and we share his hope.

OASIS is thriving in the West!

We were delighted to get a letter from John Monkhouse of Morley (WA) telling us about the activities in the Perth area. Several very active OASIS clubs are functioning - the BIG "O" John calls it - and we have suggested they might like to affiliate with us.

John passes on Brian Horgan's regards to us all - he met him at a meeting recently. (Good on you Horg's, great to hear from you).

Surprise! Surprise! OASIS in the West was started by Cessnock (NSW) OASIS. (We did know that but since the days of the gentleman with the "God-like" initials we had tended to forget such things).

We've also been in touch again with our contact at Altona (Vic) and hope to hear of some action there soon.

The winds of change are indeed blowing. Not only did Apex National President, Ian Main, get us into "The Apexian" but he also gave us a tip that the people in Townsville (Qld) could be interested in Apex 40 and gave us the name of the Apex President to contact. We hope to hear back from there soon.

Well that's it. Quite a lot of interest in various parts of the country but no new Branches to report this time. However things aren't always what they appear - as the hedgehog said as he climbed down off the scrubbing brush - and by next time round we could be in possession of a number of new affiliation fees. Sure hope so. Cheers.

LIONEL MUSSELL

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Australiana Quiz

We all know the words of 'Waltzing Matilda' and have sung it countless times - OK then, what is the swagman's name?

(Answer - Page 8 , but have a good think first!)

APEX 40 RORT - BENDIGOTHURSDAY 24TH - SUNDAY 27TH APRIL, 1980

Arrangements are well in hand for next year's Rort at Bendigo - The Golden City. So that you can start planning (and putting away the necessary funds), here is a preview of the likely itinerary for the weekend, with approximate costs.

"LET'S GET MATEY IN 1980"

- \* Transport will be arranged between Melbourne (Tullamarine Airport) and Bendigo - and return - for interstaters. Melbourne rorters may wish to use this also rather than drive up. Return fare in bus \$10.
- \* Accommodation will be at the All Seasons Motel at \$30 per night for a double room. 3 nights per person - \$45
- \* Breakfast \$2.50 x 3 = \$7.50
- \* The Rort will get under way on Thursday night with a Welcoming Supper in the Persian Room (without the Ayatollah) at the All Seasons - \$3.00
- \* Friday will be a Big Day. All on the buses for a Grand Tour featuring:
  - . Morning Tea - a repeat (at special request) of the popular Crumpets and Champagne
  - . Ride on the 'Talking Tram' - this one's not bolted down!
  - . Tour of historical Bendigo Pottery - you can purchase their well known ceramic ware
  - . Bar-B-Q lunch - somewhere
  - . Tour of Sandhurst Town - historical gold mining settlement
  - . Dinner at Sandhurst Town will feature entertainment by Plinges Famous Music Hall - All that for - \$30
- \* Saturday morning will be free to browse around town (down Pall Mall, around Charing Cross - Ernie will love this!), fossick for gold, play golf, or just recover.  
Counter lunch at a city pub (no tram!)  
By special request (again) there will be a brief business session in the afternoon.  
Saturday night dinner dance - the Big Night - will be in the Persian Room - \$17
- \* Sunday morning will see the end of another great Apex 40 weekend and we'll all head for home looking forward to 1981.

Registration fee will be \$5 and means that the total cost adds up to \$117.50 for which you can see there is good value.

Melbourne/Gippsland Branch will be responsible for co-ordinating arrangements for interstate Rorters flying in to Melbourne.

Registration forms will be distributed to branches in January for return by the end of February. Branch Secretaries are requested to distribute registration forms as soon as possible after they are received.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Golden Rort.

BENDIGO, APRIL 24TH -- 27TH

LET'S GET MATEY IN 1980

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

A number of contacts have been established over recent months with former Apexians who are interested in the concept of Apex 40 and the possible formation of new Branches. Most of these contacts have resulted from Extension Chairman Lionel Mussell's article in a recent issue of "The Apexian". To assist the development of new Branches, by those who write requesting information, I forward a small information package containing Apex 40 brochures, Apex 40 Constitution (very lengthy!!), and copies of past issues of "Roaring 40's". Lionel follows up with further correspondence or personal contact, if feasible, to give assistance and encouragement for the formation of new Branches.

Do you know of any former Apexians who, with appropriate encouragement and help, might be an instigator for the formation of a new Branch? If you do, Lionel and I would be grateful if you could let us know his name and address. We will certainly do our best to see that assistance is given. Better still, why not contact him yourself beforehand.

I am pleased to advise that the following Branches have forwarded their \$20 affiliation fee for 1979/80:

Bendigo Apex 40	Melbourne Gippsland Apex 40
Devonport Apex 40	
Launceston Apex 40	Orbost Apex 40
Maryborough (Qld) Apex 40	Warracknabeal FAC

Affiliation fees (which have remained at the \$20 level for some years now) from other Branches would be gratefully received.

GEOFF ANGUS

\*\*\* AROUND THE BRANCHES \*\*\*

Devonport Apex 40

President: Don Addison	Secretary: David Mansfield
R.S. 702	35 Hilltop Ave
LATROBE TAS 7307	DEVONPORT TAS 7310
(B) & (P): (004) 26:1264	(P): (004) 24:3659

There's plenty of activity at Devonport as the following extracts from their Dinner Notice shows:

ST. HELEN'S TRIP 3rd-5th November: G Winspear reported 6 caravans had been booked at Bishops Caravan Park. Mr Bishop had offered to book our party into a hotel for any meals required as due to long weekend would be difficult. Resolved Secretary phone Mr Bishop and book 17 for Saturday night dinner.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Only 1 person attending the (Oct) meeting will be unable to attend the combined Christmas dinner with Launceston at Mountain View, Motel, Deloraine on Saturday December 8th, so we have 26 starters.

RORT After discussion we have 10 or 12 starters for Bendigo on April 24th, 1980. It was resolved to try Tattslotto again \$5.40 (20¢ per head) was collected) to invest in next drawing.

NEXT MEETING Thursday November 15 at Ploughman Steak House 44 King Edward Street, Ulverstone. 6.30 pm BYOG. Afterwards at M & L Osborne 44 Cluan Cres. Ulverston. Ladies a plate Gents BYOG.

SPECIAL NOTE Christmas Dinner - we propose to hire a bus from Ulverstone to Deloraine and return and need 40 passengers @ \$1.00 each.

Nunawading Apex 40

President:	Bruce Lamb	Secretary:	Jeff Mayne
	246 Canterbury Road		1-19 Colombo Street
	FOREST HILL VIC 3131		MITCHAM VIC 3132
(B)	(03) 341:6578	(B)	(03) 873:1111
(P)	(03) 878:36		

The most recent function was a house party at Margaret and Bruce Lamb's residence on 20th October. Some 30 odd members attended and had a most enjoyable evening - there were a couple of even people there as well.

Not only did Bruce Lamb have to clean up after the party, he was also elected as President. Just goes to show what a willing fellow Bruce really is. Whilst on the subject of elections, Beth Jackson is the new Treasurer and Glenys Court will be looking after Programmes. Jeff Mayne continues as Secretary - just in case he has some spare time. Recently retired Apexians and their wives who have joined us are Brian and Jenet Irvine, Bruce and Helen Lee and Barry and Glenis Woolfe.

A number of members have recently finished additions, renovating or new houses so it looks like a good period for house warmings coming up. Seems as though people are much wealthier after they retire from Apex. Or is it that they just know their bank managers better?

The next meeting will be Christmas supper at Nadavoc and will be a combined get together with Melbourne-Gippsland Branch.

Bendigo Apex 40

President:	Ian Morris	Secretary:	Lola Morris
	"Orana"		"Orana"
	5 Mill Street		5 Mill Street
	BENDIGO VIC 3550		BENDIGO VIC 3550
(P)	(054) 43:2379	(P)	(054) 43:2379
(B)	(054) 43:5486		

At the moment we have a Membership of 30.

Dinner Meeting No 7 held on Saturday, 22nd September was a Social Evening and fourteen members travelled in an 18 seater bus to Baraham (NSW). On the way light refreshments and drinks, plus music and singing was enjoyed. On arriving at Baraham, Ross O'Neill insisted on taking us out to a Dairy Farm so that we could inspect an Automatic Milking Machine. The farmer wondered what was going on when the bus pulled into the milking yard. The members game enough to inspect the device nearly had a shower as they walked between the cows. We then went on to the Baraham RSL Club, and enjoyed Dinner followed by dancing and the Poker Machines. A couple of members were lucky, but most came out even.

Meeting No 8 was our 1st Annual Meeting held on 11th October 1979, and was held at President Ian's home. Elections were held and the office bearers are unchanged.

Our Hand Over Dinner took the form of a Progressive Dinner held on Saturday, 17th November.

A Christmas Supper will be held at the Waterloo Hotel during December.

#### Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40

President:	Owen Ballinger 40 Cassowary Street EAST DONCASTER 3109	Secretary:	Lorraine Burgess 16 Bullen Street EAST DONCASTER VIC 3109
(P)	(03) 842:1882	(P)	(03) 848:1777

On a very warm Sunday (November 4th), 40 members and a few teenagers enjoyed a terrific BBQ thanks to the hospitality of Don & Margaret Blackley at their home in Drouin. A few were energetic and played 9 holes of golf before the BBQ.

On Friday, December 7th, we are to have a combined Christmas get together with Nunawading Apex 40. I am sure we will all have a good night.

#### Launceston Apex 40

President:	John Beckett 61 Norwood Ave NORWOOD TAS 7250	Secretary:	Peter Swifte 213 Opossum Road NORWOOD TAS 7250
(P)	(003) 44.3519	(P)	(003) 44:3788
(B)	(003) 31:6933	(B)	(003) 26:1240

No news from Launceston, except that Peter Swifte has started a new job as well as taking over as Branch Secretary, and we know (from Devonport Branch) that Launceston and Devonport are getting together for a combined Christmas dinner in early December.

#### Illawarra Apex 40

President:	Bill Kennedy (P)	Secretary:	John Mandl (P)
	(042) 84:5451		(042) 84:5758

Monthly dinners continue to be well attended and the international flavour has been continued with a visit to the Wollongong Spanish Club in November where members will no doubt fill up on filafel.

October dinner was held at Kiama and was attended by a number of past Apexians from Berry. Food and fellowship were fabulous and we hope to see more of the 'Berryites' in the future.

Christmas dinner is to be held on 7th December at Mike and Jill Dyson's home.

#### Maryborough Apex 40

President:	Terry Zillmann 90 Teddington Road MARYBOROUGH QLD 4650	Secretary:	Brian Hodges 59 Creek Road MARYBOROUGH QLD 4650
(P)	(071) 21:6974	(P)	(071) 21:4675

Change-over dinner for this year was held in September at William House and saw Terry and Brian elected President and Secretary respectively, and Eric Sherwin was elected Treasurer. We were thrilled to have a visit on that night from Don and Joyce Dick (Melb/Gipps) who timed their northern travels perfectly. If you can judge a person by the quality of the booze he drinks,



Don must be a real gentleman - Terry's bottle of Chivas Regal took a bit of a knock after the dinner. We are always delighted to see other Apex 40 members and look forward to seeing others who are travelling up this way.

A proposed trip to Round Island in September was cancelled due to unsuitable boating weather and instead we went to Hervey Bay and had a successful day, despite the sunburn - George Aldershaw (then President) ended up with a delicate shade of pink feet.

Christmas dinner will be early - 17th November - and we will recess until February.

We had invitations to attend the hand-over dinners of Maryborough and Wide Bay Apex Club again and this year Hervey Bay Club as well. As a result we have welcomed new members from both Maryborough and Wide Bay.

At our last meeting we decided to investigate the possibility of forming a branch of Apex 40 in Childers. This, it is hoped, will be the first step in expanding further in this district.

### Brisbane

Brisbane Groupexas such has become virtually inactive but it is learned that ex-Apexians from Toowong-Kenmore are getting together as another group at Cleveland. We have heard from Con McCormack at Kenmore and would like to hear from the Cleveland group. We would certainly welcome your affiliation with Apex 40 and news of your activities.

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### ROARING 40's REVELATIONS

Got word a while ago that Don and Val Addison (Devonport) were in Melbourne overnight. The message included name and address of a motel that didn't exist - and no phone number!

After some involved detective work - and the aid of a very helpful receptionist at an opposition motel - they were finally tracked down at the same motel where runaway British politician John Stonehouse was found: ding a few years ago!

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The gypsies (Don and Joyce Dick - Melb/Gipps) are on the move again and this time have headed for Bendigo. That shows you how keen they are - the Rort isn't until next April!

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Joe Tanner (Orbost) was fishing on the banks of the Snowy when he ran out of bait (he was otherwise well supplied). Suddenly he saw a tiger snake with a frog in its mouth - so he poured a slug of cold Fosters down the snake's throat and grabbed the frog which he used for bait - result, a giant sized trout. After a short while he felt a nudge and looked down to see the tiger snake offering him another frog.

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John Mandl (Illawarra) was ready to disappear into the woodwork at the October dinner when he had booked for 30 and by 7.15 pm only 9 people had arrived. However, the latercomers duly arrived to make up the numbers and allow John to breathe easily again. (We know how you felt John).

Charlie Burgess (Melb/Gipps) was suing for damages after an accident and the defendant's lawyer asked: "Did you not at the time of the accident, when asked if you were hurt, state quite clearly that you were not?"

"Well I did", said Charlie, "but it was like this. I was driving my old horse and wagon along the road when the motorist knocks us into the ditch - you've never seen such a mess.

"There I was flat on my back with my legs in the air. And there was my horse on his back with his legs in the air. The motorist gets a gun out of his car, shoots the horse, and says, "Now what about you. Are you hurt?"

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Heard they had a foot and mouth problem in Tassie recently. That's nothing new; they say around Launceston that Barry Baldwin has always suffered that disease. In fact, its been said he only opens his mouth to change feet!

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If George Bernard Shaw had been a member of Apex 40, he would probably have said it like this:

"Man does not cease to Rort because he grows old;  
man grows old because he ceases to Rort".

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Said Pat to Mick, "I hear that drinkin stout puts lead in yer pencil - what say we try a couple?" Mick replied "At my age, Pat, I don't know any ladies to write to".

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#### Australiana Quiz

Answer: The swagman's name is Andy

Of course - Andy sang as he watched,  
Andy waited till ....

Andy's ghost may be heard ...

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