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OF AFFILIATED

PAST APEXIANS GROUPS (CARS) FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we move into 1979, I am pleased to report that Apex 40 is alive and kicking from Maryborough to Launceston and from Orbost to Warracknabeal—and that's a fair slice of Australia. I am sure all Apex 40 members will welcome the affiliation of our two new branches at Bendigo and Warracknabeal and look forward to further growth during this year.

This issue of Roaring 40's will be rather brief since it is being constructed at short notice for the main purpose of further publicising the Launceston Rort in March. Everyone should have registration forms by now and will see that the Launceston members have arranged a great weekend - all we have to do is to get over there and enjoy it. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the Devonport Rort in 1977 can testify that they really know how to entertain in Tassie, so don't miss out!

What the Rort is all about is fellowship, and that of course is what Apex 40 is all about. No doubt many of you have, as I have in the past, wondered how well and how long an organisation like ours can exist just on fellowship. Well I was certainly reassured on this point recently when I received from Ray Northcott (National Vice-President of the Association of ex-Round Tablers Clubs, New Zealand) a copy of 'The Hinge', which is the offical organ of the International Association of ex-Tablers. It was interesting to read that the first ex-Tablers' Club was formed in Liverpool in 1936 and, from humble beginnings like ourselves — and like ourselves based entirely on fellowship — the organisation has continued to thrive and now encompasses nearly 800 Clubs throughout the world, the large majority of which are naturally enough in Britain. It was particularly interesting to note in an article on the history of 41 Clubs, the similar teething troubles which they had in their early days and we have also experienced. I hope to elaborate on some of these and other similarities in a later issue of Roaring 40's.

My best wishes to all for 1979 and I look forward to meeting many of you in Launceston in March.

ALAN KINDER

APEX 40 RORT - LAUNCESTON

FRIDAY 9TH - MONDAY 12TH MARCH, 1979

"MAKE RORTING DIVINE IN 179"

REGISTRATIONS DUE 31ST JANUARY

EXTENSION REPORT

A big welcome to our two new Branches.

Since the last "Roaring Forties" we have seen the inauguration of Apex 40 Bendigo and affiliation of the FAC (former Apexians Club) of Warracknabeal, and we are delighted to have them both with us.

President Alan and myself were present at the Bendigo inaugural meeting at the "Bendigo Club" and enjoyed a great night's fellowship with them.

The meeting and dinner was in a private room with a divider separating it from the main lounge. Unfortunately the divider was not soundproof and the loudest band I've ever heard played immediately next to the divider. It did save time in discussion because all business had to be transacted during the rare-and short-band breaks.

I would assume our National President made a stirring welcoming speech — I was sitting two feet from him and didn't hear a word he said as the musos were in full swing at the time with what eventually turned out to be "Jumbalya".

It was great to see the President of Bendigo Apex Club there with his wife and also tremendous that the current District Governor was not only there but took charge of proceedings in no uncertain manner and very quickly had a resolution on the books to form Bendigo Apex 40. He also held a rapid election with a resulting husband and wife team as President and Secretary respectively - Arthur and Lola Morris.

We stayed with the Morris's for the night and really enjoyed their hospitality. Port and cigars still at 2 am would you believe?

An Apex social golf match was organised for 7 am next day, but 150 points of rain soon put a stop to that idea and we were grateful for the additional time to catch up on lost sleep.

If anyone is travelling Warracknabeal way, call and say good-day at the Hospital. Manager Max Blake has been appointed FAC Publicity Officer and we look forward to receiving news from Max. Secretary Lindsay Smales was kind enough to send me information about a tremendous Apex Re-union held recently in Warrack - real live wires those people.

There are distinct possibilities of a branch being formed at Altona soon. President Alan and myself spoke there at an old Apexians night and a great deal of interest was shown by the former members. At the end of the evening a resolution was made appointing two current Apexians in their last year of active service to investigate the setting up of an Apex 40 Branch. It was an enjoyable night and good to meet fellows like Jack Foskett again.

"If only they knew!" If only other former Apexians knew what a ball we have - ask anyone who was at the Baron of Beef luncheon or the final 1978 dinner of Melbourne Gippsland Branch - I'm certain Apex 40 Branches would spring up all over Australia. If you are enjoying Apex 40 don't forget to spread the word to other former members you meet.

Give some thort to the Rort. See you there.

LIONEL NUSSELL. EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

PS We are hopeful about expansion in the Ipswich (QLD) area and in South Australia.

APEX 40 RORT - LAUNCESTON

FRIDAY 9TH - MONDAY 12TH MARCH, 1979

WELCOME SUPPER Friday (pm) (Time to meet and greet old and new friends) HISTORIC TOUR Saturday (am) (Possibly hysteric) RORTY BUSINESS SESSION Lunch (Very brief) RORT DINNER DANCE (pm) (The Big Wing-Ding) NORTH-EAST TOUR Sunday (Entertainment ad lib) CHAMPAGNE & CRUMPET (?) - Morning Tea # BBQ LUNCH (More entertainment ad lib) SMORGASBORD DINNER (More?)

As you please, perhaps a farwell/

get-together lunch.

We've said it before and we'll say it again -

Monday

"MAKE RORTING DIVINE IN '79" ALL IT NEEDS IS YOU!

Registration forms have been distributed - Don't forget, registrations to be in by 31st January. Please register on time.

(If anyone is to be late registering (shame) please contact Barry Baldwin by phone on (003) 31.2960).

SEE YOU THERE

WHERE? - LAUNCESTON !

(Would all mainlanders please take note that it is pronounced LONCESTON!!)
We don't really care how you say it - but we want you to come and see it.

APEX 40 RORT - LAUNCESTON 9TH - 12TH MARCH, 1979.

DON'T MISS OUT

COMMUNICATIONS

The aim of Apex 40 is to provide a means of continuing those valued friendships we made in Apex.

The aim of the National Committee of Apex 40 is to promote and encourage the formation of branches of Apex 40 and to enable communication between branches.

We have two main opportunities for communication - the Roaring 40's newsletter and the annual Rort.

We can assure you that there will be a minimum of official communication at the Rort (no doubt the main item for consideration at the Rorty Business Session will be next year's venue - how about your branch?) but there will certainly be plenty of communication between members of different branches.

As this issue has been produced in haste, we have not had time to seek news from the branches - and we apologise for that. However, to ensure that we are able to include news of all branches in forthcoming issues, it would be of great assistance if branch secretaries were to forward to National Secretary, Geoff Angus a copy of all notices of meetings, etc. sent out to members.

We would, in addition, still like to have any other news or articles, letters, etc. you may wish to send us for publication, but would particularly appreciate you sending us a copy of all notices at the time of posting to members.

Our aim is to let you know what your fellow members are up to. Please help us to do that as effectively as possible.

REGISTRATION FOR RORT BY 31ST JANUARY

SEE YOU IN LONCESTON: