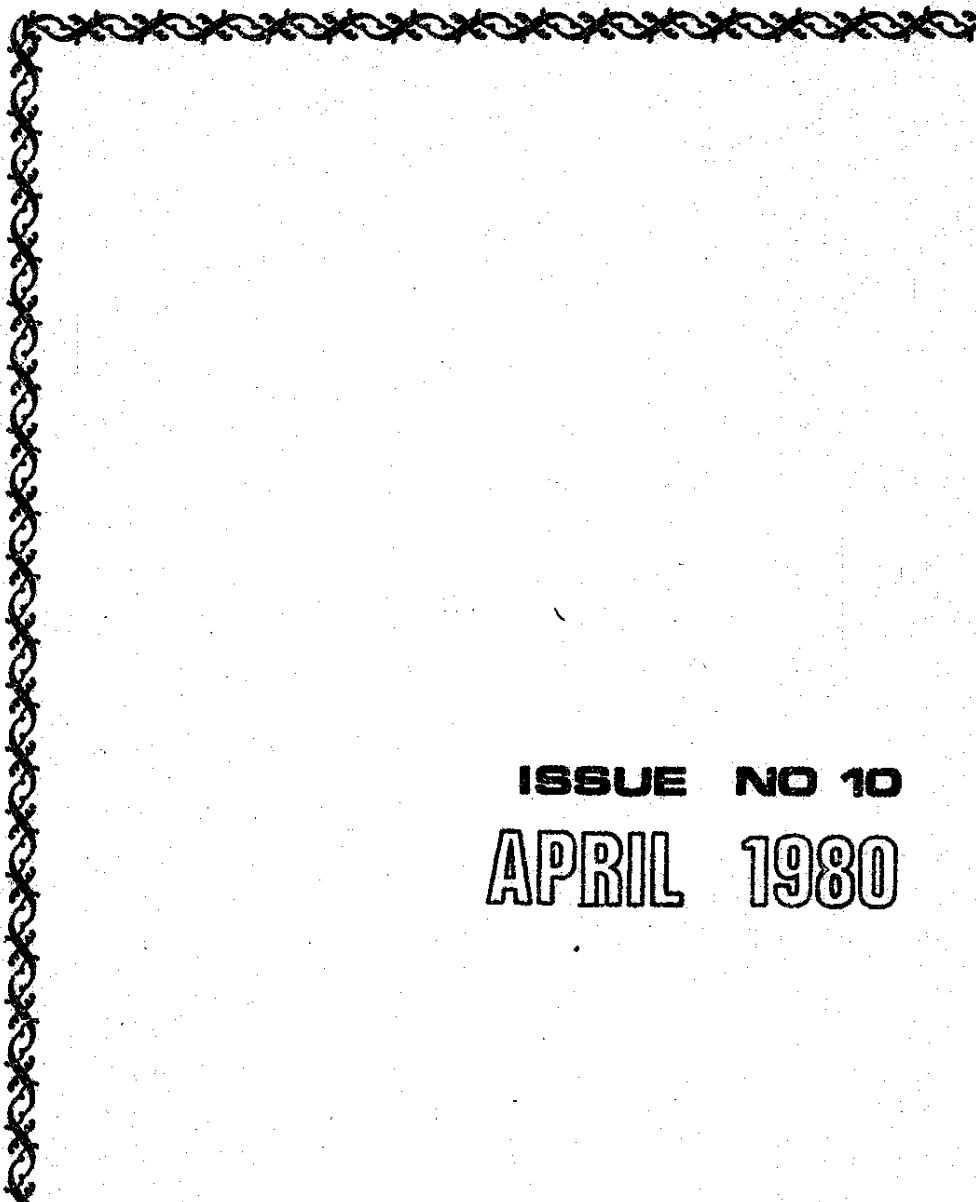


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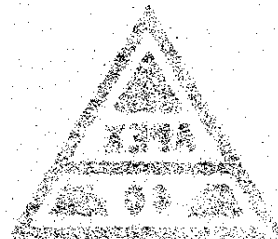
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 5th Apex 40 Rort and annual meeting is fast approaching (or may even have past by the time some of you receive this) and with it comes the end of my term as National President. It has been a great honour and a considerable pleasure to have held this position in these still formative days of Apex 40, and I look forward to seeing a continuing expansion of the organisation throughout further parts of the country.

The major task for myself and Secretary Geoff Angus has been the production of Roaring 40's and we have found this very enjoyable, particularly as it gives us the opportunity to keep in touch with the branches from whom we are continually soliciting information. We hope that you have enjoyed reading Roaring 40's. Geoff has been busy writing to new and prospective branches and forwarding on information to assist them in the formation and operation of branches. This task is shared with Extension Chairman Lionel Russell and their labours have recently been further rewarded with the formation of a new branch at Stawell (Vic) and affiliation of Illawarra Apex 40 (Wollongong, NSW) which has been active, but not affiliated, for the last few years. I would like to record my thanks for the work done by Geoff and Lionel during these past two years.

The formation of new branches is always a matter of great satisfaction to me as it ensures the continuing success of Apex 40. Though growth has been slow, it has been steady and there is every indication that it will continue. Having now at least one branch in each of the eastern States, there is no doubt that growth will continue in this area. While we have had correspondence with past-Apexians in both South Australia and Western Australia, and we know that there are ex-Apex groups active in Perth at least, we have not been able to manage the birth of an Apex 40 branch as such in these areas. We did have a branch in Darwin at one time, but it seems to have collapsed in the heat or been washed away during the 'wet'. Then again, it may still be active but uncommunicative - we hope it is still in existence.

Obviously, there is unlimited scope for expansion and I believe we have a very solid base on which to build.

One thing that gave me particular pleasure in the past year was the favourable attitude of Apex National President Ian Main. This resulted in us publishing an article about Apex 40 in the Apexian and at least one contact for a potential new branch. Ian's term as National President has just now finished and I would like to thank him for the assistance and encouragement he has given to Apex 40. We hope that relations with Apex will continue to be as friendly and co-operative.

The stated aim of Apex 40 is 'for continuing fellowship' and I have constantly stressed the opportunity it affords for continuing those valued friendships we made in Apex. The more I am involved in Apex 40, the more I find however that this is only part of the story. Both in my own Melbourne-Gippsland branch and by attendance at the annual Rorts, I have made many new friendships with fellows and their wives that I had not known in my Apex days. I can now claim new friendships, which I hope will be long lasting, with Apex 40 members from Queensland to Tasmania, apart from many fine new friends on the local scene.

After two years as National President, I am even more convinced of the value of Apex 40.

ALAN KINDER

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

This is the fourth and final issue of Roaring 40's for the 1979/80 year. We do hope that you have found this, the official newsletter of Apex 40, interesting and worthwhile. Our special thanks for the typing and producing of Roaring 40's to the staff in President Alan Kinder's office. We are most grateful for their kind co-operation.

The Rort at Bendigo marks the end of President Alan's second year of office and by our Constitution, a new President is required to be elected. I am sure all Branches and members of Apex 40 are much appreciative of Alan's leadership of Apex 40 over the past two years. Alan has shown how readily one can enjoy Apex 40 whilst carrying the responsibility of leadership.

There is no doubt about the efficiency of Launceston - they have already paid their \$20 affiliation fee for 1980/81. Which Branch will be second? Affiliation fees can be sent to me at 1 Denman Street, Mitcham, Victoria 3121.

GEOFF ANGUS

EXTENSION REPORTLike an Elephant

The gestation period for an elephant is something like five years and it seems that Apex 40 could be a similar beast because after more than five years (seven to be exact), we are starting to give birth to new branches and adopt others into the family.

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The inaugural meeting of the Stawell Apex 40 was held last November and Secretary Val Davis has sent us a list of their Office Bearers.

Best wishes to President Rex Overall and his team for a very successful Branch and lots of good times for all.

They've Joined Us

More good news - this time from NSW where we hear Illawarra Apex 40 has decided to affiliate with us. Welcome folks - we know you have a strong and happy Branch up there and we look forward to a closer association with you.

Illawarra (Wollongong area) has been going a while but until now were not affiliated with us although we have been in close touch with them since inception (not five years ago).

Meanwhile still further North ...

Up in the land of Sunshine we have heard from Phil Geertz, President of Townsville West Apex Club, that a meeting of interested prospective Apex 40 members is to be called soon and Phil has had good indications of interest and support from at least 12 of the more than 30 people he has contacted personally about Apex 40.

Until four years ago Phil was a member of Oakleigh (Vic) Apex Club and wishes to be remembered to his old friends down here in Melbourne.

Good Luck with the Meeting Phil and our thanks to Apex National President Ian Main who put us in touch in the first place.

SOS Please Help

If you know of any groups of former Apexians meeting in a similar way to Apex 40 please let us know so we can contact them to offer affiliation and friendship. (Besides which we are looking for venues for future 'Rorts').

Stop Press

We have just heard that a past Apexian from Portland (Vic) - a life member of Portland Apex - will be attending the Bendigo Rort and is keen to form a branch of Apex 40 in the Portland area. We look forward to making contact.

LIONEL MUSSELL  
EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

AROUND THE BRANCHESBENDIGO APEX 40

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Bendigo branch members have been busy finalising arrangements for the Rort and are looking forward to a weekend of great fellowship. We have over 60 people registered so a good weekend seems assured. Launceston Apex 40, having finished a bit ahead on last year's Rort, has sent a generous donation towards Rort expenses and this is greatly appreciated. We have been fortunate to have Don and Joyce Dick, from Melbourne/Gippsland branch, temporarily residing in Bendigo and their advice about organisation of previous Rorts has been a great help.

President Ian had his appendix removed on Good Friday (what's so good about that?) and is now taking it easy to ensure that he will be in top condition for the Rort weekend. We are looking forward to meeting members of other Apex 40 branches and offering Bendigo hospitality.

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DEVONPORT APEX 40

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Devonport branch was in recess from January and February and commenced the year with a barbacue/meeting at the home of Terry and Joan Matthews on 12 March. There was a good attendance of members and families who enjoyed the use of the heated indoor swimming pool. Rorters of 1977 will remember this venue!! (We certainly do - Alan Kinder).

Coming events include a Crazy Whist evening in May, our 5th Annual Dinner in June, a suggested weekend bus trip to the Gordon River (south west Tasmania) in the spring.

We now have a new secretary, Judy Jarman who was appointed at our meeting on 12 March.

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MARYBOROUGH APEX 40

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Since our last contact, we have formed a committee to investigate the possibility of hosting a Rort in Maryborough, Queensland. The Chairman of this committee is Maurie Gilmore, and the Secretary Les Wood. It was a unanimous decision of our Club to nominate for the 1981 Rort. Unfortunately, at this stage, our being represented at the Bendigo Rort appears very slim. I wish to emphasise the point that all our members are very enthusiastic about the prospect of hosting the Rort in Maryborough, and feel that we have a lot to offer, even though the Cherry Venture is now to be cut up for scrap.

Our membership, ever on the increase, now stands at thirty very strong members, with the prospect of a very large increase in the near future. We have made contact with ex-Apexians in Childers in an endeavour to form an Apex 40 branch in that town, but further follow up will be necessary before any firm commitment can be made.

On the Social scene, we had a well represented Christmas break-up followed by an enjoyable evening which extended into the small hours of morning at the residence of Les and Jan Wood, who proved to be very gracious and understanding hosts and who also seemed to have a never-ending supply of excellent home brew. After the recess, we started the new year off with a bar-b-que at Maurie and Marie Gilmore's house. This event was well attended, and proved to be a very enjoyable evening. Maurie's player piano was well and truly initiated, and proved to be a great attraction to the children, especially the biggest child present, Past President, George Oldershaw.

Future social functions listed on our calendar include a dinner at the Parkway Restaurant on 12th April, and a dinner/card evening some time in June at the Graham's residence. A fishing/boating trip has been planned to take place in the waters of beautiful Hervey Bay to Round Island (where the Southerner's, Donald and Joyce Dick would really enjoy the plentiful supply of succulent oysters) on 18th May.

Should anyone travel through the area, please don't hesitate to contact our genial President, smiling Terry Zillmann or Secretary Brian Hodges.

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MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND APEX 40

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It's strange to talk about things we did before Christmas, but we did enjoy a couple of good nights. Our night with Nunawading Apex 40 was a great night, so perhaps we could do it again sometime. Another enjoyable night was on December 22nd, when quite a lot of us went to the Airforce Club (thanks to Alan & Marj Flaherty) a great night was had by all. The highlight of the night was the dancing lesson we received from Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers (Colin and Marianne Speirs).

Moomba weekend a few of us had the pleasure of enjoying the wonderful hospitality of Ley & Shirley Carrett at Bonnie Doon. Thank you both for one of the best weekends I have had in a long time, I am sure the others that were there share my thanks. Lorna Ballinger was unable to be with us, as her brother-in-law passed away on the Friday and she flew to Queensland to be with her sister.

### Rumours of the Rort

Shirley Garrett will not be made official coffee-tea lady of the Rort, regardless of her great job Moomba weekend.

The talking tram may never speak again, if Colin Speirs and Barbara Poach do the act they did on the tram in Launceston.

Alan Flaherty has said he will march on Anzac Day and is looking for other starters, he has already got his band (Lionel Russell and trumpet).

22 Thunder Street, Bendigo (the temporary address of Don & Joyce Dick) may or may not be having Devonshire Teas on the Saturday morning (joke Joyce).

On behalf of Melbourne/Gippsland Club, I would like to wish Bendigo Club all the best for the Rort, I am sure it will be a great success - See you at Bendigo.

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The last meeting was a combined Christmas gathering with Melbourne Apex 40 at NADAVOC Sheltered Workshop. Not only was this an enjoyable social event but Jeff Mayne (Manager of NADAVOC) took us on a guided tour of the facilities and the activities undertaken.

We have had an extended break and our next meeting is a film night on the 19th April at the Munawading Apex Clubrooms - just like old times.

A number of male Apex 40 members attended a meeting of the Lions Club of Munawading to see Jeff Mayne inducted as the most recent ex-Apexian member. Interesting to note that the incoming Board of Munawading Lions features:

Secretary: Kevin Frazer, Treasurer: Bruce Lamb, and  
Third Vice President: Geoff Angus.

Seem familiar!

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The Shepparton Apex 40 boys haven't done anything much lately. Our last meeting was held at The Coral Turkish Restaurant and a great night was had by all, plenty of fellowship being the done thing. At this stage it appears unlikely we will be represented at the Bendigo Rort.

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