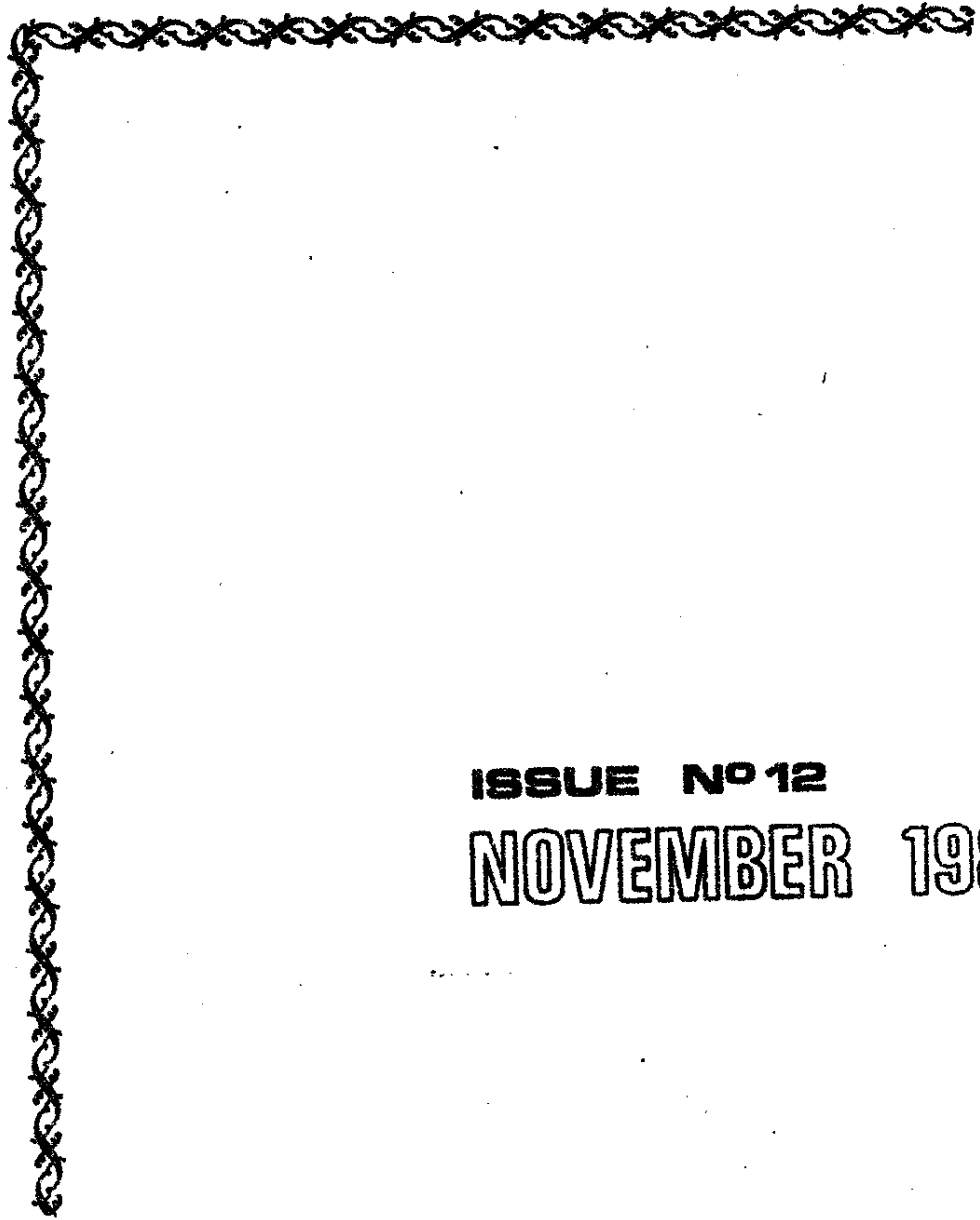


# ROARING 40'S

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FROM THE PRESIDENT -

At a recent Melbourne Gippsland Branch Dinner, the subject of lapel badges was raised again resulting in a request to the National Committee to consider again the availability of suitable badges. What better excuse could we have to hold a National Committee Meeting come BBQ on Sunday October 26 when the following was considered:-

- (a) A final report on the Bendigo Rort was presented by Graeme and Bonnie Elvey who had travelled down from Bendigo to be present.
- (b) The Committee resolved to purchase 150 lapel badges and 50 brooches as a trial. The badges to be a triangular shape with the "Apex 40" name on the front. These badges will be available to all branches at a small charge and it is suggested that members purchase their own badges.
- (c) The Committee also resolved to update and reprint our Apex 40 Leaflet. The present leaflet is several years old and requires updating. Leaflets will be available to all branches for distribution to potential members.

Arrangements for the 1981 Rort are well advanced and included in this issue is an invitation to join the GTM leaving Melbourne on Sunday May 30, 1981, for the Maryborough Rort and returning to Melbourne on June 13, 1981; two weeks of rorting if you can take it. Read the article in this issue and make further enquiries or bookings by contacting Alan Kinder on (03) 88 5124 or Charlie Burgess on (03) 848 1777.

Ern Butler has been active on the Extension Front and his report reveals interest for Apex 40 branches in Portland (Vic), Katanning (WA), and Myrtleford (Vic). All should be good venues for future rorts.

We are receiving some Dinner Notices. Please would all branches put a copy in the mail of your Dinner Notices, or what ever notice you use, to either Secretary Geoff or myself. We would like to know how branches are progressing and news of your meetings, functions, etc. By means of the Roaring 40's we can then tell other branches of your branch.

As Christmas approaches, the National Committee extends to all members our very best wishes for Christmas and the new year and please take care.

KEVIN FRAZER

1981 RORT - MARYBOROUGH, QUEENSLAND  
THE G.T.N. IS ON!

Yes, the Great Trek North is a goer. We have more than 30 starters from Melbourne/Gippsland and Bendigo branches who will be travelling by bus to Maryborough for the Rort - Fun in the sun in '81.

We have booked the bus with Dyson's Bus Services - the pride of the fleet, a 45 seater GM beautifully appointed. Accommodation on the way up and back is being arranged where possible in on-site caravans and guest houses or hotels rather than more costly motels. With these arrangements we can work on an average of about \$15.00 for bed and breakfast. We should be able to organise light lunches ourselves and for dinner we can visit clubs, pubs or have our own BBQ. This should work out at about another \$15.00 per day for lunch and dinner.

With 40 people on the bus, the cost for the whole trip up and back will be \$90.00. If we have less this cost will increase slightly.

Putting all of this together we will be looking at about \$390.00 for travel, accommodation and meals for the trip up and back plus about \$100.00 for accommodation, meals and functions for the three days of the Rort at Maryborough.

In round figures that works out at around \$500.00 for a fortnight's holiday up north, including all the fun and action of our Apex 40 Rort. Certainly an offer too good to refuse!

The itinerary for the trip, which will leave Melbourne on Sunday May 30, is as follows:-

Sunday	- To Wagga Wagga (via Bendigo)
Monday	- To Sydney
Tuesday	- In Sydney
Wednesday	- To Coffs Harbour
Thursday	- To Surfer's Paradise (lunch at Byron Bay - most easterly part of Australia)
Friday	- To Maryborough for the Rort
Saturday/ Sunday	- Rorting in Maryborough
Monday	- To Coolangatta (Queen's Birthday)
Tuesday	- In Coolangatta (or elsewhere around the Gold Coast)
Wednesday	- To Port Macquarie
Thursday	- To Wollongong (We hope to arrange a night with Illawarra branch - a Mini Rort?)
Friday	- To Albury (last chance at the pokies !)
Saturday	- Home Sweet Home (June 13)

We have confirmed the itinerary with the bus company and they are now proceeding to arrange the accommodation. Dyson's manager, Mr. Bill Deacon, will be a guest at the February meeting of Melbourne/Gippsland branch when we will be able to confirm final arrangements and sort out any incidental matters.

We will require a deposit of \$150 per person at that time and, in the meantime, we will accept part or full payment of that sum in advance. Payment can be made to Melbourne/Gippsland Secretary, Lorraine.

1981 REPORT CONT'D

As we already have more than 30 definite starters, there are not too many seats left and these will have to be allocated on a first-in/first-served basis. If you wish to get in on the action please ring Alan Kinder on (03) 88 5124 or Charlie Burgess on (03) 848 1777.

A few people have indicated that they will travel by bus one way, either up or back, and fly the other. This will reduce the time to about 10 days for the whole trip and mean taking only one week off work. We should be able to arrange "pairs" to enable this to be done.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the previous issue of "Roaring 40's" \$20.00 Affiliation Fees have been received from a further four branches. Launceston, Melbourne/Gippsland, Stawell, Maryborough and Devonport have now paid and I am pleased to be able to acknowledge their payments. As you will have seen from President Kevin Frazer's Report, we will be faced with a couple of items of substantial expenditure. In particular, the printing of a new Apex 40 Leaflet describing Apex 40 and designed to help in the formation of new Apex 40 branches. These expenses will considerably reduce our bank balance.

I therefore ask Branch Presidents and Treasurers to ensure that the \$20 Affiliation Fee is paid as soon as practicable. Please forward cheques made payable to "Apex 40" to me at 1 Denman Street, Mitcham, Vic., 3132.

You will see that the section "Around the Branches" is quite small this issue. That's a pity. It's a major part of "Roaring 40's" and I am sure branch members like to see their particular branch included. All branches are circularised prior to the production of each issue with a request for two or three paragraphs of news.

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The difference between private enterprise and Government?  
The formulas for making Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken are still secrets. How to make a hydrogen bomb is on the newsstand.

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EXTENSION REPORT

Contacts have been made with East Burwood, Waverly, Sunraysia, Katanning W.A. and an ex-member of Wangaratta who now lives at Myrtleford.

So far East Burwood have advised that they do not wish to start a club at this stage but there are several interested people who will probably join Nunawading or Melbourne/Gippsland.

I am still waiting on replies from the other contacts but I think at least a couple of these should be very interested in forming a club.

I will be following up a contact from Portland in the next few days as there appears to be great prospects in that area.

Ern Butler,  
Extension Chairman.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

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I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of my branch, to sincerely thank Bendigo Club for the tremendous Rort weekend, it really was as Alan Kinder said, a fambloodytastic weekend!! Congratulations Bendigo.

Well our plans for Maryborough's Rort next year are well under way, we are making a fortnights trip by bus. I don't know what the theme for next year is yet, but I think ours will be "We will have fun in '81".

We are having a Christmas luncheon at Rembrandts on December 14 (hasn't this year flown).

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year for all Apex 40 members.

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According to a well known doctor, the three stages of a man's life are: Tri-weekly, try weekly and try weakly.

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AROUND THE CLUBS CONT'DBendigo

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Following the Rort the Bendigo Club decided to hold a family BBQ at the Bagshot Hall on Sunday May 25. 34 members attended plus our good friend from Melbourne/Gippsland Club, Alan Kinder.

Our June meeting was a Chinese Banquet held at Kings Garden Chinese Restaurant. The evening started out with some members intending to keep count of how many courses we were going to have, half way through the evening this task became difficult, towards the end totally impossible. A good night was enjoyed by all present.

The next Club outing was the Premiere Film night, "Xanadu", organised by Bendigo Apex Club. Following the film we enjoyed a Champagne and Chicken Supper.

On September 27 members had a great night at a Theatre Restaurant. The show called "The Don Dane Dazzler Show" was produced and directed by Dot Kennedy. Remember Dot sang the Rort Song at the Bendigo Rort. The evening commenced with sherries followed by a smorgasboard dinner and the show.

I know its early, but Merry Christmas and a great New Year to you all from members Bendigo Apex 40.

Devonport

President: Frank Rose,  
11 Heathcote Street,  
Silverstone, Tas., 7315.

Secretary: Jenny Littler,  
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Devonport, Tas., 7310.

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We are having a successful Apex 40 year with numbers averaging 16 at monthly meetings, which take the form of a counter tea, at various venues, followed by a short business session, much talking, and supper at members' homes.

We had 32 people, including two local Apex presidents and wives, at our Annual Dinner at Nietta Country Cottage in June. Log fires, rustic surroundings and country-style food combined to make an enjoyable evening. In August we had a Saturday evening meeting in the form of a buffet dinner at Mac and Margaret Addison's home (out on the farm).

Recently, 12 families travelled to the beach resort of Boat Harbour, where we spent an enjoyable weekend at the Seaway Motel. Facilities include heated indoor pool, spa and sauna, so a good time was enjoyed by all - should provide some good fines at the Christmas Dinner! Forty-five of us sat down to dinner on Saturday night, with much story-telling and hilarity.

AROUND THE CLUBS CONT'D

Devonport Cont'd

We are combining with Launceston Club for a Christmas Dinner at Mountain View Motel, Deloraine, which is halfway between Devonport and Launceston. Past Apexians from the Deloraine area will also be invited.

Illawarra

President: John Mandl

Secretary: Ross Wilson

The following has been extracted from a recent Dinner Notice:-

"Last Dinner: The 19 guys who attended the Market Street Bistro enjoyed reasonable food, adequate refreshments, rubbing shoulders with a large crowd of younger denizens, friendly, and at times, side-splitting service, a singing competition and the dubious company of West Wollongong Apexians, who tried to give us a bad name by tempting some of our weaker members without much success. John Seberry enjoyed a Back to Bourke night and some of us enjoyed a discourse with Leo about bread and making it. The four gents who said they were coming but did not arrive might like to see Harold with their remittances.

I hope that the ten fellows who booked for the District Dinner were able to make it otherwise the West Wollongongians will be after you and remember that they don't respect old age unless its bottled.

Quote of the Month: He won't take his doctor's advice to stop drinking, he says there are more old drunks than old doctors. "

Stawell

President: Rex Overall,  
P.O. Box 233,  
Stawell, Vic., 3380.

Secretary: Val Davis,  
P.O. Box 225,  
Stawell, Vic., 3380.

Val has advised that Stawell Apex 40 have 18 financial members and hold a dinner every three months. If you happen to visit Stawell on business or holidays I am sure Rex or Val would like to hear from you.

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Fat diner to companion: I watch very carefully what I eat - then I eat it.

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Junior executive to friend: "My boss and I never clash. He goes his way and I go hiss."

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ODE TO AN EXAPEXIAN

My days of youth are ending  
My torch of life is out  
What used to be my sex appeal  
Is now my water spout.

Time was when, of it's own accord  
From out my "fly" twould spring  
But now I have a blasted job  
to find the bloody thing.

It used to be embarrassing  
The way it would behave  
For early in the morning  
It stood and watched me shave.

But as old age approaches  
It sure gives me the blues  
To see it hang it's withered head  
and watch me clean my shoes.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The following article has been extracted from the September 1980 issue of "The Apexian":-

FOUNDERS DINNER PLANS

Plans for the staging of a Jubilee Founders Dinner on Wednesday April 15 were released this week.

The Dinner, while not part of the National Convention itself, is already attracting a lot of interest from past and present members of the Association and will certainly be a highlight for the many past Apexians who are expected to attend.

Venue is the South Barwon Civic Centre in Belmont and the cost is approximately \$20 per head. It will be a mixed dinner.

Announcing the Dinner National Vice President Peter Baulch said an invitation was extended to all Life Governors, Life Members, all past Association Presidents as well as members of the current National Board.

Specials guests at the Dinner will be the Founders, Ewen Laird, Langham Proud and Sir John Buchan.

Bookings are to be made through the Secretariat on the printed coupon on the front page on this issue of "The Apexian". A cheque for the amount must be included with the booking and made payable to "Founders Dinner".

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DINNER CONT'D

"Unless Apexians have already book accommodation for the National Convention accommodation bookings will not be handled by either the Secretariat or the Convention Committee.

"If you want to stay over night then you must make your own arrangements and bookings" Peter said.

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Below is a copy of the Founders Dinner Booking Coupon should you wish to attend cut out the Coupon and post, with your cheque, to the Apex Secretariat, P.O. Box 421, Milsons Point, N.S.W., 2061.

FOUNDERS DINNER BOOKING COUPON	
To: "Founders Dinner"	
Apex Secretariat	
PO Box 421, Milsons Point..NSW..2061	
Please make ..... bookings for the "Founders Dinner" to be held on Wednesday April 15 at the South Barwon Civic Centre, Belmont. Enclosed is \$..... towards the cost of the Dinner.	
Name	.....
Address:	.....
	.....
Club:	.....(Please attach list of people attending if insufficient room)