



ROARING 40's

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Firstly, let me say that I am very conscious of the fine job done by my predecessors and if I can reach somewhere near their standard then I will be very happy.

In any organization it is the Secretary who does most of the work and I am very lucky to have Alan Kinder holding down that position and this I feel assures us all of a good year ahead.

I am hoping for, and expect to see, a considerable growth in our ranks over the next 12 months. Ron Clarke who was elected Extension Chairman at the Fort is very keen and already has a number of leads he is following up.

Whilst on Extension, might I suggest that we all give Apex a plug whenever the opportunity might arise. It is amazing the number of ex-Apearians who still do not know that we exist.

I would like to thank those members responsible for my nomination and election as your President for this coming 12 months and look forward to an enjoyable term.

ERN BUTLER

SECRETARIAL

Following receipt of reactions from Branches on the question of 'lapel badges' - which were in the main favourable - a motion was adopted at the A.G.M. that we have lapel badges, brooches and pendants made for purchase by members. Discussion then proceeded on to the matter of name badges for use at dinners, social gatherings, etc. and after protracted debate the meeting agreed to have a standardised name badge.

Faced with requests to produce both lapel and name badges, we have decided to proceed initially with name badges and hope to have a prototype produced shortly to send around to branches for consideration. Basically it will be triangular in shape, with gold lettering on a blue background bearing the Apex emblem at the top with the member's name and branch below. The reason for pursuing the name badge first is wholly financial since they will be produced on an individual 'cash up' basis, whereas we would have to lay out a large amount initially for lapel badges. As we are faced with the immediate cost of producing new brochures, to assist in extension, the decision was not difficult.

On the question of finances, branch secretaries are reminded that affiliation fees of \$20 per branch for 1981/82 are now payable.

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Opening Bank Balance

\$351.27

Receipts:

Affiliation fees from branches
 1980/81 @ \$20.00 per branch
 Melbourne-Gippsland
 Maryborough
 Stawell
 Devonport
 Bendigo
 Warracknabeal
 Illawarra
 Launceston (1981/82)
 Note: Launceston paid their
 1980/81 fee in the
 previous financial year \$160.00

Bank Interest 13.21

Fines - 1980 Rort 8.00

\$181.21

Expenditure:

Postage \$ 65.83

Stencils, paper and
 photocopying for
 Roaring 40's 117.40

\$183.23

Deficit for Year

\$ 2.02

Closing Bank Balance\$349.25SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1981/82

Receipts:

Affiliation Fees - 10@ \$20 \$200.00
 Bank Interest 15.00

\$215.00

Expenditure:

Postage 80.00
 Production of "Roaring 40's" 100.00

Engraving of "The Wizzy"
 Trophy 10.00

New Apex 40 Brochure 140.00
 Contingencies 30.00

\$360.00

Expected Deficit For Year

\$145.00

Secretary/Treasurer

Nomination: Alan Kinder (Melb.-Gippsland)
 Nominated by Ern Butler, Seconded by Keith Hayes.

As only one nomination was received, Alan Kinder was declared elected.

Extension Chairman

Nomination: Ron Clarke (Bendigo)
 Nominated by Graham Elvey, Seconded by Ern Butler.

As only one nomination was received, Ron Clarke was declared elected.

Committee Members

Nomination: Lorraine Burgess (Melb.-Gippsland)
 Nominated by Don Dick, Seconded by Jenny Littler.

Nomination: Herb Neil (Maryborough)
 Nominated by Ern Butler, Seconded by Alan Kinder.

Nomination: Lorna Ballinger (Melb.-Gippsland)
 Nominated by Owen Ballinger, Seconded by Nola Kinder.

Nomination: Ley Garrett (Melb.-Gippsland)
 Nominated by Alan Kinder, Seconded by Lorna Ballinger.

Moved Bill Cunliffe, Seconded Kevin Harvey:

"That we have 4 Committee Members for 1981/82."
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General Business:

- Secretary, Geoff Angus, reported on the result of a survey of Branches seeking their attitudes to the production of an Apex 40 lapel badge, brooch and pendant and chain.

Bendigo	-	strongly in favour
Devonport	-	strongly against
Launceston	-	evenly divided
Maryborough	-	strongly in favour
Melb.-Gippsland	-	strongly in favour

Moved Terry Zillman, Seconded Maurie Gilmour:

"That we have an Apex 40 lapel badge, brooch and pendant & chain."
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- Moved Ken Neate, Seconded Herb Neil:

"That we have a name badge for use at dinner and social meetings."

Amendment:

Moved David Mansfield, Seconded Pat Cody:

"That the words 'and the design of the name badge be at the discretion of the individual Branch' be added to the motion."
 LOST

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Bendigo

President: Ron Clarke
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Secretary: Meryl Clarke
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Our get-togethers this year have varied from a family B.B.Q. day, bus to Melbourne for last night performance of "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas", a pub counter tea followed by a meeting at President's home, also a successful casserole evening at Marg & Ross O'Neill's.

New members welcomed during the year have been Pauleen and David Barber from down Castlemaine way, and on the local scene, Elayne and Malcolm Andrew and Joan and Denis Berlowitz.

Twelve of our group travelled to Maryborough Rort in June - happy memories and thanks to Bev Hodges and her Northerners for their hospitality. Thoughts of all that sea food still make the mouth water. Congratulations to Ern Butler, our new National President. His performance on the Saturday evening and the tales told on the trek up north and back, must rank him "Performer of the Year".

All have been deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic death of our member and pal, John Tonkin, whilst holidaying in Northern Queensland. Apex 40 and Life Members of Bendigo Apex Club have recently presented a President's Chain to the Bendigo Apex Club, in this their 50th Year, in memory of John Tonkin. John had been a very popular and active member of Bendigo Apex Club over the years, with his Life Membership recently being awarded. His wife, Trish, is to receive this award at the Apex Hand-Over Dinner during August.

September 19th is the date for our next function. Looking forward to having Melbourne/Gippsland group to visit the Bendigo 'goldfields' for a 'lost' weekend early October.

Illawarra

President: Ross Wilson,
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Wollongong, N.S.W. 2500
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Secretary: Bob Grey
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From July dinner notice -

"Our Victorian visitors should certainly remember Wollongong - even if only for the weather. The coldest, windiest night for years may have been an opportunity for jokes about Melbourne weather, but it was no night for an outdoor meal. Fortunately, the venue was suitable for quick improvisation. We were doubly fortunate in that the club is on the same power line as the Westfield Centre, which meant we did not have any blackouts. After all the trauma of getting the show on the road, it turned out to be a warm and friendly evening.

From August dinner notice -

"During a discussion of planned parenthood among our friends our teenage son was glad to volunteer his opinion: "I think planned parenthood is an excellent idea. At least, I'm sure there are some things about my parents that could have been planned better"."

Melbourne-Gippsland

President:	Colin Speirs, 3 Utah Court, Nth. Dandenong Vic. 3175 (P) (03) 795 7385 (B) (03) 874 4444	Secretary:	Lorraine Burgess, 16 Bullen Street, E. Doncaster, Vic. 3109. (P) (03) 848 1777
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The Maryborough Rort was a terrific success, so on behalf of the bus travellers, I would like to say a big thanks to all Maryborough members.

We had a Bingo night at Nadavoc sheltered workshop on July 18th and raised \$107.30 which, with the Government grant of 4 to 1, will help the services provided at Nadavoc.

September 19th we are having a Progressive Dinner - these nights are always great, so it should be a lot of fun.

Bendigo Club has invited us to visit them for a weekend in October and we are looking forward to that weekend.

Maryborough

President:	Daphne Neil, 28 Hyne Street, Maryborough, Qld. 4650. (071) 21 4007	Secretary:	Bev Hodges, 59 Creek Road, Maryborough, Qld. 4650. (071) 21 4675.
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Our Annual Hand-over Dinner was held on 1st August and the following office-bearers were elected:

President:	Daphne Neil
Secretary:	Beverley Hodges
Treasurer:	Eric Sherwin
Social	
Director:	Larry Zillman

Note that it is not only the "Year of the Disabled" but the "Year of the Women" also!
(I knew Daph and Bev were women, but hadn't noticed their disabilities! - Ed.)

The Rort was not only a social success but also financially successful, that is we were able to send donations of \$20 to the Sub-Normal Sheltered Workshop and \$20 to the State Emergency Service in Maryborough - the former being fines money raised at

crab sticks and claws! Eventually and regretfully they had to admit defeat.

Here's a law of nature, that didn't come from Wollongong - Mussell's law:

"Person who eats prawns never to constipated."

Ross and Pat Wilson came from Wollongong though. It was the first time we had representatives from Illawarra branch along at a Rort and, after a friendly evening with them, on the way home for the 'bus trippers', I am certain we can expect a good contingent at the next Rort.

Ross was a great help in providing navigational instructions for the trip home. Saved us quite a deal of time getting past Newcastle and Sydney and only sent us through one detour and across one bridge with a weight limit considerably less than the bus.

Saturday night's function was a riot! Well there nearly was one when the "Footlight Follies" paraded their entire repertoire. But everyone agreed next day that they had been thoroughly entertained - one way or another.

Undisputed highlight of the night was when Err Butler took over from "Fat Mama" - the show's 'sit-down' comedienne - and showed her how it was done. The show was not in the class of 'Plinge's Music Hall' (Bendigo Rort) but Herry, Dennis/Denice, the 'Spaniard', the 'Soubrette' and 'Mario Lanza' gave us a lot of laughs.

At the business session, last year's holder of the Whizzy trophy, Jenny Littler presented it to Ron Clarke who had made a name for himself before he learned to pace his can guzzling in the bus on the trip up. Jenny, in her presentation speech, showed the depth of humility and pride expected of a worthy holder of the trophy.

Sunday was a marathon, with an early start for the Fraser Island adventure - after the Saturday night 'Follies' marathon - but it was an enjoyable and extremely interesting day. Although one might say that the commentary of the tour guides was, at times, a bit "pithy". Seems that the old-time loggers on the Island used the pith of one of the trees to boil up a lively brew - upon which they proceeded to get 'nithe and pithed'.
