



ROARING 40's

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF APEX 40
An Association for Past Apexians for Continuing Fellowship

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a tussle it was at the nominations for President at the Marysville Convention! My twisted arm has only just come right to put pen to paper!

Secretary/Treasurer David and I have had several meetings at the local football matches, and we have become very vocal offering advice to the men in white, and encouragement to our own players. After much thought and consideration I feel that to make Apex 40 a successful organisation there is a need for present members to go out of their way just a little to encourage, not advise, retiring Apexians to participate. The same encouragement is perhaps required to persuade Apex 40 members to attend the Rorts. Once the effort has been made and the wonderful fellowship experienced, you will wonder why you haven't done it before!

I feel Apex has a need at present for the help of Apex 40. Membership is a serious problem with some clubs losing their charters. Why not look around and find a young man to introduce to the membership director of your local Apex Club.

Devonport Apex 40 has agreed to host "Fun galore in '84", and has decided on the weekend of 11th, 12th and 13th May, 1984, which coincides with school holidays in Victoria and N.S.W., and we look forward to meeting many new Apex 40 members.

JOCK LITTLER
National President

SECRETARIAL

Thank you for the good wishes received from various Clubs on my appointment as Secretary/Treasurer.

Affiliation Fees have been received from Melbourne-Gippsland, Morella, Bendigo, Devonport, Sunraysia and our newest club Bundaberg. Also member at large Peter Dawson, Culoundra.

As mentioned in the President's Message the 1984 RORT will be held in Devonport from Friday evening May 11th to Sunday May 13th.

We are looking forward to not only seeing the regular RORTERS, but also others who have yet to sample a weekend of fun and frolic. Why not make it a holiday in Tassie and experience the thrill of winning at the Hobart or Launceston Casino? seeing the magnificent mountain rural and coastal scenery, or pulling your foot from a bog at the discontinued South West dam site! For those coming for the weekend it is envisaged travelling Melbourne/Devonport on Friday evening arriving about 8.00 p.m. returning to Melbourne on Sunday about 4.00 p.m. If coming earlier there are several flights daily from Melbourne to Hobart (300 Km from Devonport) or Launceston (100 Km from Devonport) or direct to Devonport. The car/passenger ferry "Empress of Australia" leaves Melbourne every Monday Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 p.m. Arriving Devonport at 9.30 a.m. the next morning, returning to Melbourne Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays at 7.30 p.m. Start saving now for Devonport in May, 84.

DAVID MANSFIELD

EXTENSION

Bundaberg Apex 40 is now well and truly under way with 11 couples already and a few more interested. Our congratulations to Maryborough for their efforts, and we hope those prospective members will soon join the fold.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Marysville, Vic.

Sunday 24th April, 1983

Present: Approximately 40 Rorters representing Bendigo, Devonport, Melbourne - Gippsland, Nunawading and Sunraysia branches.

Welcome and
President's
Report:

National President Ern Butler welcomed all in attendance and reported on activities during the past year.

He noted that a total of \$1500 had been contributed to the Apex National President's Bushfire Relief Appeal representing donations from 12 branches, viz. Bendigo, Devonport, Launceston District, Maryborough, Melb/Gippsland, Morella, Nunawading, Orbost, Stawell, Sunraysia, Warracknabeal and Waverley.

Ern said he had appreciated the opportunity to be President of Apex 40 and wished his successor well.

Sergeant-at
-Arms:

Ian Goff and Colin Speirs were appointed Sergeants-at-Arms.

Greetings:

Greetings were received from Don & Val Addison, Devonport and Jim & Melva Banks, Sunraysia.

Secretarial &
Financial
Reports:

1. Secretarial Report

- (a) Roaring 40's - Three issues published during the year. Consideration should be given by incoming Secretary to convening a sub-committee to assist and having newsletter printed commercially.
- (b) Name Badges - 64 badges ordered during past 10 months. Alan Kinder will continue to arrange ordering and supply of badges.
- (c) Annual Subscriptions - 11 branches (out of 15) had paid subs. Varied subscriptions related to membership had operated satisfactorily and should be continued on same basis for next year.
- (d) Recommended Budget - as for previous year.

2. Financial Report

Financial Statement - June 1, 1982 to April 24, 1983

Opening Bank Balance \$270.52

Receipts:

Affiliation fees from branches 1982/83	
Bendigo	\$20
Devonport	\$30
Launceston District	\$20
Maryborough	\$20
Melbourne/Gippsland	\$50
Morella	\$20

Nunawading	\$25	
Orbost	\$15	
Stawell	\$20	
Sunraysia	\$45	
Warracknabeal	\$20	
Member at large	\$ 2	
		\$287.00

Bank Interest		4.77
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Excess on Name Badges		48.00
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		<u>339.77</u>
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Expenditure:

Postage		73.70
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Printing "Roaring 40's" (Stencils, Paper)		98.50
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Stationery(Envelopes)		74.02
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F.I. Duty		.72
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Surplus for Year:		\$ 92.83
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Rort Contingency Fund:		\$400.00
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Closing Bank Balance		<u>\$763.35</u>
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Annual

Subscriptions: Moved Alan Kinder, Seconded Les John "that branch subscriptions for 1983/84 be payable at the rate of \$1.00, per couple or single members with a minimum subscriptions of \$20 and a maximum subscription of \$50.

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Extensions

Report: Extension Chairman, Ron Clarke, reported as follows:

This year has flown by and I have not achieved a great deal of success. On my travels there has been some interest shown in Wangaratta, Korumburra and Leongatha, and in time we may have some success in these areas.

It appears there is always interest, but the big question is to find someone willing to get the club off the ground.

As I mentioned last year, we all have to be extension minded, to help our association grow. I feel as the years go by and more Apexians are joining at an older age and staying to retirement, we will gain more new branches and members.

It was very pleasing to see Maryborough getting Bundaberg branch going in Queensland, after a lot of effort - congratulations to you all.

IN closing, the past two years as Extension Chairman have been enjoyable and I wish to thank Secretary Alan for his efforts and keeping me informed with up to date news.

To the incoming Extension Chairman go my best wishes for lots of success in the future.

1984 Rort: No offer was made to host next year's Rort. Appointment of a place and time will be left in the hands of incoming executives.

"Wizzy Trophy": Les John, on behalf of last year's Winner Nance Linton (Sunraysia), presented the "Wizzy" to Geoff Angus (Melb/Gippsland - Nunawading)

Election of Apex 40 National

Committee: On the recommendation of retiring President Ern Butler, it was agreed to elect only President, Secretary/Treasurer and Extension Chairman as other offices were found to be unnecessary.

- * On the nomination of Ern Butler, seconded by Alan Flaherty - Jock Littler (Devonport) was elected National President.
- * On the nomination of Geoff Angus, seconded Nola Kinder - David Mansfield (Devonport) was elected Secretary/Treasurer.
- * ON the nomination of Alan Kinder, seconded by Keith Haymes - Garth Whitchurch (Melb/Gipps) was elected Extension Chairman.

General Business: Nil

Incoming President: Jock Littler took the chair. A vote of thanks to the retiring President and Secretary/Treasurer was proposed by Margaret Hookey on behalf of all Apex 40 Members and carried with acclamation.

Close: President Jock declared the meeting closed - on with the Rort.

MARYSVILLE MEMORANDA

Everyone agreed the weekend at Marysville was one to remember - all in together under the one roof at Mary-Lyn Guest House was an ideal way to hold a Rort.

Some of the ladies were not too keen about the sign outside announcing "Holidays for Over 50's" - and some of the fellows weren't all that impressed either.

Proprietors Malcolm and Ann Reid made us very welcome. Malcolm is a past member of Drouin Apex.

Plenty of time and plenty of room to get together and enjoy the company of fellow Rorters. Plenty of things to do - Rorters indulged in golf, tennis, bowls, croquet, pool, table-tennis, bushwalking, sight seeing, horse riding: God, what a sporty rorty lot! Or you could just sit around and chat - lots of knitting done over the weekend. Oh yes, nearly forgot - booze available at all times. What a naughty rorty lot!

Some of the more notable sporting achievements were -

Mary Cunliffe won a trophy at the local bowling club's Saturday competition. Geoff Angus played some extended sets of tennis, with such diuretic effects as to qualify him for the 'Whizzy' trophy.

New National President Jock Littler was the only one who seemed to know the difference between a croquet and a roquet. Marg Hookey and 'Meggs' Clarke displayed promise, and some fascinating postures, with the croquet mallet! 19 golfers (?) attacked the picturesque local course. Ian Gaffney took off the trophy and Lois Stanford had best score among the girls. Colin Speirs put on a great show for the gallery with a 'Birdie' two on the last hole. David Bentley went horse riding on Sunday morning and earned himself the nickname 'Clancy'. Ern Butler and Alan Kinder beat all-comers at table-tennis.

Lionel Russell missed the Rort this year for the first time. There are only five stalwarts left who have attended all eight Rorts - the Littlers, the Kinders and Ern Butler.

The champagne 'morning-tea' was on again, at Lake Mountain, accompanied this time by scones, jam and cream - and pelting rain. But who cared? It was crowded and cosy under shelter in front of the fire.

Saturday night Dinner-dance entertainment was provided by 'one-man band' Jerry Martin (No sign of Dean Lewis). Jerry was a great entertainer (for a pom), and had a lot of assistance from the yodelling parson, Father O'Flaherty.

The following new verse for the Rort song evolved over the weekend - thanks mainly to Alan Kinder and Trish Tonkin.

For a spree in '83,
Marysville - the place to be.
We rambled in to Mary-Lyn,
All together for a Rorty happening.
Golf and tennis, bowls and croquet,
Lots of food and fun and hokey-pokey.
Mountain greenery, autumn scenery
And Rorting's still our game.

With three women on board for the trip home to Bendigo - Shirl, Meryl and Trish - Kevin Harvey was looking for a pair of ear plugs.

9th May, 1983

Dear Alan,

Many thanks for your letter of 22nd April, 1983 and your best wishes to me.

We are absolutely delighted by the magnificent gesture on the part of individual members in forwarding now a total of \$1500 to the Bushfire Appeal. Please convey our sincere thanks to all concerned.

Alan, I do hope that we can meet at some early stage, possibly when I am next in Melbourne to discuss the progress of Apex 40, your future plans, operations etc.

I certainly am very unaware of all the details of your operation, and would appreciate learning more.

Regards

BOB GILLIVER
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

David Mansfield,
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Devonport,
Tasmania,
AUSTRALIA

Dear David,

Greetings from New Zealand.

In discussions with 41 South Africa, a tour by ex-Tablers is planned for early 1985 and mid 1985 in order to suit all occupations etc, and the thought was raised that some of your members might like to join us on this Tour.

We believe this may strengthen our two associations and give us the opportunity of advising you about 41 International.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours in 41,

W. ALLEN YOUNG
International Councillor

I have written to Allen for further details.
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BENDIGO

Our meetings so far this year have been well attended with members enjoying a variety of entertainment.

In April we had an enjoyable night at the home of Bonnie & Greame Elvey, a casserole tea was followed by a game of crazy wheat, judging by the noise not only the game was crazy. May saw us dine in style at the "Emperor of China" restaurant. Twenty seven members enjoyed a Chinese banquet and finished the night with coffee at the Clarke's. We were also happy to have with us for the night, Neil and Marg Hookey from the Melbourne/Gippsland Club who were visiting Elayner and Mal for the weekend.

Once again we decided in favour of a casserole tea for the month of July held at the home of Ron and Meryl Clarke, a short meeting followed to organise our "golf weekend" in September when we have challenged Melbourne/Gippsland members to a game of golf.

Those of us who were fortunate to attend the "Rort" at Marysville once again had a "rortous" time and thank Melbourne Gippsland for an enjoyable weekend. Congratulations to new office bearers, Jock, David and Garth.

DEVONPORT

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Devonport Club has had a number of successful meetings lately.

A fun "Crazy Whist" night was held in May at the home of Barbara & Geoff Winspear, East Devonport. Twenty four members attended and the game was won by Val Addison and Len Jarman.

This was our Annual Election night and the following were elected:-

<u>President</u>	Barry Simpson	<u>Vice President</u>	Bern Papworth
<u>Secretary</u>	Margaret Simpson	<u>Treasurer</u>	Jean Matthews

It was also moved at this meeting that Devonport host the 1984 Rort - Committee to be formed at the August meeting.

June meeting was in the form of a Fund Raising Dinner held at Bud and Mary Jarman's home at Leith, this was in aid of their daughter Leanne who is an entrant in the Miss Teena Quest for Retarded Children Welfare Association. Again a very good attendance of Twenty three raising \$170.00.

July, our Annual Dinner which was held at the Bridge Hotel, Forth, twenty five members attended and enjoyed a very good four course dinner. Good both in quality and quantity.

Next meeting is to be August 10th at Dianne and Peter Miller's home, Devonport. Another dinner dance is being planned for the 1st October, at the Ulverstone Golf Club. Hope to see most members there.

Devonport wishes affiliated Clubs all the best and continuing fellowship to everyone.

ILLAWARRA

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Last dinner notice members were heading for Heidi's German Restaurant Wollongong in June. July was being planned for Kiaina Bowling Club.%

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Launceston have been busy sampling different dinner venues each month. Chinese, Mexican and in July "Aristocract" (I wonder if it was very English!) Beaut to read you have gathered another two couples to your throng. Good Luck.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND

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Although the financial membership has dropped slightly, we are getting larger attendances at our functions.

On June 1st fifty one attended our "Dimboola Wedding Reception". Win and Marty Hopper were the bride and groom (the only ones still able to fit into their own bridal gear). Bride's parents - Nola and Alan Kinder, Groom's parents - Don and Joyce Dick, Bridesmaids - Barbara Neate and Lois Ritchie, Flower girl - Marieanne Speirs, Best man - Keith Haymes, Minister - Bruce Caughey, Rabbi - John Ritchie (supposed to be Catholic priest but looked more like a Rabbi) M.C. - Colin Speirs.

The rest turned up in their 1950 finery (plenty of old furs and picture hats to say nothing of the braces and boots). We even had an old tramp known as "Bayonet" better known to us as Ian Goff who was kept busy taking 4 reels of movie. The official Still photographer was John Stevenson.

The M.C. and all the speech-makers had us in fits of laughter all night. I don't think we'll forget that meeting for a long time. We even had a two-storey wedding cake beautifully cooked and decorated by Marj Flaherty.

On July 10th another excellent day was held at Lionel Mussell's home where fifty one of us (not all the same faces as last time) gathered to celebrate our 10 years of existence. The weather was sunny but the wind was coming straight from the Antarctic. However, there was plenty of warmth and good fellowship. It must have been very gratifying for the inaugural members (only two missing) to see so many people thoroughly enjoying each others company.

Marj Flaherty once again made our birthday cake - what would we do without Marj? President Lorraine made a very sincere speech which echoed everyone else's feelings concerning our club. A very good day was had by all, despite Kevin Fraser's comments in the visitors' book "Even the brass monkeys would be in trouble".

We hope your appointment as National Secretary didn't come as too much of a shock David. We wish you and Jock all the best for the coming year.

MORELLA

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The West Australian Club started the year off with a back to front Dinner with a difference - that's really testing the digestive system. June found twelve members and four teenagers having a great day bush walking. July they joined forces with the Morley Apex Club manning the bar at the Avon Descent and sharing the profits. Assistance has been given the new Apex Club of Forrestfield with public speaking.

SUNRAYSLIA

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Sounds as though Sunraysia Club really had a "ball" at the Mildura Club with a Games Night in July. Note with interest you are staging a mini Rort in September, sounds as if you are getting your running shoes in order for the big ONE on the Apple Isle in May.

WAVERLEY

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Haven't heard any news for sometime. Hope you had an enjoyable Chinese Dinner meeting on June 3rd.

MARYBOROUGH

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MARYBOROUGH

The year is drawing to a close for the present executive and we wish our new executive - President Geoff Moller and Secretary/Treasurer Maurie Gilmore who take over the Handover Dinner on 20th August all the best for a rewarding year ahead. It looks as if our membership will soon rise as the new "Apex Oldies" have indicated their eagerness to continue friendships formed during their active Apex years. The club is growing.

The annual progressive dinner was a happy occasion and the highlight of the social activities. We chartered a bus for the trips between the various venues at Tinana, thereby not having to worry about .05 and blowing into that little bag! With Graham Gauld continuing at the reins as social director we are assured of a variety of social activities.