



ROARING 40's

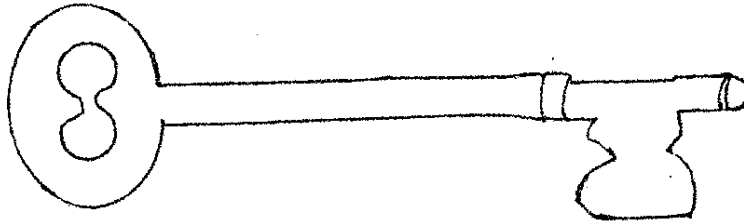
NATIONAL NEWSLETTER OF APEX 40
An Association for Past Apexians for Continuing Fellowship

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the importance of using reliable sources and ensuring the accuracy of the information gathered.

3. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and conclusions. It reiterates the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation to ensure the effectiveness of the program and to identify areas for improvement.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Fun Galore in '84" is fast approaching and we have already received some registrations. I was pleased to receive a phone call from Garth Whitchurch recently with news of probable numbers from Melbourne/Gippsland and Bendigo.

Regular rorters have already experienced the wonderful friendships and fellowship of our Apex 40 Rorts. If you haven't yet attended a Rort do endeavour to join us in Devonport in May.

The "continuing fellowship" of Apex 40 convinces me of the value of our organisation in maintaining friendships made in earlier Apex years. Through our annual Rorts we also have the opportunity to establish and maintain friendships with past Apexians from interstate.

Towards the end of 1983 we were very pleased to have an excuse for a "mini-Rort" when Mildura members, Graham and June Gugger and Michael and Helen Israel visited Devonport. One thing only marred their visit - the fact that it was instead of a trip to this year's Rort! I also had a phone call from Alan Flaherty inquiring about Rort preparations. Unfortunately Alan's stay was not long enough for us to arrange anything in his honour.

Jenny and I look forward to seeing as many Rorters as possible, including some "first-timers" I hope, in Devonport in May.

JOCK LITTLER

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roaring 40's has come of age, this being our 21st issue. The first being printed in 1976 after the first Rort in Ballarat which was a wonderful weekend of fellowship.

All branches should have registration forms for the annual Rort being hosted by the Devonport Apex 40 Club from 11th - 13th May. We are hoping for a good contingent to swell our coppers as we haven't sunk under the dams issue! No doubt you have been brought up to date (after long and successful negotiations) of the reduced return air fares of \$122.90 Melbourne/Devonport with East/West providing a group booking of about 25 is made by Devonport. This should be an added incentive to attend the 9th Annual Rort.

While on the subject of Rorts, Morella (Home of America's Cup) have raised the suggestion of hosting a Rort in 1987-88 to coincide with the Cup Challenge. Food for thought!

Thanks to those branch secretaries who have sent dinner notices and notes for inclusion with this issue to keep us informed of their activities. We have not heard from Nunawading, Orbost, Shepparton and Stawell for 12 months, would be delighted to hear how your clubs are progressing?

To date we have received affiliation fees for 1983/84 from 9 branches, Bendigo, Bundaberg, Devonport, Maryborough, Melb/Gippsland, Morella, Sunraysia, Waveley, Warracknabeal and 1 couple at large Peter and Corinne Dawson of Caloundra.

Bet and I are looking forward to seeing all those familiar faces and new Rorters too enjoying a wonderful weekend "down under".

DAVID MANSFIELD

EXTENSION REPORT - 1984

Well this year Queensland is again to the front with the beginning of a new club at Manly thanks to the help of Chris Trevor-Jones a former member of Manly Apex Club and the liason through Alan Flaherty of Melbourne/Gippsland Apex 40.

I have endeavoured through current Apex members by attending meetings, District and Zone Conventions to promote Apex 40 and it is surprising the number of Apex Clubs who have never heard of our organisation and what we are. Perhaps now that we are 11 years of age, that we should be placing more emphasis on informing pre-retirement Apexians - another generation.

We all need to be extension minded to help our association continue to grow, so if you have that name or contact please let your executive know.

In closing I wish to thank my fellow club members for their assistance and for the opportunity of working with President Jock and Secretary David.

GARTH WHITCHURCH

CORRECTION RE MARYSVILLE RORT

In the last issue, under "Marysville Memoranda" it was said that there were only five people who have attended all eight Rorts. Alan Kinder who wrote those notes on the Marysville Rort wishes to apologise for having omitted to include Bill and Mary Cunliffe who have indeed attended every Rort to date and will no doubt be among the earliest registrations for Devonport in 1984.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

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Pleased to hear from Former Apexians Club (FAC) Warracknabeal, that they hope to be represented at "Fun Galore in '84" at Devonport in May.

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Melbourne/Gippsland have had some very successful meetings lately.

In August 60 members had a very enjoyable dinner at the Southern Golf Club. Half a dozen of us also enjoyed a round of golf beforehand, Sam McInnes and Col Spiers taking the honours. How many did you take on the 13th Lorraine?

In September 21 of us responded to an invitation from Bendigo Club to a golfing weekend. We had a marvellous time despite the weather. The warmth of the hospitality certainly made up for the chilly winds and rain which cut short the tournament to 12 holes. We all adjourned to the Harvey household where we not only enjoyed a delicious B.B.Q. but were presented with all sorts of marvellous prizes like putters, golf umbrellas and oodles of golf balls. They also raffled a beautiful black golf bag which was won by Nola Kinder. THANK YOU, Bendigo!

Hope you don't think we have golf on the brain - our Annual Dinner was held at the Box Hill Golf Club. Why do the numbers drop for an annual dinner? - 42 turned up for our elections, Lorraine and I blinked and we were back in harness for another 12 months. Anyway the absentees missed out on a jolly good meal.

Well we finished the year with a really good night at Synbal Tech School. 65 of us sat down to a scrumptious meal prepared by the Mothers' Club, our own Marj Flaherty being the President - the rest of the team were almost as good as Marj at the culinary arts. A small group of us decided to put on the entertainment. I sincerely hope the remainder of the Club enjoyed the final performance as much as we enjoyed the rehearsals and B.B.Q's. at John Ritchie's Chook farm. Why do I go round the house singing "I'm six foot tall and hairy" - I'm not even in that act. We are still waiting for a call from J.C.W.

We would like to wish all Clubs a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Hope to see you at the Rort at Devonport.

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Retired Apexians of Waverley (RAW) had an "Australiana" fun night in October with Beef on spit, gum leaf playing competition, prize for best Australian clean joke, test of knowledge of Australian poems, square dance session and raffle. Sounds a beaut night. In December they held a barbacue and swim night at Trevor Bigg's home. On March 16th they are having a split dinner (almost progressive) sounds as though it will be a beaut evening.

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Bendigo hosted several Melbourne/Gippsland members for a golfing weekend in September. Despite the inclement weather no doubt everyone had a good time.

Christmas Dinner and Annual Dinner was held on December 3rd at Kevin and Shirley Harvey's. February meeting was to be a barbacue at Stanfords pool. Hope there were not too many cases of excessive sunburn as happened the previous year.

MORELLA

(Home of the America's Cup)

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We have some new members here in W.A. Kay and Doug Brassington and also Helen and Bruce Gouldham. Other retired Apex members have shown interest, with two attending our Wine and Cheese Night held in August.

Our membership now stands at eighteen (18), with seven Ladies as members.

On the 31st July Morella Club assisted Morley Apex Club, by manning the Bar at the finish line for the local Avon Descent. Most members attended to assist during the day. \$1,119.00 was turned over on the day. The profits being shared by Morley and Morella Clubs. (Profit was \$134,00.)

We have just returned from our Family Weekend away for 13 members and 12 children, at Lake Preston Lodge, two hours drive south of PERTH. We went bush walking, sailing, BBQ-ing, drinking, relaxing, eating, drinking, relaxing, eating, more walking etc. A great weekend away.

Our October meeting was held in "Lodge" at Lake Preston on Saturday evening, until disrupted by "midgees". Social events are being well attended, with our Social co-ordinator bringing up many new ideas. During November we are going on a Mystery Bus Tour on 5th November, evening ending at a venue with Disco, etc.

As we are accumulating some funds, we are looking at donating to a worthy cause, with intentions of keeping contact and following up each year to the same cause, (possibly in our own local area).

We are purchasing a Photo Album, so that we may record some of our great moments.

* Please note their new name - MORELLA, HOME OF THE AMERICA'S CUP.
Congratulations, we all shared in that historical triumph.

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Had a most enjoyable night in September when members indulged in a casserole meal and a wild night at the card table and big stakes at the pool table at the home of Leslie and Bevis Kerrison.

An attendance of 27 at the function at the Wellington Tavern in November ensured a great night. Our Christmas function held at Arthur and Jean Boyce's home took the format of a family affair with barbacue and a Christmas Fairy.

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Latest newsletter from Sunraysia advises that their Christmas "do" was a great success and that the first meeting in the New Year was to be a barbacue at Lindemans Winery.

President Michael and wife Helen together with Graham and June Gigger had a preliminary "Mini Rort" at Devonport in December. A good turnout of Devonport members at Littlers gave the visitors a warm welcome to Tassie.

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Members and families attended the Ionian Club Charity first night of the film "Phar Lap", followed by supper at Cinema One theatre in September. A dinner dance at the Ulverstone Golf Club in October was thoroughly enjoyed by the 17 members attending.

Our Christmas Dinner was held at Nutmegs - City Limits Night Club. The Rort committee has met twice and have worked out a programme for our "Fun Galore in '84" Rort in May, 11th - 13th (right in the middle of Vic/N.S.W. school holidays).

Launceston Apex 40 members joined Devonport members in February with a get together at Greens Beach near the mouth of the Tamar river.

HAVE YOU HEARD THESE

An old farmer married a young 20 year old. For months afterwards when asked how they were getting along the reply was always the same "I can't keep my hands off her". He then came up with the idea to buy a combine harvester!

A middle-aged man married a young 18 year old. While travelling by car from Sydney to Melbourne on their honeymoon he became amorous and began feeling her knee. She said you can go further now and he replied - well lets go to Tasmania.

Which of the following is not in the same category Crayfish, Lobster, Crab, Shark, Chinaman just run over.

A shark, the Chinaman is now a (crushed Asian) crustacean.

YOUR'E AN OLD APEXIAN WHEN....

- * Practically everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- * The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- * You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.
- * You get winded playing chess.
- * Your children begin to look middle aged.
- * You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it leaning against the wrong wall.
- * You join a health club, and don't go.
- * You begin to outlive enthusiasm.
- * You decide to procrastinate, but then never get around to it.
- * You're still chasing women, but can't remember why.
- * A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
- * You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.
- * You look forward with pleasure to a dull evening.
- * You walk with your head held high, trying to get used to your new glasses.
- * You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.
- * Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
- * You regret all those mistakes you made resisting temptation.
- * After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
- * Dialling STD wears you out.
- * You're startled the first time you are addressed as an old timer.
- * The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.
- * You burn the midnight oil after 9.00 p.m.
- * Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl goes by.
- * You have too much room in the house, and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
- * You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.
- * A fortune teller offers to read your face.

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