

THE COUNCIL OF AFFILIATED PAST APEXIANS GROUPS

ROARING A-0°s

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR APEX 40 NOVEMBER 1985 ISSUE

FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Roaring 40's is the official newsletter for retired Apexians who have formed clubs commonly known as Apex 40(sometimes Oasis, 41 clubs etc.).

Our aim is as a means of communication to keep members up to date with other clubs and what is happening at National level.

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NATIONAL BOARD REPORT

The 10th Annual Rort was held at Bendigo with Clubs from Western Australia, Tasmania and Victoria attending. Number of registrations was approximately 100, our best effort yet and we are looking forward to next years Rort in Perth hosted by Morella Club from 30th May to 2nd June and look forward to a good turnup. (see separate note).

Melbourne/Gippsland and Bendigo clubs are organising a package tour to Perth by bus at this stage and it is suggested if Tasmania and Sunraysia clubs are interested in joining us that they contact Kevin Harvey at Bendigo (11 Edwards Rd, Maiden Gully. Phone 054-49 6313) OR Keith Haymes of Melbourne/Gippsland (8 Calrossie Rd., Blackburn 3130, Phone 03-898 4870). Full details of Rort itinerary will be available early next year.

It is pleasing to welcome two new clubs:- Ulverstone Tasmania and MacLean N.S.W. to our fold and on their way home the Morella W.A. gang found a club which has been going for 2 years in the name of Blackwood 41(South Australia), who didn't know Apex 40 even existed - We'll have to improve our P/R interstate won't we!!

Would secretaries please note to forward copy of newsletter to National executive and Clubs which are not affiliated we would also like to hear from you.

The closing date for our next issue of Roaring 40's is 30th January 1986 - we would like to hear from you.

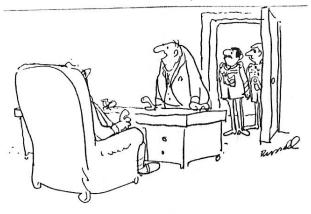
FOR ANY CLUBS WANTING APEX 40 DINNER BADGES

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COST IS \$6 PER BADGE.



"It's the aides, Excellency. They request that they be known by some other name."

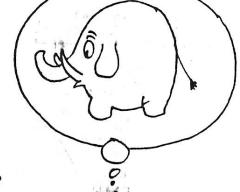


GOING TO THE RORT?

Melb/Gippsland bunch is looking at the possibility of organising a 14 day tour to W.A. for the 1986 Rort in Perth - Coach over/Fly back.

- * Depart Melbourne Saturday 24 May/Arrive Perth Thursday 29 May. Overnight stops at Adelaide, Ceduna, Madura, Esperance and Albany. Sightseeing along theway.
- * Friday 30 May to Monday 2 June At Rort. Tuesday 3 June to Thursday 5 June In Perth. Fly home Friday 6 June.
- * Cost \$1,000 to \$1,100 (per head) depending on final number travelling. This would include all accommondation, allowance for meals and Rort functions. Melb/Gippsland hope to have about 20 to 24 members travelling. We would need about 6 to 10 (or more) others to make up the numbers.
- * If anyone wishes to stay longer in Perth that could be arranged.
- *** Anyone interested please contact Keith or Lois Haymes, (03) 898 4870 before 30 November.

If the coach/fly trip doesn't get sufficient numbers, we will be flying both ways and perhaps having a 3 day coach trip from Perth to Albany, etc. Cost would be about \$1,000 per head for 10 days overall (all inclusive), Friday 30 May to Sunday 8 June.



How are you shaping up for Summer?

EXTRACTS FROM CLUB NEWSLETTERS

DEVENPORT APEX 40

President-Peter Miller

Secretary - Dianne Miller

Club to attend Devonport Apex charity night at the cinema to see the film "The Witness".

Casserole Tea come games night held at the home of Jenny & Jock Littler - new prospective members invited.

For October meeting booking made at Gossops at Whitmore - to travel by bus.

ULVERSTONE

NEW CLUB

President - B. Papworth

Secretary - W. Atkins.

Club formed 22nd August with already a games night held at Ronand Wilma Atkins in September and a Dinner Dance organised for October. Christmas dinner to be organised with Devonport Apex 40 Club. 24 paying members.

RETIRED APEXIANS OF WAVERLEY (RAW CLUB)

President - Geoff Peters

Secretary - Lorraine Baker

Not much news received - Games night organised for October at the Grant's. Red and white wine supplied - ladies bring a plate - cost \$2. Club still very active.

SUNRAYSIA APEX 40 CLUB

President - Ian Kneebone

Secretary - Norm Deering

Extracts from their "Vintage Vine" -

Great night out for all at Progressive Dinner - good participation at Bendigo Rort.

Red Cliffs Apex Club host Apex 40 meeting and gain 3 newly appointed Life Members in Rod Sheppard, Dave Fuller and Bill Krieger, plus ladies of course!

September "Do" held at the "Workers". Annual meeting in November to be held at the Merbeen Club.

Congratulations to Grandfather Mike and Grandmother Helen. (surname not in newsletter).

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EXTRACTS FROM NEWSLETTERS (contd)

BLACKWOOD S.A. 41 CLUB

President - Bob Babidge

Programmes - Tony Bransbury

Club formed in Nobember '83, has 45 members.

Social night organised in the form of a Uniform Night - anyone attending had to wear uniform of some description. (Uniforms noted in attendance were a nun, nurses, waitresses, scouts to name a few).

Variety of meetings held - at the University - social nights with ladies at the Belair Hotel, tour of Parliament House arranged with supper in the Member's Room.

Visited Blackwood Apex's Handover and welcomed 7 retiring members to 41 club. Dinner meeting held at Olde Country Inn Restaurant with a Wine Tasting included.

BENDIGO APEX 40

President - Glen Schier

Secretary - Dirleen Schier

16 members and four visitors enjoyed an evening with a difference - as much as possible was "back-to-front". In fact, there was very little which was not reversed (some clothing particularly created difficulties).

It was certainly a new experience to bid the hosts "good night" on arrival and then be offered port and coffee, followed by sweets, then casserole main course finishing with drinks and hors d'oevres.

The entertainment (wasn't it all?) for the evening was a Pursuit Trivial set of questions in which answers were given and competitors provided questions! Thanks Ron and Meryl for the use of your home for the fun and frolic.

NOTE - It would seem a case of who would help who to zip or button up.

Banquet evening organised at the Imperial Palace. October meeting to be at Plinges Theatre Restaurant at the Morong Hotel. Thanks to Ron Clarke and Kevin Harvey (both on National Board last year), for organising golf weekend with Melbourne/Gippsland Club (see report from that club).

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EXTRACTS FROM CLUB NEWSLETTERS (contd)

MORELLA W.A. - Home for 1986 RORT - 30th May to 1st June.

President - Len Rankine

Secretary - Beryl Grace

Rort committee formed and accommodation organised so that most attending will be at the same motel. Looking at organising transport for visitors to venues etc.

Programme at this stage:-

Welcome Social - Friday 30th May. Saturday - Viewing Perth/Freemantle. Saturday Evening - "Fifties Night" theme. Sunday - Farewell River Cruise.

Club news:-

35 members. Social night held in the form of a Movie Night followed by a meal then back home to someones for coffee.

Robert and Beryl Grace met Blackwood S.A. 41 Club members Tony Phillips and Bob Babige.

Club raising monies for Rort - after Rort funds to be donated to a charity - another lamington drive.

Scarborough OASIS Club would like to join Morella for a social outing. September meeting to be a Progressive Dinner - theme come as something starting with "M".

Club in contact with retired Apex members from Esperance, Whitford, Merredin, Bruce Rock and Weneroo.

Social weekend in October organised with Merredin ex Apex members - 170 miles inland.

<u>LATE REPORT FROM MORELLA</u> - Accommodation booked at Rose & Crown Hotel/Motel at Guilford where we will be holding Friday and Saturday evenings do. Caravan Park is not far away.

FORMER APEXIANS! CLUB WARRACKNABEAL

President - Ray Mann

Secretary - Reg Crawford

Warracknabeal now have an active club of 21 members. On Saturday June 1 - the club journeyed by bus to Horsham to bid farewell to Max and Dawn Scott. Max was an original charter member of the W'beal Apex Club in 1953 - a Life Member and one of the instigators in forming Former Apexians in W'beal. After 30 years as Hospital Manager, Max has retired to live on the N.S.W. Coast. Also another Apex Lifer Mr. Doug McColl has this year been awarded the Australian Medal for Excellent Community Work.

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REPORT FROM MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND BRANCH

President - John Ritchie

Secretary - Sam McInnes

Since our last report the Club has been very active with an average of 35 members attending the various functions.

Dinners have been held bi-monthly at places such as the Dandenong R.S.L., Waverley golf Club and a favourite spot at Karinya Lodge. The dinners have been interspersed with social functions - at Flahertys for Alan's 50th birthday - surprise party for Geoff & Lyn Angus 25th wedding anniversary.

Anzac weekend was possibly the highlight with some 25 or so members attending the Rort at Bendigo and that Club as usual deserve congratulations for excellent organisation and entertainment.

July saw us trip to Langwarrin and brave the elements for a bar-b-Que to celebrate. Donald Dick stole the limelight by having a fainting turn but fortunately all is well and Joyce has his nose back on the grindstone.

Future events are a shopping tour in October for the girls and then everyone to return to Kev and Rosemary Frasers for a buffet tea and our Christmas dinner this year is at the Pancake Parlour on the Yarra in late November at Warrandyte.

We journeyed to Bendigo with 13 members in September to defend the "Silver Boot" in our annual challenge golf match and returned the VICTORS.

With 95 financial members the Club is really thriving and with about 50% of members fully active Apex 40 has a great future.

TRIVIA CORNER

THINK ABOUT IT

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Joe Spinks was an unknown 15 year-old Esperence country and western singer. These days he is sixteen.

A computer is only as good as the people who are employed to replace the people who were made redundant by the computer.

QUOTES

"Life is a sexually transmitted terminal disease."
"One day cock of the roost, next day a feather duster."
"A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg."

"THAT'S ALL FOLKS"
HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TO YOU

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