

ROARING 40's

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FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Apex 40 is the recognised body of
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S ROVING REPORT

God, it's rough at the top! The pressure is so great that Neil and wife Margaret had to head North for more punishment.

We won't presume to try and explain just how tough they are finding it, so we will just quote verbatim from a letter just received from Neil at Mooloolaba:

".....plenty of golf and bowls, and tomorrow I head off at 4.30 am for a day's fishing on the Barwon Banks, 40 k out.

On our way up to the Sunshine Coast we called at Grafton for a two night stay, where we found Lindsay & Susan McPherson's committee working hard to make next June's Rort a memorable one.

Grafton is a thriving city of over 17,000, approx. 660 km from Sydney and 360 km from Brisbane, well supplied with motels and venues able to accommodate over 200 Rorters. It is situated on the Clarence River just inland from the coastal resort of Yamba, about a 10 hour drive from Sydney.

For those to whom price is no object there is a direct flight from Sydney in a 12 seater commuter plane. We were much more impressed with the train option - an XPT service from Sydney which takes 9½ hours. The return fare is \$114, but with a group of 12 or more it comes down to \$91, about 6.7 cents per kilometre. Another choice is to fly to Coolangatta and catch a bus.

After Grafton we visited Alstonville where we had a very warm welcome

from IPP Kevin Huxham & Liz, and a memorable dinner with over 30 Apex 40'ers at the Bellowing Bull Restaurant.

Next we went to the Gold Coast, where members from Redlands and Wynnum-Manly joined with Dennis & Libby Way and a group wishing to start a new club at Beenleigh.

Next week we attend a dinner which Glenn & Betty Rossiter have called, for members of the Sunshine Coast Club to get together with our newest 'offshore club' Bribie Island."

Like we said, it's rough at the top!

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NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

IT is very pleasing to see that Apex 40 is continuing to expand with new clubs popping up in Tasmania, South Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

I have recently received copies of State Apex magazines from W.A. and Victoria, and I have written to the editors with information on Apex 40 for inclusion in their next publications. I have also included information re our forthcoming "Rorts".

Launceston Club, after balancing the books from the last Rort, have forwarded a cheque for \$500, being profit, to the Executive, and it is proposed that this money (along with any future profits) be held in trust to offset any unforeseen expenses that may occur from future "Rorts". I would like to pass on to Launceston our appreciation for their generosity and forethought.

Also a reminder to all Clubs that their is a "Penultimate" trophy presented at each Rort for the best Newsletter. This award is judged by the executive, and as only about four or five clubs are forwarding copies to me the choice is limited, so how about adding the National Sec/Treas to your mailing list.

This also brings me to the "Roaring Forties". We send three copies only to each Club, and one to Members at Large. It is hoped that Club secretaries will copy sufficient numbers for their own members. We are currently sending out copies to over sixty clubs and about ten Members at Large. Cost

is approximately \$95.00 per issue, which is not cheap when one considers only about 60% of Clubs pay any subscription to the National Body.

If your Club has recently changed office bearers, please advise me as soon as possible, so that I can keep our mailing list up to date.

Regards,
SAM MCINNES



PROFILE — NEIL HOOKEY

Neil was introduced to Apex in Castlemaine in country Victoria, where his father had been the Foundation President. He later transferred to Melbourne, subsequently became Foundation President at Croydon and eventually retired as a Life Member of Camberwell. A semi-retired pharmacist and naturopath, Neil is married to Margaret, and they have three married children and one grandchild (so far). *Continued overleaf.....*



National President Neil Hookey.

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Neil well recalls the 1973 Apex National Convention in Perth which he and Lionel Mussell attended as just retired Apexians and where, under the influence of nostalgia and Cabernet Shiraz, Apex 40 was conceived as a means of keeping in touch with old friends. That conception resulted in the birth of Apex 40 (Melbourne/Gippsland) later that year and Lionel Mussell became the first National President in 1976.

Neil is a Director of the Apex Foundation for Research into Mental Retardation, which is chaired by another Melbourne/Gippsland member and past National Secretary/Treasurer of Apex 40, Geoff Angus. Neil is also a Camberwell Rotarian and hopes still to be able to find time for his favourite pursuits of bowls, golf and fishing.

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Membership/Extension

Congratulations to the new Clubs that have formed, and best wishes for a long and rewarding relationship with the Apex 40 family.

Since the Tasmanian Rort, Clubs have been formed in:

- IPSWICH, QLD.
- BRIBIE ISLAND, QLD
- INVERELL, NSW
- HOBART, TAS
- EVANSTON, SA

The Club of Greater Hobart, formed as a result of a meeting during the Rort tour, had 104 attendees at the inaugural meeting!

Virtually weekly, someone rings seeking information in reference to forming Apex 40. Many new Clubs are in the process of formation as our organisation grows.

1991 would be a great year to extend into Fiji, and we are hopeful that this will come to fruition.

In the meantime, should you hear of anyone wanting to launch an Apex 40 Club, please advise me so that we can forward a starter kit.

KEVIN HUXHAM
Membership Extension Chairman

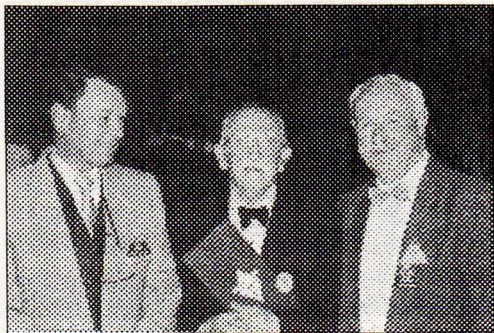
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Apex National President's Handover Dinner

In this the Diamond Jubilee Year of Apex, the National President's Handover Dinner was held in Melbourne for the first time, at the World Trade Centre on June 29, and some 200 current and past Apexians and ladies attended.

The function marked the end of a successful term in office for outgoing President Jim Hughes who handed over to Angus Redford for the next 12 months. Angus introduced his incoming Board members, including new Nat. Vice-Pres. Michael Jackson, who recently played an active role in getting an Apex 40 branch started in Darwin.

Keynote speaker was John Stokes from Perth, who spent part of his Apex career in Melbourne. John was made a Life Governor of Apex at the last National Convention. Also present were Apex founder Sir John Buchan, who proposed the toast to Apex, Lady Buchan and the other

surviving founder Ewen Laird. Apex 40 was represented by National



Neil Hookey, Ewen Laird and Alan Kinder at N.P. Handover Dinner

President Neil Hookey and Margaret. Others who attended to wave Apex 40's flag were Alan and Marj Flaherty, Alan and Nola Kinder and Garth Whitchurch. A highlight of the night was a piano recital by Robert Chamberlain, a past winner of the Robert Stolz music scholarship, awarded annually by Apex.

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Apex Foundation — Your Chance To Help

THE Apex Foundation was set up in 1977 as Trustee for the Association of Apex Clubs and it manages the investment and distribution of income of a number of ongoing schemes like the Autism Trust, Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Trust (Help a Kid Make It), the Underprivileged Children's Chalet Trust (The Magic Castle), Diabetes Trust and others. The Foundation's invested capital is more than \$2,600,000 and the return from that is distributed to various trusts. Last year's distribution was in excess of \$300,000.

The Apex Foundation has the potential to extend into perpetuity the ideals of Apex Clubs by following through on schemes originally sponsored and administered by the Clubs themselves. All directors of the Foundation are Apexians or past Apexians, elected by members of the Foundation.

How can you help?

The Apex Foundation seeks your support through becoming a Member and helping to provide and maintain a General Trust in addition to those moneys entrusted to it by Apex for specific purposes. This reservoir of money will enable the Foundation to meet any emergencies which may arise. It can be used to support worthwhile Club service projects or bolster amounts needed by approved beneficiaries when the sum in hand falls short of the requirements.

Members agree to donate a minimum of \$30 a year which is tax deductible. Membership is obtained by filling in an application form and forwarding it with your \$30 donation to the Foundation.

Why Join?

Membership of the Foundation is a very worthwhile way for members of Apex 40 to continue to assist Apex in further development of community services and fostering of research.

Application Forms for Membership of the Foundation can be obtained from:

Peter Moore
Secretary
Apex Foundation
P.O. Box 92, Rosebery
NSW 2018

Around the Branches

Ipswich — A new branch — has provided members to adjudicate a High School debate.

Grafton — The Rort Organising Committee for next year have things well in hand and venues for the various functions are being finalised. It is anticipated that Registration Forms will be sent out to all branches shortly.

Branches who wish to, will be invited to put on a sketch at one of the functions (Kuala Lumpur revisited), so the “Great Malaysian Horn”, presently in the custody of the Men from Snowy River, will be on the line.

Gawler — Have adopted the name RAMS — Retired Apex Members and Spouses! (*Wishful thinking perhaps?*).

Werribee — Holding a combined meeting with Apex, and considering a breakfast meeting at the historic Windsor Hotel in Melbourne.

Alstonville — Some members spent a weekend at Cherrabah with members from Ballina and Wynnum-Manly. Planning a sailing trip with Wynnum-Manly in the future.

Caloundra — Hope the dinner turned out as good as it was advertised:- “The tastebuds are dancing at the Apex of the tongue in anticipation of well rounded prawns, full to bursting oysters, steaks with succulent juices exuding forth like well trodden mangoes, all these culinary delights washed down with Fumés and Cabernets, Bundy and Beer.” To be followed up with Christmas Dinner in June with Coulandra Apex Club.

Launceston — Successful combined meeting with Devonport and Hobart branches. Planning a trip to Melbourne with Devonport members to see “Phantom of the Opera”, and a get together with Melbourne - Gippsland Members in November.

Wyong — Beat the local Apex lads in a debate — with their own adjudicator of course.

Also having an out of season Christmas Dinner in July, to be followed by a New Year’s Eve party in August. (*Wonder when they’re having Easter?*).

Melbourne-Gippsland — Celebrated the 18th birthday of Apex 40 in July with a BBQ at Drouin. Training hard to lose the “Silver Boot” in the annual golf match against Bendigo branch in October.

Malacca — First Annual General Meeting in April saw the end of the Presidential term of Ravindran Royan. Ravindran thanked members for the support given during his term as Founder President in the Club’s formative years, and subsequently, when he became President of the newly registered Club.

New President is R. Sivadas, and T.T. Singam continues as Secretary, the Treasurer is V. Raja.



Don Blackley and Neil Hookey at 18th Birthday Party at Don's property at Drouin

APEX 40 — CURRENT BRANCHES

Victoria

Bendigo	David Bidmade	4 Emmett St., Golden Square	3555
Central Ranges	Martin Close	106 Piper St., Kyneton	3444
Cohuna	Marion Payne	12 Rosalind St., Cohuna	3568
Latrobe Valley	Barry Edwards	8 Windsor Ave., Moe	3825
Melbourne/Gippsland	Rosemary Frazer	46 Florence Rd., Surrey Hills	3127
Norwesters	Jack Ogilvie	14 Ervine Close, Sunbury	3429
Nunawading	Mike Miceli	135 Park Rd., Donvale	3111
Orbost	Joe Tanner	P.O. Box 601, Orbost	3888
Shepparton	Brian Walsh	P.O. Box 833 Shepparton	3630
Stawell	Murray MacPherson	"Maringa", Glenorchy	3385
Sunraysia	Jackie Sedgewick	Block 203 Ligum Ave., Redcliffs	3496
Warracknabeal	Ron Gove	102 Jamouneau St., Warracknabeal	3393
Werribee	Betty Sammartino	P.O. Box 475, Werribee	3030
Wonthaggi	Max Williams	4 Daryl Avenue, Wonthaggi	3995

Queensland

Bribie Island	Glen Heckerman	46 Dolphin Drive, Bongaree	4507
Bundaberg	Alan Baumgartner	20 Prospect St., Sth. Bundaberg	4670
Darling Downs	Jill Lampard	P.O. Box 7409, Toowoomba Mail Ctr.	4352
Gold Coast	Jan Facey	53 Boodera Rd., Palm Beach	4221
Hervey Bay	Cherrie Staunton	115 Corser St., Pt. Vernon	4655
Ipswich	Terry Carter	P.O. Box 137, Ipswich	4305
Maryborough	Narelle Charteris	M/S 1542 River Rd., Maryborough	4650
Noosa	John Edwards	P.O. Box 720, Noosa Heads	4567
Northside Creakers	Bev Ferguson	17 Bevlin Court, Albany Creek	4035
Redcliff	Wal Ruberry	29 Rosemary St., Margate	4019
Redlands	Ray Despot	P.O. Box 571, Cleveland	4163
Roma	Greg Oakman	25 Arthur St., Roma	4455
Wynnum/Manly	Melda Miller	8 Marion Court, Capalaba	4157
Sunshine Coast	Betty Rossiter	10 Teewah St., Caloundra	4551

South Australia

Blackwood	Tony Phillips	24 Centre Way, Belair	5052
Gawler	John Palamountain	13 Bright Trce., Gawler East	5118
Riverland	Phillip Sims	P.O. Box 1170, Renmark	5341
South Adelaide	David Manning	4 Osmond Road, Marion	5043

New South Wales

Alstonville	Peter Brown	12 Bahama Ave., Alstonville	2477
Ballina	John Crouch	13 Short Street, Ballina	2478
Belrose	Ian Williams	5 Stratham Place, Belrose	2085
Byron Bay "Oasis"	Gordon Scarbrough	25 Mackay Street, Byron Bay	2481
Casino "Oasis"	Lawrie Bonner	50A Stapleton Avenue, Casino	2470
District 12	Brian Powe	P.O. Box 21, Engadine	2233
Grafton "Oasis"	Lindsay McPherson	P.O. Box 35, Grafton	2460

Illawarra	Bob Fairley	P.O. Box 1, Dapto	2530
Inverell	Jeff Harris	P.O. Box 41, Inverell	2360
Lake Macquarie	Neville Stanfield	P.O. Box 196, Cardiff	2285
Lavington	Jennifer Baker	537 Marshall Street, Lavington	2641
Northern Beaches	Pat MacGregor	66 Johnson St., Harbord	2096
Wyong	Tom Dumpleton	52 Gascoigne Road, Gorokan	2263

Western Australia

Crosslands	Margaret Butler	P.O. Box 79, Narrembeen	6369
Guildford	John Rowe	49 Anzac Terrace, Bassendean	6054
Morley	Doug Brassington	13 Hardwick Street, Morley	6062

Tasmania

Derwent	Rita Mason	3 Cheverton P'de., Sandy Bay, Tas	7005
Devonport	Jock Littler	P.O. Box 78, Devonport, Tas	7310
Hobart	Ken Dowling	157 Macquarie St., Hobart	7000
Launceston	Lynne Rowlings	28 Oaktree Road, Youngtown, Tas	7249
Ulverstone	Roslyn Walsh	66 Henslows Road, Ulverstone, Tas	7315

Northern Territory

Darwin	Mike Jackson	25 Rothdale Road, Jingili	0810
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Overseas

Kuala Lumpur	P.K. Singam	3, Lorong 4/48B, 46050 Petaling Jaya, Malaysia	
Malacca	T.T. Singham	No. 32 Taman Temenggong, Bk. Sebukor, 75170 Malacca, Malaysia	

Members at Large

<i>DAWSON Peter</i>	<i>7 Hobson Court, Chapel Hill, Qld</i>	<i>4069</i>
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<i>UNDERWOOD George</i>	<i>2 Rotella Avenue, Corio, Vic</i>	<i>3214</i>
<i>WRIGHT Blue</i>	<i>P.O. Box 131, Tuncurry NSW</i>	<i>2428</i>

Get your News in, in the Next Issue of Roaring 40's

Branches are invited to forward news of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of Roaring 40's. Perhaps a photograph of a branch function.

Deadline for receipt of material is 31st October 1991.

Please forward material to:

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Blackburn, Vic. 3130
Phone (03) 898 5124

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October 31, 1991