

# ROARING 40's

April 1993



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**Attention!  
Branch Secretaries**

We are only able to  
send a few copies of  
"Roaring 40's" to each  
Club, so please ensure  
that you reproduce  
extra copies for  
distribution to your  
members .

41 CLUBS OF NEW ZEALAND

Members of 41 Clubs (ex Round Tablers) from throughout New Zealand are planning a 10 day South Pacific cruise on the "Fairstar" from August 11th of this year.

When we get back to Sydney, we will be spending a couple of days in the Hunter Valley, and 2 nights in Sydney before flying back to 'Godzone'!!

If any members of Apex 40 and their wives are interested in joining us, please contact Kevin Huxham (Alstonville) on Phone: 066 28 0000 (work) or fax 055 283 922, and he will arrange for information to be forwarded to you.

We look forward to having some Aussies on board with us.

Yours in 41.

Peter Butchart.

*I.R.O. - 41 Clubs of New Zealand.*

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**HELP!!!**

DOES ANYONE HAVE A CONTACT FOR THE PORT MACQUARIE CLUB - MAIL IS BEING RETURNED AS OUR CONTACT IS NO LONGER AT THE ADDRESS WE HAVE. PLEASE ADVISE SECRETARY/TREASURER SAM MCINNES.

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**WANTED — MORE BOOKINGS  
FOR THE PERTH RORT**

SO YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE FEB 28 DEADLINE — DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU FROM HAVING THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE IN PERTH FROM JUNE 4 - 7. RING JOHN ROWE (09) 279 3731 OR BEV FOSS (09 ) 454 5546 — PERTH IS WAITING FOR YOU



## National President's Report

Once again time has beaten me and the Perth Rort is almost upon us. It will be great to meet up with old friends again and I am delighted to hear there is a good contingent from Kuala Lumpur coming over. I haven't achieved anything like I would have hoped, but still the organisation is stronger and the branches keep spreading.

Co-operation with Apex has been good with the best thing being our support of the Apex Foundation. Carl Bisson, ex-Apex N.P. and now a Gold Coast Apex 40 member, is a Board member of the Foundation and we are proud to encourage all our members to join. We were represented at the Newcastle Apex Convention where a lot of interest was generated by Noel McAuliffe and we will be represented at Darwin to keep the message in front of current Apexians. At Perth we will be looking for nominations for a new Co-ordinating Committee of President, Secretary and Extension Chairman, as well as a venue for the 1995 Rort.

Arrangements for the '94 Rort in Melbourne are well in hand – it will be held immediately after the Moomba Festival so Melbourne will be the place to be in March next year. We are hoping to arrange a Post-Rort Tour of New Zealand so we can meet some of our counterparts in Round Table 41.

Congratulations to Kevin Huxham for arranging the South African Tour – he has done a great amount of work and achieved a very good bond with the ex-Tablers over there.

Finally may I say 'Thank you' for the privilege of leading such a wonderful group for the past 2 years, and especially to the team – Kevin Huxham in Extension, Sam McInnes the Secretary who does most of the work, and the Roaring 40's duo of Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham – well done, and thank you.

Keep up the good work,

NEIL HOOKEY

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## National Secretary/Treasurer's Report

I dare say that by the time you receive this "Roaring 40's" all members who intend travelling to Perth will have completed and forwarded registrations. If not, and you are considering going, DO IT NOW. I'm sure the Guildford Club will fit you in somewhere.

It will also be that time again, in Perth, to elect a new National executive, so please give some thought as to who you would like to lead this wonderful organisation. It is really not a very onerous or time consuming task, particularly when you have the assistance, as I have had, of the Editor and Producer of the Roaring 40's".

I must express, as this may be my last chance before the Rort, my most grateful thanks to Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham for their work and excellent production of the "Roaring 40's". Unfortunately, Alan Kinder will not be present in Perth for you to personally thank but Alan Padgham will.

There are still 23 Clubs who have not responded to my recent request for 1992/93 subscriptions. If you are one of those Clubs, please PAY UP NOW, so that I can present a clean slate to the incoming Sec./Treas. You would have received a letter of request for payment of subs, dated 8th Feb. '93.

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I have found the past two years most enjoyable and rewarding to have been your Secretary/Treasurer. To receive the various Club newsletters and to read of your many and varied activities, the jokes and stories (particularly yours, Marie from Alstonville) have made it all worthwhile.

Don't forget the "Post-Rort Tours" which are available both in W.A. and with Kevin Huxham to South Africa.

If you are considering any of these, please contact Kevin Huxham re South

Africa and myself re the Western Australian ones. Your Club Secretaries should have information for you - if not, ring Kevin or myself and we will be only too happy to provide it.

I look forward to renewing old acquaintances in Perth and hopefully making new ones. Thank you for your support over the past two and a bit years and may Apex 40 continue to grow and prosper.

Regards,

SAM McINNIS.

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## Membership/Extension

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Since our last "Roaring Forties", clubs have formed in Dubbo & Kiami in NSW. I am sure there are a number of others but these two have contacted me to advise of their successful formation.

In addition, others under formation in Narromine, Maclean, Mullumbimby, Murwillumbah, Kingscliff and Young in NSW, as well as Darwin in the NT and Port Lincoln in SA.

Congratulations to the new clubs and their members and we hope to meet together at the Rort.

### SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR

All clubs have been notified and at the time of writing, there are still a few places left on the tour. It commences after the

Rort when we fly to Johannesburg from Perth, returning on July 8th. If you want to go, ring urgently.

The majority of the time in South Africa will be home hosted by Round Table 41 members, in addition to two nights with the South African Defence Forces and six nights in hotels.

The South Africans will probably be visiting Australia and New Zealand in 1996 for a reciprocal visit, another great opportunity to experience international friendship and fellowship.

The Motto of Round Table 41 is — May the hinges of friendship never rust."

See you at the Rort

KEVIN HUXHAM

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### HELP THE "APEX FOUNDATION"

IF YOU MISLAID THE APPLICATION FORM SENT OUT IN THE LAST ROARING 40's, PHONE THE FOUNDATION — (02) 317 3211 OR SEND ANY DONATION ABOVE \$30 TO P. O. BOX 541, MASCOT, NSW 2020. MENTION APEX 40

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?? ANYONE FOR DARWIN ??

THE APEX NATIONAL CONVENTION IS BEING HELD IN DARWIN FROM JUNE 11 - 14 FOLLOWING THE PERTH RORT — ANY RORTER HEADING NORTH CAN REGISTER BY PHONING CHRISTINA BOOTHBY —

BUS (089) 410 900, AH (089) 272 971 — BEFORE MAY 3

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## Around the Branches



*L-R: Gawler Apex 40 members Marg Tobitt, Past President Errol Tobitt, Bill McKie, Pam Greenlees and Bruce Greenlees, plus legs of Ron Gartrell.*

Thanks to Gawler, Hervey Bay and Lake Macquarie for sending in letters and photographs of branch activities. They are all reproduced in this issue.

**Gawler** — Thought it about time I told you a bit about Gawler “over 40’s”.

Gawler is an active town with a strong Apex Club, Women’s Apex Club and over 40’s club.

Our over-40’s group has just combined with the other two Clubs in a joint Christmas function, which is a great way to get to know one another. It also gives us a chance to keep an eye on prospective members as they become “aged”. We also recently prepared a “hearty” Sunday morning breakfast for a S.A./N.T. State Board meeting which was hosted by Gawler Apex.



*L-R: Recently elected Gawler President Rob MacAlister, Pam Greenlees and Ron Gartrell, plus legs of Avrill Gartrell.*



Throughout the past year our activities have been varied and interesting, with many highlights including a day trip on the Steam-Range train from Adelaide to Victor Harbour and return. Many new activities are planned for this year, so it again will be a good year. I will keep you informed as they happen.

Ron & Avriil Gartrell (*all four of their legs featuring in Gawler's photos*) have accepted a position in England for 12 months as exchange school teachers. Should be some good stories when they return!

Regards  
Bill McKie, Sec. Gawler R.A.M.S.

**Lake Macquarie** — Another top night despite the company of the fellows and ladies from the "Great 8" Apex 40 Club. The venue, Ivan Welsh's all you can eat Italian restaurant at Beresfield, was most



*Nellie and Cliff Brown, Moree*

enjoyable even if a bit warm! President Dave, who thought he was not going to get enough to eat, was full after the entrees — let alone the main course! Guest speaker, "Super Hubert", gave us details of his arrival on planet Earth and demonstrated some magic tricks. He had a novel way to deal with those who fell asleep during his presentation, as can be attested by Great 8 President, Alan "brown stains" Thorley.



*"Big Al" Thorley, Great 8*

The recent "Jazz in the Vineyards" at Pokolbin was attended by Apex 40 members from Lake Macquarie, Moree, Tamworth and Great 8 along with thousands of other wine & jazz buffs.



*Dave Bate, Lake Macquarie, and Ian Swain, Moree*

Good wine, good music, good company  
— bad headache.

Cheers  
Jeff Palmer, Sec. Apex 40 Club

**Hervey Bay** — A quick note to inform you of our Clubs' activities over the past few months.

In October we attended the October Fest at Kingaroy as the guests of two of our





*Hervey Bay's Cherrie Staunton (Past Secretary) swinging to a golden oldie.*

members, Col and Alison Otto who live there (200 km away).

Our Christmas breakup consisted of a Karaoke night at a member's house. It proved to be a great night. (photo's printed in this issue).

Our Club meets every month, with each member couple taking turns to organise the format of the meeting e.g. Restaurant, B.B.Q., Camping weekend, etc. It works well and gives everyone the responsibility of running the Club.

It is great to get the magazine, and it is distributed through our membership.

Yours in Apex 40, *Hervey Bay's vocal group, consisting of L-R: Dave Mulhare, Dave Peter Jackson, McLeod, Lindsay Staunton (past President) John & Stella Pascoe.*

**Alstonville** — Next trip will be to the capital of Wally Land (Brisbane) where

we will be attending a Theatre Restaurant on Saturday night, Saturday afternoon you can walk in the botanical Gardens, shop, take a River cruise, study the ergonomics of bar room furniture, shop, visit an art gallery, shop, visit South Bank or shop.

Alstonville Apex have asked us to assist with the Motor Show, in February.

**Colac** — Looking to increase membership. Aiming to invite O.A.T.S. (ex Apexians - men only) Club Members to functions or arrange combined meeting.

B.B.Q. planned for March at JAN JUC Caravan Park.

Helping Apex at "KANA Carnival".

**Devonport** — A B.B.Q. was held in February at Mansfield's at Hawley Beach.

The numbers were a bit disappointing at the combined Christmas Dinner with Launceston, but those who attended had a great time.



**Gold Coast** — A Champagne breakfast in the park is planned for March.



Organising a bus trip to Stanthorpe for a weekend of wine tasting, good food and fellowship.

**Grafton** — February meeting was at Grafton Bowls Club. Bowls played before dinner.

**The Great 8** — February – Combined meeting with Lake Macquarie, featuring “Super Hubert” the Magician.

March – B.B.Q. at member’s place near Cessnock. Theme, Country & Western – Swimming Pool available, nude Volleyball an option (no Spurs allowed unless on horseback!).

**Kuala Lumpur** — Kelab Apex 40 Kuala Lumpur held its 11th installation Dinner & Dance at the banquet hall, Royal Selangor Club on 18th November 1992.

Suresh Sivaram was installed as 11th President by the outgoing President Justin Gomez. P.K.Singam was elected as the Secretary for the 11th year.

P.K.Singam, Secretary of Kelab Apex 40 Kuala Lumpur will lead a group of 12 Apex 40 members to the National Rort 1993 in Perth.

**Malacca** — It appears that the members have got the hang of a Friday night out with the boys! The attendance at the last meeting proves that – a 90% turnout – with only one apology. And the meeting got off the ground at the appointed time. Let us hope that this will continue throughout the year. Like the President put it, “this augurs well for the new year”.

**Moree** — “NINE, WINE AND DINE”. Our next Apex 40 get-together will be a FUN golf game then a lovely meal and a few drinks with the old mates after.

I have made a special deal on Green Fees and have booked the four motorised buggies for ladies who require them,

(*bit of sexual discrimination there! Ed.*) and have asked the Sec/Manager to get in some nice wines, so should be a great evening.

There will be a few rules – none too hard for anyone

Rule 1) It is strictly FUN – no-one will get serious (*Can’t really be golf! Ed.*)

Rule 2) A bottle of Champagne will be supplied per group. (*Well, maybe.*)

Rule 3) The Champagne bottle must be empty after your game, (*Naturally.*)

Rule 4) No husband and wife will be in the same group. (*No comment.*)

Rule 5) Groups will be allocated – no correspondence!

**Morella** — Forthcoming activities include an outing to Mandurah, Night out at the Movies, Mystery Tour. Some members to assist with kitchen duties at Apex Camp Jurien for Apex Action Weekend.

#### WHY WORRY?

There are only two things to worry about;

Either you are well or you are sick.

If you are well, then there is nothing to worry about;

But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about.

Either you will get well, or you will die.

If you get well, there is nothing to worry about.

If you die, there are only two things to worry about;

Either you will go to Heaven or Hell.

If you go to Heaven, there is nothing to worry about.

But if you go to Hell, you’ll be so damned busy shaking hands with friends, you won’t have time to worry.



**Redlands** — Christmas dinner on Coochie Mudlo Island was a good night with 43 members present. Unfortunately, two couples missed the ferry — and the bus and horse-drawn dray transport on the Island.

February dinner at Redlands Bay Golf Club.

**Sunshine Coast** — Glenn (Chook) and Betty Rossiter have stepped into the breach as President and Secretary again.

March — Weekend away to Rainbow Beach. Main event will be a German Beer Fest at the Rainbow Beach Pub (Chook will lead the Chicken Dance!).

**Tamworth** — February — Mystery bus trip to ???

March — Planning a tennis afternoon/evening and B.B.Q.

**Werribee** — Donated \$700.00 to Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Programme.

**Melbourne/Gippsland** — Preliminary organisation under way for 1994 Rort in Melbourne to celebrate 21st birthday of Apex 40.

About 20 members attended the annual weekend gathering at Ford Drive Country Club, Lake Eildon in March. Like Hervey Bay, we also have a few members (5) who live about 200 km away.



The "Crew" at the Pokolbin Jazz and Wine Festival

## REJECTED

The Editor received the following notification, accompanied by a photo of him taken at the Grafton Rort. To console him, it was decided to feature him as a centrefold for this issue of "Roaring 40's" — But our computer rejected it!!

*'CLOE Magazine*

*Dear Sir,*

*Your name has been submitted to us with your photo, but I regret to inform you that we will be unable to use your body as our centrefold.*



*On a scale of 0-10 your body was rated -2 by our panel of women (ranging in ages from 60 to 75 years). We tried to assemble a panel in the 21 - 35 years a g e bracket,*

*but we couldn't get them to stop laughing long enough to reach a decision. Should the taste of women ever change so drastically that bodies such as yours should be appreciated in our centrefold, you will be notified by this office, in the meantime, don't call us, we'll call you.*

*Sympathetically  
CLOE Magazine'*

Let's hear it for our Editor



# I'M FINE THANK YOU

## Apex 40 Lament?

There is nothing the matter with me,  
I'm as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a  
wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, and my blood is  
thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm  
in.

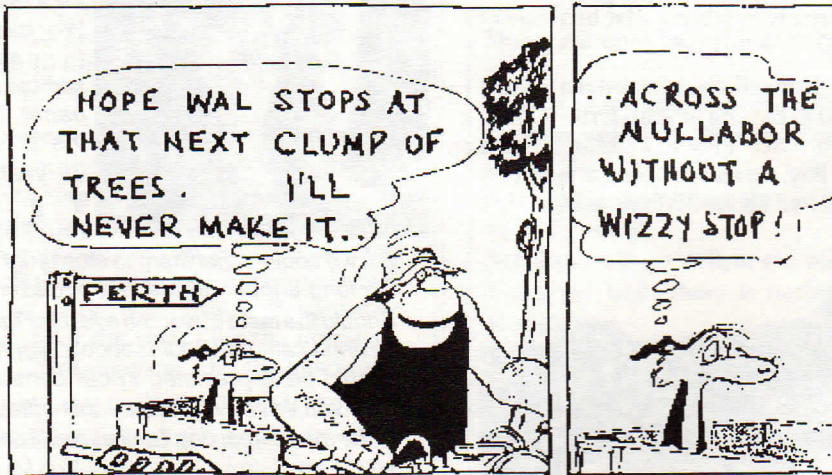
Arch supports I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the  
street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a  
spin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm  
in.

How do I know that my youth is all  
spent?  
Well, my "Get up and go" has got up  
and went.

But I really don't mind when I think  
with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my "Get up"  
has bin.

Old age is golden I've heard it said  
But, sometimes I wonder as I get into  
bed,  
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth  
in a cup,  
My eyes on the table until I wake up.  
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I could lay on  
the shelf?"

I get up each morning and dust off my  
wits  
And pick up the paper and read the  
"Obits"  
If my name is still missing I know I'm  
not dead,  
So I have a good breakfast and go  
back to bed.



### LITIGATION PENDING!

Since checking the proof run of this issue (page 9), the Editor is about to institute legal proceedings against the Producer(?) and his "bloody computer!!!!"



## WATERED DOWN

Even serious trade journals have their lighter side. This report appeared in European Chemical News:

Imperial Chemical Industries has announced the discovery of a new fire fighting agent known as W.A.T.E.R. (Wonderful and Total Extinguishing Resource). It is particularly suitable for dealing with fires in buildings, timber yards and warehouses, and is fairly cheap to produce. It is intended that quantities of about five million litres should be stored in open ponds or reservoirs near urban areas and installations of high risk.

WATER is already encountering strong opposition from safety and environmental groups. One group member has pointed out that if anyone immersed his head in a bucket of WATER, it would prove fatal in as little as three minutes. Each of ICI's proposed reservoirs will contain enough WATER to fill half a million ten-litre buckets. Each bucketful could be used a hundred or more

times, so there is enough WATER in one reservoir to kill the entire population of the United Kingdom.

Did we know, asked a fire brigade spokesman, what would happen to this new medium when it was exposed to intense heat? It had been reported that WATER was a constituent of beer. Did this mean that firemen would be intoxicated by the fumes?

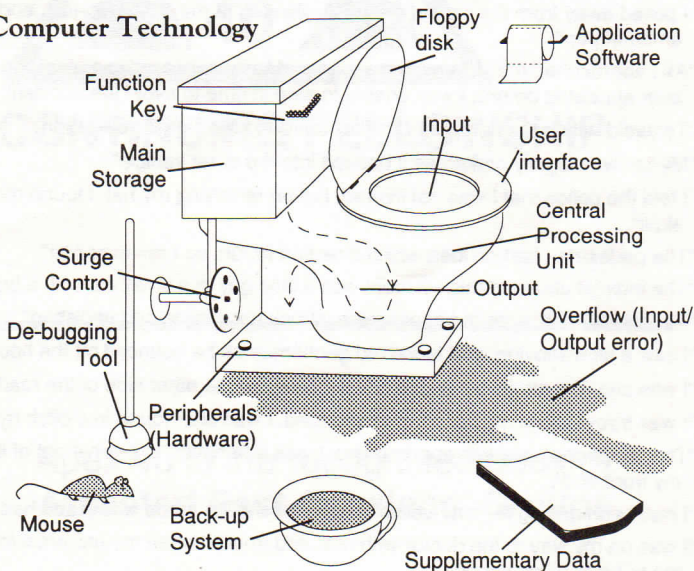
The Friends of the World said that they had obtained a sample of WATER and found that it makes clothes shrink. If it does this to cotton they ask, what will it do to men?

In the House of Commons, the Home Secretary was asked if he would prohibit the manufacture and storage of this lethal new material. A full investigation was needed, he replied, and the Major Hazards Group would be asked to report.

## Understanding Computer Technology

The illustration here is published in the interests of a greater understanding of modern computer technology.

These high-tech illustrations are designed for those with a higher than average IQ, so don't be too disappointed if you fail to understand the detail.





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

Branches are requested to forward news of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of Roaring 40's.

Let's have a photograph of a branch function so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to.....

Please forward material to:

Alan Kinder  
34 Shafer Road  
Blackburn, Vic. 3130  
Phone (03) 898 5124

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE  
June 30, 1993

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The following quotes are actual statements as found on insurance forms where car drivers attempted to summarise the details of an accident in the fewest words possible. These instances of faulty writing serve to confirm that even incompetent writing may be highly entertaining:

- "Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have".
- "The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intention".
- "I thought my window was down, but I found it was up when I put my head through it".
- "I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way".
- "A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face".
- "A pedestrian hit me and went under my car".
- "The guy was all over the road, I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him".
- "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed for the embankment".
- "As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before, I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident".
- "To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian".
- "My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle".
- "I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull".
- "The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him".
- "The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth".
- "An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle and vanished".
- "I saw a slow-moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car".
- "I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him".
- "I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows".
- "The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck my front end".
- "I had been driving for forty years, when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident".
- "I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident".