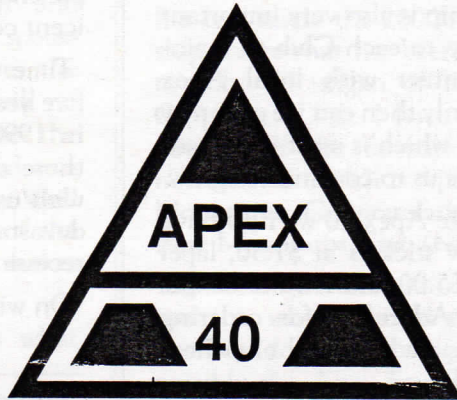


ROARING 40's

November 1995



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

Past President Glenn has said it all in his report which covers the Rort and our recent activities.

My aim as National President will be to maintain communication with the Clubs and ask that you all keep me informed via your newsletters, also so that I can judge the "Penultimate" award. If you have any good photos please send them to us and we will aim to have them printed.

Membership is also very important and it is up to each Club to maintain a contact with local Apex Clubs, as only then can we gain new members - which is most important and enables us to continue to grow.

To promote Apex 40 we now have car window stickers at \$1.50, lapel badges at \$5.00 and Dinner badges at \$7.00. Addresses for ordering badges etc. are to found elsewhere in this issue.

Yours in Apex 40

Garth Whitchurch

"MAINTAIN THE FRIENDSHIPS
MADE IN APEX"

REPORTS BY OUTGOING EXECUTIVE TO A.G.M.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Fellow RORTERS,

Welcome to the 20th Annual Apex 40 RORT.

This gathering although relatively

small in comparison to past Rorts will, I feel, surely be the friendliest because of its size.

Congratulations to the committee and all members of Kuala Lumpur, Seremban and Malacca for the efforts they have put in to make this our 20th RORT the outstanding success we all know it will be.

As this RORT will be unique, take the opportunity to meet all our hosts with the Aussie fellowship we grew up with and what better way is there to gain an insight of the people and their culture in this magnificent country, Malaysia.

Time certainly has flown in the five years since we visited Malaysia in 1990. Also spare a thought for those of us who are unable to be with us at this RORT because of a devastating drought coupled with a recession in Australia.

On with the 1995 RORT.

Glenn Rossiter

MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION

Another two years has flown and more clubs have joined our wonderful organisation. The most recent ones to my knowledge are Gosford City in N.S.W. and Frederick Harry Bay in Tasmania, congratulations guys - and we hope to meet with you at the RORT this year.

After our successful tour of South Africa in 1993, we are to receive a contingent of South African Round Table 41'ers touring Australia in 1996. Contact has been made and

plans are underway for their visit. This type of tour gives one a real taste of international friendship and fellowship and extends the bounds of our organisation.

The RORT is shaping up to be another incredible experience for all those concerned. If you haven't yet got your registration off to Garth — it's time! "To know Malaysia is to love Malaysia." We certainly look forward to renewing friendships with all our fellow Rorters!

Congratulations to Glenn and Andrew and their respective spouses for their commitment over the last two years. Fresh blood will no doubt be forthcoming to replace the National Committee in Malaysia for the ensuing two years. Well done lads! It is the quality of the people who volunteer that makes the organisation what it is.

Enjoy the RORT — that's what we're here for!

Kevin Huxham

NATIONAL
SECRETARY/TREASURER &
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

My job as Secretary/Treasurer of this great organisation has been a rewarding experience for me and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of it.

Following my election (???) at the Perth RORT, I contacted all clubs on our mailing list who had not paid their annual per capita with

the reminder that our constitution states that "Branches shall annually pay an affiliation fee determined by the Annual General Meeting each year to cover postage and other operating costs". This was followed up with a final letter to those clubs who did not respond and any unfinancial clubs were dropped from our mailing list.

We currently have in excess of 1650 financial members of Apex 40 who are distributed amongst 66 clubs and 4 members at large. Alan Kinder recently advised me that he has had made the 2000th membership badge that has been presented to John Hourigan of Melbourne/Gippsland Club. I have also been advised of the formation of our newest club which is Apex 40 Blue Mountains. Congratulations to the Blue Mountains Club (NSW).

Financially, we are in a very good position which should result in a healthy donation being made to possibly the Apex Foundation, but that decision will be made by those attending the RORT in Malaysia. I would like to recommend to all Rorters that the Affiliation Fee remain at \$1.00 per couple/single for the following 12 month period, maximum \$50 per club.

Somehow, I also ended up as editor of the Roaring 40's, which has involved a lot more time than I thought possible to produce a few pages every few months.

However, it has been interesting and I would like to thank all clubs

who have regularly sent me copies of their newsletters. I read them all and get a lot of laughs from not only the happenings of clubs but from the many jokes etc. (a lot of which I was never game enough to publish in our national newsletter). I hope that I have been able to summarise your activities accurately through "Around the Branches".

Thank you also to clubs who have sent me special articles and photos of your clubs' events. Without your contribution it would have been a very short newsletter.

Unfortunately Pam and I will not be able to attend the RORT (one of the disadvantages of owning a small retail business). Maybe when they are a bit closer to home, I'll be able to meet a lot of you that I have been in contact with over the past two years.

I wish the new co-ordinating committee a lot of good times ahead and I am sure that Apex 40 will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Andrew James

MALAYSIA RORT REPORT

Thursday – After seven hours in a Malaysian Airlines jumbo we landed at Kuala Lumpur to be greeted by several K-L Apex 40 members. Amid much confusion and "g'day mates" we headed towards our bus transfer with Ron Storay (Launceston) emptying his baggage all over the road!

With the temperature at a sticky 28° as we checked in at the Federal

Hotel, we were all ready to crash into bed for a reasonably early night.



Dr. T. Thinakaran, Rort Committee Chairman, chats with outgoing National President Glenn Rossiter

Friday – After a not too early brekkie we explored downtown K-L in 36° heat and 85% humidity. Needless to say the shops did well that day.

Cold beer and soft drinks kicked off the Welcome Social, the first official Rort event. After dinner there was time for lots of chat (some true – some false) about Rorts and Rorters and, finally, a room party in the largest room – thanks to Bill, Brian and Garth (Melbourne- Gippsland).



After lunch in Seremban

Saturday – After a sumptuous brekkie we boarded the bus for a tour of K-L, visiting a jade place, the Selangor pewter factory and the Batu caves. Some of us had the insane idea of climbing the five million (or thereabouts) steps to the Hindu temple inside the cavern at the top.

a 10 course Chinese banquet – yum! Then a multi-national choir entertained us after which we danced until the wee small hours.

Sunday – Off on the bus to Klang (a Malacca Straits port), through scenic countryside and 16-lane toll gates. Boarded a boat which resembled the African Queen minus pad-



After yet another good lunch

Back to the Federal and lunch, after which the annual general meeting was convened. Chairman Chandran said “g’day” and handed the meeting over to yours truly who stumbled through somehow with much help from Garth.

‘Gosh’, the press were there jostling to take photos of the pale-faces up front, with a photo on page 3 of the Star newspaper next day.

What happened at the AGM ? – read about it in the minutes! (Next issue, Ed.) Dinner was accompanied by a very loud disco as we dined on

dle-wheels and after an hour of negotiating fish farms, mangroves, iguanas and sea snakes we arrived at Pulau Ketam (Crab Island). Shaky



Garth Whitchurch formally installs the new President of Malacca Apex 40.

board-walks above mangroves, mud and garbage twined through the houses (on stilts) with deodorants and perfumes fighting a losing battle against the smell. After a banquet lunch we explored the town – unbelievable! Back to the Federal for a clean-up then by bus to the Selangor Club for yet another feast (Boy, the sauces were spicy!) with magnificent music and dancing, then home to another room party.

Monday – Leaving the hustle and bustle of the big smoke, we headed down Highway One (which goes to Singapore) to Seremban where we visited a Malay cultural museum and were greeted by Seremban Apex 40 members. Then on to lunch at the Carlton restaurant with more great food and natter.

All aboard again, we travelled through miles of palm oil and rubber plantations to the sea breezes of



Past National President Ian Foss and Len Rankine (Guildford) in serious conversation.

Port Dickson where we swam, walked or slept the afternoon away at the Ming Court.

With the sounds of Islam wafting down from the mosque on the hill, we dined on a magnificent barbie and danced under the equatorial stars that winked at us from above.

Tuesday – On to Malacca, stopping at a palm oil tree nursery for an in-depth discussion on tissue culture and potash fertilisers! After yet another sumptuous lunch we were escorted around Malacca and back to the Emperor pub to spruce up for a night at the Malacca Indian Association and another barbie (delicious). Then inside for induction of the President of Apex 40 Malacca, performed by newly elected National President Garth Whitchurch.

On arrival back at the Emperor our senses were assailed by the smell of coffee and the harmonious voices of a Philippine trio on stage. Being buggers for punishment we hung around until the wee small hours (sound familiar?).

Wednesday – Back to K-L with a chorus of snores up and down the bus, stopping half-way for the obligatory group photo then on to the P.J. Club for lunch. Back to the Federal for a short siesta, after which we were bussed to the Anchor Beer Tavern for our final night with the K-L members – an emotional night.

Our heartfelt thanks to Kuala Lumpur, Seremban and Malacca members for your hospitality and warmth of friend-

ship to all of us from 'down under'.

Thursday – We decamped from the Federal, amid hugs and kisses, for various parts of Asia – Thailand, India, Maldives, Colombo, Borneo, Lankawi Island, Cameron Highlands, Genting Highlands, Penang, Hong Kong or good old Aus.

Thanks to all Rorters for your companionship and good times.

See you all (and more) in Wyong!

Glenn Rossiter

1996 RORT – WYONG

The 96 National Rort will be held over the June long weekend commencing with Registrations on Friday evening 7 June 1996 and it will conclude on Monday morning 10 June 1996. It will be held at Wyong on the Central Coast of New South Wales.

The main Venue for the Rort is the

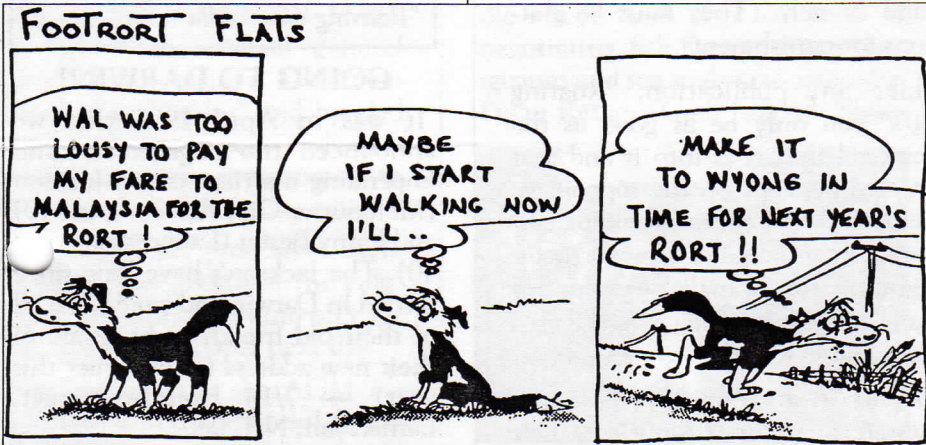
gramme have been forwarded to Clubs. Note: Registrations close on 6th February, 1996.

A Post Rort Tour will be a 'beauty' with visits to wineries at Pokolbin & Mudgee, the Historical Museum at Gulgong (one of the best in Australia), Dubbo and environs, Jenolan Caves and Katoomba. The Tour will be for 6 days/5 nights including accommodation, meals and entry fees where stated on the final programme.

Costs will be around \$200.00 for the weekend Rort Package plus accommodation costs. Partial Registrations can be arranged if necessary.

Accommodation at 'Warners Lodge' will be \$95 per double – bed & breakfast.

The Post Rort Tour package will cost about \$600.00 per person – twin share. This includes air-condi-



historical 'Warners Lodge' on the banks of Wyong River. Details of accommodation and the Rort Pro-

tioned coach, accommodation, meals and entry fees for programmed activities. Don't miss the

Post Rort Tour.

Further enquiries about the programme can be obtained from:

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Secretary

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Telephone: (043) 963 194

Fax: (043) 963 194 (Yes! The same number.)

COME AND JOIN WYONG

APEX 40 IN 1996

EDITORIAL TEAM

Congratulations to Andrew James for producing a series of interesting "Roaring 40's" over the last two years.

With the change in hierarchy following the Malaysia Rort, production of "Roaring 40's" has returned to the two Alans - Kinder and Padgham - of Melbourne-Gippsland Branch. (They must be glutons for punishment).

Like any publication, "Roaring 40's" can only be as good as the material that goes into it and that in turn depends on the support we get from branches in providing editorial material, etc. We are a bit light on for Branch news in this issue, perhaps to some extent due to the changeover.

Apart from copies of Branch newsletters/dinner notices, we would like to have other material which you think may be of interest,

enlightenment or amusement. We don't have any qualms about plagiarism, so if you come across a suitable article let us have a copy.

We would also like to have photos from club activities with names and other relevant details.

We would especially like to hear from newer Branches with some notes about number of members, Apex clubs represented among members, comment about your locality, etc.

ROARING 40's" IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

IT IS THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AMONG BRANCHES.

LET'S MAKE IT REALLY ROAR!!

BRANCH SECRETARIES *please do this now!!*

Amend your current newsletter mailing list to include current members of Apex 40 Co-ordinating Committee (see page 12) and "Roaring 40's" editor.

GOING TO DARWIN?

It was in April 1992 that we announced the engagement and impending marriage of Ian Jackson (Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40) and Jenny Bester (Launceston Apex 40). The Jackson's have long since settled in Darwin and would like all of their old friends to be aware of their new address (as of earlier this year) — 7/14 Houston Street, Larrakeyah, N.T. 0802

Ian and Jenny would love to see any Apex 40 friends visiting Darwin.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Alstonville – Held a “bowls and pizza” night in April at the Ballina Bowl. June dinner was at “Something Different” restaurant, featuring distinctly Australian produce – Roo, Croc, Buffalo, Emu!

Planning a weekend trip to Toonambar in September.

President Margaret says: “Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You’ll get knocked down by traffic from both sides.”

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is liking what you get.”

Bendigo – Also held a “bowls and pizza” night recently – must be catching! Club has purchased an “Urn” – presumably for the collection of fines. (*Hope it urns a lot of money! Ed.*)

May function to be an afternoon at the theatre to see “Fiddler on the Roof”, followed by soup and snacks at a member’s home. Planning a tour of Avoca district wineries in July.

Gold Coast – Members participated in a fund-raising night for local nurses’ Cancer appeal.

June event to be a Reef and Beef (with Champagne) lunch in the park.

Ipoh/Lumpur – Somewhat belatedly, a brief run-down on the installation of current President R.E. Demudu, last November. Held at Negara Golf Club at Petaling Jaya, the meeting got off to a late start due to a heavy downpour and resultant traffic jam, the difficulty of finding the venue and the “typical

Malaysian punctuality trait”. Nevertheless, there was a good turn out of members and Apexians, ladies and guests. Visitors came from Singapore, Ipoh, Malacca and Seremban.

Installation of R.E. Demudu as President for 1994/95 was conducted by past President Suresh in the absence of immediate past-President Narayanan. In his speech following the installation, Demudu has assured the crowd that he will think “BIG” during his term – not for self interest but to see that the Malaysian public has the right image of APEX.

Demudu introduced his Board Members as:

Vice President : Alan Cheong

Secretary : P. K. Singam

Treasurer : S. V. Neiker

Committee : Anthony Lawrence

N. Manoharan

S. S. Rajah

(Haven’t heard anymore yet about formation of a new Apex 40 Club at Ipoh but we hope that past National President Glenn brushed up on his geography while at the Rort in Malaysia. Ipoh is not “just south of Malacca” as was attributed to Glenn in the last issue of “Roaring 40’s” – in fact, it is about 300 km north of Malacca, about half-way between K.L. and Penang! Ed.)

Melbourne-Gippsland – This year’s functions have included a twilight visit to “Jazz at the Zoo” after which all the members were let out, and a long-weekend visit to Ford Inlet, Mansfield where 18

members were hosted by long-distance members Donald Dick, Fred and Leila Margetts, and Ley and Shirley Garrett. Highlights of the weekend were Sunday night's dinner at Highton Manor and Fred's garden scale-railway where the "boys" were able to play trains. Fred has hand-made most of the rolling stock and buildings for his garden railway, which overlooks Lake Eildon with views to Mr. Buller and the High Country. The system is so far only about half-complete with about 30 metres of track laid and landscaping under way – planned additions will include a trestle bridge and tunnel.

Barber of Fleet Street". It was a great show and Trish was excellent as the lady who made pies from Sweeney Todd's victims. The pies at interval were very tasty, too!

Redlands – June dinner will again be a mid-year Yule-tide Dinner at Court House Restaurant where they have log fires burning.

Redlands members recently had a combined dinner with Wynnum-Manly members which was most successful with a total of 71 in attendance.

Quote – "Did you know that if you cross a monastery with a lion you'll get A ROARING FRIAR PLACE!"



Aussie contingent and P.K. ready to board the bus for West Malaysia Tour after the R...
From left at back – P.K. Singam, Dianne Da-Re, Ron Stora, Barry Lancaster, Max Cheney, Helen Noble, Rob Noble, Veda Dunstan, Ken Dunstan, Jan Stora.
Front – John Peate.

Twenty members had a most enjoyable night at the theatre to see fellow member Trish Tonkin star in the leading role of Mrs. Lovett in the Steven Sondheim musical thriller "Sweeney Todd the Demon

Werribee – April meeting took the form of a social night with entertainment and supper at Werribee Bowling Club.

Wyong – In late July, members

spent a weekend at the Hydro Majestic at Medlow Bath in the Blue Mountains. A feature of the weekend was a traditional Yulefest dinner on the Saturday night. (Another popular activity).

Recent dinner meetings have been held at a seafood restaurant and a Chinese restaurant.

Planning for the 1996 Rort is well advanced – see separate report this issue.



Glenn Rossiter presents the "Whizzy" Trophy to Jan Storay (Launceston).

The Great 8 – Last meeting was an outing to the Barrington guest house with a BBQ lunch, laser clay pigeon shoot and bush walking (for some), despite the damp conditions. "Congratulations to Dianne Ross, who actually made it this time across the suspension bridge without resorting to the Aussie Crawl. Congratulations also to Jennifer McLeod for winning the ladies' pigeon shoot

(and winning a bottle of wine)."

June Meeting will be the (soon to be infamous) car rally organised by the Ross family of Cessnock. Lunch at a destination to be discovered.

July meeting will be – yes, you guessed it : "Christmas in July". This will also be the Annual General Meeting and executive election night.

Heywood – A new branch of Apex 40 has been formed at Heywood in south-western Victoria. After sampling the fellowship of Apex 40 at the Rort in Melbourne last year, Rob 'Wombat' Walter has got the local ex-Apexians together and has got himself elected as Secretary/Treasurer!

Welcome to Apex 40 to President Des Gray and all members of Heywood Apex 40.



Malacca Apex Members present a Club Banner to National Apex 40 President Garth Whitchurch.

**- FOR SALE -
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Blackburn. Vic. 3130

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Alstonville. N.S.W. 2477

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- Costs quoted include postage,
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Branches are invited and urged to forward news & photos of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of "Roaring 40's"

Let's have photographs and news of branch functions so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to

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