

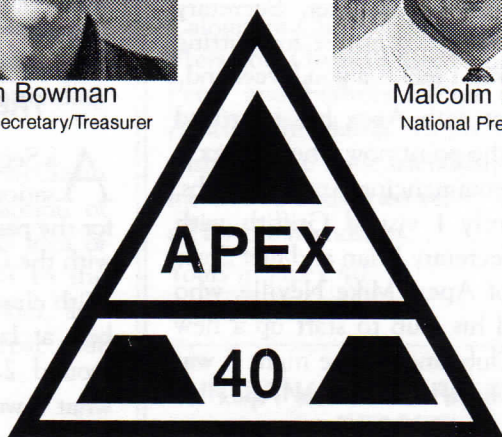
ROARING 40's



John Bowman
National Secretary/Treasurer



Malcolm Clark
National President



FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

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REPORTS TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Rort of Apex 40 in our 24th year. We have 22 clubs plus a number of "members at large" in attendance which gives us a total registration of 187 which I feel is very good (we also have seven of the eleven past National Presidents present). Special thanks must go to Rort Chairman Glenn Rossiter, Secretary Betty and their committee for putting together what I feel is a good weekend.

Our contact with Apex has improved greatly, to the point now where Apex is looking at commencing Apex 40 Clubs. Only recently I visited Griffith with National Secretary Brian and met State President of Apex, Mike Neville, who encouraged his club to start up a new Apex 40 Club, and on the night it was agreed to form our newest Apex 40 Club – Well done Griffith Apex. For this reason I propose to commence this year as Apex Liaison Officer as a permanent contact and thereby leave the National President free to spread the word among ourselves as well as Apex.

During the past two years I had excellent support from the two Alans in the production of the "Roaring 40's", which was of a very high standard, in our endeavour to keep the Clubs up to date about what is happening. Of course, special thanks go to my Secretary/Treasurer Brian, International Relations Kevin Huxham and Membership Glenn Rossiter. Thanks team for a job well done.

Apex 40 is for "Continuing Fellowship" after Apex, but also remember that we are there to help Apex if asked, especially for ideas and contacts on membership which is important, and Nationally is around 6,500, with only 50 clubs throughout metropolitan Australia.

All the best to the incoming team which will be announced at this Rort. –
HAVE A GREAT RORT..

Garth Whitchurch.

NATIONAL SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT

As Secretary/Treasurer of our organisation it has been my responsibility for the past two years to keep in contact with the Clubs and collect annual subs.

With close on 70 clubs and a few members at large, our membership is now around 2,500 and still growing from what it was a few years ago. But it's still low when we take into account the numbers who have gone through Apex. While we hear from quite a lot of Clubs, there are some who forget to put us on their mailing list and are slow to pay their dues. Subscriptions have deliberately been kept low, with a maximum of \$50 for any one club, and I encourage subscriptions to be paid as soon as possible so that we can keep in contact. A good idea is to have your elections October/November and bill members for payment by 31st December; a lot of clubs have a two year term for their executive in view of the light workload, which also enables continuity of com-

munication (*Note – Some clubs still forwarding correspondence to the immediate past National Secretary after two years*).

It was great recently to attend the formation of two new clubs, at Terang and Griffith, and meet some new friends in Apex and Apex 40.

It will be noted in the accounts that we ran at a slight shortfall of \$199, caused basically by a carry over of \$300 of an unpaid account from last year. We therefore still have \$1,562 in the Bank which should go close to running our organisation for the next year; but we still need to follow up on outstanding subs to ensure no shortfall.

Thanks go to National President Garth for his support and his promotion of Apex 40 to Apex; I think his idea of Apex Liaison is tops. Thanks to the Editorial team of Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham – another great year and a job well done.

GOOD RORTING TO YOU ALL.

Brian Roach

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to the Annual meeting of Apex 40 at the Maroochy R.S.L. Club. It is heartening to have so many of you in attendance to witness our famously short meetings.

Our Association is going from strength to strength with several new clubs formed in the past two years, along with inquiries from all states requesting information about Apex 40. Apex itself in Australia is on the decline and they seek our support regarding their membership.

I don't have the answers, maybe you do! Please assist where possible.

As Garth mentioned in the April edition of the "Roaring 40's", Women's Apex retiring members are eligible to become members (along with their partners) of Apex 40. I suppose there are already some members out there waiting to join. By the way don't forget about members who may not be very active in your clubs, give them a call occasionally and ask them along to your meetings.

Caloundra Club recently welcomed ex 41ers from Great Britain into their club; Peter and Frances Wood arrived in Australia in March. To my successor, I wish you the same friendship shown to me over the last two years. Thank you all for the friendship.

Yours in Apex 40

Glenn Rossiter

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

There has not been a lot of international contact during the past year. The proposed tour by a group of Canadian Kin 40 members took place but only the organising couple made Australia, and I believe may have met with some Victorian members before moving on to New Zealand.

The proposal for a 1999 Tour to Canada is alive and well but it is too early to get a pricing on it. It is being organised by Gary Soles, a Kin 40 member, Rotarian and a travel agent from Kamloops in B.C., Canada. It is envisaged that this tour will spend three weeks touring by

coach through British Columbia and Alberta, taking in the beautiful Rocky Mountain scenery and the world's largest shopping centre in Calgary. The tour will include both hotel accommodation and home hosting with Kin 40 members, and attendance at some Kin 40 func-

tions. At the end of the tour a week long stay at Hawaii to recharge the batteries, or continue on to Alaska or the rest of Canada or the U.S.A. for those who have more time, may be an option.

Kevin Huxham.

GREETINGS FROM THE NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Day-o, day-ay-ay-o, daylight come and we wanna go home. I haven't stopped singing the tune to the song since the Sunshine post rort tour. Another memorable and enjoyable rort and tour, well done Caloundra.

The name of the post rort tour coach driver was Mayo and Alan Kinder got us off to a good start on the tour by writing verses to the tune with new verses each day relating our adventures and memorable points on the tour (see later).

There were 185 registrations for the rort, with members representing some 70 clubs, with two new clubs represented. This was our fifth rort and we have had a ball at each of them making lots of new friends and cementing old relationships.

The last Roaring 40's called for nominations for National Board but it seems Garth was hardly knocked over in the rush to register for a position. It was suggested that I might be successful if I nominated for National President and I had no hesitation in offering my services. My nomination was successful and I am assisted by John Bowman, also from Wyong Apex 40, as Secretary/Treasurer.

Garth Whitchurch has devoted himself to improving relationships with Apex in the last couple of years and will remain on the Board with responsibility for Apex liaison and extension/membership (though other board members will be assisting Garth with the extension).

The final board position resolved at the AGM was Kevin Huxham, who will continue with the International Relations portfolio. My thanks to these members for nominating and offering to assist me for the next two years. Thanks also to Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham who have offered to continue with the great job they have been doing with the Roaring 40's.

Venues for the next two rorts are decided and we will see you in Port Lincoln in 1998 and in Bendigo in 1999 and another club was showing interest in the 2000 rort.

My thanks to the past Board, especially Brian Roach and Glenn Rossiter who have stood down from the board, for their contribution to our organisation.

Here now is our Post Rort Tour song.

Yours in Apex 40,

Mal Clark

THE BANANA COACH SONG

Chorus

May-o, May-ay-ay-o
Mayo drive all the rorters around
May-o, May-ay-ay-o
Mayo drive all the rorters around

Verses

In the beautiful coach of Suncoast Pacific
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Is he any good, no he's terrific
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Drive all day on a drink of rum
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Drive all day till the evening come
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

At the Sunshine Coast we start this trip
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Mayo the captain of the ship
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

In the Bunya mountains we make big climb
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Workin' them gears, all-o the time
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home

The Gayndah pub she not too posh
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
But bloody good beer and bloody good nosh
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Fill up with diesel at Biloela
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home

Mayo eyeing off a dusky Shiela
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Stop at Mount Morgan for lunch and wizzy
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Got to keep that Mayo busy
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Can't find Yeppoon? It's there you dork
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Right there next to yer knipe and pork
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Today he say we see big long train
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Guess what? Mayo he stuff up again
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

At 1770 we ride on a duck
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Mayo say "that's a funny damn truck"
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Every morning the rooster he crow
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
He's telling Mayo "it's time to go"
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

At Bundaberg we drink some rum
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home
Poor old Mayo, he don't get none
Mayo drive we don't wanna go home.

Another verse to go (see Alan Kinder)

RORT REPORT – SUNSHINE RORT, CALOUNDRA, 1997.

Well, the Rort certainly lived up to its name with plenty of sunshine throughout the weekend. Things got underway with 8 Welcome Social at the Caloundra Civic Centre where regular Rorters had their annual happy reunions and met many new Rorters who, hopefully, will become regular Rorters in future years.

Bendigo members, colourfully attired, manned a stand displaying the many attributes of the 'Golden City' as a venue for the 1999 Rort. Rorters were persuaded to support Bendigo's bid with handouts including pens and "poppet-head" badges.

While Rorters were catching up with old friends and generally remaining vertical while partaking of liquid refreshments, a large gathering of ladies from the Assembly of God were falling down, stricken with religious fervour in an adjoining room. Thankfully, the falling down syndrome didn't penetrate the dividing wall – except for Betty Sammartino (Werribee)

Present among the Rorters were 41 Club (ex-RTBI) members Peter Wood and wife Frances, and John Dobson and wife Suzi. Peter, a member of Brentwood 41 Club and Frances have taken up residence on the Sunshine Coast and have joined Apex 40 at Caloundra. John, a member of Upminster 41 Club and Suzi are on a visit to Australia.

On Saturday morning Rorters were issued with a bulletin from the

'Midnight Scribe'. Glenn (Chook) Rossiter had been up till the early hours of the morning writing and photocopying the 'Bulletin'.

We were taken by coach (3 coaches required) for a tour of the district and up to Buderim, then on to the Ettamogah pub for morning tea. The pub's unique 'dunnies' were quite an attraction.



*At the Ettamogah Pub from Bendigo,
L to R.: Kevin & Shirley Harvey, Meryl
Clarke, Ron Milner, Marg O'Neill, Ruth
Milner, Ross O'Neill and Ron Clarke.*

On then for a visit to the Big Pineapple complex at Nambour and then to Maroochydore for lunch at the R.S.L., followed by the A.G.M. with Hilton Maxwell as Master of Ceremonies.



*A bunch of Bowmans at the Big Pineapple.
Neville & Margaret Bowman (Wyong),
Sandra & John Bowman (Wyong), Charlie
& Thelma Bowman (Wynnum/Manly)*

National President Garth Whitchurch presented the Annual Report, assisted by National Secretary/Treasurer Brian Roach. Garth invited Kevin Burner from Port Lincoln to address the meeting about plans for next year's Rort.

Kevin supplemented his presentation with handouts setting out the program for the Rort and brochures highlighting the many attractions of Port Lincoln and the Eyre Peninsula. The Rort to be held over the weekend of 15-18 May, 1998, is billed as The Fresh Eyre Rort Port Lincoln and Apex 40 members are invited to 'Take a Breath of Fresh Eyre'! Further details of the 1998 Rort and registration forms will be forwarded to all Clubs.

Bendigo club was successful in its bid to host the 1999 Rort.

Election of office bearers resulted in the formation of a new Apex 40 Coordinating Committee comprising:

National President –
Malcolm Clark (Wyong)

National Sec./Treas. –
John Bowman
(Wyong)

Membership –
Garth
Whitchurch
(Melbourne-Gippsland)

International Relations –

Kevin Huxham. (Alstonville)

The fines session was conducted by Pat Maxwell who showed no mercy on his 'victims'.

After the business session we were taken to the Ginger Factory at Yandina, the largest ginger processing factory in the world, where we were able to sample some ginger and encouraged to purchase items from their wide range of ginger products.

The Saturday night dinner dance was held at Kawana Waters Bowling Club where we were entertained by the band 'Sharkie and the Fin Man' whose repertoire included a take-off of The Shadows and the Blues Brothers. A highlight of the night was the appearance of Rasheeda, the belly-dancer who coerced, willingly or otherwise, Eddie Latham (Alstonville) and Max Reid (Melbourne/Gippsland) to join in her dance routine.

Pat Maxwell extracted fines from a few more victims, assisted by Denise Rolley.

On Sunday we travelled up onto the Blackall Range for morning tea and a spectacular view of the Glasshouse



A group of Moree members in an area overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains

Mountains at the Mary Cairncross Reserve near Maleny. Then on for a browse around the craft shops at Montville and lunch at Wappa Dam



Steak Burgers at Wappa Dam

featuring barbecued steak burgers. Our return trip took us via Eumundi to Noosa Heads where we had time for a stroll on the boardwalk along the beach and along the well-known Hastings Street.

Sunday night saw a return to the Big Pineapple for a delightful dinner, dancing to the band 'Cool Change' and entertainment by The Magic Man, alias Nambour Apexian Tim Finn. Tim was a real hit with his conjuring tricks and his balloon sculptures. Tim called up a number of Rorters to try their hands at creating sculptures with balloons; they all had great trouble in blowing up the very thin balloons but all succeeded, more or less in the end. John Watson (Wynnum-Manly) produced a very good dog, Eddie Nunn (W-M) produced a rather suspect 'palm tree', Marion Clark (Wyong) produced a very good something or other, and Bill Jessop (W-M), Meryl Clarke (Bendigo) and Trish Tonkin (Melb./Gipps.) all managed something! Pat Maxwell found a few more victims.

Sketches were performed by two clubs; Moree, led by Sandra O'Mullane, and Wyong, led by Malcolm Clark. The 'Bull Horn' trophy was awarded to Moree and accepted by Sandra.

Other trophy winners were:

- Penultimate Trophy (Newsletter) – Redlands.
- Attendance Trophy (Numbers/Distance) – Bendigo.
- The Wizzy – Pauline Denisenko (Redlands), for invading men's toilet.

On Monday morning Rorters gathered for farewell 'smoko', except for those (including yours truly) who had to make an early start on the Post-Rort Tour.

The Rort saw the biggest attendance for some years and the second biggest ever (after Grafton in '92.) and I am certain that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Everything went smoothly (except for Pat's fines sessions!) and we all congratulate Chook and Betty Rossiter and the rest of the Caloundra members on a ripping Rort.

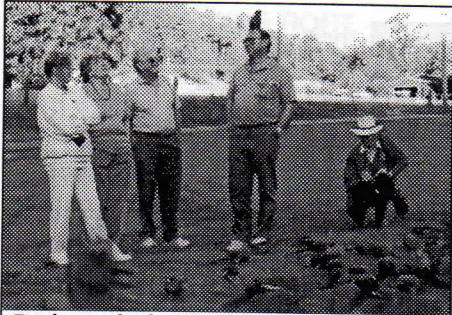
Roll on Port Lincoln, see you there, or on the bus on the way there.

POST RORT TOUR

(or The Wayward Bus)

John Steinbeck's story of The Wayward Bus might have provided the script for the Post Rort Tour! No, that's not fair – Mayo, our Suncoast Pacific driver, only missed the right road twice despite (or perhaps due to) the number of navigators on board.

Monday: Leaving Caloundra, unfortunately *before* the morning farewell 'smoko', we headed west for Dalby and lunch at the RSL, then up into the Bunya Mountains to see the giant Bunya Pines and to feed the Crimson



Birds on the brain at Bunya Mountains—Bernie Kenny balances a Rosella on his head while Trish Tonkin, Meryl Clarke and Bill Cunliffe look on. Garth Whitchurch studies the birds.

Rosellas and King Parrots.

On to Gayndah, the citrus capital of Queensland, to spend the night at the Gayndah Hotel with mine host Dave, who treated Max Reid (M./G.) to a miniature toilet bowl of frothy ale.

Tuesday, after being aroused by a rather suspect rooster, we toured north-east via the historic gold mining town of Mt. Morgan to Yeppoon which, if you didn't know, is right next to your knipe and your pork (according to Mayo). Trish Tonkin had suggested that the name Mayo suggested a ready theme song for the tour – “Mayo, Ma-ay-ay-o”, as in the Banana Boat Song. As if by magic this morning, a couple of verses of the Banana Coach Song appeared and, by the end of the tour, the number of verses had grown to 13. Too long to print here, but there is a cassette available!

Tuesday night at Bayview Towers at Yeppoon (with all rooms having a view out to North Keppel Island) we all let our hair down for a riotous night of

musical fun and games. Amazing how many talented musicians we had – without the benefit of musical instruments!

Wednesday, with everyone in surprisingly good shape, and after an early morning call by ‘The Rooster’ as he apparently flew past our balconies, we headed south for the Town of 1770 to meet ‘Betty on the Jetty’ and ‘Des on the



Post-Rort Tour group at The Hummock Lookout, Bundaberg.

Duck! Actually, it was not a duck but an ex-US Army Lark, a bright pink amphibian on which we toured part of Bustard Bay named by Captain Cook when he was having a bad day! Actually, it was named after the turkey-like bird Cook's crew shot and ate. Then on to Bundaberg to our motel which incorporated a Hog's Breath Cafe.

Thursday, The Rooster had managed to track us to Rum City so we were able to get an early start for our visit to the Bundy Rum distillery and a taste all round of their famous product. Lunch time saw us at the modern RSL Club at Pialba, Hervey Bay then through Maryborough and via the Cooloola Coast Road to Rainbow Beach. We were joined for dinner by ex-Alstonville



CAUGHT IN THE ACT! Just what were Betty Sammartino and Alan Kinder up to after dinner at Rainbow Beach? Is that the Ladies or Gents toilet they are coming out of?

then back inland to Lake Boomanjin and the beautiful Lake Birrabeen where five brave souls, Malcolm and Marion Clark, John and Sandra Bowman (Wyong) and Bob Skinner (Redlands) took the plunge into the crystal clear but rather cold lake.

After a BBQ lunch and a bush walk at Central Station, we headed back all the way down the beach to the ferry back onto the mainland, then along Cooloola Beach all the way to Tewantin where our by now

members (and some-time gypsies) Noel and Lois McAuliffe who are currently operating a general store somewhere between Gympie and Tin Can Bay.

Friday started off with a bang! First, there was a lusty crow from The Rooster, followed by a bang, a strangled squawk from T.R., and a cry of "got the bastard" (or was that bustard?)

However, T.R. (alias Peter Sammartino) managed to survive the ordeal to crow another day. After breakfast we were loaded into two 4-wheel drive vehicles for a trip along the Wide Bay beach and onto a ferry at Inskip Point and across to Fraser Island. On the island we travelled partly along a pretty rough road then onto the Seventy-five Mile beach,

good friend Mayo was waiting to take us back to Caloundra.

The 31 Rorters who went on the tour all agreed that it was a wonderful adventure, full of fun and in excellent company.

Mayo says that he wants to drive the coach next year from Melbourne to the Port Lincoln Rort.



Mayo with Melbourne/Gippsland members, from left - John Hourigan, Bill Cunliffe and Alan Flaherty.

FRESH EYRE RORT – PORT LINCOLN 1998

Next year's Rort will be held at Port Lincoln, S.A. from Friday 15th to Monday 18th May, 1998 and a warm welcome awaits all Apex 40 members.

Situated at the southern tip of the Eyre Peninsula, Port Lincoln is a gracious and exciting city of 13,000 people nestled on wooded rolling hills, stretching down to the sparkling blue waters of Boston Bay, one of the world's largest natural harbours covering more than 3½ times the area of Sydney Harbour. Enjoying a Mediterranean climate, Port Lincoln is the home port to Australia's largest commercial fishing fleet for tuna, prawns, lobster, abalone, shark and other fish.

The weekend activities will include:

- Registration at Boston Bay Winery.
- Friday night Welcome Supper.

- Saturday tour of the district including lunch and AGM.
- Saturday night dinner dance at Lincoln South Club.
- Sunday morning free then Lincoln National Park tour and lunch. Return trip by bus or yacht.
- Monday farewell smoko at Port Lincoln Yacht Club.

Further details and registration forms will be forwarded to all clubs. Registrations will close 14th March, 1998.

HEADING FOR BROOME?

Morella (W.A.) members and regular Rorters, Robert and Beryl Grace have moved to Broome to take over the management of the Palm Grove Caravan Resort, a modern caravan park which opened just 12 months ago. Situated right at Cable Beach,

it is the best located park in Broome and features air-conditioned two-bedroom holiday cabins.

If you are planning to visit this tropical paradise, you can expect a warm welcome from Robert and Beryl.

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Fax: (019) 92 3306
Freecall for reservations:
1800 803 336

(This is an unpaid advertisement, Ed.)

FOOTRORT FLATS



AROUND THE BRANCHES

Alstonville – Planning an away trip again this year for Christmas in July.

In April, member Bruce Tidmarsh gave a talk on his tour to Nepal.

Bendigo – April saw members catching up on the history of their city with a guided tour around Bendigo's early aboveground gold mining sites, followed by dinner.

Having an "International Night" in June.

Blue Mountains – Apex 40 members joined with Blue Mountains Crest Club in June for a Wine Bus Trip (Bus Wine Trip or was that Trip Bus Wine) to help raise some money for charity. (*By the time they finished at Mudjee at 7.00 pm it probably was a Bine Wip Truss! Ed.*)

Planning a camping weekend in late October.

Forbes – Annual General Meeting may have set a record – "The election of the executive, Ray, Heather and Chris took about fifteen seconds and the acceptance of the President's report took about another ten and there didn't appear to be any general business so the 1997 Annual General Meeting closed around one and a half minutes after it was declared open."

In April members enjoyed a picnic lunch at Hugh and Carrie Ellis' followed by a mini tour of their farm including an inspection of Hugh's small Alpaca herd (flock/mob/group/bunch/what ever).

The Great 8 – "... car rally was a good day out, with nobody getting lost; the day ended at Stockton, with a ferry ride across to The Brewery and a meal at the Blue Waters Pizza. The small group that attended thoroughly enjoyed the day." Changeover dinner will be a Christmas in July affair.

Kualar Lumpur – Held a joint meeting with Seremban and Malacca Apex 40 Clubs in March; "...a simple affair, nothing grandiose or lavish, but the fellowship was wonderful." A joint social of all Apex Clubs and Apex 40 in the Klang Valley to allow members to air their views on:

- * present activities
- * future projects
- * membership drive
- * abolition of age limit of members
- * how to revive the interest of members
- * how to get Apexians involved again.

Annual General Meeting coming up in August.

Lake Macquarie – Joined with Wyong Apex 40 for a "Mystery Tour" in April.

Meeting with Newcastle Oasis Club in May for dinner with past and present Apexians.

Malacca – March meeting – "Yet again, the plight of membership was brought up for discussion and, yet again, no solution was found for this sad state of affairs. Has this been brought about by the imminent end to age limit in Apex, at least here in Malaysia?"

May meeting marks the end of S.A. Lingam's term as President and the return of Charter President Ravindram Royan. Reference to non-attendance of Malaysian Apex 40 members at Caloundra Rort offers the following disturbing comment:

"After an initial brouhaha and touted as the biggest Malaysian representation, the interest seemed to have waned. Me thinks the Hanson factor may have contributed to it." (*Looks like the sensation seeking Australian media has had some impact in Malaysia and given a very wrong impression. Ed.*)

Melbourne/Gippsland – Annual July BBQ to mark the birthday of Apex 40 (24th this year) will be held at the home of newly elected Baw Baw Shire Councillor Don Blackley – might have to bow for your banger and salute for your snag!

Club is looking at arranging a coach tour to next year's Rort at Port Lincoln – see separate article in this issue.

Moree – April meeting was a night at the Moree Show with entertainment by Gina Jeffrey, then on to sideshow alley and fairy floss and a ride on the dodgem cars. (*The 15 Moree members who attended the Caloundra Rort, all dressed in their "Not a Bad Bunch" shirts and distinctive caps, were easily recognisable and looked great. Ed.*)

Morella – Planning a bus trip to the Wandering Valley Estate for a Sunday luncheon and wine tasting in July or August.

Norwesters – New President is John Kehoe and Secretary is Max Cheney.

In April the club held a picnic in the grounds of the historic Chirnside mansion, Werribee Park.

Future activities will include a Christmas Dinner in July; Puffing Billy (narrow gauge steam train) excursion; a winery trip; and brunch at St. Kilda visiting Ackland Street with its cosmopolitan food shops and the Esplanade craft market.

Redlands – In April members took a bus trip to Brisbane's South Bank for dinner at Care San Marco with an outside deck giving views over the Brisbane River.

Wyong – The "Magical Mystery Tour" in April when Wyong members were joined by members of Lake Macquarie, was a great success. The tour was organised by Wyong's Malcolm Clark who has since gone on to bigger and better things as the new National President of Apex 40. The tour included a short bus trip to Dora Creek Workers' Club for convivial pre-dinner drinks then on to Morriset for fun and food at Auntie Molly's Olde Bakehouse Tea Shoppe with vaudeville entertainment.

From June Newsletter:

"Congratulations Malcolm Clark and John Bowman (new National President and Secretary/Treasurer) from all of us in the Club. We know you will both do a great job over the next two years. Your election is a reflection of your commitment to the Apex 40 movement." (*And so say all of us. Ed.*)

HUMOUR FROM THE BRANCHES' NEWSLETTERS

Malacca

The police stopped him coming out of the Malaysian Indian Association and approached him with the breathalyser bag.

"What's that?" he asked.

"It tells if you've had too much to drink," said the policeman.

"Amazing. I'm married to one of them..

MAGISTRATE: You are charged with habitual drunkenness. What is your excuse?

BASIL :Habitual thirst, your honour!

An elephant was drinking from the river when he noticed a turtle asleep on a log. He ambled over and kicked it clear across the river.

"What did you do *that* for?" asked a passing giraffe.

"Because I recognised it as the same turtle which took a nip out of my trunk fifty years ago."

"What a remarkable memory." Exclaimed the giraffe.

"Yes," said the elephant, "turtle recall."

Melbourne/Gippsland

A bloke went to the CES to get a job, and the only one available was

at the Melbourne Zoo. On arrival at the Zoo he was told that the gorilla had just died, but luckily, they'd managed to preserve its skin. His job was to wear it and pretend to be a gorilla until another could be shipped from Africa.

The days went by and he settled into his new job, coming to thoroughly enjoy his carefree existence, munching bananas and swinging from branch to branch, watched by enthralled spectators.

However, he became too enthusiastic and, one day, swinging too far, landed in the lion's cage. As he pulled himself to his feet one of the lions growled fiercely and he ran to the bars screaming for help.

Whereupon he heard one of the lions snarling, "If that dopey bastard doesn't shut up, we'll all lose our jobs."

If you throw a cat out a car window does it become kitty litter?

If corn oil comes from corn where does baby oil come from?

When a cow laughs does milk come up its nose?

How did a fool and his money get together?

What's another word for thesaurus?

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny?

Redlands

How are you going to teach logic in a world where everybody talks about the sun setting, when it's really the horizon rising?

Did you hear about the Doctor who named his horse "Consultation" so that his Receptionist could say "I'm sorry, he is out on Consultation!"

Wyong

They tell me that when Sherlock Holmes passed away he was shocked to be told by Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates that heaven was full and that there was no room for him. Holmes pleaded his case, pointing out that he had done a lot of good on earth, having solved many crimes. Saint Peter then agreed to admit him if he passed a detective test. "Out there", said Saint Peter, "is every person who has ever passed on to heaven. Which one is Adam?" Holmes surveyed the masses and then pointed to a particular man. "That's Adam - 16th Section, 4th Division, 21 st Group, 9th Row, second from the end." Saint Peter

was amazed : "How did you do it?" he asked. "Elementary my dear Peter, elementary", replied Holmes. "He's the only one who doesn't have a navel".

Judge McNab was looking rather thoughtful as he joined Judge Isaacs at morning tea. "In my next case I've been offered \$5000 for a judgement in favour of the plaintiff," he said, "and \$4000 to clear the defendant. What would you advise me to do?" "Do the right thing," urged Judge Isaacs, "try to raise the defendant to \$5000 and make it a fair trial."

SOME DEEP QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
 - How do they get koalas to cross at that yellow road sign?
 - Do they sterilise the needle for a lethal injection?
 - How do you know when it's time to tune your bagpipes?
 - Why is there an expiry date on my carton of sour cream?
 - Why do they call it a "TV set" when you get only one?
 - If they call "Wagga Wagga": "Wagga", why don't they call "Woy Woy": "Woy"
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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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