

ROARING 40's

POST PORT LINCOLN RORT ISSUE

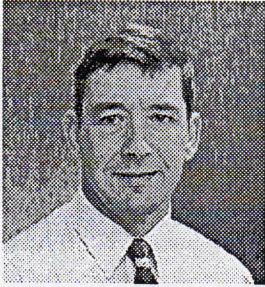


FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

JUNE/JULY 1998

Apex 40 is the recognised body of
Affiliated Past Apexians' Groups

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Apex 40 continues to thrive despite many of us growing old gracefully. We are attracting more members and more clubs. Unfortunately, our parent organisation Apex continues in decline, and sad to say my own club Wyong has finally folded, holding it's final meeting this month. This means of course that our own organisation must eventually decline as the number of newcomers diminishes. A number of our members have been supporting Wyong Apex for the last year or two, but were unable to help the club to recovery. There is no doubt that Wyong, as well as other towns with Apex clubs, have benefited from the work that has been done. Apex has also enabled all of us to have more rewarding lives and build strong and sustained friendships, so we should be grateful that we were able to participate.

My thanks to other members of the Apex 40 Co-ordinating Committee who have made my job very easy and allowed me to continue as your president. Past President Garth Whitchurch has kept in touch to make sure we do the things that need to be done. He has

also kept in touch with Apex for us and helped to keep networks open for people seeking news of old friends, and promoted the start up of new clubs. Secretary/Treasurer, John Bowman (with more than a little help from Sandra) has made sure that we keep in touch with you through the Roaring 40's. Kevin Huxham has been busy as usual, and has almost finalised details of the trip to Canada proposed for 1999. I must also thank Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham for their terrific efforts in putting together our newsletter, which continues to be of a very high standard. Padge is pretty capable with computers, and our communication via the internet has helped me to keep in touch. He also sent me the last Roaring 40's complete with photographs via the internet. I am settling into life in the Philippines and have a couple of spare bedrooms so please come and visit if you would like to. I can be contacted via the internet at: <malclark@cebu.weblinq.com> or phone Philippines 63 32 2315008.

Our annual Rort, at Port Lincoln this time, will be another memorable occasion that I look forward to sharing with you (not least because I will not have seen Marian for two and a half months). Organisation is going well, operating with very small costs, thanks to your committee which I am sure will continue to function well until next year. I wish you all good health and hope we continue to enjoy the lasting friendships we have developed.

Malcolm Clark

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Here I am halfway through my term of office, and just finding out how difficult it is for us to get more clubs to return their branch registration forms with or without their affiliation fees.

We have 72 clubs we post the Roaring 40's to, plus Apex National Board and 11 members at large.

I would like to remind all clubs to make extra copies so that all Apex 40 members are kept informed.

We have only received affiliation fees for 32 clubs and 4 members at large, so if you know any club or person that hasn't paid their fees please encourage them to send it in quickly.

Alan Padgham keeps our National Register of members and it is important for the organisation that we have change of addresses and that this is kept up to date for our own benefit. This comes in very handy when we are trying to track down members for various reasons and have reunions in different areas.

My thanks go to the Editorial team, Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham for all their

hard work in putting the Roaring 40's together and keeping us in touch nationally. Thanks also to my wife Sandra for being the Secretary's secretary.

We are still looking for interesting articles, photos and gossip to put into the Roaring 40's so please keep it coming in; send direct to Alan Kinder.

I will be endeavouring in 1998 to seek out those clubs that have outstanding membership fees and encourage them to pay there affiliation dues.

I would like to thank Port Lincoln club for hosting this Rort for '98 and I know those who have been lucky enough to be able to make the trek down will have a wonderful time and enjoy catching up with old acquaintances. We wish Bendigo all the best for the 1999 Rort.

We are publishing the happenings in this issue of Roaring 40's, which I know we all enjoy reading.

John Bowman

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This year we have had a few irons in the fire up and down the eastern coast, with inquiries from Caboolture Q, Burnie Tas., Sunnybank Q, Narromine NSW.

Terang, Victoria, is afloat, Griffith NSW has got going strongly, and Lismore NSW is about to get started.. If you know of any others please let me

know so that I may follow up. Apex still remains the best source for new clubs and have been most helpful. Remember to invite old Apexians to your club OR help form a new one; it isn't difficult and there are some guidelines for first meetings, etc..

Garth Whitchurch

NATIONAL APEX 40 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1997/98

1996/97

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INCOME

1,161.00	Affiliation fees	797.00
NIL	Badge receipts	70.00
NIL	Rort 97 fines	102.35
10.31	Interest	2.63
500.00	Rort Advance (Contra)	NIL
103.50	Car Stickers	75.00
137.23	Reimbursement Melb/Gippsland print Roaring 40's	NIL
1,912.04	TOTAL INCOME	1,046.98

EXPENSES

19.22	Bank fees/State ~ Federal taxes	6.92
387.95	Postage	363.62
116.10	Per capitas to Apex	NIL
45.00	Stationery	NIL
808.20	Roaring 40's publication	429.00
Nil	Donation to Apex Foundation	NIL
Nil	Cheque reversed	33.00
Nil	Badge receipts (Contra above)	NIL
35.00	Purchase Badges/Banners	NIL
500.00	Rort Advance (Contra)	NIL
NIL	Secretarial Expenses re phone (2 years)	NIL
2,111.47	TOTAL EXPENSES	832.54
(199.43)	SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	214.44

RECONCILIATION

1,761.95	Balance B/F	1,514.49
(199.43)	Surplus (Deficiency)	214.44
1,562.52	Balance C/F	1,728.93

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

APEX 40 TOUR TO CANADA

In August 1999, an Apex 40 Tour will be going to take in the sights of British Columbia, Alaska and Alberta, including the Rockies, and the biggest shopping centre in the world at Edmonton.

The tour will be for a duration of 28 days which will include a seven day cruise to the glaciers of Alaska. Final costing has not been arrived at, but from all indications, it will be in the vicinity of \$5,000 per person.

We are hopeful to have an even balance of home hosting by Kin 40 members and hotels; and for this reason all participants must be members of Apex 40, thereby having past membership of Apex.

The itinerary is not yet finalised but will include Vancouver, Alaska cruise, Victoria, Campbell River, Port Hardy, ferry to Prince Rupert, Smithers, Prince George, Jasper, Banff, Calgary, Edmonton, Kamloops, Okanagan Valley returning to Vancouver.

At this stage I have 96 names who have paid \$5.00 per address to be on the mailing list for the mailouts and news of the tour. If you wish to be included,

please write to Kevin Huxham, P.O. Box 100, Alstonville 2477 with your relevant particulars

TRI-NATIONS RORT MAY-JUNE 2000

South Africa 41 Club President Steve Dawes (wife Anita for those who can't remember) has written suggesting we have a Tri-nations get together and have our A.G.M (Rort) with New Zealand and perhaps meet in Cairns (or Brisbane) and do a coastal trip with a few side-steps into the bush for 2-3 weeks OR meet in Auckland and spend say 3 weeks going down to Christchurch to their A.G.M.

With the two A.G.M's so close this could be a great opportunity for international fellowship and a milestone for the year 2000.

Is there a Club up north who could host the 2000 Rort with a program to include inland and a trip along the coast?

Let's give this some serious consideration at this year's Rort (Moree N.S.W. Club have you any ideas?). See you at the Rort.

Kevin Huxham

Scene - A rocky windswept Australian coastline; the night is dark and the sea is angry; two lights are on a collision course.

1st voice - Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

2nd voice - Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the south.

1st voice - This is the Captain of a U.S. Navy ship. I say again, divert your course.

2nd voice - No. I say again divert YOUR course.

1st voice - THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE. WE ARE THE LARGEST WARSHIP OF THE U.S. NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

2nd voice - This is an Australian lighthouse. Over and out.

PORT LINCOLN RORT — A 'REAL BREATH OF FRESH EYRE'

From the first meeting of fellow Rorters at the Boston Bay Winery to the farewell brunch at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club, the weekend was a great success at a venue not previously visited by many of those present.

While we sipped on the first class Boston Bay wines, Port Lincoln Apex 40 President Kevin Burner and Rort Chairman Ken Webber welcomed us all to their seaport town at the tip of the Eyre Peninsula – and Ken produced the fines 'pot' for its first appearance for the weekend. Kevin introduced his band of men in red caps who were to be in control of the various functions over the weekend – Ken Webber wore the red cap at the welcome social. Past National President Kevin Huxham (Alstonville) was found hiding behind a luxuriant growth of whiskers and a healthy suntan, acquired during his and Liz's two month trip to Port Lincoln via Darwin and the West Coast.

Saturday morning was free time, providing an opportunity to check out downtown Port Lincoln, then it was out to scenic Coffin Bay for a delicious lunch at the Yacht Club prepared by the Yacht Club ladies. Kevin Burner wore the red cap for this function which was followed by the Annual General Meeting, chaired by National President Malcolm Clark, over from the Philippines.

The incumbent members of the National Co-ordinating Committee – Malcolm Clark (Wyong), National President; John Bowman (Wyong), National Secretary-Treasurer; Garth

Whitchurch (Melbourne/ Gippsland), Extension and Apex Liaison; Kevin Huxham (Alstonville), International Relations – were all re-elected for a further 12 months.

On the recommendation of Malcolm Clark, the meeting agreed to increase affiliation fees from \$1. to \$2. per couple or per individual member.

While there were no Moree members in attendance, the club had made a submission seeking approval to host the year 2000 Rort at Moree and this was agreed to.

After the business session, guess what? Another fines session; this time with Immediate Past National President Garth Whitchurch (Melbourne/Gippsland) as fines master.

Before leaving Coffin Bay all Rorters, numbering over 100, gathered on the foreshore in front of the Yacht Club for a group photograph (*front cover*).

On the way back we drove up to Winters Lookout to take in the spectacular views of Port Lincoln and Boston Bay.

The Saturday night dinner dance at Lincoln South Football Club featured a buffet dinner, with more Boston Bay wines, and entertainment by guitarist and singer Tom who did a great job and kept the dance floor crowded. The red cap man at this function was Jim Egan. Highlight of the night's entertainment was a performance by Murray (Muz) Stanley, the one-armed violin virtuoso. How did he manage to also carry his

bow when he was carrying his violin in his one hand? If you weren't there you will just have to wonder! The Rort song was sung with great gusto, led by Alan Kinder (Melbourne/Gippsland) and accompanied on Tom's guitar by David Cameron (Redlands).

On Sunday we were taken for a coach tour to the Port Lincoln National Park and Spalding Cove, then back to the Port Lincoln Racecourse for a magnificent seafood (including oysters and fish) and BBQ lunch, with wines this time from Delacolline, another local winery. The racecourse with its sea view was a splendid venue for the lunch, and a few keen Rorters took the opportunity to walk a lap of the course. The lunch was served and the BBQ manned by members of Port Lincoln Apex and Rotary Clubs. Jim Pallant who is also the current Rotary president wore the red cap at the lunch.

On Sunday night we all gathered at the Port Lincoln TAFE College for an excellent dinner prepared and served by the college students. After dinner some of the clubs put on sketches which were judged by a 'Red Ues' type judging panel. Melbourne/Gippsland members performed 'Is there a Joker in the Pack'; Alstonville members presented 'We are Australian'; Bendigo members put in a plug for next year's Rort; Wynnum-Manly members Eddie Nunn and Bruce Garland recited, respectively, 'A Bush Christening' and Bruce's own composition about a

lady from King's Cross entitled 'Nancy of the Easter Show' (with apologies to Clancy of the Overflow); Max Cheney (Norwesters) and Greta Rose (Devonport) joined with Brian Roach, Lois Haymes and Jean Goff (Melb/Gipps) in the 'Great Iron-off'; and Murray Stanley (Port Lincoln) gave a mind-blowing exhibition with his head inside a rubber glove!

The Panel judged in favour of Alstonville's 'We are Australian' and they were duly presented with the 'Bull Horn'.

Other trophies awarded were:

Penultimate Trophy (Dinner Notice) – Grovedale-Geelong

Attendance Trophy – Melbourne/Gippsland.

The Wizzy –

Heather Jessop (Wynnum-Manly) who entered a men's toilet and found it featured a fountain (spelt U-R-I-N-A-L)!

The Boomerang (a new trophy/symbol) was presented to Bendigo with the hope that we will all return to Bendigo next year.

Monday morning we all gathered at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club to say our farewells before going our various ways – with promises of meeting again next year at Bendigo.

Congratulations to Kevin Burner, Port Lincoln President; Ken Webber, Rort Chairman; Andrew Slack, Rort Treasurer; and all the Port Lincoln men and ladies who gave us a great Rort.

THE GREAT RORTY TOUR

For those on the coach from Melbourne to Port Lincoln and return, the Rort started early. Leaving Melbourne on the Monday prior to the Rort, 32 Apex 40 members from seven different clubs spent an enjoyable and entertaining (at times riotous) five days travelling to Port Lincoln via the Great Ocean Road, Portland, Mt. Gambier, Adelaide and Port Augusta then another five days returning via the Flinders Ranges, the Clare and Barossa Valleys, Renmark, Mildura, Swan Hill and Bendigo.

The company comprised 16 members from Melbourne/Gippsland, seven from Redlands (Q), three from Devonport (Tas), two from Alstonville (NSW), and four other Victorians from Norwesters, Portland, Heywood and Seymour. Along the way we were joined at Adelaide by National Secretary John and Sandra Bowman, Wyong (NSW), and Western Australians Robert and Beryl Grace, Morella (Perth) members now living in Broome.

Every night was party night, especially the two nights at Port Augusta immediately before and after Port Lincoln, when the juke box at the Acacia Ridge Motor Inn got a serious work-out both nights. There were plenty of 'performers' on the dance floor but the BOF (best on floor) award surely went to Wombat (aka Rob Walter, aka Cubby) who led the truckies in 'Lights on the Hill' and gave an impassioned performance of 'Ring of Fire'.

Conducted tours of a number of towns along the way were given by present or former residents among our number: Gary Bruce (Warrnambool), Peter Miller (Portland), Coach Captain and ex-patriot Crow-eater Barry Mason (Adelaide), Trish Tonkin (Bendigo) and Jean Goff (Port Pirie). Jean showed us that Port Pirie hadn't changed all that much in the 40 years since she left – she only got us lost twice.

Some other highlights of the tour included visits to wineries at Portland, Coonawarra, Clare and Barossa Valleys – in addition to the Boston Bay Winery at Port Lincoln; a climb into the extinct volcano at Tower Hill; a wander around the historic copper-mining town of Burra (scene of the filming of 'Breaker Morant'); a visit to Apex headquarters in Nuriootpa, Barossa Valley; cruise on the Murray River and the Sound and Light Show at Swan Hill; and the unforgettable 'oyster extravaganza' lunch at Cowell, the day we left Port Lincoln. The oysters came from the oyster farm of an ex-Portland couple, friends of Wombat.

At Mildura a number of members Sunraysia Apex 40 joined us for dinner and at Bendigo, on the last day of the tour, we met up again with some Bendigo members at lunch time.

The award for the greatest 'coup' of the trip went to Peter Miller who, after dinner at Mildura, was presented with a personally autographed copy of a calendar featuring shapely waitress

Fay, wearing somewhat less than she did while serving our dinner. Peter couldn't wait to show off his prize to Mike Dawson (Moree) who unfortunately was unable to make the trip -

eat your heart out Mike

Everyone on board agreed it was the best way to travel to and from the Rort. Queensland to Bendigo and back might be a good idea for next year!

WHAT'S MALCOLM UP TO IN THE PHILIPPINES?

The April dinner notice of Wyong Apex 40 contained this report from National President Malcolm Clarke, written a few weeks after he had taken up his new position as Manager of a power station on the island of Cebu in the Philippines.

"This is a great experience for me as you would well appreciate from your travels. The people are very friendly and I have been well received. My predecessor was very well respected and it has made my arrival quite easy. A little bit hard to get used to the maid and the driver, but I'm coping. It was very easy starting out, just moved into the house and everything was there. All I had to do was go out and buy some food.

the resort (there are not many nice beaches in Cebu), very nice there (with nice prices!) and we had a great day. My maid, Isabella and her twin sister Eugene, went along and they enjoyed the day away from the drudgery (her sister is a maid also). We went for a swim in the ocean and it was great. Can't do that nearer civilisation because they just dump sewage in the sea in most places (via drain channels), a little bit primitive.

Work is an amazing experience compared to NSW. A little old power station a private company got to manage, effectively 3 power stations in 1, with 10 generators, total output 200MW, including 2 x 50MW thermal units. One unit at Munmorah, the smallest thermal unit in NSW, is 300MW. There is a Toastmasters Club based around the power plant and they have welcomed me with open arms. I did a speechcraft course with Toukley Club for the power house before Xmas. I haven't decided on Rotary yet, thought I'd settle in for a while first, but I won't have any trouble keeping busy.

Bye for now, keep enjoying life.

Mal."

WINE, DINE & MINE IN '99

The 1999 Rort will be hosted by Bendigo Apex 40 Club and will be held at Bendigo from 16th to 19th April, 1999.

The program for the weekend will be:

Friday: Registration at All Seasons International Hotel from 4.00 p.m. onwards. Supper at 9.00 p.m.

Saturday: Tours and lunch in Bendigo. Dinner Dance at the All Seasons International Hotel.

Sunday: Tour to Maldon Township – Australia's first Notable Town.

Wine tasting, afternoon tea & purchases at Bendigo Pottery, (Australia's oldest working pottery, established in 1858).

"Maidens & Miners" Shindig.

Monday: Farewell Breakfast.

The cost of registration for all functions will be \$195. Accommodation will be at the All Seasons International Hotel and another motel just opposite. Caravan Park accommodation will also be available.

There will not be a post-Rort tour but day trips will be arranged from Bendigo to regional attractions in northern and central Victoria following the Rort.

President Bob Caldwell and Rort Co-

ordinator Ron Clarke and his Committee invite all Apex 40 members to "Wine, Dine & Mine in '99".

Bendigo is located in the geographic heart of Victoria, 150 kilometres north west of Melbourne, along the Calder Highway. It is set in an environment of natural Australian bushland, with some of the most unique flora in Victoria and a belt of quality agricultural land including some of Victoria's best red wine growing country.

The Bendigo region has developed from a history of enormous wealth injected into the area from the huge reserves of gold mined over 100 years ago. Bendigo led the world in gold production late last century and was the greatest deep quartz mining centre in Australia. The opulence born of that golden era is mirrored in the city's heritage buildings, soaring cathedral, arts and theatre. Bendigo now boasts some of the finest examples of Victorian architecture in the country.

Registration forms will be forwarded to all Clubs in due course. Any queries regarding the Bendigo Rort should be addressed to Ron Clarke, 43 Mill Street, Bendigo 3550. Phone (03)54438290, Fax (03)54425223.

FOOTRORT FLATS



AROUND THE BRANCHES

ALSTONVILLE: March meeting at Dave and Kay Huett's featured pizzas followed by a 'trivial pursuit' quiz. "After quite a few glasses of good cheer, much laughter and good natured ribbing, the evening was enjoyed by all. Heard a rumour that the all-girl team won!"

In April a small but lively group enjoyed good food and a noisy fines session at the Spinnaker Restaurant at Ballina RSL.

BENDIGO: Wine and cheese night in February was successful and the wines selected appeared to appeal to most palettes.

Committee to organise next year's Rort is President Bob and Secretary Anne Caldwell with Marg O'Neill, Wilma Bidmade, Kevin Harvey and Ron Clarke. (See report elsewhere in this issue).

May meeting will feature a 'Dutch auction' of wrapped bottles, hopefully containing 'something delightful'.

FORBES: March meeting will take the form of a garden luncheon at the home of Phil and Fleur Wells - a pleasant venue alongside the Lachlan River. In June members will gather at Darby Falls Observatory to view the heavens through the optical telescope, then on to the Quarry Restaurant at Cowra for dinner.

LAUNCESTON: February BBQ at the Bridport home of Rex and Jeanette Lethborg saw some old faces and two new members in Brian and Judy Khan.

March meeting was at the Launceston RSL's new Anzac House and April at Sunnyhill Country Club Resort at Ravenswood.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND: Thirty two members gathered at 'Sea Winds' near Authur's Seat in Nepean National Park for a BBQ lunch in April. A lively fines session produced many fines from the floor (grass?) Immediate Past President Chas. and Lorraine Burgess left the next day for a four months trip to England and the Shetlands, Chas's father's birth-place.

President Ley Garrett and Shirl are travelling around Australia after the Port Lincoln Rort and won't be back until October, leaving Secretary Martin Hopper to look after things.

June dinner will be at an interesting new venue, Archie's Cafe.

Don Dick is recovering well in Mansfield Hospital after having his fractured hip pinned following a fall at home. Best wishes Don for a speedy and full recovery.

MOREE: May meeting was at the Amaroo Tavern and June meeting will be at Bo-Wa Restaurant. Club is planning to celebrate American Independence Day with a special night on 4th July. Also, looking at a bus trip to the Hunter Valley for Jazz in the Vines in November.

REDLANDS: February dinner at the Lighthouse saw a calm night and the moon looking absolutely beautiful on the water. Just as well it was inside

though, when that shower of rain went over. Next meeting will be at the Koala Motel.

SEREMBAN: A joint meeting of Malaysian Apex 40 Clubs was held at Seremban in April with 10 of the 14 Seremban members and their ladies present and more than 20 members and wives from Kuala Lumpur Club. After a noisy start (due to three wedding dinners at the venue, the Dragon Palace) members enjoyed a high quality dinner, arranged by John Chang, had a fines session and exchanged views on the current hot topic – the abolition of the age limit in Apex Malaysia. Unfortunately, Malacca Apex 40 was not represented.

Next dinner will be the Club's Annual General Meeting.

The Club donated MYR.400.00 to Master Monogaram s/o Thinarkaran from the TAFE College, Seremban. The boy, a final



Seremban Apex 40 member and Apex Life Governor M. Tanaraj presents cheque to student Monogaran.

year student in Industrial Electronic Engineering leading to Diploma, was unable to pay the final examination fee. Our donation enabled him to meet the expense thus he could sit for the examination. The cheque was handed to him by Life Governor M. Tanaraj at his residence on 9th March, 1998. Another official ceremony of mock cheque presentation was held on 22nd April, 1998. At this ceremony the Member of Parliament for Seremban, Senator Yim Chee Chong had the honour to present the mock cheque to Master Monogaran. This took place at the Senator's office.

WYNNUM-MANLY: Barbecue at the home of Eddie and Peggy Nunn was a howling success with just about all members present. Welcome back to Graham and Joan Evans after several years absence.

Future events include – City Nights Tour in April followed by dinner at the Treasury Casino; June – picnic at Kangaroo Point Cliffs; July – Christmas in July dinner. Train/bus trip to various Gold Coast destinations. Steam train trip to Toowoomba, hopefully to coincide with Festival of Flowers.

WYONG: April BBQ at the home of Sandy and Darrol at Empire Bay was one of the best in recent times with excellent food and red wine 'out of this world'. Meeting at The Entrance is timed to coincide with National President Malcolm's visit after the Port Lincoln Rort.

A wake for Wyong Apex Club took place on 12th May - a good turn up but a sad night for present and past Apexians.

June meeting may take in the Wyong Drama Group's "Bush Bash" – a short play, dinner and a bush dance.

PORT LINCOLN MEMORIES

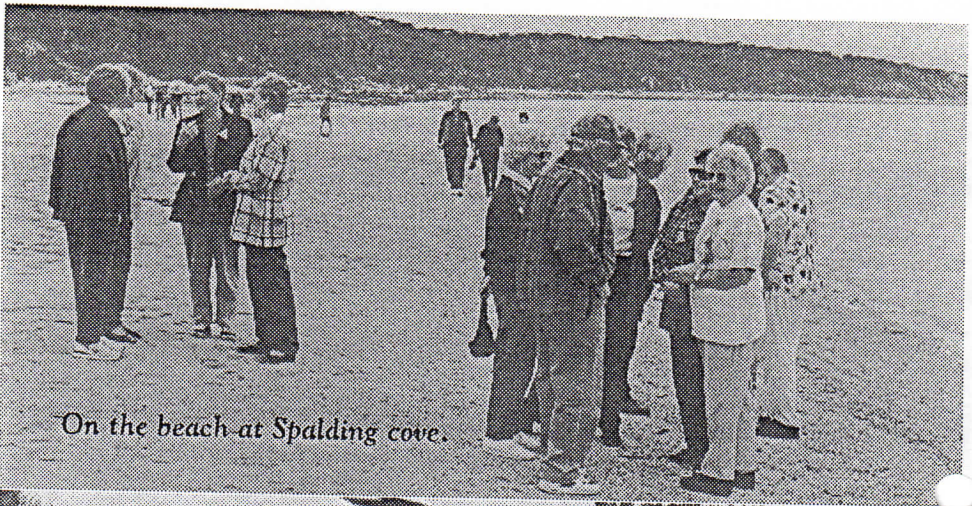
All of the following photographs were taken by:
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Above, Kevin Burner surveys the scene at lunch at Coffin Bay.



Alan Kinder and David Cameron (guitar) lead the singing of the Rort Song on Saturday night.



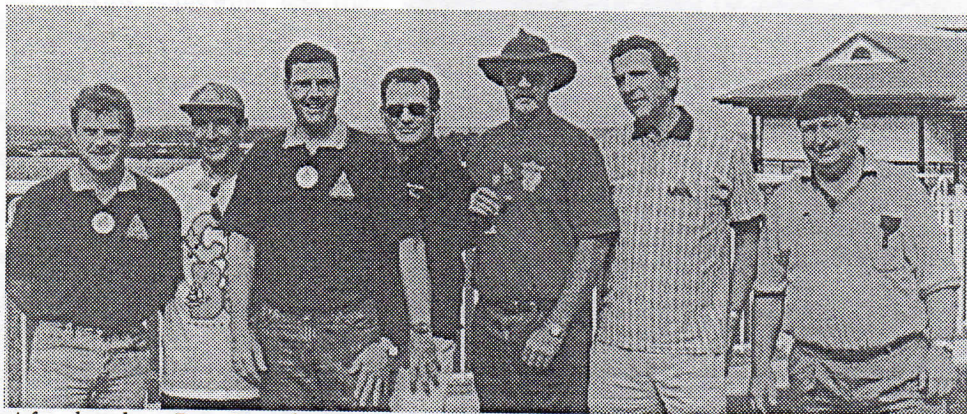
On the beach at Spalding cove.



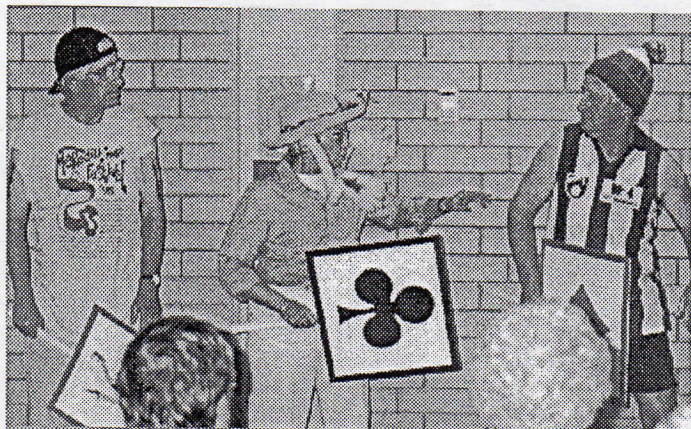
*Lois Haymes
(Melb/Gipps)
with Sandra
Bowman and
Marian Clark
(Wyong) at
Spading Cove.*

*Marian and Malcolm
Clark (National
President) at the Port
Lincoln racecourse.*





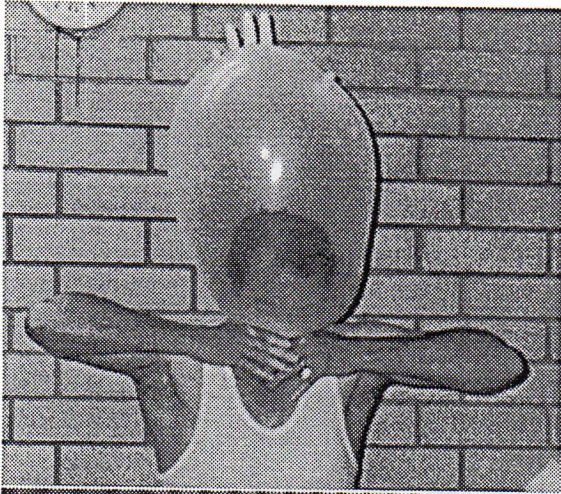
After lunch at Port Lincoln Racecourse. L to R – Tony Murray, Treasurer Port Lincoln Apex; Apex 40 National President Mal Clark; Peter Barfoot, Port Lincoln Apex President; Port Lincoln Apex 40 members – Murray Stanley, Kevin Burner (President), Andrew Slack (Rort Treasurer) and Jim Pallant.



Left: Mike Pavey, Marianne Speirs and Sam McInnes in Melb/Gipps sketch.

Below: The Great Iron-Off.
Left to Right – Max Cheney (Norwesters), Greta Rose (Devonport), Jean Goff and Brian Roach (Melb/Gipps).

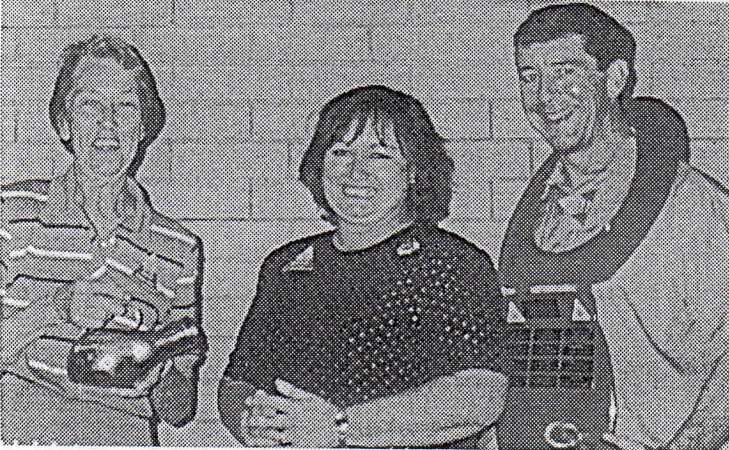




Left: Muscle-man Murray Stanley (Port Lincoln) gives it a real breath of fresh "Eyre".



Below: The Alstonville contingent – winners of the 'Bull Horn' for their performance of "We are Australian". Helen Noble (centre) holds the trophy.



Left: Heather Jessop (Wynnum-Manly) receives the 'Wizzy' trophy from last year's recipient Pauline Denisenko (Redlands) while National President Mal Clark (wearing his chain of office) looks on.



A group of Port Lincoln ladies enjoying the Sunday night function. Left to Right – Sue Pallant, Janet Slack, Karen Burner and Robyn Egan.



Coffee, tea or wine? Colin Speirs (Melb/Gipps), Meryl Clarke (Bendigo), Greta Rose (Devonport) and Marianne Speirs (Melb/Gipps) on Sunday night at the TAFE College.



A long way from the MCG, but Robert Grace (Morella) pays up with a smile to Garth Whitchurch (Melb/Gipps) and Rob Beveridge (Devonport) after Melbourne beat Collingwood on the Sunday of the Rort.



Farewell as the coach leaves Port Lincoln after Monday morning's brunch.

THE "GREAT RORTY TOUR" IN PICTURES



Bus trippers enjoy the view along the Great Ocean Road.



Above:
 Nine Rorters at the Twelve Apostles.
 From left – Jan Banks (Redlands),
 Rob Beveridge (Devonport),
 Yuri Denisenko (Redlands),
 Bill Cunliffe (Melb/Gipps),
 David & Margaret Cameron (Redlands),
 Alan Flaherty (Melb/Gipps),
 Helen & Rob Noble (Alstonville).

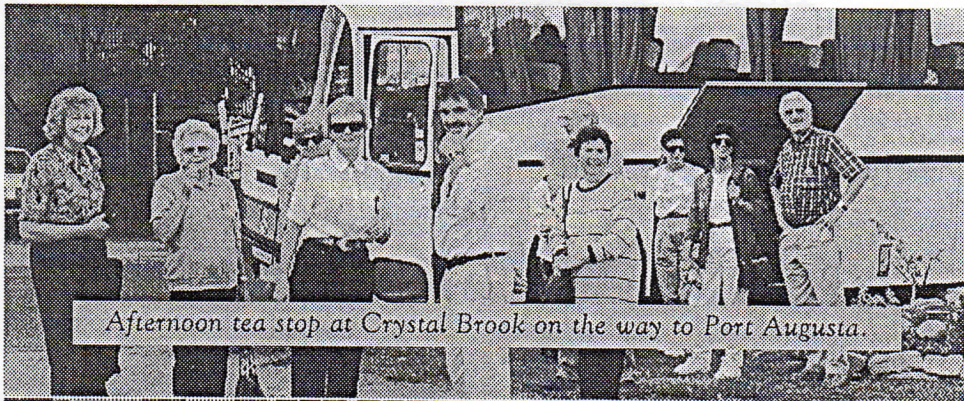
Left: Jean Goff and Nola Kinder
 (Melb/Gipps) and Marje Beveridge
 (Devonport) at Tower Hill.



Above: David Cameron (Redlands), Rob (Wombat) Walter (Heywood), Peter Miller (Portland) and Rob Beveridge (Launceston) at the Colonel Light Monument, Adelaide.



Left: Colonel Light points out Adelaide to all and sundry, and Peter Miller (Portland) points it right back at him.



Afternoon tea stop at Crystal Brook on the way to Port Augusta.



Above: All the 'Robs' at Tumby Bay – last stop before Port Lincoln. From left: Bob Skinner (Redlands), Rob Beveridge (Devonport), Rob Walter (Heywood), Rob Noble (Alstonville), Robert Grace (Morella).



Left: Stop off at Coulthard House, Apex Headquarters, at Nuriootpa in the Barossa Valley.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville: "I don't like pets because all they do is eat, sleep and have sex, and to tell you the truth I'm jealous"

Forbes: Q. What do you get when you put 100 lawyers in your basement?

A. A whine cellar.

A man walked into a lawyer's office and asked about the lawyer's charges. "Fifty dollars for three questions," the lawyer said. "Isn't that a bit steep?" the man asked. "Yes," the lawyer replied, "and what was your third question?"

As the lawyer slowly came out of the anaesthetic after surgery, he noticed all the blinds were drawn and asked the doctor why. "There's a big fire across the street," said the doctor, "and we didn't want you to think the operation was a failure".

Lawyers and computers have been proliferating since 1970. However lawyers have not become twice as smart and half as expensive every 18 months.

Lake Macquarie: A couple of pommy tourists had hired a 4WD and were exploring the coast of Western Australia. Heading north after leaving Carnarvon, they spotted a huge cloud of dust in the distance and as there was no wind about they couldn't figure out what it was. They were still watching the cloud with interest when they noticed a grizzled, sun-bronzed old bloke sitting on the side of the road. They pulled up and one of the Poms leaned out of the car window. "Excuse me," he said, "but could you perhaps be

good enough to tell us what that big dust cloud up ahead is all about?" The old Aussie gazed intently at the cloud for a few seconds. "That there," he said, "is a red 1964 EH Holden ute with two blokes and three women in the front and six blokes and four women in the back, all headin' home after a big night out at the pub." "That's absolutely amazing!" exclaimed the startled Pommy tourist. "How on earth do you know all that?" "Cos I fell outta the bastard ten minutes ago." the old bushie shrugged.

Melbourne/Gippsland: A Texan and an Australian were comparing their respective farms –

Texan: I used to set out in the morning, drive all morning, stop for lunch and still not be at the boundary of my property.

Australian: Same with me.

Texan: Then after having lunch I would drive until night time and still not be at the boundary of my property.

Australian: Yes, we used to have cars like that too.

Moree: The following are quotes from some famous Americans, you have to w

"Smoking kills, and if you're killed, then you've lost a very important part of your life." – *Anti-smoking spokesperson, Brooke Shields*

"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur." – *Former U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle*

"The police are not here to create disorder."

der, they're here to preserve disorder" – Former Chicago mayor Daley during the infamous 1968 convention

"If you've seen one Redwood tree. You've seen them all" – Forestry expert Ronald Reagan

"The streets are safe in Philadelphia, it's only the people that make them unsafe" – Former Philadelphia Mayor and Police Chief Frank Rizzo

"The internet is a great way to get on the net" – Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole

Redlands: Ever notice that we trust banks with our money, but they don't trust us with their pens!

A Butler named James worked for a wealthy couple. The wife was very beautiful and much younger than her husband. One evening, they told James that they'd be out late, but the wife came home alone earlier than expected. "James," she said, "come to my room." He followed her. She closed the door and said, "Take off my dress." He did so. "Now my stockings," she continued. He rolled them down. "And off with my lingerie." He removed all that too. "Now James," she said, looking him in the eye, "don't ever let me find you wearing my clothes again!"

Seremban: Sign in a shop window.

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'There's a man outside with a bushy beard.' 'Is it a naval beard?' 'No, it grows on his chin.'

Flying instructor: 'Tomorrow you will fly solo.' *Training pilot:* 'How low?'

Who earns a living by driving customers away? A taxi-driver.

Sunshine Coast: A young woman went to a hospital and asked if she could see an upturn. "Intern", the nurse corrected. "Whatever," she replied, "I need a contamination". "An examination," replied the nurse. "I suppose so," said the woman. "I think what I need is the fraternity ward." "I think you mean the maternity ward," was the reply. "Inturn, upturn, examination, contamination, I don't care what you call it," snapped the woman, "the plain fact is, I haven't demonstrated for two months and I think I'm stagnant."

A bloke stopped for the night at a little outback hotel and asked the proprietor for a room. "We're a bit short staffed at the moment, could you make your own bed?" "No worries," replied the bloke. "Good," said the owner handing the bloke a hammer and a bag of nails. "You'll find the timber in your room."

Wyong: Reilly always slept with a gun under his pillow. Hearing a noise at the foot of his bed, he shot off his big toe. 'Thank the Lord I wasn't sleeping at the other end of the bed,' he said at the pub. 'I would have blown my head off.'

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

TUMOR:more than one

URINE:opposite of you're out

VARICOSE:nearly

VEIN:big headed

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