

# ROARING 40's

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A Merry Xmas and a  
Happy New Year  
to everyone

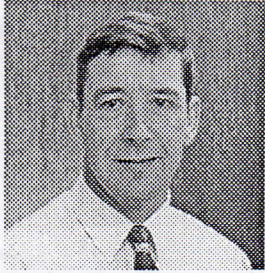


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## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Time flies when you're having fun doesn't it? I have been in the Philippines for 6 months now, and Marian has been with me for 2 months. We celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary in September and I have to say it's great to have her with me again. Marian's comments on the Philippines: "It's interesting, and it's bloody hot here this time of year." At least she has the consolation of knowing that this is as hot as it gets. Perhaps we can get a few lines from her.

Marian – *"Not to mention the traffic! You all thought traffic was bad in Australia, well to me they look like the most polite drivers in the world after a week here. The people here are very friendly and curious about where we are from and think we are rich tourists, that's a joke!*

*I too am maintaining community action as I have been inducted as a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Cebu South. I don't actually remember agreeing to it, they just seemed to take it for granted and don't take "no" for an answer. We have been on a couple of medical missions that provide free health care for the poor people of Cebu and they are something different to the average health care in Oz. The medical teams take out doctors, nurses, dentists, a pharmacist and even*

*a vet (rabies is a problem here) to do minor surgery and medical treatments in the local school classrooms. There are lots of people attending, particularly young children, so it seems to work for them. For lunch we had roast lechon (pig) and we drank coconut milk through a straw straight from the coconut, it was very sweet and tasty.*

*We are looking forward to coming back for the Rort in 1999, especially to good old Aussie food and I am sure the weekend will be a lot of fun as usual."*

PS *She likes the beach resorts.*

I am communicating with the Malaysian clubs via email and hope I will have been there before the Rort. Apart from that I am only getting news from Wyong Apex 40. Our operations continue thanks to the efforts of our Secretary/Treasurer, National Committee and the two Alans working on the newsletter.

The Rotarians amongst you will be pleased to know that my community spirit has not waned with my stay in Cebu; I have joined the Rotary Club of Cebu South.

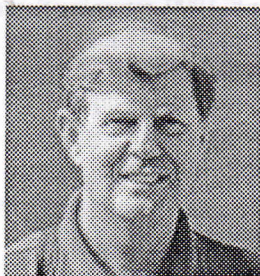
I met a Rotarian from Canada who comes from Cebu and advised him of Kevin Huxham's work organising our trip to Canada in 1999; we're still hoping to join the tour. Anyway, just out of interest this guy, Noni, is involved in Rotary international hosting. So we may enrol for that. Apex 40 first of course!

I wish you all good health and look forward to seeing you in Bendigo next April.

Mal Clark.



## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT



We are again coming to the end of another calendar year, and I have just sent out renewal subscriptions to clubs and members at large for their annual fees. I hope you didn't put these notices aside when they arrived, as we need the fees to enable us to continue sending you the Roaring 40's bulletin. Without such fees, it will make it hard for us to continue to keep up such a standard. Alan Padgham tries to keep an up to date address list of all clubs (and members at large) who belong to our organisation, another reason for sending the forms back to the Secretary so we can keep Alan's list up to date.

I have had a number of enquiries from Apexians who wish to set up Apex 40 clubs in their area, so I hope with the information I have forwarded to them

we will see new clubs on our list soon.

Please send photos and information through to Alan Kinder for the Roaring 40's. Even if you only do it occasionally from your club, it will be a great contribution. As well as having Alan Kinder on the mailing list for your clubs newsletter/dinner notice, I would appreciate you also including myself.

I received a letter from Port Lincoln in which there was a cheque for \$250, being proceeds from various raffles held during the Rort. They were also able to donate \$2,000 to their local Apex club to assist with community work.

Port Lincoln have just got back to normal again after organising the Rort for us, which we all enjoyed. So many members took advantage of the opportunity of seeing Port Lincoln, a place where many of us may not have otherwise visited, and we would never have known of such a beautiful picturesque place and such wonderful hospitality. Thank you Port Lincoln once again for such a wonderful Rort.

*John Bowman*

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### Apex National Project to help Road Trauma Victims

Apex Road Trauma Liaison Officer, Terry Russell, has asked if we can help by selling raffle tickets for this important National Project to help victims of road trauma, which is occurring more often these days with resultant problems for both the individual and the community.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, available in books of 10.

First prize is a Ford Explorer 4WD; Second prize is a Harley Davidson motorcycle; Third prize is a trip for two to London; Fourth prize is a stereo system.

If you or your club wish to help, please contact *Terry Russell* on (07)3358 1313, or Apex 40 National Board member *Garth Whitchurch* on (03)9898 7473 (Phone or fax).

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## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

The tour is very close to finalisation and will depart August 8, 1999, returning September 4, 1999; a tour of 27 days. The tour is for Apex 40 members only because we are home hosted by K-40 members, the equivalent of Apex 40 throughout Canada.

The itinerary is as follows:

- August 8 Flight to Vancouver
- 8 Arrival in Vancouver, coach transfer to Coquitlam, home hosted
- 9 Tours, home hosted
- 10 Coach tour to Victoria, home hosted
- 11 Tour Vancouver Island, home hosted
- 12 Coach tour back to Vancouver to connect to cruise ship about 3 p.m.  
Seven night cruise to Alaska visiting glaciers and ports of Juneau (9 hours in port), Skagway (13 hours) and Ketchikan (8 hours), via the inside passage
- 19 Leave ship around 10 a.m. for a city tour of Vancouver (home hosting or hotel)
- 20 Train from North Vancouver departing 7 a.m. arriving Quesnel 7 p.m., home hosted
- 21 Day trip by coach to Barkerville, home hosted
- 22 Coach tour to Jasper. Hotel accomodation
- 23 Coach tour to Edmonton, site of the world's biggest shopping centre, home hosted
- 24 Edmonton tours, home hosted
- 25 Coach tour to Calgary, home hosted
- 26 Calgary tours, home hosted
- 27 Coach tour from Calgary to Banff and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies and on to Jasper. Hotel accomodation
- 28 Coach tour to Wells Gray Park for lunch, then on to Kamloops, home hosted
- 29 Kamloops tours, home hosted
- 30 Coach tour to Kelowna in the Okanagan Valley, home hosted
- 31 Kelowna tours, wineries, home hosted
- Sept 1 Coach tour back to Vancouver, farewell party. Hotel accomodation
- 2 Flight back to Australia, arriving September 4 (date-line loss), or take side tours.

Included in the tour will be air fares, travel insurance, coach tours, transfers, all taxes, hotel accomodation (three or four nights), some but not all meals, a tour jacket & golf shirt, and a gift for each hosting or participating K-40 Club. The exact final fare will depend on currency fluctuations and airfare changes.

Cost is on a twin share basis and will be \$3,150 per person, in addition to the level of cabin selected on the cruise to Alaska, which range from \$1,712 to \$3,423. Bookings will be on a first in, best dressed basis as far as available cabins are concerned. A non-refundable deposit of \$700 per person will secure a place on the tour, which will be limited to 44 participants. Special booking conditions apply through the travel agency handling the tour. of Vancouver (home hosting or hotel)

*Editor's Note – Unfortunately, for those who have not yet booked, the tour is booked out at the time of going to press. However, if you wish to be included on a reserve list, in case places become available due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact Kevin or Liz Huxham on 02 6628 0881 – but do not send any money.*



## BENDIGO RORT REPORT – October Update

“WINE, DINE & MINE IN ‘99” APRIL 16th – 19th 1999

**Friday:** Registration at All Seasons International Hotel from 4.00 p.m. onwards. (Happy Hour from 6.00 - 7.00 & bistro/restaurant meals available.)

Supper provided at 9.00 p.m.

Draw for two fully-refunded ‘early-bird’ registrations.

**Saturday :** Rotating Tours (Chinese Museum, Deborah Gold Mine & Talking Tram) Get-Together Lunch for fellowship, new friendships, renew friendships or whatever-otherships

Dinner Dance at All Seasons International Hotel. Swinging music to be provided by the “Castlemania” Big Band.

**Sunday:** Maldon Township “Australia’s First Notable Town”

Take a stroll back in time or walk down memory lane (your choice)

Catch the Historic Steam Train to Muckleford for a pleasant lunch and continued fellowship (*I’ll drink to that!*).

Bendigo Pottery – Australia’s oldest working pottery, established in 1858. Afternoon tea, sampling of district wines and working display provided, purchasing of popular pottery ware available to take back with you.

“Miners’ Shindig” *Shindig n Colloq.* 1. a dance, party or other festivity, esp. a noisy one (Macquarie Dictionary). Dress appropriate to theme or whatever makes you feel comfortable (that gives enough scope). Music provided by “Nostalgia”.

**Monday** Farewell Breakfast

**Cost:** Still \$195 (unless you’re tinny and win the “early-bird” refund).

*I’m looking forward to catching up with all ‘ye’ Rorters*

### POST-RORT PACKAGE

A package of five “District Day-trips” based from Bendigo, has been organised for all those Rorters who wish to further avail themselves of our hospitality for just that extra bit longer. At no expense to management, we have come up with the following attractions (not necessarily in the following order) that will certainly give value for money, whet your appetite for a darn good time and offer very good company:

**Echuca:** Taking in a new tourist attraction (McKay museum) at Elmore on the

way, to visiting the Port of Echuca, lunching on the paddle-steamer “P.S. Canberra” and finishing up for an evening meal at a real bushy’s setting called “Bickley’s Barn” on the way home.

**Castlemaine:** Going via “The Mohair Farm”, Harcourt Butterfly Farm, lunch, and then on to Castlemaine for many other local attractions, returning via Sedgwick. Evening meal with ‘Zorba’ at the Greek Tavern.

**Mitchelton Winery:** Head for Nagambie via Heathcote. Tour and lunch at winery.



Evening meal at the new Boardwalk Café overlooking Lake Weeroona .

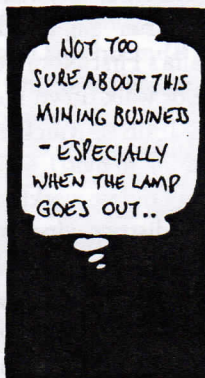
**Bendigo:** Local Attractions – Guided Heritage Walk, Art Gallery, Victoria Hill Goldmine, Fortuna Mansion, Cascades, etc. Lunch at the historic Goldmines Hotel. Evening meal at the Imperial Palace and a wind-up at Pratty's Patch tavern/restaurant on the Friday night.

**Bus:** Picked up from the front door and bussed everywhere for the week. What a way to go!

**Cost:** All up, the total cost of the post-rort package for the five "District Day-trips" is \$275 per head, based on 50 people, not including accommodation.

Bob Caldwell  
President, Bendigo Apex 40

## FOOTROTT FLATS



## ARTICLES FROM APEX FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

The following articles are reprinted from the Apex Foundation Newsletter July, 1998.

**Celebrate the Magic Castle!**  
20 years old in October, 1999.

Two decades ago a different generation of Apexians were hard at work making a dream come true. Dedicated Apexians built a three level, twenty-eight bed chalet at Smiggins Holes as a free holiday venue for underprivileged children. The dream of hundreds of Apexians, their families and friends became the "Magic Castle". That dream has continued to come true every week over the years between then and now. More than 15,000 Australian children have dreamed that they are at the snow on a holiday...and awakened in the morning to find the dream is real.

We ask that all clubs promote this celebration in October, 1999.

**Ever helped at the Chalet?**

Calling all Apexians (past and present), families and friends who were in any way involved in planning, constructing, fundraising, maintenance, or taking groups of children to the Chalet.

The Chalet committee has maintained extensive records over the years, but just to ensure that no-one who contributed misses out on being included in the planned celebrations, the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Committee asks that you inform them of your current address. Send details to:

The Chalet Committee, Magic Castle,  
P.O. Box 583, Engadine, NSW 2233.  
FAX: (02) 9520 1449



## VALE – APEX LIFE GOVERNOR ROSS McLEOD



Ross passed away at home on September 13, 1998 at age 56; he was not only the best known Apexian during the last thirty years or so, but also one of the hardest workers.

Ross was well known throughout Australia when he was employed in the administrative position of Apex as Executive Director from 1975 to 1985, and the National Office has never been managed better than during his term. He was fondly known as Mr. Apex.

Ross was a member of Lane Cove Apex Club and his commitment to every facet of Apex was always 100%; he will be remembered for his dry humour, integrity and ability to make other people want to work with him.

His commitment to Apex and the community was continuous, and some of the

organisations to benefit from his skills were: Chatswood Community Help Support Scheme (20 years as a committee member), National Chairman of Quest of Quests, N.S.W. Multiple Sclerosis Society, Open Heart Association of Australia, local football association, local basketball association, Neighbourhood Watch Committee, and the local schools that his five children attended. Perhaps the best way to describe Ross' acceptance of the ideals of Apex and his dedication to the Association, is by recording the fact that in 1982 he was honoured by being granted the 38th Life Governorship of Apex, at that time some 300,000 members had passed through our membership and nobody deserved it more.

With the amount of time Ross devoted to Apex, the fact that he was still able to enjoy his family to the extent that he did is a great credit to him, and let there be no doubt that Ross McLeod was a dedicated family man, who always enjoyed the complete support of wife Maree and his children.

Ross will always be remembered by everyone who knew him. His funeral was attended by over 500 people, including several Apex Life Governors and many old Apex friends.

For those who ever travelled by car with Ross driving, it would seem like a really fitting finale when the cortege was escorted by a police radar-equipped highway patrol car to his final resting place.

*Tom Dumpleton, Wyong Apex 40*



## LISMORE UP AND RUNNING

In the last issue of "Roaring 40's" we reported that an Apex 40 Club was about to get started in Lismore, NSW.

We have since received the following letter:

"Dear Alan,

I am just reporting to let you know of the formation of another Apex 40 club, viz. Lismore Apex 40. We started off with an interest/formation meeting on 31st May at the Bradfield's home in Lismore. At this lunch-time gathering it was decided that a club should form, and we had nine sign-up then and there. Quite a few others indicated their willingness to join but could not make it along on this occasion.

Arthur Marrone was elected inaugural President, Jenny Bradfield the Secretary and Eddy Bradfield was definitely acclaimed "the shaker and mover". Thanks to him, this whole thing is under way.

Our next meeting fell on the Lismore Apex Club's Diamond Jubilee evening and Lismore Apex 40 had a presence with its own table. Mike Neville, National Apex President, chartered us that evening and presented Arthur Marrone with a magnificent framed Charter Document. (*I'd like to see that! Ed.*)

Meeting No. 3 was held at the 20,000 Cows Vegetarian Restaurant on 15th August at which 15 people attended... so the snow-balling effect is starting, and we are sure that Apex 40 is about to be bigger than the arrival of sliced bread in Lismore.

We look forward to our "Continuing Fellowship" in Apex 40, to meeting members of other Apex 40 clubs and attending some "Rorts". Sounds like lots of fun.

Yours faithfully,

*Warwick Prentice, August 15, 1998.*"

## AROUND THE BRANCHES

**ALSTONVILLE:** Members enjoyed a BBQ lunch at Rocky Creek dam in June. August dinner at Harry's Cafe at Lismore was a BYO wine affair with prizes awarded for the best red and the best white enjoyed on the night. Planning an "away" meeting (overnight stay) for September. Happy 50th to Rob Noble.

**BENDIGO:** Club members are busy organising next year's Rort (See earlier article). July meeting incorporated a steam train trip from the old Maldon Railway Station with afternoon tea

served on the train. September meeting was a "casserole night" at the home of Ron and Meryl Clarke.

**FORBES:** June meeting was something different; by bus to Darby's Falls observatory, with refreshments along the way. Although the night was freezing cold, the sky was clear and the stellar sights were amazing. After dinner at Cowra, a laid back trip home in the bus. A top night! August meeting to be at Fairways Restaurant at the Forbes Golf Club.





*Lavington Apex 40 members enjoying a Sunday brunch.*

**GEELONG:** It was a surprise to Geelong to receive the "Pen-Ultimate Award" for best club newsletter. It was great to think that Garth Witchurch and Brian Roach took the time to drive down and present this trophy to the club.

**GRIFFITH:** Last meeting saw a change of leadership, with John Thornton taking over as President from Vince Neville. Robert Keady has remained as Secretary/Treasurer. A small number at the meeting with a guest speaker from the Recycling Industry. Proposed next meeting in Leeton, and may help them form an Apex 40 Club, perhaps combining with Narrandera. The Rort looked great and some interest is building in people travelling to Bendigo next year.

**KUALA LUMPUR:** August meeting

was the Club's AGM, with a good attendance at the Lotus Restaurant at Leboh Ampong, for a sumptuous dinner arranged by member A. Guanarajah. Election of office bearers saw S. Vengadesan Naiker elected as President for 1998/99; N. Manoharan as Vice-President; Surendran Royan as Secretary; and Suresh Sivaram to continue as Treasurer. Congratulations to Naiker and his committee, may they have a successful and rewarding year in office.

**LAUNCESTON:** Recent meeting saw some members getting together for a counter meal at the Riverside Hotel. Numbers were apparently down a bit as many members were "wandering around on the big island north of Tasmania"! October meeting will be a "casserole night" at the home of Kerry and Darrel Faulkner.



**LAVINGTON:** Recent monthly dinner meetings have been held at the Palatinat Brewery, The Birallee Tavern (Wodonga), Newmarket Hotel and Mugsy Malones Restaurant.

**MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND:** Secretary Martin Hopper has been holding the fort while President Ley Garrett and Shirley were travelling up north over the winter period. While up north, Ley had an unplanned aerial view of Darwin when his pacemaker went funny on him somewhere out the back of Litchfield National Park, and he had to be air-lifted to Darwin Hospital. Happily, the Darwin doctors got him back on his feet and he and Shirley are now back home. August dinner was at the TAFE college at Dandenong. October meeting will be a



*Apex 40 Co-founder and first National President Lionel Mussell at the recent Melbourne-Gippsland BBQ.*

Sunday BBQ lunch at Mount Martha, after morning tea at Mornington.



*Melbourne-Gippsland members relaxing at a BBQ Lunch Meeting.*

**MOREE:** Club has organised a committee to plan for Rort 2000 with Leon Squires as chairman and plenty of willing workers. In July, Moree members celebrated American Independence Day with a dinner on the 4th. October meeting will be the club's Annual General Meeting.

**MALACCA:** With the Asian economic turmoil reaching our shores, Apex 40 Malacca has also seemingly felt the effects. Though Malaysians have not as badly been affected by the downturn like the rest of the region, as portrayed by the foreign media, there has been some belt-tightening. Attendance at Apex 40 meetings in Malacca has been low. We have been meeting on an ad-hoc basis and recently we have been trying out different venues. This has helped the fellowship quite a bit. Members and the ladies are looking forward to the next night out in November. November is also the month the guys at Apex 40



Kuala Lumpur are expected to hold their changeover dinner. We look forward to having Mal Clark with us.

To also let you know, the Aussies were here in Malaysia in full-force last month during the staging of the Commonwealth Games. The Aussies are always welcome, contrary to what your politicians and media make us out to be. (*Makes you wonder what the Malaysian media is on about! Ed.*)

Perhaps you guys can visit us, not necessarily during club functions, to keep the fellowship on a sound footing.

**REDLANDS:** July meeting was the Club's annual Yule-tide dinner, held at the Court House Restaurant. There was an excellent attendance of 58 which included Roaring 40's Editor, Alan

Kinder and Nola (*great night and an opportunity to catch up with many friends Ed.*), two current Apexians and their wives, and ex-Redlands members Peter and Heather Jackson, now living in Perth.

**Editor's Note:** *Nola and I were fortunate enough to also attend Redlands next dinner at the end of August, travelling up from the Gold Coast together with Peter Miller (Portland) to attend the dinner on Friday night and then to spend the weekend with David and Margaret Cameron. Once again, we were made very welcome.*

**SUNSHINE COAST:** In June, Sunshine Coast members spent the Queen's Birthday weekend at Noosa North Shore Wilderness Camp. The weather was fantastic but the nights were "bloody cold". Chook and Betty



*Hamish McSammartino from Bonnie Scotland.*



Rossiter cheated, they had a heater in their tent! While the ladies sat back with their Chardonnays, offering words of encouragement, the lads cooked on the BBQ. Overheard – “I didn’t know how difficult it was to cook things” and “somehow between the barbecue and here (*all of twenty paces*) we seem to have lost a chop”.

**WERRIBEE:** Earlier this year Werribee Apex 40 held a BBQ at the home of Kay McLennan. We were thrilled to welcome a visitor from Bonnie Scotland one Hamish McSammartino (see photograph on page 11). I am sure that many readers will recognise HAMISH as Peter Sammartino, alias THE ROOSTER. Peter and Betty’s son, Mark, brought the hat and wig home from Scotland for Peter, we feel it suits him well.

Since that meeting we have met for brunch at a local restaurant, a good day, despite the fact that Jill Thompson had to take over as waitress and manager when the establishment seemed to be a bit bewildered as to how to cope with 20 or so hungry bods so early on a Sunday morning. However, we all received plenty of good food in the end

and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves (maybe the same can’t be said for the restaurant staff).

Our numbers seem to remain stable and we are looking forward to the 1999 Rort in Bendigo. For many of us it will be our first Rort, so look out if you think Peter is a little crazy, you should meet the rest of us!

**WYNNUM-MANLY:** June meeting was to be a picnic on the river bank at the foot of the cliffs of Kangaroo Point followed by perhaps a walk to Southbank Parklands, a ride on a City Cat ferry, or just relaxing and watching the passing parade. July function was a “Christmas in July” at the home of Eddie and Peggy Nunn.

**WYONG:** July dinner provided an opportunity for members to farewell Marian Clark before she left to join National President Malcolm in the Philippines. Subsequent meetings have been at Grumpies Restaurant at Lake Munmorah and the Kettle and Fish Restaurant at Long Jetty. Looking at the possibility of a weekend away down Goulburn way, where members Alan and Barbara McCarthy live. Welcome to new President Geoff Dunn and Secretary (again) Tom Dumbleton.

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## DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

**Forbes:** A few points to ponder.

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn’t it naturally follow that: Electricians can be delighted; musicians denoted; cowboys deranged and dry cleaners depressed?

Laundry workers could decrease, eventually becoming depressed and finally depleted!

Even more, bed makers will be debunked; baseball players will become debased and florists will be deflowered!!

Bulldozer operators will degrade and



organ donors will be delivered, software changes will be detested, underwear manufacturers debriefed and musical arrangers will eventually decompose!

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**Kuala Lumpur:** Misunderstandings:

The girl asked her lover, "Darling, if we get engaged will you give me a ring?"

"Sure," he replied "Whats your number?"

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A young woman went into a bank to withdraw some money. "Can you identify yourself? asked the clerk."

The young woman opened her handbag, took out a mirror, looked into it and said "Yes, its me allright!"

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A man went to an eye specialist to get his eyes tested and asked, "Doctor, will I be able to read when I wear these glasses?"

"Yes, of course." said the doctor.

"Oh, that will be marvellous, said the patient with joy, I've been illiterate all of my life."

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The woman phoned her husband at the office and said, "Darling, come home early, we are going to have my mother for dinner."

"Good", replied her husband," make sure she's well done or she'll be too tough."

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**Moree:** A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears some music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads:

Ludwig Van Beethoven, 1770-1827.

Then he realises that the music is the ninth symphony and it is being played backward! Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him. By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the seventh symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward. Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the fifth symphony is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th. By the next day the word has spread and a throng has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the second symphony being played backward. Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group. Someone in the group asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"Of course," the caretaker says "Beethoven's decomposing..."

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**Malacca:** "I'm going to draw a picture of God", a four year old told her teacher. "But nobody knows what God looks like." the teacher said.

"They will when I've finished." came the reply.

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The teacher saw his colleague scrawling graffiti on the bathroom wall in school. Surprised, he asked, "You too?"

"Oh, no," replied the colleague, "I'm correcting the student's spelling."

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A gangster rushed into a saloon shooting right and left, yelling "All you dirty skunks get outta here."



The customers fled, except for an Englishman, who stood at the bar calmly finishing his drink. "Well?" snapped the gangster waving his gun.

"Well," said the Englishman, "There certainly were a lot of them, weren't there?"

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**Melbourne/Gippsland:** A Veterinarian in Great Britain received a phone call at midnight from an old Scotswoman. "I'm sorry to disturb you," she said, "but I can't get my two wee doggies apart."

"Why don't you try chucking a bucket of cold water over them," the vet suggested grumpily.

"I've already done that," replied the woman, "but they didn't pay any attention."

"Well...er...hit 'em with a stick."

"I've tried that too, but they just carried on."

"Okay," said the vet resignedly, "put the receiver back on the hook, then carry them over to the phone and I'll ring them up."

"Oh," the old woman said doubtfully, "do you think that will separate them?"

"Well," replied the vet, "it just worked with me."

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Calling a customer, I came upon this recorded message: "You have reached the home of the world's greatest psychic. Since I already know who you are and why you called, when you hear the beep, just hang up."

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A police officer came with the following announcement on her answering machine: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used to determine whether I will be able to return your call."

My mother, an expert in guilt trips, showed me a photo of her waiting by a phone that never rings. "Mum, I call all the time," I protested. "If you had an answering machine, you'd know." Soon after, my brother installed one for her. When I called the next time, I got this message: "If you are a salesperson, press one. If you're a friend, press two. If you're my daughter who never calls, press 000 because the shock will probably give me a heart attack."

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**Redlands:** A girl doing her homework asked her father to explain the difference between anger and exasperation. Going to the telephone, he dialled a number and told his daughter to listen. "Hello," he said to the man who answered, "is Martin there?" "There's no-one here named Martin," was the reply. "Why don't you look up the number before you dial?"

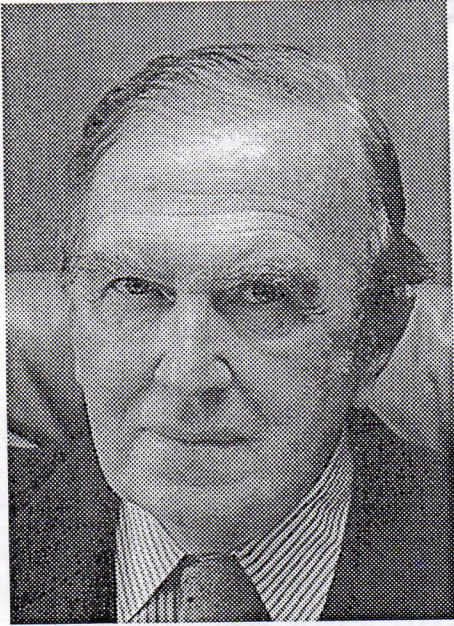
The father dialled the number again. "Hello, is Martin there?" he asked "Now look!" the man yelled "I just told you that there's no Martin here!" Then he slammed down the receiver.

"You see," the father explained, "that was anger. Now I'll show you exasperation." Again he dialled the number, and when a voice roared "Hello," he calmly said, "This is Martin. Have there been any calls for me?"

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If a lover of reading is a bookworm, would a lover of cassettes be a tape-worm, embroidery a threadworm, geography an earthworm, jewellery a ring-worm, fine scarves a silkworm and open fires a glowworm?



## APEX CLUB OF AUSTRALIA CO-FOUNDER DIES



*The following is a press release issued by Andrew Phillips, Life Governor and Executive Director, Apex Clubs of Australia, on the death of Apex Co-founder, Sir John Buchan.*

*Members of Apex 40 offer their sincere condolences to Lady Buchan and family.*

The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia regret to inform the general community that one of its surviving co-founders, Sir John Buchan, who founded the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia in 1931, died on Sunday 25 of October, after a short illness.

National President of the Apex Clubs of Australia, Mike Neville, stated "Sir John was an inspiration to all those who were fortunate enough to have met him during an incredibly long and distinguished career of public service, com-

mencing with his founding with the late Langham Proud and the surviving co-founder, Ewen Laird, in Geelong in 1931. The contribution by Apex Clubs to the many communities that it serves, at a local, regional, State and National level, are as a direct result of the foresight of these three men during the Great Depression in 1931."

Mr. Neville also confirmed that "Sir John Buchan had continued to make an incredible contribution to the direction of the public service undertaken by Apex Clubs, at all levels, right up until his death!"

The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia also confirmed that not only had Sir John been partially responsible for the commencement of this icon in Australian community service, he had also served the community as a Melbourne City Councillor and through service to the Liberal Party.

Mr. Neville indicated that, "Sir John's most recent cause, into which he injected his considerable energies, was for the benefit of the young unemployed and it was hoped that the legacy that Sir John left, "Jobs - A New Approach" will be carried out by the continuation of the Victorian State Government, involvement by the Federal Government and by Apex Clubs in their own communities, under the watchful eye of the New Committee for the Development of Youth Employment."

Mr. Neville also said that "Sir John will be sadly missed, but his Apex Club legacy must live on."



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