

ROARING 40's

AUGUST 2000

Post Moree RORT Issue



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Affiliated Past Apexians' Groups

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Moree Rort has been and gone. But what memories. Congratulations and thank you to Moree Club under the chairmanship of Leon Squires for hosting a spectacular weekend of fun and frivolity and of course giving all Rorters the opportunity of catching up with friends around Australia. A total of 186 Rorters converged on Moree for the weekend and this included six South Africans and four New Zealanders. It was something special that we should have an international flavour to our Rort.

The AGM was held in the bullring and, despite the bullshit, we mumbled our way through the business session and the same board has been elected for the ensuing year.

The post Rort tour capably organised by Mark Tramby took on another milestone with the biggest post Rort tour ever held, taking three buses with 115 Apex 40 Rorters on board to Lightning Ridge,

Bourke, Nyngan, Coonabarrabran and back to Moree over four days. What a great time was had by all.

Congratulations Moree for a job well done and you have done the Apex 40 organisation proud.

Portland Apex 40 club under the guidance of Peter Miller and Heywood Apex 40 Club under the guidance of 'Wombat' are well down the track in organising next year's Rort at the Grampians in Victoria. All is gearing up to be a great weekend and a website is currently being formatted in order that registration and information may be received by these means.

Congratulations to Redlands Apex 40 Club for securing the Rort for 2002. As this is my own club I can tell you that planning is well under way and a full presentation will be given at the Grampians.

It's interesting to note the number of people you speak to who have been in Apex and know nothing about the Apex 40 organisation. This means that there are a lot of ex Apexians who are missing out on the fellowship and fun that we are enjoying. Why not put an advertisement in your local newspaper and see if you can attract some of these potential members.

Both Marg and I take this opportunity of wishing you all good health and God speed during the next 12 months and we look forward to meeting you all again in the Grampians.

David Cameron
National President

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Extracts from Annual Report



On perusal of past Apex 40 Annual Reports, the least satisfying task is asking Clubs to re-affiliate and pay their fees each year. The situation has not changed this year. Thanks go to the active Club Secretaries who sent in their 1999/2000 affiliation fees.

There are 63 Clubs and nine Members-a large on our mailing list. Even after posting out second reminder notices and contacting by phone those Clubs who had not paid, it is very frustrating to find 34 Clubs still have not paid their

re-affiliation fees. Members of those defaulting Clubs are probably unaware that they are unfinancial and not contributing to the organisation to which they choose to belong. After the Rort a third reminder will be sent to all unfinancial Clubs.

I have been endeavouring to keep our Club register accurate and up to date, hoping in particular to show our total membership. We have 879 financial members and approximately 700 who are unfinancial. Maybe we will have better success next year?

Thanks to the Moree Club for hosting the 2000 Rort where we experienced and enjoyed typical bush hospitality at the Rort and on the post-Rort tour. The Grampians Rort in 2001 should be a beauty, particularly with the inclusion of our Canadian K40 friends who will join us as part of their Australian tour.

Apex 40's finances are reasonably healthy thanks mainly to a \$500 cheque received, being profit generated by the Bendigo Rort organisers. Well done Bendigo.

*Ray Despot,
Secretary Treasurer*

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

Extracts from Annual Report

Well, this time we didn't go overseas but were visited instead by some South Africans and New Zealanders. Those who toured South Africa a few years ago would most like-

ly remember some of the following who attended the Moree Rort - Derek and Anita Clark, Ross and Brenda McSweeney, and Clive and Yvonne Bolton. According to Derek Clark they

are all 'plus sixty' and known to those Aussies and Kiwis who toured there.

Prior to arriving in Moree, the South African group had visited Perth, Melbourne and Sydney and, following the Rort they were to fly to Auckland for a tour of New Zealand.

We will be visited next year by a group of up to 40 Canadian K40 members who will be attending the Rort in the Grampians. Their tour has been planned on the basis of mostly home hosting by Apex 40 members which will give many of us an opportunity to afford these ex-Kin of Canada members and their wives some real Aussie hospitality. The proposed itinerary for their visit is as follows:

20/3/01 - Arrive Brisbane, travel to Sunshine Coast. Two nights home hosted by Caloundra.

22/3/01 - Return to Brisbane. Two nights home hosted by Redlands and Wynnum/Manly.

24/3/01 - Travel via Gold Coast / Byron Bay to Alstonville. Two nights home hosted.

26/3/01 - Travel to Moree. Two nights home hosted.

28/3/01 - Travel to Wyong. Two nights home hosted.

30/3/01 - Travel to Sydney. Two nights motel accommodation.

1/4/01 - Travel to Eden. Motel accommodation overnight.

2/4/01 - Travel to Melbourne. Two nights home hosted by Melbourne clubs.

4/4/01 - Travel to Bendigo. Two nights home hosted.

6/4/01 - Travel to Grampians. Three nights at Rort.

9/4/01 - Travel to Melbourne. Hotel accommodation overnight / Farewell function.

*Brian Roach
International Relations*

A MEMORABLE RORT AT MOREE

Well, we joined the push and we went to the bush - all 180 of us! The second largest number of members ever to attend a Rort and the best attendance since 1992. There were Apex 40 members from 19 Clubs and, in addition, there was a contingent of 41 Club members (ex-Round Tablers) from overseas, four from New Zealand and six from South Africa. The Moree Club's organising committee, led by Leon Squires, had done a wonderful job in preparing for the Rort and kept everything flowing smoothly over the

whole weekend. From the Welcome Social on Friday night at the Gwyder Convention Centre to the Farewell Breakfast at Moree Racecourse, it was a truly memorable Rort.

The Welcome Social was a time to greet all those friends we hadn't seen since last year and to meet some new Rorters. Peter Miller, Portland, and Rob (Wombat) Walter, Heyfield, had arranged a colourful display about next year's Rort at Hall's Gap in the Grampians, Victoria.

On Saturday morning the Rort was officially opened by the Mayor of Moree, Mike Montgomery, at the Moree Plains Gallery, followed by a walking tour around some of Moree's historic buildings. Then it was on the buses – four of them – for a short trip to the 700 hectare Trawalla Pecan Farm, with its 70,000 trees, where we had a barbeque lunch with the drinks bar manned by Moree Apexians. On a tour of the farm we were able to see the mechanical tree-shakers in action harvesting the nuts which supply 90% of the pecans consumed in Australia.

Saturday night's "Come to the Bush" dinner dance was held at the Kooroogamma woolshed on a property now owned by the Livingston University. The woolshed had been decorated by Moree members for the occasion and provided a great venue for a very enjoyable evening. Dance music was provided by the Spencer Band. A group of Bendigo and Grafton members found that their table had mysteriously vanished while they were getting their meal!

On Sunday morning we were taken to see over a cotton gin. With such large numbers we had to be split into two groups to visit two separate gins. Then we were all together again for lunch at "Keytah", a most impressive property which has about 5000 hectares growing cotton plus extensive grain growing and beef production. After lunch the Annual General Meeting was conducted by National President David Cameron in the bull ring. The meeting

was conducted under rather difficult conditions with a randy bull and a pretty cow (*alias Moree members John Hennessy and Cliff Brown*) loose in the ring – and with some real bullshit flying around! All in all, a rather normal AGM for Apex 40. Moree Apex members again looked after the bar.

During the AGM, banners were exchanged with the overseas visitors from New Zealand and South Africa.

Redlands scooped the pool of trophies for this year with –

'Penultimate' trophy (for best dinner notice) – Redlands, *Editors Jan Banks / Alan Bach.*

Attendance trophy – Redlands.

'Wizzy' trophy – Bob Skinner, Redlands.

Apart from winning all the trophies, Redlands made a successful bid to host the Rort in 2002.

Sunday night's formal dinner dance was held at the Moree Services Club where entertainment and dance music was provided by the Craze Brothers. Other entertainment was provided by a fines session conducted by Danny Bourke and Tony Jukes (Moree) and Alan Flaherty (Melbourne-Gippsland), and by sketches put on by Moree and Grafton members. A number of Moree members dressed up a-la the Village People and performed as "The Village Idiots", which was probably a pretty accurate description.

Three of the Grafton ladies, Carol Moffat, Ros Chessell and Sue McPherson, showed some remarkable

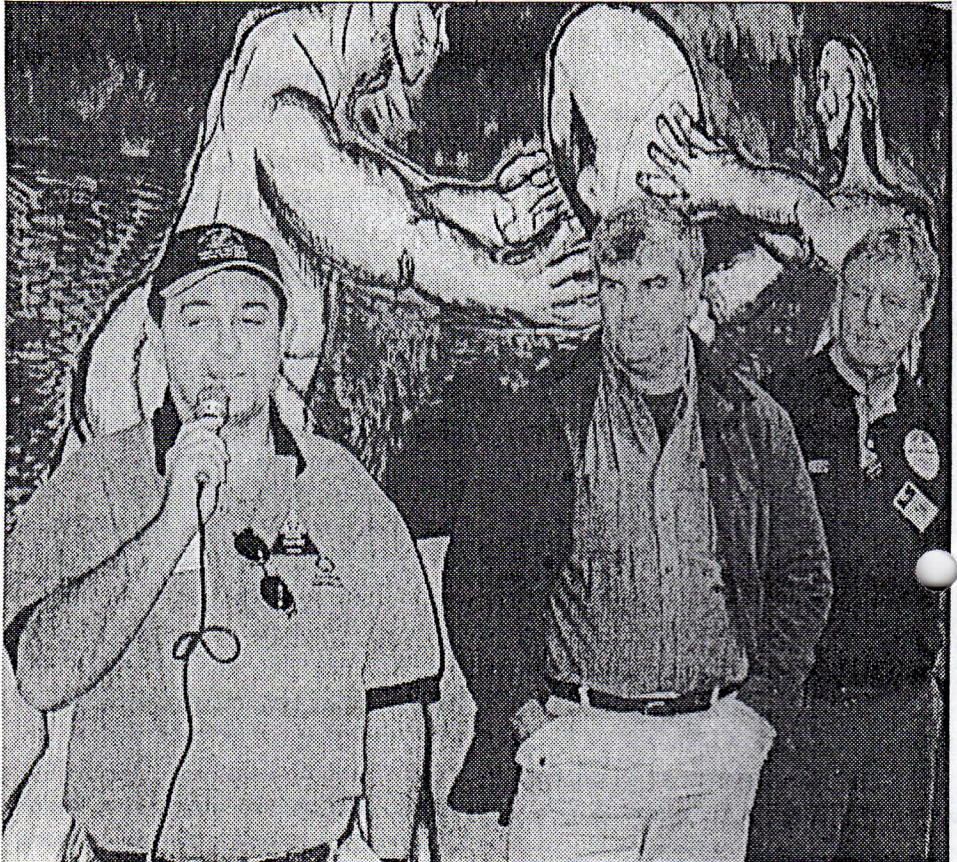
talent as belly-dancers. The winner was decided by applause, which was thunderous for both performances, and perhaps National President David showed some tact and diplomacy in awarding the 'Bull Horn' trophy to the home town Village Idiots. There was no doubt that leading belly dancer Carol Moffat was the outstanding star of the night!

It was all up for an early breakfast at the racecourse to enable the post-Rort tour

to get away on time.

And what a breakfast it was, with juices, cereals and bacon and eggs hot off the barbie! For the minority not going on the tour it was time to say farewell until next year.

Another great Rort! And thanks must go to Leon and all the Moree members who put in a lot of work in preparation beforehand and during the weekend to show us all some real Moree hospitalit,



Moree President Mark Trambee introduces the Mayor of Moree, Mike Montgomery, to officially open the Rort at 'Moree Plains Gallery', while National President David Cameron looks on.

- THE BACK O' BOURKE TOUR -

A GREAT OUTBACK EXPERIENCE

The tour was organised by Moree President and travel agent, Mark Tramby. This is Mark's run down on the tour for those who unfortunately did not make it.

We ended up with three buses and 115 travellers and, despite my concerns at getting everyone out of motels, fed, and on buses, we departed Moree bang on time on the Monday after the Rort itself.

The group travelled to Lightning Ridge (overnight stay), where they stopped to visit an opal mine and enjoyed a brief town tour. From here they travelled across through Walgett and Brewarrina to Bourke (and isn't that an amazing place) where they enjoyed a town tour and visited an incredible fruit farm beside the Darling River plus all the tourist sites associated with the fact that Bourke was once a thriving riverboat community. Interestingly, the guy who owns the fruit farm is building a \$4 million paddle steamer to go into the Darling and be a permanent Bourke tourist attraction.

From here we travelled along the Mitchell Highway to Nyngan, site of the infamous 1990 floods, for another overnight stay after a most enjoyable dinner and singalong. (Mark provided the accompaniment for the singalong on his guitar) The next morning the group visited the Cobb & Co. Museum and the

Shearing Museum and did a quick trip around town to see where the waters of the big flood came in. From Nyngan we travelled across to the Astronomy Capital of Australia, Coonabarabran.

While in Coonabarabran we visited Siding Spring Observatory and participated in some star watching at night at the Skywatch facility. After wonderful weather during the previous few days it was very, very cold here; I believe below zero the night we were there.

After an overnight stay in Coonabarabran, it was home to Moree via the Australia Telescope at Narrabri and a wonderful conclusion to Rort Two Triple Nought at the Amaroo Tavern where the 115 travellers were joined by 20 Apex 40 Moree members for a grand finale.

(Thanks Mark for a truly great experience of places most of us would otherwise never have got to, and thanks also to Leon and Cheryle Squires, Ian and Pam Swayn, and Danny and Esma Bourke who acted as guides on the three buses and kept us supplied with morning teas and lunches at our

PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DECORATED BUSES

Tony Jukes started it all when he flung a heap of streamers, balloons and what-have-you into each of the buses just as they were about to depart Moree on the Post-Rort Tour. As the tour progressed, people in the various buses began to hang the streamers and other paraphenalia around their bus and, eventually, competition developed between them as to whose was the best decorated bus.

At Coonabarabran, after the last night of the tour, the proprietors of the Poplars Motor Inn were asked to judge the best decorated bus and they awarded the honour to Bus No. 3. It was pure coincidence that Tour Organiser and Travel Agent Mark Tramby was among those on Bus No. 3!

But, as we soon found out, that was only a dummy run as the real judges of the

competition turned out to be the proprietors of the Narrabri Mobil Service Station where we called in later that morning. After inspecting each of the buses, these well qualified and reliable judges awarded First Prize to Bus No.1.

Below is a copy of the Winner's Certificate presented to Bus No. 1.

So, justice prevailed, and again it was purely coincidental that Rort Chairman Leon Squires was on Bus No.1, together with both the Editor and Publisher of Roaring 40's.

(We just wanted to set the record straight, but we wholeheartedly agree that Priscilla, the spectacular figurehead on Bus No. 2, alias Glyn McKay, Redlands, was worthy of honourable mention – or dishonourable mention if you feel that way inclined! – Alan and Alan)

FIRST PRIZE

Best Decorated 'Post Rort Tour 2000' Coach

This Certificate is awarded to
Coona Poppies' Party Machine (No. 1 Coach)

I, Tony Rogers of the Narrabri Mobil Service Station, inspected all three coaches from the the Post Rort Tour, and have awarded the "Coona Poppies' Party Machine" (Coach No 1) FIRST PRIZE and highly commend "Priscilla" (Coach No 2) for attaining second place.

I would also like to commend Number Three Coach, and hope that they try a little harder next year

SIGNED
Manager

Tony Rogers

18 / 5 / 2000



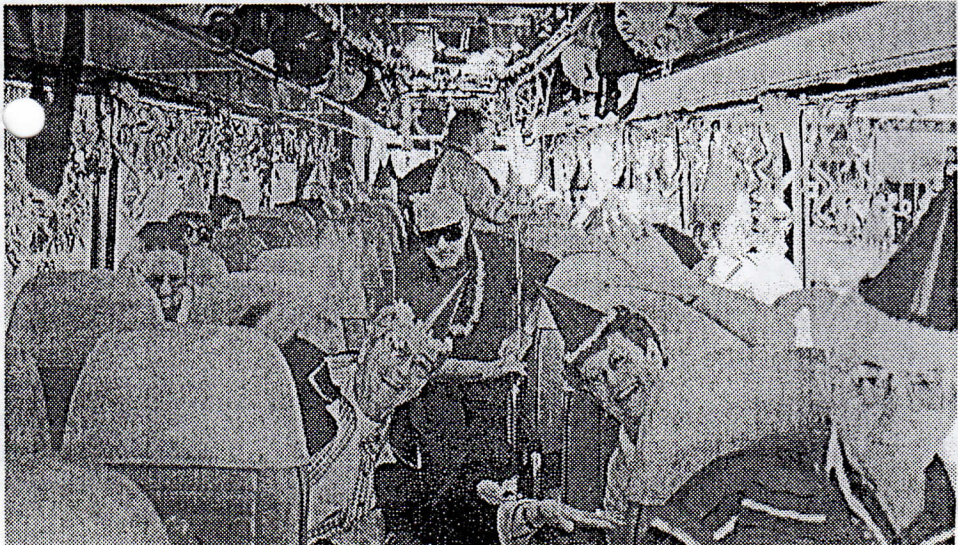
At left:

Priscilla –
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Glyn McKay
(as Priscilla)
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the passers-by
on 'Judging
Day'

Below:

A glimpse
into the
interior of
the 'winning'
coach (No 1).





Left: At the Welcoming Social. From left: Greta Rose (Devonport), Margaret Hookey (Melb-G), Sandra Bowman (Redlar) and John Bowman (Alstonville), Julie Wilma Bidmade (Clarke Bendigo).



At the Welcome Reception. Above: Leon Squibb & Darryl Walker with Rob (Womburgh) and Peter Miller in the Grampians Reception display.



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Above: Rort Chairman Leon Squires & Moree President Mark Tramby with the Olympic Torch Cauldron at the Moree Plains Gallery. The Torch will spend a night at Moree during its relay around Australia.

At the extreme (far) left: David Cameron and Ray Despot doing business in the bull ring.

Below: Some of the crowd at the AGM.





Above centre: Nat. Secretary Treasurer Ray Despot (Redlands) finds relief from the pressures of office at the Woolshed Dinner.

Above left: Last year's winner, Marg O'Neil (Bendigo) passes on the Wizzy trophy to this year's winner Bob Skinner (Redlands).

Below: Lunch break at Bourke. L to R. Peter Dumont, Malcolm Andrew, Elaine Dumont, Wilma Bidmade, Elayne Andrew (Bendigo), Kay & David Huett (Alstonville) and Margaret & Neville Bowman (Wyong).





Above: 80 feet down in an opal mine at Lightning Ridge. From left: Neil Hookey (Melb Gippsland), Bruce Garland (Wynnum-Manly), Ron Storay (Launceston), Jean Goff (Melb Gippsland), and Greta Rose (Devonport).

Below: Meryl, Beryl and Cheryle at Bourke. Meryl Clarke (Bendigo), Beryl Grace (Perth) and Cheryle Squires (Moree).



GRAMPIANS RORT 2001

COME AND HAVE A CHAT IN THE GAP

What a great time we all had at the recent Rort at Moree. Big congratulations to Moree Club.

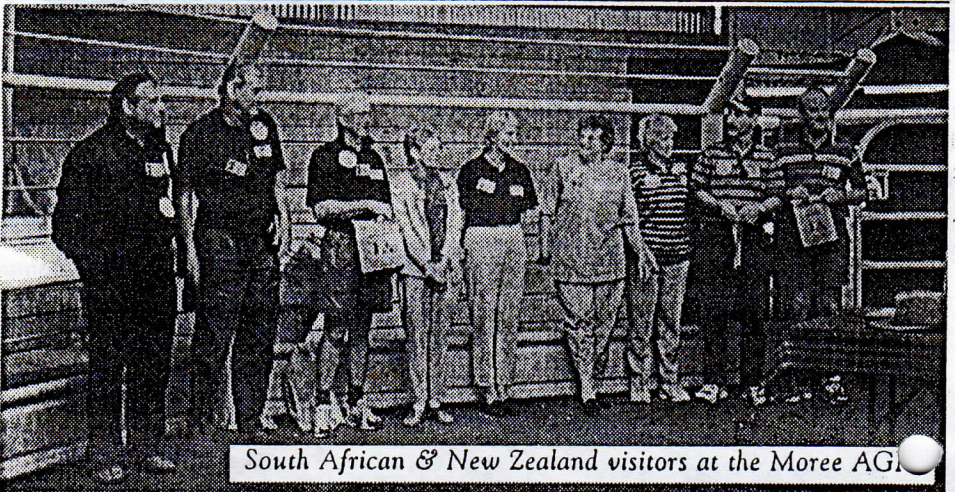
For those who are not yet aware, the 2001 Apex 40 Rort will be held at Hall's Gap in the beautiful Grampians National Park in Western Victoria over the weekend of 6-9th April, 2001. There's plenty of accommodation, eating places and sight-seeing for all, so we are hoping for a large roll-up.

We will be sending out information and registration forms later in the year to all Clubs and to all those who filled out 'expression of interest' forms at Moree. In the meantime, to enable you to keep up with all details and update of the Rort, we have set up a website which can be reached on -

<www.users.bigpond.com/rw09.htm>

We will be looking forward to seeing you, so Come and Have a Chat in the Gap!

Peter Miller, Portland Apex 40.



South African & New Zealand visitors at the Moree AG

LOST AND FOUND AT THE RORT

FOUND: Rosemary Tramby has in her possession a Navy Blue Cashmere Jacket - Men's Size 44".

LOST: Rosemary is missing a Lady's Navy Blue Cashmere Jacket, mistakenly taken at the Rort Woolshed Bash. Would the person who has this jacket please contact Rosemary on (02) 6752 2155 (AH), or (02) 6751 1665 (W).

FOUND: At Thursday night Farewell at Amaroo Tavern, a Navy Blue with Light Blue Collar, Sweat Shirt - size XL, left over back of chair. Please contact Leon Squires on (02) 6752 1487

AROUND THE BRANCHES

ALSTONVILLE: Sixteen members attended the Moree Rort. Those left at home enjoyed a dinner at the Pioneer Tavern. In April the Club held a Car Rally, preceded by breakfast and followed by lunch at Evans Head. June dinner will be a Pizza and Trivia night at Dave and Kay Huett's.

BENDIGO: April meeting was a light meal and drinks at the Caldwell's before going to the Bendigo Regional Arts Centre to see the Oscar Wilde play "The Importance of Being Earnest". Sixteen members made the trip to Moree for the Rort.

FORBES: Forbes members were joined for their May dinner by a group of Victorian Rorters on their way up the Newell Highway to Moree. Visitors included ten members from Melbourne-Gippsland, eight from Bendigo, five from Melbourne Norwesters and one each from Heywood and Portland. With more than 40 present the night

was a good warm-up for the Rort the next day.

GOLD COAST: April function was a dinner at the Tudor Rose Restaurant at Carrara. Subsequent meetings will have a variety of formats with a breakfast, a dinner and a lunch planned.

THE GREAT EIGHT: For their May meeting members indulged in a Chinese banquet at the Hexham Bowling Club. In June there will be a dinner at "Corky's" in Cessnock and then the traditional "Christmas in July".

LAKE MACQUARIE In May the Club had a ladies night at the Harness Racing at Newcastle International Paceway, including dinner at Pacers Smorgasbord Restaurant.

The Club is concerned about lack of numbers at meetings; a dinner planned for March was cancelled due to lack of numbers.



Some of the group who got together for dinner at Forbes on the way to Moree. Front: Barbara and Bernie Kenney (Melb Norwesters), Meryl Clarke (Bendigo), Nola Kinder (Melb-Gippsland). Back: Ron Clarke (Bendigo), Ray Davey (Forbes), Neil Hookey and Alan Kinder (Melbourne-Gippsland).

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ner notice before finally making it to the correct venue. 22 members went to Moree and won the attendance trophy.

SUNRAYSIA: April function was held at the Oasis Botanical Gardens with lunch in the Homestead after a very interesting trip around the gardens. July meeting will be a dinner at O'Malley's Pub.

WYNNUM-MANLY: All of the members managed to get out of the Boggo Road jail in time to attend an old fashioned Fish Bash on April Fools Day at the Jessop's with camp oven dinners, damper, and Spotted Dog and Mud

Lizards for dessert. Fourteen members went to the Rort at Moree.

The Club is planning a trip to Gayndah in August during the orange harvest.

WYONG: An Apex reunion day at Gosford was a bit disappointing because of lack of numbers but the opportunity was taken to hand out information to those who weren't aware of Apex 40.

May dinner to be at Palms Reception Centre at Gorokan.

Just missed out on the attendance trophy at Moree with 22 members attending the Rort.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville: Dave works hard at the plant and spends most evenings bowling or playing basketball at the gym. His wife thinks he is pushing himself too hard, so for his birthday she takes him to a local strip club. The doorman at the club greets them and says, "Hi Dave, how ya doin?" His wife is puzzled and asks if he's been to this club before. "Oh no," says Dave, "he's on my bowling team." When they are seated, a waitress asks Dave if he'd like his usual Budweiser. His wife is becoming uncomfortable and says, "You must come here a lot for that woman to know you drink Budweiser." "No, honey, she's in the ladies bowling team. We share lanes with them." A stripper comes over to their table and throws her arms around Dave. "Hi Davey," she says, "Want your usual table-top dance?" Dave's wife, now furious, gets up and storms out of the club. Dave follows and catches up as she gets into a cab. Before she can slam the door, he jumps in beside her and she

starts screaming at him. The cabby turns his head and says, "Looks like you picked up a real bitch tonight, Dave."

We had a great Neighbourhood Watch going when I was a kid....until she closed her curtains.

Dancing is the perpendicular expression of horizontal desire.

Forbes: A waiting room in a busy maternity hospital. Three men are sitting there waiting for the imminent birth of their respective children. One is an Australian, one a New Zealander and the other a West Indian.

All of a sudden a doctor bursts through the door saying "Gentlemen, you won't believe this but your wives have all had baby boys within five minutes of each other". The fathers are ecstatic and congratulate each other over and over.

"However, we do have a slight problem" says the doctor. "In all the confusion we may have mixed the babies up, so we

would be grateful if you could help us identify them”.

The Aussie races past the doctor and picks up the dark skinned infant, saying “No doubt about it, this one is mine”.

The doctor says “Well, of all the babies, I thought that one would most likely be of West Indian parentage”.

“Maybe,” said the Australian, “but one of the others is a bloody Kiwi and I’m not taking any chances!”

The Great Eight: Sherlock Homes and Doctor Watson went camping, arriving at evening time. After erecting the tent they built a campfire, cooked a nice meal, had a pipe and a glass of port, and retired to bed.

At about four in the morning, Holmes stirred, nudged Watson and said “Watson, my dear friend, look up and tell me what you see”.

Watson did as asked and replied “Well Holmes, I see a myriad of stars”.

“And what do you deduce from that observation, Watson?” asked Holmes.

Well Holmes,” said Watson, “Holistically, I deduce that the Universe is immense and that we as individuals are very insignificant indeed. Theologically, I deduce that God is in his heaven and all is well with the world. Astrologically, I can see that Jupiter is rising over Saturn. Astronomically, I deduce that each of those millions of stars will have at least one planet, if not more, and that the chance of other life forms in the universe is very large indeed. Geographically, I deduce that we are in the northern hemisphere. Meteorologically,

I deduce that tomorrow will be a fine day, and Chronologically, I deduce that it is about 4 am. What do you deduce, Holmes, my dear chap?”

“Deduce, Watson? Deduce?” said Holmes. “I deduce, Watson, you nitwit, that some thieving bastard has pinched our tent!”

Melbourne-Gippsland: The Pope met with his Cardinals to discuss a proposal from Benjamin Netanyahu, the leader of Israel. “Your Holiness,” said one of his Cardinals, Mr. Netanyahu wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Jewish and Catholic faiths.”

The Pope thought this was a good idea, but he had never held a golf club in his hand. “Don’t we have a Cardinal to represent me?” he asked.

“None that plays very well,” a Cardinal replied. “But,” he added, “there is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a Cardinal, then ask him to play Mr. Netanyahu as your personal representative. In addition to showing our spirit of cooperation, we’ll also win the match.”

Everyone agreed it was a good idea. The call was made. Of course, Nicklaus was honoured and agreed to play. The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Vatican to inform the Pope of the result. “I have some good news and some bad news, your Holiness, “ said the golfer.

“Tell me the good news first, Cardinal Nicklaus,” said the Pope.

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30 September, 2000

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