

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



The saying, 'Time flies when you're having fun' is so true when it comes to Apex 40 Rorts. At the time of writing my report we were approximately 156 big sleeps, or just over five months, before the next Rort at Halls Gap in Victoria.

By now you will have received registration forms and I would urge you to register early. Both Peter Miller and Rob Walter (Wombat) have been very busy arranging another 'World Class' Rort and, if you require any information, please give them a call.

When registering, don't forget the Pre-Rort Tour which, this time, will be held prior to the Rort.

We look like we will be hosting approximately thirty Canadians at the Rort and, in true Apexian spirit, I am sure you will all welcome them with open arms. To my knowledge we have never had such a large overseas contingent and, if last year is any indication, we look like we could host a Rort with an international flavour each year.

I was delighted to learn that Apex appears to be swelling in numbers in Southern Queensland and I hope this has a flow-on effect throughout the rest of Australia.

We are still experiencing difficulty in increasing our own membership ranks by virtue of the fact that Apexians retire from Apex due to their age and do not appear to be interested in joining Apex 40. At the risk of repeating myself, don't forget your local media is a good medium for alerting ex-Apexians of the Apex 40 club in your district.

Both Margaret and I are looking forward to the Halls-Gap Rort and Pre-Rort Tour and, in the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all Apex 40 members and their families a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. See you at the Rort!

David Cameron
National President

The National Secretary/Treasurer wishes to thank the FOUR clubs and ONE Member at Large who have paid their subscriptions so far this year. He also wishes all Apex 40 members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

The Thoughts of Derek Clark, 41 Clubs of South Africa, on the Moree Rort –

We came, we saw, we made a lot of friends, we had fun.

The flight from Perth to Melbourne, the home of VB, we were in training; were met at airport and taken home by our hosts; sightseeing Saturday; Melbourne-Gippsland club function Saturday night; more VB; Sunday lunch with Glen and Naida Twidale and Naida gave us lessons in AFL football.

On to Sydney by train; new experience for us – Ross and I managed to survive the trip on VB and pies; did the usual rounds – monorail, ferry to Manly, Opera House, and shops again.

Then came the step into the unknown. Off to Moree and the Rort, not knowing what to expect and, in our wildest dreams, we would never have guessed! Arrived late after a very pleasant and scenic train trip, to be met by Pam Swayne.

We had a quiet day on Friday, Ross managing to get himself 'crook'; too much VB and pies on the train.

Then the fun started. We went to the Rort rego – needless to say, we met up with a lot of noisy old friends.

Saturday, we were allotted to buses to tour around the area. We toured around a huge pecan nut farm and saw a demonstration of nut picking with a large machine (driven by women to

caress the nuts off the trees!), a lady on Bus 3 said' "That's what you will get next time you get stroppey." Back to Moree – evening tucker; a set-to; sing-a-long; barn dance; and great service from Moree Apex Club.

On the buses again; around a huge cotton gin with a massive stock-pile of cotton to be processed. We stopped at a big cattle ranch for a well deserved barbie, followed by the serious part of the trip, the AGM held, appropriately enough, in a bull ring complete with bull dung, both real and verbal, flying around. The formality was duly noted and respect paid to National officials.

Back to Moree; jacket and tie night; dance of the seven veils.

Monday, back on the buses for the 'Back o' Bourke' tour. Emu on the right; kanga's on the left; down an opal mine; grape orchard; reliving the evacuation of a flooded town; lunch in an Oz pub; and farewell party which brought a small lump to one's throat. It was heard said... "That Rort will take some beating!"

NEW ZEALAND TOUR

The Apex 40 2001 New Zealand Tour, which will take place from 20th May to 9th June, 2001, will coincide with the AGM of Round Table 41ers Clubs of New Zealand and will take in both the North and South Islands. ...cont'd.

There will be a maximum of 40 places available on the tour which are being taken up quickly and, at the time of going to press, only eight places remain, which unfortunately may well have gone by the time you receive this.

If you wish to enquire about the availability of places on the tour,

please contact tour organiser Mark Tramby (Moree Apex 40) at M&G Travel, 66 Balo Street, Moree, NSW, 2400.

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All clubs, as well as those Rorters who have filled in 'Expression of Interest' forms at Moree, should have their Pre-Rort Tour and Registration packs by now. If by some chance we have missed you, please phone/fax either Wombat or myself, or visit the Rort Website, or e-mail Wombat – addresses shown above.

Some must have already received their packs as a number have already been returned, so they have first go at the upgrade rooms of the Colonial Motel. Don't forget, if you plan to stay at the Caravan Park, YOU must book your site/cabin yourself as we are unable to block book.

But before the Rort starts, why not book for the Pre Rort 'Waves, Wool & Wine' Tour. We have arranged for your cars/caravans to be parked at Halls Gap while you are on tour, and we are sure that by the time you get back you will

be glad you took the tour. From fishing boats and lighthouse tours, night river boat cruise, rose farm, winery, spectacular coastline, and of course, to our nights of 'fellowship', we are sure you will totally enjoy yourselves. But please book early as numbers are limited due to the size of the river cruise-boat.

After returning from the Pre-Rort Tour, a weekend in the Grampians National Park awaits us. Starting with the Friday night Social at which a light meal will be served.

We are expecting a large contingent of Canadians to be present at the Rort, so we are anticipating a large number to be at Halls Gap. Please don't hesitate to contact us for anything, as we will be very glad to help you.

Regards,

Peter Miller

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We have been members of Apex 40 for over 20 years, initially being involved in our Club Executive and later as Apex 40 National President and National Secretary (Ron and Kevin), and we all thoroughly enjoy the fellowship this great organisation offers.

Over the last couple of years, we have become concerned at the trend of overseas trips to the detriment of our annual National Rorts, as we experienced with our Rort at Bendigo in 1999. Although this may not affect the majority of regular Rorters, it would appear that there are quite a few members who, when faced with the cost involved in attending a Rort and the prospect of joining an overseas tour under the name of Apex 40, may choose the overseas trip and the Rort for that year misses out on those members.

Recent correspondence we have received about the proposed trip to New Zealand has prompted this letter. It appears that, in our own Club, only four couples received the tour details inviting them to join the New Zealand tour next May/June. Under the heading of Apex 40 Australia, one would expect these details to be directed to each Club Executive to advise all members.

The close proximity of the 2001 Rort at Halls Gap in April and an invitation to members to tour offshore the following month is of real concern. We are certainly not against overseas travel, nor are we alone in the above sentiments which we know are shared by members of our own and other Clubs.

Perhaps if there are to be future overseas tours, they should be held in lieu of that year's Rort and should be sanctioned by the National Executive at a Rort.

Ron and Meryl Clarke & Kevin and Shirley Harvey
Bendigo Apex 40. 29/10/2000

Editor's Response:

I appreciate and share the concern expressed above about the potential for an overseas tour to have an adverse impact on the numbers attending a Rort in the same or a subsequent year. The members of one of our Clubs who offer to host a Rort are required to put in a lot of effort, and should be assured of all the support they can get from members by their attendance. The proposed New Zealand tour, although talked about for a number of years, and the proposed visit by Canadian K40 members next year, appear to have been organised without formal approval by the National Executive or members at their Annual General Meeting. There is surely a need to ensure that this does happen and that any such proposed tour is properly sanctioned before it can be organised under the name of Apex 40. ...cont'd. overleaf

On the other hand, I would have some reservations about such a tour being held in lieu of a Rort here in Australia. That could possibly have the reverse effect of denying many members the opportunity to attend the annual Rort which they look forward to so eagerly. Having said that, I do well recall the wonderful experience we had in 1990 when some 150 Apex 40 members travelled over to Malaysia for the Rort at Kuala Lumpur. That was, of course, put to the members and approved at a prior AGM.

Alan Kinder, Editor

(If you have any views on this, or any other matter, which you would like to air in Roaring 40's, we will be only too happy to publish them. Ed.)

- AROUND THE BRANCHES -

ALSTONVILLE: Club members travelled to Yamba for a memorable weekend in August, starting off with prawns, fish and chips at the Fishermen's Co-op. Sightseeing at Angourie took in the famous Point, the beach and the pristine coast of Yuraygyr National Park, the Blue Pool and the Green Pool, and the spectacular Lake Wooloweyah. After a happy hour at the motel, a bus took them to Gormans Restaurant for dinner. Cameos of the night: food – Phillip Consalvo singing “Hello Dolly” with an opera singer – the Apex song – more food – Bruce and Mavis Tidmarsh's 50th anniversary cake – the woman on the next table who took a shine to John Gilmore – more food and port – and an invitation from the management to return soon. Sunday – an interesting and relaxing river cruise to wind down.

A really memorable weekend.

September meeting was a very pleasant Sunday lunch at the Church Café/Restaurant beside Emigrant Creek

at Tintenbar and October will see the Club's annual change-over.

Among the recommendations made by the out-going executive is “The Roaring 40's be copied and distributed to all members.” Reason: It is very informative and it was a strong recommendation from National Board.

(Other clubs please note and, if you don't already distribute copies, perhaps you should follow Alstonville's example, even if it means a small increase in annual subs. to cover printing costs. We would like to think it is worth a small increase to keep members informed and in touch with other members. Ed.)

BENDIGO: August meeting was held to coincide with Marg. O'Neill's birthday celebration – one of those which ends in '0', but we won't say which one!

In October, members travelled by bus to Werribee to join in the combined meeting with Melbourne clubs.

GRAFTON: Congratulations to new President Bill Moffat who took office at the Club's AGM. Bill will be assisted by Treasurer John Betts and Newsletter Editor Sue McPherson. Sue has recently



Bendigo members travelled to Werribee by bus.

got herself elected to the local Council and is busy at the moment trying to find where they buried a time capsule 25 years ago! It was due to be lifted on 1st November to coincide with Jacaranda Wednesday, during the week when Grafton kicks up its heels.

THE GREAT 8: September saw members gather at the Maitland Gaol for a night tour of the former prison, which had housed maximum security prisoners for most of its existence, and then a wonderful meal at the Gaol Café which used to be the staff canteen and recreation area.

October dinner was held at Maitland City Bowling Club with Buddy Holly music in the background and a Chinese banquet dinner at East Maitland is planned for November.

December meeting will be the Club's now traditional "come as you're caught (on a surprise visit from Al and Robyn Thorley) night" which is always an excellent night.

KUALA LUMPUR: July meeting at the PJ Club provided an opportunity to decide the future course the Club will be taking with new President M. Selvarajah at the helm with other office-bearers: Secretary, Naiker; Treasurer, Suresh; Public Speaking, Gnanarajah; Social, A. Lawrence; Interclub & International Relations, P. K. Singam.

In June and July members attended Installation Dinners of the Seremban, Kuala Lumpur and Klang Apex Clubs and were to attend the Konvensyen Silver Jubilee Apex hosted by Bandar Syed Putra Apex Club in August.

LAKE MACQUARIE: July function was a Karioke night at Warners Bay Bowling Club with prizes and "guess this song" competitions and lotsa fun.

At a recent meeting it was resolved that meetings would be held on the first Friday night each month as Ladies Nights and that Port Nights would be discontinued.

October meeting will be a BBQ hosted by Bob and Anne Vickers.

LAUNCESTON: In August members went to the Evandale market before lunch at Russell's Restaurant and in September a lunch meeting was at the Red Feather Inn at Hadspen.

The following functions were planned: October, lunch at the Gorge Restaurant; November, lunch at Banquet Delight at Hillwood; December, BYO lunch at "Mistleton", members Mary and Clive's property.

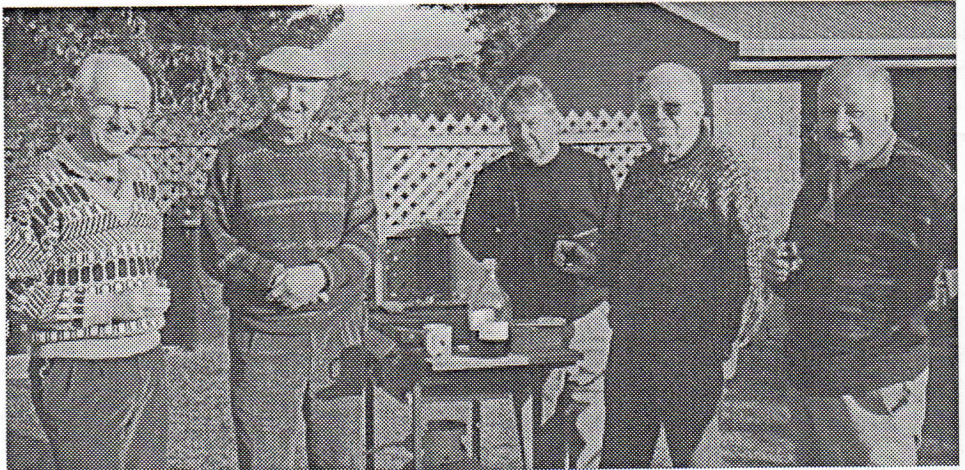
MELBOURNE - GIPPSLAND: The annual Apex 40 birthday BBQ was

held in July at Don Blackley's place at Drouin. The day coincided with birthdays for Helen Pavey and Alan Kinder, and Secretary Marj Flaherty made and decorated a beautiful cake for the occasion.

August dinner was at Karinya Lodge in Blackburn, scene some years ago of the Club's memorable "Dimboola Wedding" night.

October meeting was a get-together with Werribee, Bendigo, and Melbourne Norwesters Apex 40 Club's for a spit roast dinner at the home of Peter and Betty Sammartino of Werribee Club. This has become an annual event which is well attended and provides another opportunity during the year to catch up with fellow members of Apex 40. Prior to the dinner there was the option of a tour of the historic Werribee Park Mansion and the Victorian State Rose Garden.

Melbourne Cup Day saw the usual get-



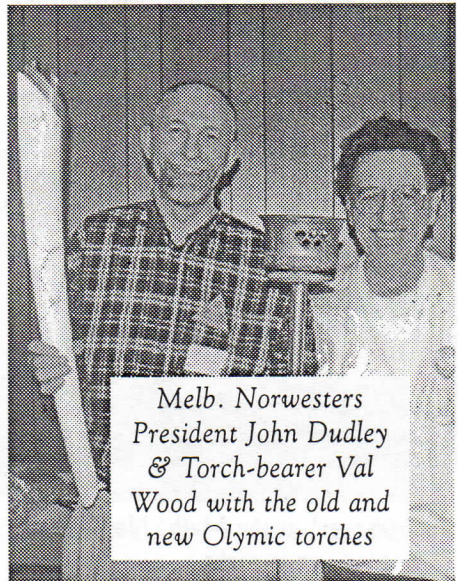
Enjoying a port at the Birthday BBQ. L to R: Colin Speirs, Alan Flaherty, Neil Hookey, Bill Cunliffe, Ian Gaffney.



At the Melb/Gippsland Apex 40 Birthday BBQ. Seated are Lionel & Vi Mussell and Barb & Ken Neate. Standing are Mike (almost) & Helen Pavey and Helen Gaffney

together and BBQ, this time at the home of Ken and Barb Neate at Langwarrin, with Honest Charlie Burgess again running his "Two-Bob Tote" on all the day's races.

MELBOURNE NORWESTERS: In September, not to be outdone by Sydney, the Club held the Melbourne Olympic Games which attracted "Renowned Guest Athletes" and "Internationally Qualified Judges" (Qualified in 'what' they didn't say! Ed.) Val Ward brought along his torches, 1956 and 2000 models, and everyone did a lap of the hall. Events included 'pass the lifesaver - via a toothpick', and 'wrap the mummy' - with a roll of



Melb. Norwesters
President John Dudley
& Torch-bearer Val
Wood with the old and
new Olympic torches



*'Wrap the Mummy' event at Melbourne Norwesters Olympics.
From left: (Unwrapped) Brian Roach, Ursula Tonelli and Wendy Smith.*

toilet paper. Guess the number of marbles competition was won by visiting athlete Brian Roach from Melbourne-Gippsland – prize, a dinner for two (tin of Barbie Spaghetti and two plastic



Max Cheney & Bernie Kenney 'pass the lifesaver' at the Melb. Norwesters Olympic Games night.

forks!). Members were divided into three teams – Kookas, Swimmers and Champions. Swimmers won the gold medal, Kookas the silver and Champions the bronze.

MOREE: November meeting at the Sundowner Motor Inn will be the Club's AGM and a new executive team (King and Princess?) will be elected.

This has been another successful year of socialising and being with friends. Retiring President Mark Tramby (King Bonza) said, "I think we have had a huge year. Obviously the Rort was the biggest thing we will ever do and it is unlikely that we will do that again for many years, perhaps unfortunately, as it was a heap of fun. Mark offers his thanks to "Princess" Cheryle (Squires)

for all her hard work as Secretary. Only disappointment was that the planned weekend trip to Redlands was not successful but it is hoped that this may re-emerge in early 2001.

REDLANDS: September meeting was the Club's AGM with 50 members in attendance when the incumbent executive was re-elected and a committee was formed to organise the 2002 Rort with our National 'brass' David Cameron and Ray Despot as Chairman and Secretary respectively. A date has already been set for the Rort at Friday May 10 to Monday May 13, 2002 with a post-Rort tour to follow.

A planned combined weekend with Moree Apex 40 in October unfortunately had to be postponed.

SUNRAYSLIA: November meeting is the AGM with a new committee to be elected. The meeting will revert to the tried and successful Christmas function of an evening barbeque at a members

home, this time at Ken and Julie Primmers where the pool and spa will be operational. The previous dinner saw a good attendance for an Irish Night at O'Malley's Pub.

The Club is hoping to again enter a team in the Red Cliffs Lawn Bowls Novice Pennant competition to run from October to December on Monday nights.

At their last meeting, Sunraysia members agreed to put in a bid to host the 2003 Rort and will be making a strong bid at next year's Rort at Halls Gap.

At a meeting at the Botanical Gardens earlier this year, it was decided to donate two umbrellas for their picnic area. These have now been presented to the Gardens and bear plaques stating they were donated by Sunraysia Apex 40.

WERRIBEE: Again hosted the annual combined gathering of members from Werribee, Bendigo, Melbourne-Gippsland and Melbourne Norwesters



Bendigo members Kevin Harvey, Ron Clarke and John Lannen at the Werribee gathering

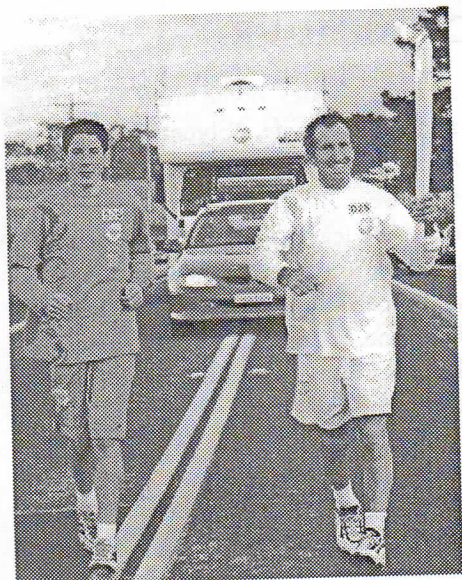


Above and Below: Combined Apex 40 Clubs' gathering at Werribee



Apex 40 clubs at the home of Peter and Betty Sammartino. There were some 54 Apex 40 members present, including ex-Werribee and now Lavington, NSW, members Gerry and Val Hellmann.

Peter Sammartino proudly displayed the Olympic Relay Torch he had the honour of carrying into the town of Meredith. A catered spit-roast lunch was enjoyed by all.



Werribee member Peter Sammartino carries the Olympic flame at Meredith.

WYNNUM-MANLY: In August a number of members travelled to Gayndah for a weekend which included a tour of an orange orchard, dinner at a local hotel, and a scenic tour of the district.

Wynnum-Manly members also caught the Olympic bug and held an 'Olympic

Mania' night in September at the home of Joan and Graham Evans when members were expected to come dressed appropriately as a participant, judge, referee or whatever. Everyone did dress in theme for the occasion and winners of the competition for best dressed were Heather and Bill Jessop. Heather dressed as a 1930's Swimming competitor and Bill dressed as a Fencing competitor, complete with tools and a roll of fencing wire!

Christmas party will be held at Melda and Ron Miller's home in late November.

WYONG: Congratulations to new Club President Malcolm Clark (back from the Philippines) and Secretary Sandy Harmer. The Club had a weekend away at Rafferty's Resort in October which included a Trivia Night on the Friday, Saturday lunch at Catherine Hill Bay pub and a Host a Murder Night that night, with a bring-your-own-boat trip on Sunday.



Wynnum-Manly members at the lookout at Mount Gayndah. Kay & George Grigorieff, Esthere & Brian Quill, Des & Denice Clements, Peg & Eddie Nunn.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville:

A Guide to the New Tax System –

Under the New Universal Tax System (NUTS), all businesses must file a Business Activity Statement Table And Report Directive (BASTARD) every month. They should set aside at least three days every working week to fill the BASTARD out.

A taxpayer is henceforth to be known as a Simple Underpaid Consumer Keeping Everything Running (SUCKER), unless unemployed and receiving Commonwealth benefits, in which case he will be classified as a Registered Australian Taxation Beneficiary Allowance Grantee (RATBAG).

From July 1st, when all Australians go NUTS, small businesses will have to submit a fortnightly General Allocation Rebate for Business and Goods Estimate (GARBAGE) report to the Department for Untaxed Merchandise and Produce (DUMP).

Your GARBAGE must be sent to the DUMP before the 30th of each month.

All small businesses must be registered as Business Utilising Sales Tax (BUST) by June 30th.

In order to alleviate any hardship during the changeover period, the Government will establish a Department of Grants and Subsidies (DOGS).

It is anticipated that, by the end of next financial year, all businesses will have gone BUST and the country will have gone to the DOGS!

A man phones home from the office and tells his wife, "Something has just come up. I have a chance to go fishing for a week, it's the opportunity of a lifetime. We leave right away, so would you pack my fishing equipment and clothes and especially my blue silk pyjamas. I'll be home in an hour to pick them up." He goes home in a hurry, grabs everything and rushes off.

A week later he returns. His wife asks "Did you have a good trip, dear?"

He says "Oh yes, great. But you forgot to pack my blue silk pyjamas."

His wife smiles knowingly and says "Oh no, I didn't. I put them in your tackle box!"

The Great 8:

A letter from home –

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast. You won't know the house when you visit – we moved. About your father – he has a lovely new job. He has 500 men under him, he cuts the grass at the cemetery.

There is a washing machine at the new house, but it doesn't work too good. Last week I put 14 shirts in it, pulled the chain and haven't seen them since. Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out yet whether it's a girl or a boy, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

Your Uncle Dick drowned last week in a vat of whisky at work at the brewery

Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They cremated the body and it took three days to put out the fire.

I went to a doctor on Thursday and your father went with me. The doctor put a tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes. Your father offered to buy it from him.

It only rained twice this week – first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy one of the chickens laid the same egg four times.

We had a letter from the undertaker. He said that if the last payment on your grandmother's plot isn't paid in seven days – up she comes.

Love, Mum.

The Way It Is –

In the beginning God created the mule and told him, "You will be mule, working constantly from dusk to dawn, carrying heavy loads on your back. You will eat grass and lack intelligence. You will live for fifty years." The mule answered, "To live like that for fifty years is too much. Please give me no more than twenty years."

And it was so.

Then God created the dog and told him, "You will hold vigilance over the houses of Man, to whom you will be his greatest companion. You will eat his table scraps and live for twenty-five years. The dog responded, "Lord, to live for twenty-five years as a dog like that is too much. Please, no more than ten years."

And it was so.

God then created the monkey and told him, "You are monkey. You shall swing from tree to tree, acting like an idiot. You will be funny and will live for twenty years." And the monkey responded, "Lord, to live for twenty years as the clown of the world is too much. Please, Lord, give me no more than ten years."

And it was so.

Finally, God created Man and told him, "You are man, the only thinking being that walks the earth. You will use your intelligence to have mastery over all the other creatures of the world. You will dominate the earth and live for twenty years." And the Man responded, "Lord, to be master of the earth for only twenty years is too little. Please, Lord, give me the thirty years the mule refused, the fifteen years the dog refused, and the ten years the monkey rejected."

And it was so.

And so God made man – to live twenty years as an intelligent being; then to marry and have children and live thirty years working like a mule and carrying heavy loads on his back; then fifteen years as a dog, guarding the house and eating left-overs; then, in his old age, to live ten years as a monkey, acting like an idiot to amuse his grandchildren.

And so it is!

Melbourne-Gippsland: A Quick(ie) Joke
A rather confident 007 walks into a bar and takes a seat next to a very attractive

woman. He gives her a quick glance, then casually looks at his watch for a moment. The woman notices this and asks. "Is your date running late?"

"No," he replies, "Q's just given me this state of the art watch and I was just testing it." The intrigued woman says. "A state-of-the-art watch? What's so special about it?"

"It uses Alpha waves to telepathically talk to me." he explains. "What's it telling you now?" asks the woman.

"Well, it says that you're not wearing any knickers..." The woman giggles and replies, "Well, it must be broken because I am wearing knickers!"

007 taps his watch and says "Damn time must be an hour fast."

Some perplexing questions:

- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
- Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?
- Why do they call them "apartments" when they're all stuck together?
- Why are they called 'stands' when they're made for sitting?
- Why is it called a TV "set" when you only get one?
- Why is it that when two planes almost hit each other it is called a "near miss"? Shouldn't it be called a "near hit"?
- If you can't drink and drive, why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor, and why do bars have parking lots?
- Why do fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing?
- How do you know it's an endless loop?
- If you keep trying to solve Murphy's Law, will something keep going wrong?
- Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?
- Why is it that your nose runs and your feet smell?
- Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?

Subject: A comparison between work and prison

IN PRISON You spend the majority of your time in an 8x10 cell.

AT WORK You spend most of your time in a 6x8 cubicle.

IN PRISON You get three meals a day.

AT WORK You get a break for one meal and you have to pay for it.

IN PRISON You get time off for good behavior.

AT WORK You get rewarded for good behavior with more work.

IN PRISON A guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you.

AT WORK You must carry around a security card and unlock and open all the doors yourself.

IN PRISON You can watch TV and play games.

AT WORK You get fired for watching TV and playing games.

IN PRISON You get your own toilet.

AT WORK *You have to share.*

IN PRISON They allow your family and friends to visit.

AT WORK *You cannot even speak to your family and friends.*

IN PRISON All expenses are paid by taxpayers with no work required.

AT WORK *You get to pay all the expenses to go to work, and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.*

IN PRISON You spend most of your life looking through bars from inside wanting to get out.

AT WORK *You spend most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars.*

IN PRISON There are wardens who are often sadistic.

AT WORK *They are called team leaders.*

IN PRISON You have unlimited time to read e-mail jokes.

AT WORK *You get fired if you get caught reading e-mail jokes.*

Redlands:

Once upon a time there was a shepherd looking after his sheep beside a road. Suddenly a brand new Jeep Cherokee stops beside him. The driver, a young man in a Zegna suit, Versace shoes, Ray-Ban sunglasses and a YSL tie gets out and asks the shepherd: "If I guess how many sheep you have will you give me one?"

The shepherd looks at the young man, then looks at the vast flock of grazing sheep. "Alright," he says. The young man opens the car, connects his electronic notebook and enters a NASA

site, scans the ground using his GPS, opens a data base and 60 Excel tables filled with algorithms, then prints out a multi-page report on his high tech mini-printer. He then turns to the shepherd and says: "You have exactly 1,586 sheep here".

"That is absolutely correct. You can have a sheep, take your pick." Still shaking his head the shepherd asks: "Now, if I guess your profession, will you give me back the sheep?"

"OK," said the young man, "why not."

"You are a Government consultant," says the shepherd.

"Yes, how did you know?"

"Very simple," answers the shepherd. "First, you come here without being asked. Second, you charge me a sheep to tell me something I already know. Third, you don't understand anything about what I do - you picked my dog."

Wynnum-Manly:

Why God Loves Blondes -

A blond woman named Brandi finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble. She's so desperate she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray...

"God, please help me, I've lost my business and if I don't get some money I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the Lotto." Lotto night comes and someone else wins.

Brandi prays again... "God, please let me win the Lotto! I've lost my business, my house, and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lotto night comes and Brandi still has no luck.

Once again, she prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the Lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order." Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Brandi is confronted by the voice of God Himself...

"Brandi, at least meet me half-way on this. Buy a ticket!"

WYONG: A very shy fellow goes into a bar and sees a beautiful woman sitting alone at the bar. After an hour gathering up his courage he finally goes over to her and asks, tentatively: "Um, would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?" She responds by yelling, at the top of her voice: "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!" Everyone in the bar is now staring at them. The fellow is completely and hopelessly embarrassed and

slinks back to his table.

After a few minutes the woman walks over to him and apologises. She smiles at him and says: "I'm sorry if I embarrassed you. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations."

To which the fellow responds, at the top of his voice: "What do you mean, \$200?"

Random Thoughts -

- * If at first you don't succeed, sky-diving is not for you.
- * Don't drink and drive... you might spill your beer.
- * To be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid.
- * Why do people ask if they can ask a question?
- * It is better to be pissed off than to be pissed on!
- * Sex on the computer is OK... as long as you don't fall off.

WHY WE SHOULD ALL BE PROUD TO BE AUSTRALIAN

Only in Australia ...

can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Australia ...

do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a Diet Coke.

Only in Australia ...

do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and store junk in the garage.

2001 – A Space Odyssey

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APEX VICTORIA 2001 STATE CONVENTION

Full Registration Fees

(Adult full registrations include 4hrs drinks on Saturday Night)

Standard	(by 31/12/00)	\$125 x.....	Total \$.....
Late	(after 31/12/00)	\$150 x.....	Total \$.....
Are you a Past or Life Member and attending the Saturday Luncheon?			YES / NO

Partial Registration

Friday Night only- public speaking, entertainment and finger food	\$20 x.....	Total \$.....
Saturday only- breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea	\$40 x.....	Total \$.....
Saturday night only- entertainment and meal including 4 hrs of drinks	\$75 x.....	Total \$.....
Sunday only -brunch	\$20 x.....	Total \$.....

Optional

Past & Life Members luncheon (Without full Registration above)	\$25 x.....	Total \$.....
Kids Camp (8-15)	\$40 x.....	Total \$.....
Tours- Saturday, to be announced	\$10 x.....	Total \$.....
Baby sitter - Saturday night	\$ At Cost	If required - No of children
(The cost will be confirmed with you before the convention. All baby sitting from 6:00pm)		
Stubby holders	\$6 x.....	Total \$.....

Payment details

Cheque No: _____ Total Amount \$ _____
 (Full payment must accompany registration form)

Please make cheque's payable to: **Apex Club of Grovedale 2001 State Convention**

Registrations to be posted to: **Grovedale Apex State Convention Committee
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