

ROARING 40's

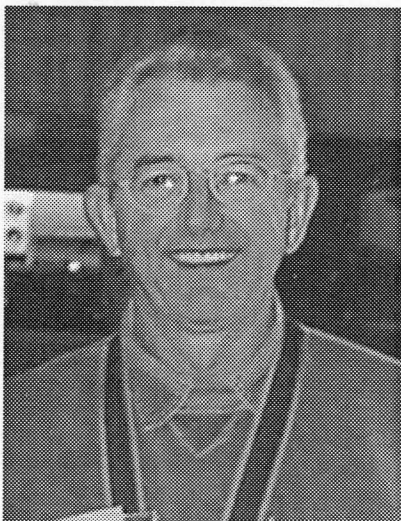
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Time just flies is an often used expression these days. I don't know how I will find the situation when I retire, as I understand it gets worse and time flies even faster in that phase of life.

Bookings are arriving for the Rort in Devonport. A couple of points to consider with your bookings. Please register well before the closing date in early January. Also, don't forget to register for the Post Rort Tour as you will enjoy an unforgettable tour of many very interesting features and scenic beauty of Tassie. Being there is the only way you can appreciate and enjoy this great green island. If you are booking to travel on the boat, you can take advantage of the 10% discount on the TT Line. For further information on this, refer to the Rort info sheet on the web site

<<http://www.apex40.org>>. Information on air fares is also in the same document.

Thank you to the clubs who send their dinner notices to me as I enjoy reading them for the news, get a great laugh at the jokes, and notice the different approaches taken in the running and organization of their clubs. Please continue to send them.

The Apex Foundation is sending copies of their newsletter to your Club Secretary. This newsletter has some interesting information that past Apexians will find worthwhile. There are enough for every member, so ask your Secretary for a copy.

Christmas will be on us very soon. The Co-ordinating Committee of Apex 40 trust that you and your families and friends have a memorable, happy and healthy time over the Christmas and wish you all good fortune and best wishes over the New Year period and beyond.

Yours in Apex 40

Max Cheney, National President

We are always looking to receive photos of club functions, which we feel add considerably to the look and content of Roaring 40's.

In these days of digital cameras, it should be quite easy for you to send us copies by email of some of those many photos taken at your club functions. So PLEASE send a few photos after any special function so that we can see what you have been up to.

Editor's email address appears on the back page.

Thanks to Eddie Bradfield (Lismore), Alan and Mary Bach (Redlands), and David Huett (Alstonville) for photos that appear in this issue.

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

All Clubs and Members at Large, have been sent Member Registration forms for the 2004/2005 year. Please complete forms and return to me, together with your cheque, as soon as possible. Club Secretaries - please include an up-to-date detailed list of all members of your club. There are some clubs who do not send a list of members – very frustrating!

If your club has already held the AGM and new Presidents/Secretaries have been appointed, please advise me of these changes as soon as possible.

Apex 40 Golf Competition time is upon us again. Details and competition rules appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to hear from any member who may be thinking about taking on a National Board position next year. The positions of National President, National Secretary/Treasurer and International Relations Officer all become vacant at 30 April 2005 – it is now time to stand up and be counted!

Regards,

Wendy Smith



APEX 40 GOLF COMPETITION

- * Any number of financial members can play for their club, but there must be a minimum of four.
- * Each player is to play 18 holes, recording their strokes for each hole.
- * The Competition Committee, using the Callaway Handicap System, will calculate results.
- * Rounds are to be played between 1 November 2004 and 31 March 2005.
- * All cards are to be sent to National Secretary – Wendy Smith, 4 Ronald Court, Sunbury 3429 – by 1 April 2005 to be scored by the Competition Committee.
- * At least one member of the winning team must be present at the following AGM to collect the trophy, or it will go to the team with the next best scores with a member attending the AGM.

For more information phone Brian Roach (03) 9802 1063.

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The Callaway Handicap System

Under the Callaway System, a player's handicap is determined after the round is completed, by deducting from his/her gross score for 18 holes, the worst individual holes during the first 16 holes. A table provides the number of 'worst holes' scored to be deducted and the adjustment to be made, based on his/her gross score. (The Competition Committee will do this).

Where a player scores more than double par on a hole, the handicap system will reduce the score for that hole to double par. The 17th and 18th holes are ignored when calculating a player's 'worst holes'.

Wendy Smith, Apex 40 National Secretary/Treasurer, October 1, 2004

DEVONPORT APEX 40 RORT 2005

Friday April 15 – Monday April 18, 2005

Be an early bird – Register early

Come and see beautiful Tasmania

Meet up with old friends

Meet new acquaintances

(including David Foster world champion woodchopper)

Join with friends on the post Rort tour

See the majestic west

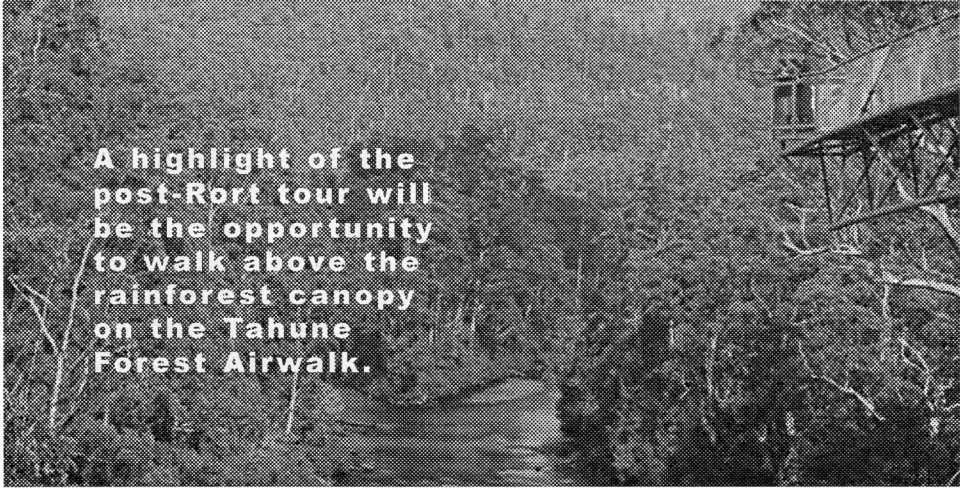
Travel the new APT Railway – enjoy the splendour of the Franklin River Boat Cruise

Enjoy the beauty of the capital city Hobart

And one not to be missed

Tahune forest air walk at Huonville

Just a small part of our beautiful Tasmania.



**A highlight of the
post-Rort tour will
be the opportunity
to walk above the
rainforest canopy
on the Tahune
Forest Airwalk.**



One of the highlights of the post-Rort tour will be the exciting trip from Strahan to Queenstown on the West Coast Wilderness Railway.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN MELBOURNE

Eleven members of 41 Clubs of New Zealand visited Melbourne in October at the start of a tour around Victoria, which took them to Apollo Bay, Portland, Ballarat, Mildura and Bendigo and places in between. In Melbourne they were hosted by Melbourne-Gippsland and Melbourne Norwesters members, and then they were hosted by Apex 40 members at Portland, Mildura and Bendigo. The tour was arranged jointly by Apex 40 International Relations Director Brian Roach and Peter Butchart of New Zealand 41ers, and Brian joined the Kiwis for the whole of the tour in a 12 seater bus.

The New Zealanders were a very sociable group who certainly know how to enjoy themselves as, I am sure, many other Apex 40 members found during the Kiwis' tour around the State.

Melbourne-Gippsland's Jenny Carra hosted a dinner for some of the visitors and their hosts on the Saturday night and, after seeing the sights of Melbourne (including, of course, our famous nude "Chloe") on Saturday afternoon, some of the group went to the Healesville Sanctuary on Sunday where they were treated to a marvellous raptor flights display, patted the dingos, and observed a variety of Australian wildlife before visiting Domain Chandon winery in the Yarra Valley for a taste of the local produce. Others of the party went sailing on the Saturday afternoon with Melbourne Norwesters members.

...Pictures on following pages



Saturday night at Jenny Carra's. L. to R.: Neil Hookey, Brian Roach, Bev. Morton-Jones (NZ), Margaret & Peter Butchart (NZ), Tina Johns (NZ), Nola Kinder, Marg. Hookey, Jenny Carra, Derek Johns (NZ).



Picnic lunch at Healesville Sanctuary. L. to R.: Derek & Tina Johns (NZ), Marg. Hookey, Max Cheney, Bev. Morton-Jones (NZ), Jenny Carra, Neil Hookey.



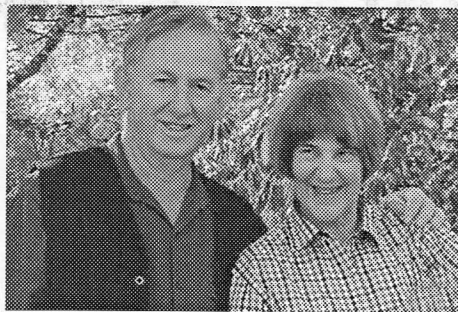
Group at Domain Chandon winery in the Yarra Valley.

On Monday the touring group left Melbourne to travel via the Great Ocean Road to Apollo Bay and then via the 'Shipwreck Coast' to Portland. I am sure that the Kiwis would have enjoyed the hospitality afforded to them by Apex 40 members in the places they visited and that our members derived a lot of pleasure from their company, as we did in Melbourne.

DRAGONS IN TASSIE

In our last issue we reported, with great sadness, the passing of Devonport Apex 40 member Jenny Littler, after a long battle with cancer. We can now report that Jenny's husband Jock, a former National President of Apex 40, is continuing the efforts initiated by Jenny in supporting sufferers of breast cancer.

Jock is aiming to organize a dragon boat racing team of breast cancer survivors under the Canadian originated scheme "Abreast In A Boat". Since the first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team was established in Vancouver in 1996, it has been found that the physical exer-



Jock Littler and his late wife Jenny.

cise of paddling these boats is extremely beneficial for women who have had surgery for breast cancer. Jock arranged for Tasmania's only dragon boat, based in Hobart, to appear at this year's Devonport Apex Regatta. He is now

looking to raise \$12,500 to acquire a dragon boat, which will be named after Jenny who was very active in a number of breast cancer support groups.

In an article by Kirsty Eade in the Sunday Examiner, Jock was quoted as saying, "There's a lot of interest in it, especially since Australian Story (on ABC TV) recently aired a story on a crew from the mainland. The next step is to form a committee and determine the level of community interest in the project." Since then, Jock has had great response from many places along the north coast and has established a committee, which had

its first meeting in mid-August, and has now applied for incorporation. The first major fund raiser for the group, to be called "Dragons Abreast North-West Tasmania", will be a monster garden party with live entertainment, to be held in late October at Jock's property at Forth, near Devonport.

I am sure that all Apex 40 members wish Jock and his organization well in their quest to obtain a dragon boat to enable women in the north of Tasmania to participate in an enjoyable and beneficial sporting activity.

Alan Kinder, Editor

VALE – KEN BUNNEY

An association with the Wynnum-Manly Apex Club of over forty years came to a close in late August with the death of our esteemed member, Ken Bunney.

Ken was the driving force behind a number of Club fund-raising projects during his term as President, most notable being the Apex Recipe Book and distribution of pine trees (the real ones) to many of Brisbane's southern suburban homes. "Bugs", as he was fondly known to many of us, was a principal of a family timber and hardware company in the Wynnum area. Hence he was able to access "thinings" from pine forests north of Brisbane with little fuss.

Thirteen Apex 40 members attended Ken's funeral service held at Elanora on the Gold Coast. I'm sure Ken would have been delighted to "see" such a huge congregation, with friends from Apex, Rotary, Lawn Bowls and Hoo Hoo, paying their last respects.

Apex 40 member, Mary, kindly welcomed Ken's friends to refreshments after the service and was also comforted by the presence of her son and daughter and their families.

We will drink to his memory at a barbecue to be held towards the end of October when evenings start to warm.

Adieu old mate, 'til we meet again.

Jim Goodwin President

For and on behalf of Wynnum Manly Club.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

ALSTONVILLE:

In August, fifteen members enjoyed a weekend at Stanthorpe with lunch at Tenterfield and various other stops along the way. They stayed at Ballandean, south of Stanthorpe, and while the weather



Early morning with the kangaroos on the golf course. From left: Marie Besson, Margaret Richardson, Kay Huett, Ross Richardson and Julie Primmer (visiting from Sunraysia).



“John, you ordered all that wine, now hurry up and drink it!” From left: Margaret Richardson, David Besson, Gay Gilmore, Julie Primmer, Kay Huett & John Gilmore.

wasn't so good, a great time was had with visits to a number of wineries, the Market in the Mountains, a fruit place and cherry shop, and excellent meals at a couple of different venues.

September meeting was at Fawcett Park in Ballina, beside the Richmond River. “The socially responsible and more enthusiastic members (the majority) went



Alan Howard's new toy – MGTF. From left: Ross & Margaret Richardson, Alan Howard, Duncan Walker, Marie & David Besson, Lucky Howard (crouching), Prue Walker and Gay & John Gilmore.

for a walk along the river to observe how other elderly members of the community spend their Sundays.” Lunch followed at the Pelican 181 Café.

October meeting will be at The Bellowing Bull restaurant at Wollongbar and the following meeting will be the Club's AGM.

DEVONPORT: From Kaye Dixon...

Members enjoyed a night out at the Chinese Restaurant in Ulverstone. Beautiful food, wonderful company, great night had by all.

Jock Littler's annual Garden Party will be held on the 24th October. This is an annual event to raise money for breast cancer and this year money will be raised to help with the purchase of the Dragon Boat. Jock has certainly put in a lot of time and effort to make this day a huge success.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have booked the Lucas Hotel at Latrobe (home of the Big Platypus) for our annual Christmas Dinner.

Wishing all Apex 40 members and their families a great Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all at the Tassy Rort.

THE GREAT 8:

"Another wizz bang Christmas in July. Santa's bag was once again filled with a diverse range of presents ranging from the insane to the sane!" This was the Club's AGM and new officers elected are: President - Peter Ross; Sec./Treas. - Col Kingham (taking over from wife Marie); Editor Greg Gilmour (taking over from wife Jo-Anne).

August meeting at the Tollbar was well attended and the banquet was more than generous.

September meeting was at the Commercial Hotel in Morpeth and October was at Café Bella Vista at Singleton.

Considering a cruise on Newcastle Harbour for November.

LAUNCESTON:

August meeting was at The Australian Axemen's Hall Of Fame.... "Our trip down to Latrobe to have lunch and tour The Axemen's Hall Of Fame and The Foster Experience was certainly an eye opener. It was much more enjoyable to have the presence of the big fellow to tell us all about the events that he had entered, his winnings and the trophies experienced throughout his wood chopping career. David Foster has the charm and charisma one would not expect from a man of such huge proportions."

Function for October is a Mystery Car Trip and BBQ, with a few surprises promised on the day.

LISMORE: From Eddie Bradfield...

June outing saw a very jovial crew leave Lismore at 7.30 am on Filipo's Wine Tours to the Stanthorpe region.



Lismore Apex 40 members enjoyed the view and the wine at Felsberg Winery.

A Chicken and Champagne 'brekkie' en route at Drake was well received and a real treat. Dinner that evening at Anna's Italian restaurant was delicious.

Paul and Eddie provided great entertainment on the piano at the Heritage Winery; what a team! A wide variety of wines, ports and liqueurs were tasted with several cases being transported home.

To any club thinking of visiting the Stanthorpe region, I would thoroughly recommend Filipo's Wine Tours as the food is fantastic and good value for money.

MANLY:

During the past year the Club has donated \$550 to a special class for Autistic children at Cromer Public School and, as in previous years, \$100 to Harbord Public School for their Annual Presentation Evening.

September newsletter carried a warning against keeping aerosol spray cans in your car and showed photos of damage that had occurred in two cars when cans had exploded in cars left in the sun on very hot days. One had a can driven through the back of a seat and another had blown out the back window!

September meeting was the Club's AGM when President John Cameron, Secretary Roger Wright, and Treasurer Tim Richards were all re-elected for a further term.

'Expression of Interest' requests for a reunion weekend for past District 3 Apexians, to be held in March next year, have attracted about 250 positive responses.

MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND:

Annual Apex 40 birthday BBQ was again held at the home of Don and

Rosemary Blackley at Drouin in West Gippsland on a sunny day in July. This was the 31st birthday of Apex 40 which was established in July 1973.

In September, 21 members had a conducted tour of the Arts Centre complex and went back-stage and on-stage at the State and Playhouse Theatres and into the Fairfax Theatre. A real eye-opener to see what goes on behind the scenes.

In late October a number of members attended a Sunday matinee performance of the powerful musical 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' at the Nunawading Arts Centre, with member Trish Tonkin in a prominent role. This show marked Trish's fourth demise on stage! She was bludgeoned to death in 'Into The Woods', shoved alive into her own oven in 'Sweeney Todd', as a poisoner she was fatally stabbed by her last victim in 'Tiptoe Through The Tombstones', and she was throttled by the evil Edward Hyde in this latest performance!

The annual Melbourne Cup day BBQ and 'tote' will be held this year at the home of Charlie and Lorraine Burgess at Bittern.

MOREE:

In August, members had a delightful afternoon learning to make and then eating pasta at Cathy and Ron Gunther's.

Next meeting is to be at a new BYO restaurant, Café Omega.

(Have you checked out Sandra's new ride-on mower in Moree's September newsletter on the Apex 40 web site? Ed.)

NEPEAN VALLEY:

August dinner meeting at Danny's on High Penrith was 'All-You-Can-Eat' Pizza and Pasta - and they did!

September meeting was a Sunday brunch at The Regatta Centre, Penrith Lakes. Although a wet and windy day, members found a cosy spot to tuck into their eats and then braved the elements to wander around the stalls set up for 'Spring into Spring at The Lakes' day.

October meeting will be the Club's Annual General Meeting.

Congratulations to Louise Rumble who has been elected President of Nepean Inner Wheel Club for 2004/2005.

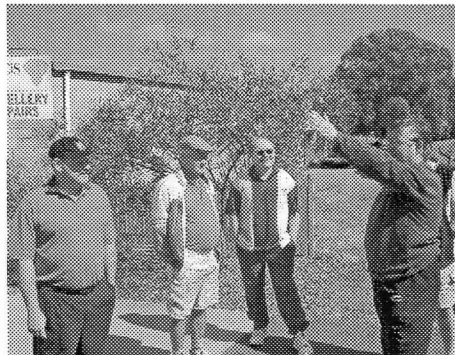
REDLANDS

The Club's annual Christmas in July at Ye Olde Courthouse Restaurant was combined with Redlands Apex Club's Changeover Dinner and, in September, members assisted the Apex Club with the bar and their 'chip van' at the Cleveland Spring Fair.



Juri Denisenko baffling Helen Greer, Alma & Ray Despot, Peter Greer and Margaret Cameron on his knowledge of flowers.

A great weekend away, organized by Helen Greer, at Kingaroy in September coincided with the town's Centenary celebrations where James Morrison and his band joined with local school bands to make a 90 piece orchestra. A tour of the district included visits to a couple of wineries, a cheese factory and a cold pressed oils factory.



Train buff Greg Saunders explaining to Ross Pollock, Charlie Irvin and Bill Cramp just where all the train tracks in Kingaroy go. Greg has a licence to drive historical trains.

Christmas break-up dinner this year will be the Club's 100th dinner, so a Saturday lunch on Coochie Mudlow Island in Moreton Bay has been planned, with accommodation available for those who wish to stay overnight on an overseas island.

SEREMBAN: From K. Sathiaselan ...
(Great to hear from you again after so long. Ed.)

Dinner meeting in June was hosted by Mr. M. S. Maniam (fondly known as Rantau Maniam) at his residence. It was also the day designated for the Annual General Meeting of Kelab (Club) Apex 40 Seremban. The turn out was good.

There were also four guests present. Food and drinks were plentiful. On behalf of Apex 40, our sincere thanks to the hosts, the Maniams.

The A.G.M. was presided over by Mr. M. S. Maniam and the incoming board comprised the following members:

Mr. K. Sathiaseelan – President
Mr. T.T. Singham – Vice President
Mr. K. Chelliah – Secretary
Mr. R. Muthusamy – Treasurer
Mr. M.S. Maniam – Imm.Past President
Mr. K. Pajan Singh – Board Member
Mr. John Change – Board Member
Mr. Eddie Tan – Board Member
Mr. S. Sivalingam – Board Member
Mr. L. Padi Singham – Internal Auditor
Mr. R.P. Singham – Internal Auditor

Installation Dinner of Kelab Apex 40 Seremban was held in July at the Royal Sg. Ujong Club, Seremban where accommodation was available for anyone who wished to stay overnight.

Seremban Apex 40 President, K. Sathiaseelan, has indicated that he

would like to lead a delegation of Apex 40 members from Malaysia to visit Australia and Tasmania for the 2005 Rort at Devonport.

SUNRAYSLIA:

September function was a visit to Banrock Station Winery at Kingston-on-Murray, travelling by bus. Lunch was available at the winery and there were a couple of walks for the energetic 'Mallee Meets the Valley' Trail, and Boardwalk Trail.

WYONG:

After August and September dinner meetings at Tacoma and Norah Head, a weekend trip is planned for November to Starline Alpacas Farm & Stay at Broke, in the Hunter Valley.

September meeting was the Club's AGM at which Lea Dumbleton completed her term as President. Peter Ryall was elected President for next year and Tom Dumbleton is continuing on as Secretary.

DINNER NOTICE HUMOUR

Alstonville:

A San Francisco cabby picks up a nun. She gets into the cab and the driver won't stop staring at her in the rear view mirror. She asks why he is staring at her and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

The nun answers, "My dear son, nothing you can say will offend me. When you have been a nun for as long as I have, you have a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure there's nothing you could do or say that would

offend me."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to kiss a nun," said the cabby.

"Well then, lets see what we can do about that. First, you have to promise me that you are not married and, second, you must be a Catholic," said the nun.

"Promise," said the cabby. "OK," said the nun, "pull into the next alley."

He does, and the nun fulfils his fantasy with a kiss that would make a hooker blush. When they get back on the road

the cabby starts crying. "My dear child," the nun asks, "why are you crying?"

"Forgive me sister, I have sinned. I lied. I must confess, I'm married and I am Jewish."

"That's OK," said the nun. "My name's Kevin and I'm on my way to a Halloween party!"

Myrtle, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business. Several members were unappreciative of her activities but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing. George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend or deny. . . he said nothing.

Later that evening, George quietly parked his truck in front of Myrtle's house and left it there all night.

The Great 8:

A bloke returns from the doctor and tells his wife that he's been given just 24 hours to live. Given this prognosis, he asks his wife for sex. Naturally, she agrees and they make love.

About six hours later the bloke goes to his wife and says, "Honey, you know I now have only 18 hours to live. Could we please do it one more time?"

Of course, the wife agrees and they do it again. Later, as the bloke gets into bed, he looks at his watch and realizes that he now has only eight hours left. He touches his wife's shoulder and asks, "Honey, please – just one more time before I die."

She says, "Of course, dear", and they make love for the third time. After this the wife rolls over and falls asleep.

The bloke, however, worried about his impending death, tosses and turns until he's down to just four more hours left. He taps his wife, who rouses. "Honey, I only have four more hours, do you think we could ..."

At this point his wife sits up and says, "Listen, honey. I have to get up in the morning – you don't!"

Launceston:

Peg, the tree-hugging greenie, purchased a huge tract of timbered land in south-west Tasmania to save it from being clear felled. There was a very tall tree on the highest point of the property. She wanted to see all of her land, so she began climbing the tree in a 'bear hug' fashion. As she neared the top, an angry possum suddenly attacked her. In a panic to escape, she let loose her grip with arms and legs and slid down the trunk at ever increasing speed. Consequently, she managed to get many splinters in the area of her private parts.

In considerable pain, she hurried to the nearest doctor, who worked in the local logging camp nearby. He calmly listened to her story and then told her to go into the examination room, where

he would try to help her. She went into the room, sat down with much discomfort, and waited... and waited... for three hours before the doctor reappeared.

Outraged, Peg demanded, "What took you so long?"

Unperturbed, the doctor replied, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Authority, the Forestry Commission, and the Department of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreation area."

Manly:

Barbecue is the only type of cooking a real man will do. When a man volunteers to cook the barbecue, the following chain of events is put in motion:

- * The woman goes to the shops.
- * The woman makes the salad, vegetables and dessert.
- * The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, then takes it out to the man who is lounging beside the barbie, beer in hand.
- * The man places the meat on the hot-plate.
- * The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- * The woman comes outside to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks her to bring him another beer while he deals with the situation.
- * The man takes the meat off the hot-plate and hands it to the woman.
- * The woman prepares the plates and brings them to the table.
- * After eating, the woman clears the

table and does the washing up.

- * Everyone thanks the man and praises him for his cooking efforts.
- * The man asks the woman how she enjoyed her 'night off'. Upon seeing her reaction, he concludes that there's no pleasing some women!

Melbourne- Gippsland:

Never underestimate the intelligence of a mother ...

Brian Hester invited his mother over for dinner. During the course of the meal, Brian's mother couldn't help but keep noticing how beautiful Brian's flat-mate (Stephanie) was.

Mrs. Hester had long been suspicious of a relationship between Brian and his flat-mate, Stephanie, and this had only made her more curious.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two react, Mrs. Hester started to wonder if there was more between Brian and his flat-mate, Stephanie, than met the eye.

Reading his mum's thoughts, Brian volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you that Stephanie and I are just flat-mates."

About a week later, Stephanie came to Brian saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the beautiful silver gravy ladle. "You don't suppose she took it, do you?" Brian said, "Well, I doubt it, but I'll send her an e-mail just to be sure."

So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the gravy ladle from the house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take the gravy ladle. But the fact remains that

one has been missing ever since you were here for dinner. Love, Brian”

Several days later, Brian received a letter from his mother that read:

“Dear Son, I’m not saying that you ‘do’ sleep with Stephanie, and I’m not saying that you ‘do not’ sleep with Stephanie. But the fact remains that if she were sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now.

Love, Mom”

Moree:

It was the stir of the town when an 80-year-old man married a 20-year-old girl. After a year she went into the hospital to give birth. The nurse came out to congratulate the old fellow. “This is amazing. How do you do it at your age?”

He replied, “You’ve got to keep the old motor running.”

The next year she gave birth again. The same nurse said, “You really are amazing. How do you do it?”

“You’ve got to keep the old motor running,” the old fellow replied.

The same thing happened again the next year. The nurse said, “You must be quite a man.” He responded, “I told you, you’ve got to keep the old motor running.”

“Well,” said the nurse, “you’d better change the oil, this one’s black!”

Nepean Valley:

A lady walks into the chemist and asks the pharmacist for some arsenic.

The pharmacist asks, “What do you want with arsenic?”

The lady says, “I want to kill my husband.”

“I can’t sell you any for that reason,” says the pharmacist.

The lady then reaches into her purse and pulls out a photo of her husband having sex with the pharmacist’s wife.

He looks at the photo and says, “Oh, pardon me, I didn’t realise you had a prescription.”

Redlands:

A bloke started his new job at the zoo and was given three tasks. First, he had to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. While doing this, a huge fish jumped out and bit him. The bloke whacked the fish with a spade and threw it into the nearby lion enclosure.

His second job was to clean out the chimps house. The chimps began pelting him with coconuts, so he dealt with them in the same way as he did with the fish. He moved on to his last job, which was to collect honey from the South American bees. The bees attacked him and he smashed them and their hive into a pulp. These were also disposed of in the lions cage.

Later that day a new lion arrived at the zoo. He wandered up to one of the other lions and asked, “What’s the food like here?” The lion replied, “Absolutely brilliant. Today we had fish and chimps and mushy bees.”

Some perks of being over 50:

- * Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- * No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- * Your eyes won’t get much worse.
- * Your joints are more accurate than the Weather Bureau.
- * Your supply of brain cells is down to a manageable size.

Wyong:

Signs That You Live In 2004:

1. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
2. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
3. Your daughter sells Girl Guide Biscuits via her website.
4. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa but you haven't spoken to your next-door neighbour this year.
5. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
6. Leaving the house without your cell phone is cause for panic.
7. Using real money instead of credit or debit cards to make a purchase would be a hassle and need planning.
8. Your reason for not staying in touch with the family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
9. Your idea of being organized is multiple coloured post-it notes.
10. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
11. You get an extra phone line or an ADSL/cable modem so you can get phone calls.
12. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.

A PURIST TAKES ON APOSTROPHE BANDITS

By Peter Fosterr – London

It is lonely work being the self appointed guardian of correct English usage, but John Richards, a retired sub-editor, feels somebody has to do it.

Mr Richards, who spent much of his working life reminding newspaper reporters how to use apostrophes, is now taking the message to the greengrocers, butchers and supermarkets of his home town.

To this end he has formed the Apostrophe Protection Society, an organisation with a membership of two – Mr Richards and his son Stephen, to correct misuse wherever it occurs.

"It is something that has been irritating me for a long time," he said on Monday. "I walk around town and see so many misplaced or omitted apostrophes it beggars belief. The local fruiterer sells pounds of banana's, and the public library, of all places, had a sign saying CD's ... There were just so many of them, I thought something had to be done."

Mr Richards, 75, now delivers a polite letter on headed Apostrophe Protection Society notepaper through the door of anyone in Boston, Lincolnshire, whom he finds breaking the rules.

"Dear Sir or Madam," it begins. "Because there seems to be some doubt about the use of the apostrophe, we are taking the liberty of drawing your attention to an incorrect use which has been pointed out to us."

Not everyone has taken Mr Richard's intervention in the spirit in which it was intended, although the Library has agreed to amend its CDs sign. Reginald Dunmore, a local butcher whose van has the word "carvery's" emblazoned on the side, said he could not see what all the fuss was about.

"Sounds to me like this man wants a bleeding job," he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Richards is trying to drum up new recruits to his society. "I feel I am a lone voice – although my son agrees with me – but I shall carry on regardless," he said.

THE WACKY WARNING LABEL.

You have probably heard about the lawsuit over a spilled cup of coffee. However, there are many other silly lawsuits involving products that have received far less attention. For example, did you know a man received \$50,000 when he sued a small company that makes basketball nets because he claimed the company was responsible when he caught his teeth in a net while dunking a ball? People who make products hear about these outrageous lawsuits, and they often decide to slap common sense warnings on their product... "just in case."

In 1997, Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch (M-LAW) began a contest to expose how frivolous lawsuits, and a concern about potential frivolous lawsuits, have led to a new cultural phenomenon: the wacky warning label.

Over the years, M-LAW has received hundreds of warning labels from people around the world. M-LAW verifies the authenticity of each label and selects the "Top 5" for each year.

Following is a list of some of the best labels from the first five contests:

A warning on an electric router made for carpenters cautions: "This product not intended for use as a dental drill."

A warning label found on a baby stroller cautions the user to "Remove child before folding."

A prescription of sleeping pills says, "Warning: May cause drowsiness."

A sticker on a toilet at a public facility in Ann Arbor, Michigan actually warns: "Recycled flush water unsafe for drinking."

A household iron warns users: "Never iron clothes while they are being worn."

A massage chair warns: "DO NOT use massage chair without clothing... and, Never force any body part into the backrest area while the rollers are moving."

A snowblower warns: "Do not use snowblower on roof."

A dishwasher carries this warning: "Do not allow children to play in the dishwasher."

A CD player carries this unusual warning: "Do not use the Ultradisc 2000 as a projectile in a catapult."

An "Aim-n-Flame" fireplace lighter cautions, "Do not use near fire, flame or sparks."

A label on a hand-held massager advises consumers not to use "while sleeping or unconscious."

A container of underarm deodorant says, "Caution: Do not spray in eyes."

A cartridge for a laser printer warns, "Do not eat toner."

A label with a hair dryer reads, "Never use hair dryer while sleeping."

A 13-inch wheel on a wheelbarrow warns: "Not intended for highway use."

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<http://www.caravantrader.com.au>

<http://www.apex.org.au>

<http://www.nsherman.info>

<http://www.tlcforkids.org.au>

<http://www.seniorsite.com/>

<http://www.greypath.com/Portal/main/index.asp>

<http://www.aboutseniors.com.au>

<http://www.naa.gov.au/>

<http://www.benaway.com.au>

<http://www.bonzer.org.au>

<http://www.CyndisList.com>

<http://www.ancestry.com>

<http://www.familysearch.org>

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~arpao50>

A cardboard car sunshield that keeps sun off the dashboard warns, "Do not drive with sunshield in place."

A Bathroom Heater says: "This product is not to be used in bathrooms."

A can of self-defense pepper spray warns users: "May irritate eyes."

A warning on a pair of shin guards manufactured for bicyclists says: "Shin pads cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover."

A popular manufactured fireplace log warns: "Caution - Risk of Fire."

A box of birthday cake candles says: "DO NOT use soft wax as ear plugs or for any other function that involves insertion into a body cavity."

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