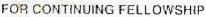
# ROARING 40'S

**NOVEMBER 2006** 







A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone

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# National President's Report

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1963 The Apex Club of Redland held its Inaugural Dinner at the Memorial Hall in Cleveland. Forty Three years and some months later, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006 Redland Apex held its 1000<sup>th</sup> Dinner down the road at the Cleveland Community Cultural Centre.

The past and present Members of the Apex Club of Redlands are justifiably proud of this landmark achievement. Their President Mark Lynam referred to this achievement as a Milestone befitting the 43 Years of service to the Redlands. In the same year the Association celebrates 75 Years of Service to the Community throughout Australia.

An evening of memories, laughs, good times and thoughts of those unable to attend, but an evening enjoyed, nonetheless. One hundred and fifty past Apexians and dignitaries attended this historical occasion.

Whilst chatting with the many folks present, reference was often made to the service work carried by Apex, and how those of us in Apex 40 are no longer required to commit to this ethos. On reflection this is not strictly correct. Apart from the service backup we provide to our local clubs, my memory is directed to the many Rorts I have attended in which the members of Apex 40 have voted on how the excess funds, and raffle revenue, can best benefit the local Community. Vis: Penrith donated to the Leukaemia Foundation "Care and Cure". Norfolk donated to the Girl Guides on the Island to attend a Jamboree. Redland's Apex 40's donated many thousands to the Local Apex Charity Service Schemes. Halls Gap donated to the Bush Rescue programme, to mention just a few. "YES WE STILL SERVE"

Regular contact with the Apex National Executive has been a feature of the period since the Penrith Rort. High on the agenda has been the formation of new Apex 40 Clubs, the addition of the Apex 40 website to the National Apex website, and the distribution of the "Apexian" to all Apex 40 members.

My sincere thanks go to Gary Bruce, of Geelong, for his continued efforts to have Geelong Oasis join our ranks, and also to Alan Kinder, who

represented the National Executive in Geelong recently. See Alan's report elsewhere in this edition. To heap optimism onto the Geelong outcome, I am hopeful that we will all be able to welcome another 8 or 9 new Clubs to our Rort in Mackay. I won't mention the prospective Clubs, or the people involved, for fear of putting on the mocker. Rather, let's look forward to a positive outcome.

The new upgraded Apex website is now a reality. Just log on for a look see. I am advised that the opportunity for Alan Padgham to add Apex 40 to this site is imminent. Days rather than weeks, with a further upgrade of the entire site planned for "Apex Week" in March 2007.

And finally, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary copy of the Apexian should be delivered to all Club Secretaries during November, with sufficient copies for every Member. Members at Large included.

It's that time of the year all eyes look to the Festive Season and all it represents. Please accept the best wishes of Mary and myself, along with those of the National Executive. Have a Happy Xmas and restful New Year one and all.

Remember, the Rego Forms for Mackay are on the website. Do please come and enjoy a Rort in the far North

Yours in Apex 40, Bob Mckernon.

# International Relations & Apex Liaison Report

Certainly doesn't seem like 4 months has past since the fantastic Rort at Penrith.

We now look forward to the Mackay Rort next year and I already have some interest from RT41 clubs in New Zealand. Thanks to the organising committee for sending out the registration forms early. I will also send an invitation to Malaysia Apex 40.

Darrol & Sandy Harmer from Wyong Apex 40 had a great time on their visit to Malaysia & Singapore attending the Apex Singapore 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and 11 day tour.

Kevin & Liz Huxham are finalising a proposed inbound tour of RT41 club members from the U.K. which is planned for November 2007.

If any clubs can be of assistance for home hosting during this time please contact Kevin soon so final arrangements can be co-ordinated.

Email:huxhams4816@bigpond.com

If members have any word of new clubs starting up please let me know, as we may be able to offer support.

Rob Noble

# Apex 40's Caravan Club - Des Clements



We now have a list of approximately 12 interested parties for the caravan club. Because of the great distances we are apart, (Tasmania to Qld. to Perth), it will be very difficult to organise regular short outings, but we will distribute names, addresses etc. of all members within the club, who in turn could advise of their next journey and encourage other members to join in. We have had a few suggestions for a

name for the club, but will take a vote on this shortly.

For instance, Denice and I intend to travel to Lawn Hill and the Gulf area next year after the Rort, and would welcome other members to join us, whether they have a caravan, camper or just camping out.

The "POST RORT TOUR" next year will be based in Airlie Beach, about 100 miles North of Mackay. The Redland Rort Committee has kindly offered caravanners a special deal. We could take our caravans to Airlie Beach and still do the daily trip without having the added expense of staying in motel style accommodation. I for one, think this is a great idea and the cost for the Post rort tour would be reduced by \$240.00 per person. (The cost of motel accommodation and bus transport to and from Airlie amounts to \$240.00 and would be deducted from the Post Rort Cost)

This makes the cost of the Post Rort Tour for the caravan contingent \$355.00 if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007. Cost includes all meals except breakfasts. Caravan park costs would be at your own expense.

Christmas is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy Camping.

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# MARYBOROUGH, QLD - Brian Fulmer.

'bex 40 is having a meeting in Maryborough with a Sausage Sizzle 1.00PM on bunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December @ 297 Central Road, Tinana. Anyone who is interested in attending or knows of any ex Apexians in the Maryborough area please contact Brian & Pam Fulmer on (07) 4123 5308 or e-mail bpfulmer@bigpond.net.au.

# KELAB APEX 40 KUALA LUMPUR - Suresh Sivaram.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase....."goodnight, sleep tight."

Do you know? It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

# DUNCAN BERRIMAN MEMORIAL DINNER -Keith Miller.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> 2006, Apex Australia lost one of the great Apexians and Apex mate, acan Berriman, who passed away suddenly. Duncan was Zone 9 President 1980/81 and a past National Youth Chairman of Apex Australia.

As a tribute to Duncan, past Zone Presidents of Zone 9 (from the 1980's) have agreed that we should hold a Zone 9 reunion, called "The Duncan Berriman Memorial Zone 9 Reunion" on the weekend 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Bathurst. For further details contact Keith Miller from Nepean Valley (02) 4647 3203; Email: Millerk@bigpond.net.au.

NEPEAN VALLEY- Maralyn Kastel.

The club's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations at Vaby's Restaurant had 18 members booked in and 24 turned up. Vic Ashby made a special trip down from Port Macquarie for the night. Jim and Wendy Harris also attended along with son Richard and grandson Christopher. Father and son, Richard and Christopher were fresh from their attempt at climbing Mount Everest.

Another great Apex 40 night with 21 in attendance at the Christmas in July at Mamre House, St Marys. Liz Clark was seen hanging on to Santa's Donga, his Xmas Bell, you naughty people.

The Sister-in Charge explained how the Mamre House was the charity being supported by the MP on "Dancing on Thin Ice". Funds raised to date were quite substantial, enough to refurbish a shed to a school room where Sudanese refugees would be educated.

Joyce Leavett-Brown was heard to say; "I don't know whether to hold it down when I'm doing it" (referring of course to the shutter on her new digital camera). Barry & Joyce L-B have recently become grandparents again – congratulations. New grand-daughter, new camera and off to Canada soon – it's all happening at the Leavett-Browns.

The rich men want it, the wise men know it, the poor all need it, and the kind men show it. What is it?

-Love.

Brain Teaser – A 30 year old man married a 25 year old woman. She died at age 50 and her husband was so devastated that he cried for years. Ten years after he stopped crying, he died. If he had lived to be 80, how many years was he a widower?

-He was a widower for 25 years.

Congratulations also to Andy Jarvis, the "jolly giant" from the Penrith Rort who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 in the Crebra Pavilion at the Rouse Hill Regional Park.

SEREMBAN - T.T. Singam.

Service the needy. The club has decided to donate a sum of 200 ringgit to the Vivekananda Children's Home.

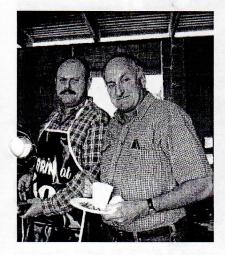
Commemoration to the Late Dato M.S.Maniam. A plague in memoriam of this fine Apexian is ready and will be presented to the family of the Late Dato Maniam on an appropriate date.

#### GEELONG OASIS JOINS APEX 40 - Alan Kinder

Following a resolution adopted at its September meeting, the OASIS Club of Geelong sought affiliation with Apex 40. At its next meeting in October, Alan Kinder 1 (elbourne-Gippsland) was invited along to give members an insight into branch membership of our organization.

Alan was able to present to Club President Boyd Holdenson and the 30 members present a welcome from National President Bob McKernon which said, in part:

"Rob Beveridge, our National Vice President, and Marcie Irvin, our National Secretary, join with me in welcoming you to the Apex 40 Family. We look forward to renewing old friendships and forming many new ones from Geelong during the years ahead."



Ross Pollock Redlands and Gary Bruce Geelong

Gary Bruce, who has attended a number of Apex 40 Rorts in recent years as a Member at Large, is Treasurer of Geelong OASIS and was instrumental in getting the Club interested in affiliating with Apex 40.

The OASIS Club of Geelong was formed in 1955 by past members of the Geelong Apex Club where Apex started in 1931, so it is indeed pleasing to have them as part of Apex 40. The Club meets monthly, and has done so for more than 50 years. On his visit to Geelong, Alan Kinder was accompanied by fellow Melbourne-Gippsland member Alan Flaherty. Guest Speaker at the meeting was Bruce Adams, Life Member of the Apex Club of Geelong and a former Mayor of the City of Geelong. Bruce spoke on the timely subject of

AIF exploits in France and Belgium leading up to the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

#### **GRAFTON** - Ron Holmes.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August finally saw us take a ride on the Glenreagh Mountain Train. The on again off again event proved to be very enjoyable and was complimented with drinks at lunch at the Glenreagh Hotel.

Coffs Harbour Weekend 16-17<sup>th</sup> September – organised by Peter Chessell and including lunch at Woolgoolga (organised by Megan Blacktop), Coachman's Inn Motel stay, dinner at Granma's on Saturday night, visit Bunker Gallery on Sunday morning followed by lunch at the famous Fisherman's Club before returning home on Sunday afternoon.

Warning - The Consumption of alcohol may lead you to think that people are laughing WITH you. - And - The consumption of alcohol may cause you to think that you can sing.



The winner John Betts being congratulated by Peter Chessell at the extreme sports day

#### ALSTONVILLE - Duncan and Prue Walker

The Christmas in July was held in Bellingen. We all met for a lunch at a beautiful restaurant before we went to the motel and venue for the evening. A wonderful relaxing evening was had by all even if the All Blacks – Wallaby Ruby Test distracted some. "Santa visited and bought some goodies for us all to remember!"

avid Besson has made the big 60 very recently. Best wishes and many more from us all.

Drunk Driver? A cop is staking out our bar for drunk drivers. At closing time, he sees a guy stumble out of the bar, trip on the curb, and fumble for his keys for five minutes.

When he finally gets in, it takes him another five minutes to get the key in the ignition. Meanwhile, everybody else leaves the bar and drives off. When he finally pulls away, the cop is waiting for him, pulls him over, and gives him a Breathalyser test. The test shows he has a blood alcohol level of 0.0. The cop says, "How is this possible?" The guy says, "To-night I'm the designated decoy.'

#### Quotes

Everything you can imagine is real Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

# GREAT 8 (Hunter Valley) - Allan Thorley

It is amazing how you can play with words if you have way too much time on your hands. See what happens when you rearrange certain words, thus creating synonymous phrases!

Presbyterian – Best in Prayer
Dormitory – Dirty Room
Astronomer – Moon Starer
Desperation – A Rope Ends It
The Eyes – They see
George Bush- He Bugs Gore
The Morse Code – Here Comes Dots
Slot Machines – Cash Lost in Me
Animosity – Is No Amity
Election Results – Lies, Lets Recount
Snooze Alarms – Alas! No More Z's
A Decimal Point – I'm A Dot in Place
The Earthquakes – That Queer Shake
Eleven Plus Two – Twelve Plus One



And of course the Grand Finale Mother in Law - Woman Hitler

### LAUNCESTON - Barry Rowe.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

The final meeting for the year will be an other great weekend out at the "Stones House" Bridport at President Rex & Jeanette Lethborg's property. This will take place from the Friday evening 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and the meeting on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November.

#### WYNNUM MANLY - Jim Goodwin

Christmas in July was held at the Wynnum Manly Yacht Club premises with 24 Members fronting up to receive presents from Santa. It was an entertaining night with the "quality" of the gifts bringing forth peals of laughter. Of course the lubricants consumed also had a bearing on the success of the event.

Late August, 24 of us drove to Maryborough for a night tour of some of the historical sights of that city. We were welcomed aboard the local bus by 'Mary Widow' appropriately dressed in black, and with 16 other people visited the haunted (?) Baddow House for nibblies, followed by a torchlight walk through the old cemetery. The resident 'undertaker' told many an eerie tale about some of the inhabitants. Then off to dinner at the Port Hotel with a walk through the immediate wharf area followed by sweets and coffee. Great night!

## ELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND - Alan Padgham.

There are Teachers.....And Then there are Educators

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem.

A number of 12 year old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally, the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

#### WYONG

ly 31<sup>st</sup> 1986 was the first meeting of Wyong Oasis Club which changed to Wyong Apex 40 after we discovered Apex 40 at the Rort at Wynnum-Manly and met a lot of new and old friends

Besides meeting every month for the twenty years we have enjoyed many great weekends away and have had some of our members at every Rort since we first went to Brisbane. Many of our members have experienced the great hospitality of other clubs around the country and overseas but our best asset must be the wonderful friends we have made in the Club, because when not travelling around the country everyone keeps coming along.

#### MOREE - Pam Swayn

Our July dinner was great fun for the twelve people who attended by BoWa Dining Room. Food and company most enjoyable – with lots of laughs! We welcomed new Member Rod Shaw on the night.

August dinner meeting – Murder Mystery – Gangsters & Molls. The characters will be allotted on a first come basis, (one per couple). Last year's Murder Mystery was great fun.

# REDLAND - August Breakfast Meeting - Alan Bach

Sixty-four Apex 40 members, Guests, and Redland Apex Members enjoyed a breakfast on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in perfect Queensland weather. A number of southerners attended including Michael and Sandra Dawson from Moree, Peter Miller from Portland, Gary Bruce from Geelong, Rob (Wombat) Walter from Heywood, Brendon Ledwich (Sticks) Member at Large from Sea Lake, Alan and Nola Kinder and Alan and Marj Flaherty from Melbourne Gippsland. Our expert cooks Ross Pollock, John Pulvirenti and Bill Crampe combined together and did a splendid job slaving over the Bar B Q plate. Liz and Keith Haddon ex Bathurst, were back again and signed up for membership. Pauline Denisenko was the lone Sergeant and left no stone unturned in her quest for truth and justice in the Apex way. David Chambers and family came along with a contingent of Apexians to promote the 1000<sup>th</sup> Redland Apex Dinner in October.



Sandra & Michael Dawson, Peter Miller, Brendon "Sticks" Ledwich, Alan Bach. Rob "Wombat" Walter in sunny Oueensland

Combined with the profit from the Jukebox night the breakfast resulted in \$862.00 being injected into the Mackay Rort Bank Account to pay deposits and secure bookings.

Our friendly interstate visitors added greatly to the fun and it was a pleasure to have them. Gary Bruce and Wombat weren't too well at the Penrith Rort but a week in beautiful Queensland made them look an absolute million dollars.

#### 1PEX SINGAPORE-MALAYASIA MASS TOUR

Darrol and Sandy Harmer - Wyong Apex 40.



What a fantastic adventure!! The Apex ideals of friendship, fellowship and service are alive and well in Singapore and Malaysia.

Malaysian National Apex Convention in Melakka

Darrol and Sandy Harmer joined with 19 Apexians from Australia to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apex in Singapore.

Singapore clubs hosted us and arranged the plane & bus tour of Malaysia. CM from Singapore acted as guide as we flew into Penang then bus to Kuala Lumpur – Melakka and back to Singapore.

The Malaysian clubs were also fantastic hosts.

# Some highlights were:

- Shopping tour in Singapore
- Participating in the weekly Singapore Apex Community service project of distributing free food to needy elderly people and actually visiting some of the needy in their high rise unit enlightening on how the other half (elderly) live.
- Apex Singapore annual convention dinner a grand affair.
- PENANG Apexians tour revealed their community work with a visit to a handicapped person home they sponsor. Our bus tour took in a fantastic view from the hillside back over Penang, The Old Fort, Buddhist and Hindu Temples. Our taste buds (and sense of smell) were challenged with eating such diverse fruits as Durian, Jack fruit, Mangosteen. The highlight was to be taken by trishaw (real hoot) to the out-door restaurant and then on arrival be welcomed by two Chinese dragons and accompanying musicians.
- KL motel turned out to be a "Faulty Towers" experience but we all survived. We saw the Twin Towers, climbed the 273 steps to the cave behind the Golden Statue (hard work on steamy day especially if you have a hang-over), experienced a salesperson hard sell at the pewter warehouse, saw the excellent Apex community work at the School for handicapped and dialysis centre along with a school's Public speaking competition.
- Yes we had some free time to shop for such things as clothes, shoes and DVD's.
- MELAKKA The refurbished boutique hotel was heavenly. A fantastic city to visit and explore & the shopping was great. Singaporean, Malaysian, Philippine and Bangladesh Apexians converged for their regional convention which culminated in a fantastic dinner. The entertainment and dancing was superb. Impromptu magical performance and singing by a Philippine Apexian brought the house down.

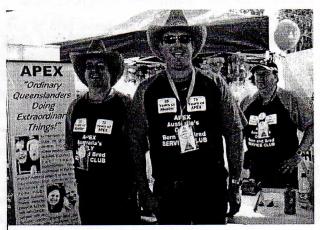
The trip was fantastic. As we were the only APEX 40 members on tour, our fellow travellers called us Ma & Pa in good jest. No we did not party as hard into the wee hours. New friendships were made along with a fresh admiration for Apexians and what they give and what they get from Apex.

Next tour is August 2007 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apex in Malaysia!!

#### APEX GYMPIE MUSTER

A dream on a return bus trip from Tamworth in 1982 was the beginning of a journey that would take Gympie Apexians further than they would ever have imagined. Now, 25 years after that fateful journey, the dream that became a reality is known as the Toyota National Country Music Muster, the biggest outdoor country music festival in Australia.

It all began at the dawn of 1982 when the Webb rothers won a golden at the Country guitar Music Association Australia awards annually in Tamworth. The local country singer/songwriters took a busload of friends down to the awards including a couple of Gympie On the way Apexians. home, still buzzed from the hype of the Tamworth



Russell and Don with Jeff Hardie (Qld State President Apex)

Country Music Festival, those Apexians began to think about what might happen if they staged a country music event in Gympie. The original 3 day festival has been expanded to a 6 day program. In 2006, 11 venues were attended by 25,000 people daily.

committee of 6 Apexians organise the event each year and between 3,000 and 4,000 community volunteers pitch in to assist in the running of the Muster. In the past 25 years the Gympie Apex Club has been able to inject over \$10,000,000 back into the community by holding the Toyota National Country Music Muster. And the rest, as they say, is history.

For anyone who was ever in Apex it is well worth while just calling in for one day and seeing what a great show the Gympie Apex boys, their wives and friends put on. It is a feather in any entertainers cap to be asked to perform at the Muster. The professionalism of the event and the fantastic time had by all makes one very proud to be or have been an Apexian.



# Mackay RORT - Ross Pollock, Rort Chairman

The Outline, the accommodation listing and the Registration form were posted onto the Apex 40 web site late last month. The layout is easy to follow. For additional information please call me on (07) 3286 4130 or e-mail rdmlp@bigpond.net.au.

This RORT and Post RORT tour are being held in one of Queensland's premier tourist locations – the colourful Hibiscus Coast and world renowned Whitsunday's. Saturday allows us to partake in the beauty of the Pioneer Valley, Eungella and the Mackay Hinterland. The Sunday experience takes in the relaxing panoramic vista surrounding Cape Hillsborough with the magic feel and colour of the enticing Coral Sea.

Lingering on and moving a little farther north after the Rort will have you on the Three (3) Islands Tour of Hamilton, Daydream, and Long Islands, the Crocodile Farm Excursion, and the unforgettable trip to the Outer Barrier Reef. The meals, trips, transport and accommodation offered would normally cost in excess of \$700.00 but the Rort Committee has negotiated these costs for \$595.00 for those who register before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2007.

If you have never been on a RORT before, please join us. For experienced Rorters, come along show the past Apexians on the Mackay Coast an Apex 40 Rort fun time.

There is an attractive pricing structure on offer for the RORT and Post RORT tour. It is real value for money. Please don't defer mailing your registration forms – get them in before 31<sup>st</sup> December to be in the early bird draw! If you don't have Internet access please let either Secretary Helen Greer (07) 3286 4092 or my self know and we will post or fax the information through to you.

Due to an unprecedented demand for cabins with ensuites at Andergrove another 12 Ensuite Units have been sourced at the Tropical Caravan Park at 185 Broadsound Road, (Bruce Highway) South of Mackay. Due to demand, there are no Ensuite Cabins available at the Andergrove Van Park. There are still plenty of vans sites and some cabins without ensuites at Andergrove. Ample motel accommodation options are available and we urge you to book in very soon to avoid disappointment.

For the Time of your Life - Mackay will be Heaven in 2007



Geoff Hegarty, Alan & Nola Kinder, Bob Skinner, Michael and Sandra Dawson at the Redland's Breakfast

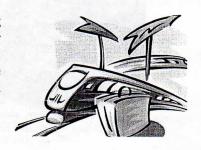


Redland's Apex Members weekend away in September at Maryborough

#### Editorial.

Thanks to the efforts of Mackay Rort Secretary, Helen Greer, a lucky Mackay Rorter will take home a wonderful prize valued at over \$2,000. Kindly donated to the Mackay Rort Committee by those marvellous people at Queensland Rail, the prize will be used to raise funds for a Charitable Project selected by those attending the Mackay Rort.

The prize consists of: Two (2) adults travelling one way rail travel aboard the Queenslander Class on The Sunlander from Brisbane to Cairns. Plus: Two (2) night's accommodation at The Lakes Cairns Resort and Spa in a one bedroom apartment.





Plus: One way direct economy airfare with Virgin Blue Cairns to Brisbane.

Value at today's prices just over \$2,000.00

A truly great offer with excellent odds for those participating.

Thanks to all those who have contributed information and articles to be included in the Roaring 40's since the Nepean Rort. There is quite a lot of activity around the country with Past Apexians meeting and forming clubs. President Bob is keeping his finger on the pulse and advising them of the benefit in joining with our Apex 40.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Mary & Alan

The following age old family recipe has been included in plenty of time for Christmas. Please follow the instructions rigidly.

Ingredients



#### MERRY CHRISTMAS CAKE

1 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup of mixed fruit
1 cup of water
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of baking soda
1 large bottle of Bundaberg Rum
1 Tablespoon of brown sugar
50 grams walnuts
Some lemon juice

#### **METHOD**

Place dried fruit, water and half a cup of sugar in small saucepan. Boil for 15 minutes. Pour Rum into shot glass, sample to check quality. Find large missing bowl. Check Rum again. Pour 1 level cup and drink. Repeat previous step. Turn on electric mixer and beat butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 spoontea of barking soda, half cup sugar and beat again.

Resample Rum to make sure it's still Rum. Turn off mixer, break two leggs, add to bowl. Chuck in dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If fruit gets stuck in the beaters pry loose with a drewscriver. Sample Rum to check tonsisticity. Next two cups of salt or something, who cares what? Check the Rum! Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown sugar, or whichever colour you can find. Wix mell.

Grease the oven, turn pan cake to 350 gredeedles. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Pour mix into cake pan and over bench. Throw bowl out the window. Stagger to laundry, put pancake in oven and set to hot rinse. Continue sampling Rum until bottle is empty. Bo to ged.

# Get your News in the Next Issue Of Roaring 40's

Branches are invited and urged to forward news and photos of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of the "Roaring 40"s. Let's have photographs and news of branch functions so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to .....

Please forward material to

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