ROARING 40'S

JULY 2007



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NATIONAL SECRETARY / TREASURER - Pamela Richardson



Pamela, from Devonport Apex 40, has been happily married to Barry for 46 years. They have three terrific kids and five grandchildren who give them incredible joy.

Until 2001 Pamela was very fortunate to have a job she loved, teaching accounting and computing at TAFE. Both

Barry & Pamela retired then. Eighteen months later they spontaneously decided to move to Shearwater, a seaside settlement near Port Sorrel.

Rob Beveridge remembered Barry as being a past member of Devonport Apex and invited them to join Apex 40. Within about three months they were not only in Apex 40 but on the committee for the Devonport Apex 40 Rort as Treasurer and assistant. Rob likes to believe he 'conned' the Richardson's but they believe they were the winners!

Pamela was asked by Rob to nominate for National Secretary/Treasurer. Being thankful that Rob for introducing them to the fantastic fellowship they have enjoyed in Apex 40 it was more than a pleasure to accept the challenge.

Barry and Pamela had a tremendous time at the Mackay Rort and the Whitsunday's Post Rort Tour and congratulates Redland's Club on the time and effort they put in for such a successful outcome.

The new National President, Rob Beveridge was still returning from the Cricket World Cup as this issue of the Roaring 40's went to print. While the Rorters were having a fantastic time in the Mackay sunshine, Rob and Kaye were watching Australia win the World Cup in dark and murky conditions.

Devonport Club were represented in Mackay by a large contingent and won the Bill Cunliffe Memorial Rort Attendance Award. The New Zealanders had a good roll up and could have won but President Bob said that it would be like giving them the Bledisloe Cup. We would never see it again.

MACKAY RORT 2007

<u>Welcome Social.</u> More than 150 Rorters renewed their acquaintances and met new friends at the Harrup Park Sporting Club on Friday April 27th. Local Councillor, Ken Casey welcomed the assembled throng to Mackay and the 2007 Rort was underway in Central Coastal Queensland. The Andergrove Fun Park's Mascot for the Rort, Nemo the Clown Fish, was introduced and became a crowd favourite for the next week of activities. A warm welcome was also extended to Apex National Vice-President, Rick Hose and Apex Reconnection Chairman, Rob Gallagher.

Earlybird Prize. Bendigo Rorter, Bob Caldwell claimed the Earlybird Prize and had his Rort Registration refunded. Bob's luck took a few turns after that though. Loosing his wallet on the Post Rort Tour (with refund cheque enclosed) followed by the Mackay Transit Company locating the wallet and offering to return it to Bob. His luck took another turn for the worse when the brand new bus returning it caught fire and was destroyed. Expecting to see news of Bob being a big Lotto winner any day now.

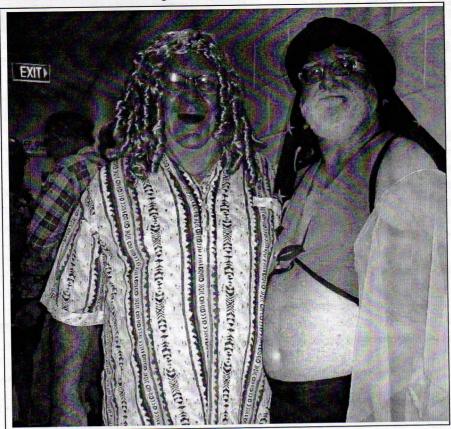
Eungella. The trip to Eungella National Park was experienced in another of those perfect Queensland days. Wending our way along the Pioneer River, through the Cane-fields, Sugar Towns and mills soon had the coaches climbing the steep pinch on to the Great Dividing Range. Metres of rain previously had the countryside taking on a lush and emerald green look that would make an Irishman jealous. The scenic beauty was a welcome sight to Rorters who had left their drought-ravished homes and dying gardens.

To the delight of Rorters the local Platypus family, who hadn't been seen for a while, emerged from their hiding place at Broken River. This group of Ornithorhynchus were quite excited to check out the happy contingent of noisy Rorters. The views overlooking the Pioneer Valley from Sky Window were magnificent. Many Rorters also delighted in walking through the lush forests of giant Tree Ferns, Alexandra and Piccabeen Palms, Strangler and Buttress Figs.

<u>Castaway Night</u> Local Radio man, Trevor Lymbery, was host for the evening at the Andergrove Tavern and worked through the busy programme. The two-piece band Double Time proved popular and the dance floor was

full to overflowing all night. Later in the evening Rorters formed a circle on the dance floor and Dianne Baker, Devonport showed her Rap Dance moves.

The Skits. Plenty of entrants resulted in a spirited competition for the Bull Horn Trophy this year. The act from Launceston saw Nurse Lorraine French introducing a cavalcade of difficult patients to Dr. David Glover. They had the audience wondering, considering the parents, just what the baby in the nappy was going to turn out like. Liz Hammond led the New Zealand contingent in acting out a patriotic poem on the Land of the Long White Cloud. The act included a slapstick plastic fruit and veggie chucking demo that had the audience ducking for cover.



Geoff Hegarty, Redlands and Peter Chessell, Grafton Backstage before their skits

A combined Mackay, Grafton effort saw Peter Chessell, in a cross between Swan Lake and There's Fairies at the Bottom of the Garden gracefully chase two Pea Hens around the stage with a butterfly catcher. Roz (How did I get myself into this?) Chessell and Carol Moffat, the Pea Hens, eluded the chaser with their cunning and suggestive dance manoeuvres.

Redland's were the winning club with the Bill Coleman adapted, produced and narrated rendition of Banjo Paterson's Bush Christening starring Bob Skinner as McGinnis McGee. Billie Hegarty's Irish accent, Geoff's Hegarty's stunning wardrobe and Alan Bach chasing Bob Skinner up a hollow log added to the satire.

Bob Skinner's, "I cannot remember the words" capped off a Mackademy Award winning performance. The all-important backstage men, known as the 'Two Johns', Giovanni Kemp and Giovanni Pulvirenti, carried out, the stunts, crowd stand-ins, prop assembly and removal and the best boy roles.

Best Dressed Castaways. Wynnum-Manly's Des Clements, innovative one shirt does all attire won him the Best Dressed Male Award. Des managed to modify his shirt so that it could be worn all at once as a shirt, hat, shoes, possibly underwear and handkerchief. The shirt of Shirley Kemp, the Best Dressed Female, indicated that she was a survivor of the not so good ship "Pizz-eye-don". It seems no one in their camp could spell "Poseidon".

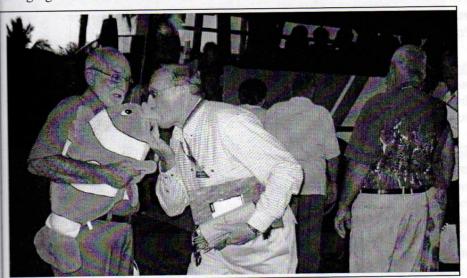
<u>The Last Bus</u> There were plenty of takers for the late bus. On the way home some soon burst into song and with a shillelagh to keep the beat the other revellers joined in on the chorus while others sang the verses of some notable Sunday School Songs. Well it was nearly Sunday.

AGM Picturesque Halliday Bay was the backdrop to a lively Annual General Meeting. Spirited debate on the Golf Competition resulted in some changes being adopted. Plenty of ideas for upcoming Rorts from the Far West of Australia, Perth to the Far East of Australia, New Zealand and places in between were bandied about. Wyong and Bendigo appeared keen to round out the decade after approval for Rorts was sought from their clubs. National President, Bob, officially welcomed Geelong Oasis Club, Victoria, and Millicent, South Australia and Maryborough, Queensland, into the Apex 40 Organisation.

Paul Gallagher, Apex Reconnect Chairman, thanked Bob McKernon for his efforts in forging closer relationships with Apex Australia and working closely with the National Apex Board. Paul made a presentation to Bob on behalf of the Apex National Board. Max Cheney, on behalf of Rob Beveridge, thanked Bob for his fine efforts during his tenure as Apex 40 National President and this was acknowledged by those present.

Bob McKernon thanked Marcie Irvin for her endeavours as National Secretary/Treasurer and Rob Noble for his commitment to the I. R. portfolio. Rob Beveridge, Devonport, was endorsed as the new National President, with Pamela Richardson as the incoming National Secretary-Treasurer. Sandy Harmer, Wyong, was endorsed as the new International Relations Officer and Mary Bach remains Roaring 40's Editor.

Harrup Park Sunday Night saw the Rort return to Harrup Park with Bill Coleman as the evening's M. C. Bob McKernon welcomed Apex Troppo Mackay into the fold and congratulated Billie & Geoff Hegarty on their foresight and dedication in forming a club on the Hibiscus Coast. Bob also congratulated the members from the Mackay District for their efforts in bringing the new club to fruition.



Glyn McKay & Bob McKernon giving life to the Andergrove Van Park Mascot, Nemo.



Apex Troppo's Bill Moffat, Chris Hayes, Carol Moffat and Shane Hayes

<u>Penultimate Award</u> Peter Chessell accepted the Penultimate award on behalf of Ron Holmes, Grafton Dinner Notice editor by Roaring 40's editor, Mary Bach. Mary also paid tribute to her predecessors, Alan Kinder and Alan Padgham and was sorry that they were unable to attend.

<u>Sergeants at Arms</u> Bob Caldwell, Bendigo, Ian Foss, Perth, and Brian Fulmer, Maryborough were very observant during the weekend and handed out plenty of popular and entertaining fines. Entertainer, Waha Grey led the contingent from Aotearoa in a stimulating performance of the Haka during the fine session.

<u>The Unfinished Joke.</u> Many have requested the 'Punch-line' to Bill's unfinished joke so it can be found in its entirety on Page 18. Bill had left out an important part the joke, well before he mistakenly insinuated that certain members of the Apex 40 Hierarchy were sleeping together. Hiding behind a handy curtain Bill hid to allow the redness in his face to subside. Seems Bill hadn't been that Red Faced and embarrassed since his dive mates asked him to tell his 'Camel Joke' to a group of straight faced Americans last year. He thought the American's didn't understand his humour until he found out they were a group of Missionaries.



Wizzie Award. Glvn McKay was struggling for contender for the Wizzie until the winner eventual virtually fell into his lap. After standing up a number contenders on Sunday Night, and duly embarrassing them. Glvn awarded the prize Caloundra's Glenn

'Chook' Rossiter. The boy from Caloundra entered the Ladies Loo and couldn't find the urinal. Undeterred he pushed open the door of an occupied cubicle to find Dawn McKay seated and praying for a 'Wizzie Miracle'. Chook panicked, re-zipped his zipper, and hurriedly left the toilet in a manner akin to a headless hen. Dawn was thankful that her prayers had been answered and Hubbie had the perfect reason to rid himself of the Infamous Trophy.

Raffle Winners The Big Prize of the Rort, a holiday for 2 with Rail Travel from Brisbane to Cairns, 2 nights accommodation in Cairns and a Virgin Flight back to Brisbane kindly donated by Queensland Rail was won by Bob McKernon.

Local Mackay Artists, Rick and Leonie Wood from Earth & Sea Pottery, donated two Ceramic Boxes and Sirromet Winery a Wine Pack.

WHITSUNDAY COAST 2007 POST - RORT TOUR

More perfect weather saw everyone enjoying the Three Island Tour and the Crocodile and Wilderness Safari over two days. There were crabs and crocodiles aplenty and even a green tree snake that host Steve Watson tried to trick us into being a Yellow Bellied Black Snake. So many tested the electronic toilet flush audio, on the environmental long drop toilet that the batteries went flat. Only one toilet so no chances for a Wizzie Award

nomination here. The Three Island Tour began with a stop at Happy Bay on Long Island. Some took in the relaxing holiday atmosphere at Club Crocodile while others ventured farther a-field visiting Peppers Resort on Palm Bay, climbing Humpy Point for better views and beachcombing at Fish and Pandanus Bays. Long Island, a great anchorage for yachts was originally named Port Molle by explorer Matthew Flinders.

Next stop was Daydream Island, originally called West Molle, for Lunch, and a quick look at the spectacular scenery. Daydream, the first Island in the Whitsunday's to boast a resort, lived up to expectations as it has done for visitors over the past 75 years. It is hard to imagine what is was like back in 1931 when Mrs. Connie Murray arrived at what was then a pine clad hillock poking out of the ocean. After Coming ashore from the sail boat 'Day Dream', Connie immediately saw the areas potential for tourism. She and husband Paddy bought West Molle Island for a whole £200 changed the name to Day Dream and built a Beachcombers Retreat.

The Hamilton Island stopover saw plenty of action as Post-Rorters filled up the island buses, hired the golf buggies (more than 900 registered on the island) set off on foot or visited the shops.

On Thursday the whole party joined back together and many Post-rorters took to the water and enjoyed snorkelling or scuba diving on Hardy Reef. Lorraine French was very grateful to Kevin Huxham, an experienced diver, who assisted her in snorkelling for the first time. Our entire group starred in the movie made on the Reef Tour. Max and Jean Reid acted out their part in the underwater observatory, Bill Hammond starred as the scuba diver and Peter Chessell was caught kissing the girls. Movie star, Brian Roach looked most professional swimming through a myriad of Yellow Tailed Fusiliers.

Everyone was amazed by the size of the Giant Groper (that's a really big fish). Many lined up to pat the attention loving Maori Wrasse (another big fish) that proved to be an expert in hamming up for the cameras.

Liz Hammond from Upper Hutt New Zealand and Malcolm Clark from Wyong were observant during the Post Rort Tour and entertained the gathering with a wide selection of popular fines during the Farewell Dinner at the Airlie Beach Sailing Club.

AROUND the CLUBS

ALSTONVILLE - February President Alan & Luck Howard

March President Bruce and Mavis Tidmarsh

Australia Day breakfast was held at the Newtons' residence was enjoyed by all who attended. We were able to take our son Andrew, who was visiting us, along and he was able to meet the people we call our Apex 40 friends. He decided you are an alright bunch of people. Thanks for the hospitality Darryl & Denise – much appreciated. Home made damper was delicious and Darryl's chutney gratefully received by many members provided they signed a jar return agreement. Power of positive thinking was displayed when Lucky won the Aus flag towel.

March meeting was well organized by John and Gay Gilmour in conjunction with Lucky Howard, and the Inner wheel International relations night. The Theme for the night was ITALY. Mavis and I were unable to attend but I have it on good authority that it was a very good night. Although the club was not represented by a large number of members those that went assured us that it was the OUALITY and not the OUANTITY that mattered.

Geelong Oasis and Melbourne Gippsland.

On Sunday 1st April, ten Melbourne-Gippsland members got together with eleven Geelong OASIS members for lunch at the Hoppers Club at Hoppers Crossing. It was a most convivial gathering, with everyone agreeing that we should meet again at some future date.



Melbourne-Gippsland President Barry Preston (left) and Geelong President Bill Smith (right).

The Great 8 Apex Club - Allan Thorley

The Thorley's hosted a relaxing Valentines night in February. It was well attended and those who were lucky to have Ellie give them a massage sure looked all the better for it.

An excellent attendance resulted in a great night at the Blue Thai Restaurant in Cessnock in March. April 22nd saw that 'Hyperactive Green Woman' and her man put on a breakfast at Readers Café.

On May 11th, come as you are caught and bring a casserole to the Green's residence. We did this last year at our house, and it was a success. I will be making phone calls and hoping everyone will be honest, and wear what they are caught in. Col told me not to phone after 7.30pm or he will be naked!

GRAFTON - Peter Desborough

The May meeting was held at Roche's Hotel for a tasty Mother's Day lunch, followed by a matinee show of 'Allo 'Allo at the Criteron Theatre. The production was really funny, a laugh a minute, and I'm sure was enjoyed by all. In August Peter C will organise a social golf day at Coutts Crossing followed by lunch at the pub. In October a weekend at Tenterfield and the wineries is planned.

KELAB - KUALA LUMPUR - Suresh Sivaram

Apex Club of Kuala Lumpur, which was inaugurated on 3 April 1957, will be officially celebrating the golden jubilee of Apex Malaysia on Saturday 7 April 2007. The day kicks off with the launch of the Eye Cataract Service Project for 50 senior citizens at 9.30am at the Tun Hussein Onn National Eye Hospital. On that day 5 selected senior citizens will receive their operation at a specially reduced cost of RM500.00 per surgery and RM150.00 for follow up treatment. The normal cost for eye cataract surgery is upwards of RM2,500.00 per eye. The hospital will continue with 5 surgeries each month over the next 9 months to meet the quota of 50 patients. Apex 40 KL, I am proud to report, has sponsored 2 such operations.

Also in conjunction with this anniversary, a special tour package was promoted among Apex40 clubs in Australia. 7 from Wyong Apex 40 have confirmed their attendance. They are Margaret & Geoffrey Dunn, Vivienne & Denis Bradshaw, Marian & Malcolm Clark and Douglas Thomas. All will join the tour from 1April 2007 and attend the Anniversary cocktails and

dinner on 7 April 2007. 'Selamat Datang ke Malaysia'. A social for these seven and other guests will be held on Friday 6 April 2007 either at the Card Room of the Royal Selangor Club or if the total crowd is a small number then the social will be held at PJ Club. It would be good if members and spouses from both Apex 40 KL and Seremban can join in and say hello to the members from Wyong Club.

Apex Malaysia's Website has been reactivated through the efforts of current National President C.S.Naidu. Check out www.apexmalaysia.org the newly revamped website.

SEREMBAN - T.T.Singam

Greetings, one and all. It is well into the year 2007 and we have not met since our last dinner meet at Unni's residence on 16th December 2006 where we all had a great time of merry-making and fellowship...thanks to Unni and his charming wife and children. Though the Board had been meeting since then, its time we got together again for more of the same fellowship. This time Palasingam has offered his spacious residence for our meeting-cumdinner.

Though December seems a long time ago, we had not been idle since then.



We had our service project visiting Vilashini Home for the Under-Privileged children in Seremban. On the 10th February. many of our members turned up, bringing cheer to these children who were also feted to a sumptuous dinner. Members later got together for more fellowship.

Members of Apex 40 Seremban recently hosted a dinner for inmates of the Vilashini Home For The Underprivileged in Seremban. (Standing from right: Eddie Tan, Service Director M.H.Segeran, Treasurer R.Muthusamy & President T.T. Singham}

Another project...an outing to the mystical islands of Langkawi for air...had to be shelved as there weren't many takers. Well, it's back to the drawing board to come up with other ideas. I would also like to urge the members to come up with suggestions which can be taken into consideration when the Board meets. So come forth with your ideas at this dinner meeting. I'm sure Palasingam's potent drinks can spur you on.

MOREE - Pam Swavn

Nine members enjoyed a relaxed night and BBQ dinner at "Cliff & Janelle Brown's Hassell Street 60's Diner. Michael & Sandra supplied the music for the evening and the singing continued until the wee small hours. (The 'Dawson's must expect to get front row seats next year, as their chairs are still at the Brown's).

The following month was a bus trip to Narrabri for a relaxing day at the "Nosh on the Namoi", sipping and tasting the local nosh, on the site of Crossing Theatre.

NEPEAN VALLEY - Maralyn Kastel

"Back into it Bar BQ – Ken & Janice Wrights. Another fun Apex 40 night with heaps of food & refreshments. Barry LB & Scott Miller were the only ones brave enough to make use of the pool. Another good roll-up with plenty of fellowship. Special thanks to Ken & Janice again for their hospitality.

I hear that LB had a letter published in the Sydney Morning Herald recently – about that fantastic ship – the Queen Mary 2. Barry & Joyce took the opportunity to go into the city to check it out! Unbelievable – to see the thing in Woolloomooloo Bay was just awesome! Now for a cool \$250,000 per head, you could sail around the world on the QM2 – Now there is a good idea for a few months social activities – any takers from Apex 40?

Don't forget to mark your Diaries for the Duncan Berriman Zone 9 Reunion to be held at Bathurst on the weekend of $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$ September 2007 – to be hosted by Apex 40 Nepean Valley. Registration forms have been sent out to approx. 350 past Zone Niners, and we have already received some "early bird" registrations.

SUNRAYSIA - President Elaine Grav

The Christmas Party at the Chateau Mildura was well attended and a good night was had by all.

The March meeting was a night with a difference. A function in the era of gangsters, prohibition, speakeasies and casinos; in the style of the twenties and thirties. Dinner, games, quizzes, prizes and a surprise visitor. Got into the swing of it all and dressed in a style of the era; Great Gatsby, Bonnie & Clyde, Flappers, Gangsters and Casino elegant.

APEX MALAYSIA 50th ANNIVERSARY

Seven members of Wyong Apex 40 attended the Apex Malaysia 50th anniversary tour from 31 March 2007m to 7 April 2007. As we have found previously the hospitality of the Malaysians was second to none and a great trip was had by all – Bradshaw's, Clark's, Dunn's and Doug Thomas.

The day after our arrival our tour commenced with a trip to Penang, a ferry trip over to Penang Island and a tour of historic Georgetown and then to our hotel, the Hydro Majestic overlooking the ocean. After a relaxing session in the pool and a Tiger or two we headed off to the local food court and dined with the Malaysians, excellent meals all round.

Day two we visited the Butterfly farm and toured the island passing orchards and fruit stalls. After a sample of local fruits we visited the snake temple and returned to our hotel for more relaxation by the pool and another Tiger or two. Dinner was at the Ship, the best steakhouse and seafood restaurant in town.

The next day we had to leave our idyllic seaside village to return to Kuala Lumpur stopping at the historic Kelly Castle and the Pasir Selak historical complex (portraying the history of Malaysia) en route.

A visit to Malacca is a must and so the next day we toured temples, churches and walked along Jonker Street picking up souvenirs as we went.

Returning to Kuala Lumpur and resting the next day we went to Putrajaya visiting all the government buildings. We were impressed by the development of KL especially the buildings, structures and layout of Putrajaya. In the afternoon we headed to Genting Highlands (a tourist resort where you can do nearly anything with shops and entertainment galore) to stay one night and enjoyed a foot massage, cable car ride, theme park visit or





whatever took our fancy. It was really something to see the resort perched on top of a mountain as we climbed towards it.

Back to KL the next day in time for an Apex social night with good, good fellowship and all that stuff that Apex is about. Highlight of the tour was the next day when we visited the current Apex Eye Cataract Service Project with



Geoff & Margaret Dunn, Mal & Marian Clark, TT Singham & Helen an aim to restore the sight of 100 people over two years. The launch of the project was in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Apex Club of Kuala Lumpur with a celebration dinner in the evening with over 400 guests.

To bed and the end of the official part of our tour and back home, a fabulous week and really humbling to see the great work the Malaysian Apexians are doing. Well done all! Malaysia tourers April 2007.

Crazy Road Rules from around the World

Beijing: It is an offence to stop at a pedestrian crossing.

El Salvador: Drunk drivers face death by firing squad.

Macedonia: It is illegal for the front-seat passenger to also be drunk.

Malaysia: Wives of drunk drivers are also jailed.

San Francisco: Washing your car with used underwear is banned.

PERTH RORT - MAKE A DATE 2008 - (2nd MAY TO 5th MAY 2008)

Friday night welcome social will be at South Perth Bowling Club. A Shuttle Bus Service will run with approximately 3 runs to and fro. Saturday's coach will take you on a tour of the famous Kings Park, through the posh suburbs and onto Fremantle for a fish and chips lunch at Cicerellos.

A coach will take Rorters to board a boat the Captain Cook for a cruise and a buffet meal and drinks on board. There will be a chance for a dance or just enjoy the fellowship, music and the evening cruise.

A tour through the city centre and out to Swan Valley is planned for Sunday morning. Relax at the Quay Café on Hillary's Marina for lunch and then time for plenty more fellowship at Sunday night's dinner at the Waters Edge.

A coach has been organised to take Rorters to the farewell breakfast at the South Perth Bowling Club on Monday Morning. The Post Rort Tour will commence from here after breakfast.

The Rort registration fee is \$335.00 which includes Friday night's welcome social, all rort functions including transport, lunches and evening meals. To secure your registration a deposit of \$100 may be paid with the balance owing to be paid by the 31st of January 2008. Cheques/Money Orders to be made payable to Perth Apex 40 and forwarded to:-

Mrs Bev Foss, 4 Redmond Way, Erskine, Mandurah W.A. 6210 -Phone 08 9581 2062 – Email ianbevfoss@optusnet.com.au

For further details contact Kathy Rowe on 08 9279 3731

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SOUTH WEST POST RORT TOUR (5th to 9th MAY 2008)

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Monday night's accommodation will be at Mandurah, the home town of Ian and Bev Foss. Busselton, the town with the long jetty, will be our home base for the next three nights. On Friday, after a farewell lunch, the tour will be back on the coach and homeward bound back to Perth.

The tour cost is \$735.00. A deposit of \$100 may be paid with the balance owing to be paid by the 31st of January 2008.

RT41UKTour to Australia - Kevin Huxham

There are 34 participants coming on the tour from the UK in November/December, making a total of 38 which includes Liz, myself, the coach captain and his wife. Our coach captain is Robert Pine, an ex-Apexian from Lismore's second club, Apex Club of Tuckurimba, and parents of our Olympic swimmer, Adam Pine.

I will be in touch at regular intervals with updates as they occur. Thank you for your assistance in making this tour, a success for the visitors.

You might organize a club co-ordinator for your club, and I can communicate directly with them, so this does not burden everyone with the same information. Please send me an email when you have appointed a co-ordinator. Thank you if you have already done this.

Email huxhamfamily@activ8.net.au

Bill Coleman's Unfinished Joke from the Rort.

Bob was having troubles and found this Medicine Man with a better cure than viagara. The Medicine Man mixed up a potion, muttered some mumbo jumbo set it on fire. He announced to Bob, as he sucked in the fumes and smoke, that all of his troubles were history. The only drawback was that it only worked once a year. To activate the spell Bob, at the required time, had to count 1,2,3 and hey presto it was there forever. To deactivate the spell the Guru advised him that all he had to do was say 4. When the time was right, Bob said 1,2,3 and all was working well until Mary said, "What did you say 1,2.3 For.

APEX 40 ANNUAL GOLF COMPETITION

The Competition is to take the form of a Team of Four Aggregate Stroke Event, to be played between 1st November and 1st April yearly.

The Event is to be played over 18 holes played on the same day, each Club deciding on the date it will conduct the game.

Players holding a current AGU or WGA handicap are to use that handicap. Players without a current handicap are to play off the following:- Men 18, Women 27

"Swingers" (not what you thought) are not permitted, i.e. members' scores may only be counted for one team of four.

Non-handicap players may pick up their ball after hitting 4 over Par for any hole and write down that score.

Completed cards are to be in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer by the 1st April each year.

The winning Team will be the one with the lowest Nett Aggregated Score.

Good friends are like stars......You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

"Whenever God Closes One Door He Always Opens Another, Even Though Sometimes It's Hell in the Hallway"

I would rather have one rose and a kind work from a friend while I'm here then a whole truck load when I'm gone.

Lismore Apex 40 - President Paul Denmeade

Yes we are alive and well and still going strong. This year is our 10th year Anniversary which we are celebrating with Christmas in July at the House With No Steps. We have 21 active members and we recently went on a weekend away to Binna Burra in the Gold Coast Hinterland. We have also had a Ten Pin Bowling day which was very competitive and we will be having a "Steam Boat" theme night for our next meeting in June.



Lismore Apex 40 exploring the Binna Burra area in the Lamington National Park

Thank-you to all the contributors to this issue and welcome to the new Apex 40 Clubs, Millicent Macrams, Mackay Apex Troppo and Maryborough Queensland's return to the fold.

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

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