

ROARING 40'S

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT –

Rob Beveridge, Devonport, Tas.



President Rob Beveridge has phoned through his report from Broome in Western Australia. He has not made it home from the Perth Rort yet. He and Kaye are travelling around Australia and plan to be back in Tasmania via Queensland in July then New South Wales and Victoria.

Rob congratulates the Perth Rort Committee, Bev Foss, Kathy Rowe and helpers on a well run Rort and Post Rort Tour filled with surprises, fun and loads of fellowship. The efforts of the Committee were appreciated by all who attended the

Rob chairing the AGM at Cicerellos

Rort and the Post Rort Tour.
A Job well done Perth.

NATIONAL SECRETARY / TREASURER – Pamela Richardson

PERTH RORT AND POST RORT TOUR



Congratulations to the Perth Rort Committee, particularly Ian and Bev Foss and John and Kathy Rowe, on a triumphant Rort and Post-Rort Tour. It was wonderful to meet old friends and make new friends. As President Rob said in his Annual Report, “May it never end.”

A number of people commented to me on the Rort Budget. They were impressed with the number of “free” drinks and enjoyed the fact that they were not asked to buy raffle tickets.

Pamela telling stories about Kaye Dixon – (Kaye has threatened to get her back at Wyong)

Furthermore, when we were sitting in the coach to go on the Post Rort Tour, we were advised that the Post Rort Tour had come in under budget and were given a cash refund. Three cheers for a very successful financial plan.

On a personal note, Barry and I thank all those attending the Rort for their friendship. We had a wonderful time. This time was extended to Kalbarri where our unit just happened to be next to Glen and Betty Rossiter and Bruce and Lois Richardson. We shared many laughs over the week. We were also guests of Bob and Mary McKernon for a lovely dinner in a Kalbarri Caravan Park. Our final night in WA was back in Mandurah with President Rob and Kaye before they began their tour further north and over to NT.

Barry particularly thanks Carol Moffat for the belly dancing lessons. He looks forward to having more classes in Wyong! I have aspirations to write a poem about the dancing lessons!

International Relations and Apex Liaison – Sandy Harmer.

Congratulations to Perth club for an excellent Rort and Post Rort Tour.



It was very casual, interesting and great value for money. As usual, the highlight was our wonderful fellowship and making new friends.

Congratulations to Bob Ireland in becoming our Vice President – Welcome to the Board, Bob.

Wizzie Recipient Sandy with last year's winner Glen Rossiter

It was fantastic to have our Kiwi friends back again – there was even more this year! Also Paul Ankcorn from Devon, England. Paul was the tour leader of last year's UK tour and has enjoyed himself so much on his two trips that he is trying for a third for Wyong's Rort next year.

At our AGM, we voted for a combined Rort/AGM in Nelson, New Zealand, in 2011. Nelson 41 club is very keen to host us and we are hoping to have a presentation at Wyong's AGM with more details.

The Apex National Convention is being held in Toowoomba on 23rd to 26th July. Darrol and I are registered and are looking forward to renewing friendships we made in Singapore and Malaysia.

Apex 40 members are always welcome to this annual event –
Website is: www.apexnationalconvention.org.au

My local Apex club, Gosford, is holding an Apex Reunion at the end of this month. They hold it every five years and is always a huge success. We shall be trying to gain some new members!

BREAKING NEWS: Our newest club has just been formed – The Apex 40 Club of Adelaide Hills, South Australia. Members have been drawn from Mt Barker and Murray Bridge Apex clubs and I would like to thank Robert Butcher for his efforts in bringing this about.

PERTH RORT

Apex 40 members along with Club 41 members from New Zealand and Britain were crossing paths as they took in the delights of Western Australia on the way to Perth for the 2008 “Rort in the West”. From Wednesday the airports were a hive of activity as Perth Members did the meet and greet and saw Rorters to their accommodation. Moyle’s Coaches welcomed the visitors to Perth and delivered them to the South Perth Bowls Club for the festivities to begin.

The fellowship and camaraderie began on the Coaches on the way in to the Welcome Social. Rorters appreciated being told that drinks were on the house and West Aussie wines complimented the tasty food.

Betty Rossiter was in party mood and kept plenty of Rorters awake into the early hours. Seems Betty saw smoke rising from below her balcony and used water to douse the source. Turns out it was just Fossie & Roachy having an early morning cigarette.

The weather on Saturday Morning was perfect for the visit to the very picturesque Kings Park before taking in the sights and drooling over the real estate along the Swan River on the way to the Port of Fremantle.

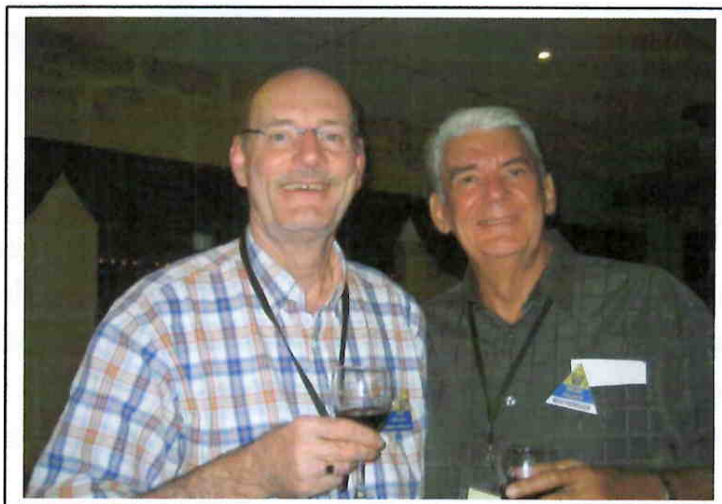
The Annual General Meeting was held at Ciccellos Wharf in Fremantle. President Rob was congratulating himself on how quickly he was dealing with the agenda and boasted about presiding over a fast rate meeting. Apex National Vice President, Paul Gallagher presented to the meeting a very detailed report on Apex Australia and dashed Rob’s hopes and plans. To put paid totally to Rob’s plans, Brian Roach asked a question that required a lengthy answer.

Rob also welcomed the Western Australian State Apex President, Mick Godfrey and Vice President, Brian Drinkwell to the Rort.

Bob Ireland was elected Apex 40 National Vice President, the 2010 Rort will be in Bendigo and a proposal that the 2011 Rort coincide with the Club 41 Convention in New Zealand in June 2011 was supported.



Bruce and Geraldine Garland from Wynnum/Manly Club in Kings Park



National Vice President Bob Ireland with Brian Fulmer

The Seaside suburb of Sorrento was our destination on Sunday morning after taking in the sights on the way. A couple of hours were enjoyed exploring Hillary's Boat Harbour including lunch at the Quay Café.

The Kiwi Contingent led by Liz Hammond

treated Rorters to a production (fancy name for a Skit) based on Advance Australia Fair at the Sunday Evening Function at the Waters Edge. Bill Hammond then led the N.Z. boys in the Haka. It appeared that the Kiwi's had the only skit until Bruce Garland recited some of his hilarious poems.

For the third night nobody needed to put their hands in their pocket, except for the fine session. Kaye Dixon had a bad night and cost Rob

Beveridge over \$20.00 in fines. The fine session was reopened at one stage especially for Kaye.

There were plenty of other fines including Joyce Leavett-Brown who was presented with a heavy chain by John Webb to keep her gear together. For some reason a number of the ladies lost bags and cameras during the weekend but Joyce lost her bag and camera several times. Happily each time they were soon located and returned. On the Post Rort Tour Joyce's husband Barry looked after her belongings. Barry admitted that he wasn't game to even leave her in charge of her handkerchief.

2008 AWARDS

Bill Cunliffe Rort Attendance Award accepted by John Watson on behalf of Wynnum /Manly Club. The clubs members began heading to Perth in February and are still arriving home now.



Kathy Rowe, Paul Gallagher and Brian Roach at the AGM

The Bull Horn Trophy for the Best Skit was presented to Bruce Garland from Wynnum/Manly. Bruce entertained the audience with his tell all tales about Wynnum Manly members. Heather Jessop admitted that everything Bruce divulged was true but at her earliest opportunity she was going to choke him.

The Pen Ultimate Award for Best Dinner Notice was accepted by Alan Kinder on behalf of Alan Padgham for Melbourne Gippsland's Newsletter.

The Golf Trophy was presented to Barry Richardson from Devonport. As Devonport were the only club to enter the competition this year National President Rob, a member of the winning team, suggested that we give the Golf Trophy back to Brian Roach and have a Dance Competition instead.

The Devonport Golfers also asked that the incriminating score sheets be destroyed to protect the guilty. (It appears that since the PRT the

Golfers have all taken up Dance lessons. From all reports Barry Richardson has been trying out some of Carol's Belly Dance Moves.)

The Boomerang was presented to Darrol Harmer for Wyong Club. Wyong's 'Happy Days Theme' was a great hit with the Perth Rorters.

The Wizzie Award went to Sandy Harmer. Sandy tried to trick Andrew Farr into using the Ladies on the Swan River Cruise but the whole thing backfired.



Ian and Bev Foss at Fremantle during the Rort

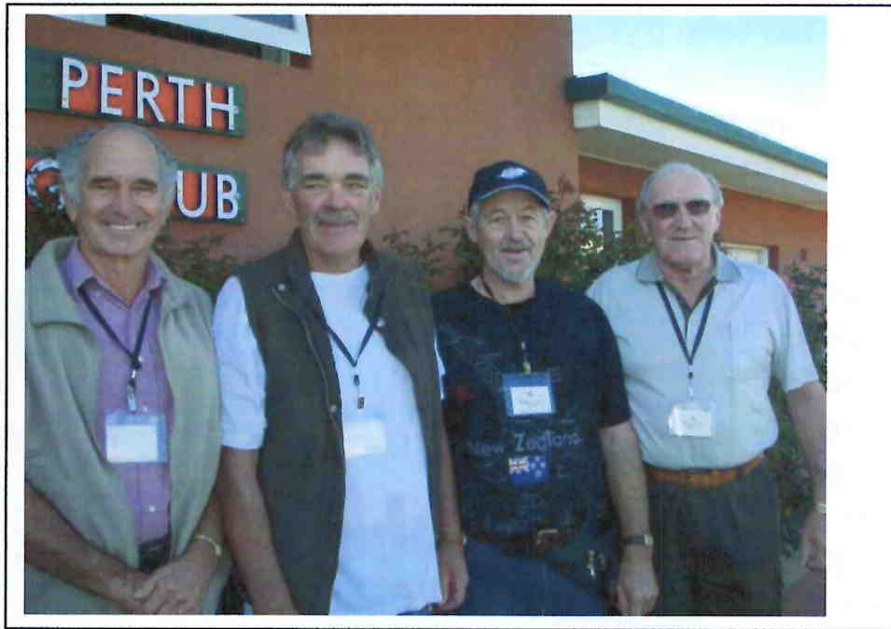
Barry O'Callaghan used the Ladies on Friday Night and was contemplating returning to the scene of the crime to put the toilet seat down. Being a New Zealander Barry could not win the Wizzie but Glenn said that he should have won the Ki-Wee Award.

Changes to the Constitution.

During the Business Session of the AGM at the wharf in Fremantle the Apex 40 Constitution was amended. Copies of proposed changes to the Constitution were sent to Club Secretaries and Members at Large prior to the Perth Rort. Occasional issues have arisen at times that have led to confusion or members have complained about situations not being clearly defined in the constitution.

Apex 40 is greatly indebted to Don and Wendy Smith from Melbourne for their efforts in collating and summarising the proposed alterations and then taking on the onerous task of putting the ideas into the appropriate words. Don and Wendy spent a lot of time ensuring that clear and concise wording in the new constitution took away any confusion about the objectives and operation of Apex 40.

In the new document National Board is now called National Board instead of being referred to as a myriad of committees. Items including Objects, Purpose, Membership, Branches, Fees (see National Secretary/Treasurer notification on Page 20), and running of Rorts have been clarified.



4 of the 5 Bobs – Skinner, Beveridge, Grace and McKernon. (Ireland was Absent)

THE SOUTH WEST WONDERS - POST RORT TOUR.

On the way to the Millbrook Boutique Winery at Jarrahdale Villa Carlotta Coaches gave each Post Rorter an envelope of spending money. Unexpectedly a tasty lunch was also provided at the Café on the Dam during our visit to the Serpentine Dam and National Park. The Port Lincoln Parrots, known locally as the 28 Birds provided some extra entertainment during the lunch break.

Arts and Crafts, Tractors, Afternoon Tea, Stationary Engines and a Museum visit on the way to Ian & Bev Foss' home town of Mandurah. There was time for a tour of the Mandurah Township before settling into the Atrium Resort.

Day Two took us to Busselton. On the way there visiting the town of Australind, cruising on the shallow Collie River aboard the "Miss Elandra" exploring Bunbury and also tasting the odd wine.

Happy Hour Refreshments on the First Night at the Abbey Beach Resort were gratefully supplied compliments of Villa Carlotta Travel.

A guided tour of the Spectacular Mammoth Limestone Cave on the Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge was the highlight for Wednesday Morning. After her informative talk about this hidden underground world the guide asked if there were any questions. Somebody, who shall remain nameless, had to make the intelligent inquiry as to where the Mammoth was today.

The picturesque gardens of roses, hedges and herbs combined with the manicured lawns around the Voyager Estate Winery added to the enjoyment of experiencing the ambience of the cellar and tasting room. The fine wines were an added bonus.

On the second night Max Cheney decided to liven up the proceedings by making arrangements with the Abbey Beach Resort management to make use their spectacular Dance Floor. With some quick lessons from Max and Alan, a group of 30 were trying their hand at Jive, Country Partner, Latin and Line Dancing.

There were just as many onlookers around the bar and plenty of spectators viewing from their balconies overlooking the atrium. The Resort kindly let us use the dance floor again and the management thought it was something they should try themselves.

Jim Buchannan, Darrol Harmer and Keith Haddon used up plenty of energy on the Dance Floor. Jim feels that he should have the 'Stray Cat Strut' mastered by Wyong.

Carol Moffat set the ball rolling the following night with a plenty of nonsense non-discriminatory Belly Dance Class. There was keen representation from both sexes and again plenty of onlookers enjoying the spectacle. Women can shimmy so much better than men.

After feeding the sheep at the Yallingup Shearing Shed, our host Steve Butterly, demonstrated the prowess of his British Border Collie and Australian Kelpie dogs to the Apex 40 members. The highlight of the tour however happened later. Rorters sat in on Steve's explanation about the infamy and role of the Merino Ram to local students on a field trip. Most Post Rorters admitted that they learnt things they their mother had not told them and found out a hell of a lot about the purpose, and capabilities of a prime Merino Ram.

After lunch in the hamlet of Margaret River, it was cheeses from Fonti Farm, more chocolates from Margaret River Chocolates and sweets from the Candy Cow. The Blue Bus opted out of the Candy Cow and sampled the treats from a local Olive Farm instead.

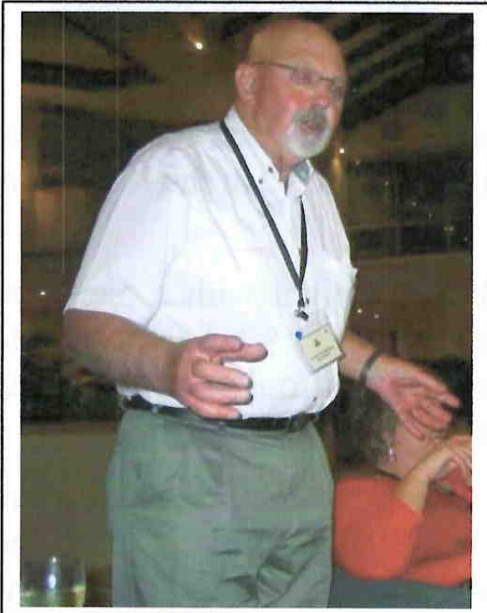
Woody Nook Winery turned on the most entertaining Wine Tasting. Arriving unannounced Post Rorters were ushered into a private showing. The hostess handled the smart remarks from the Peanut

Gallery very well and because she was so entertaining a majority of Post Rorters left with a Woody Nook Wine. (The Nookie being the most popular)

Lavender Scones were on the menu at the Cape Lavender Farm during the next morning's activities. Lavender products from all sorts of skin lotions to Wine were available. The walk around the lake passed through numerous plantings of Lavender Varieties.

Lunch was at the quaint town of Dunsborough with its many cafes and gourmet stores. A visit to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse followed before experiencing the scenic beauty along some of the rugged coastline. Eagle Bay and Meelup were also visited.

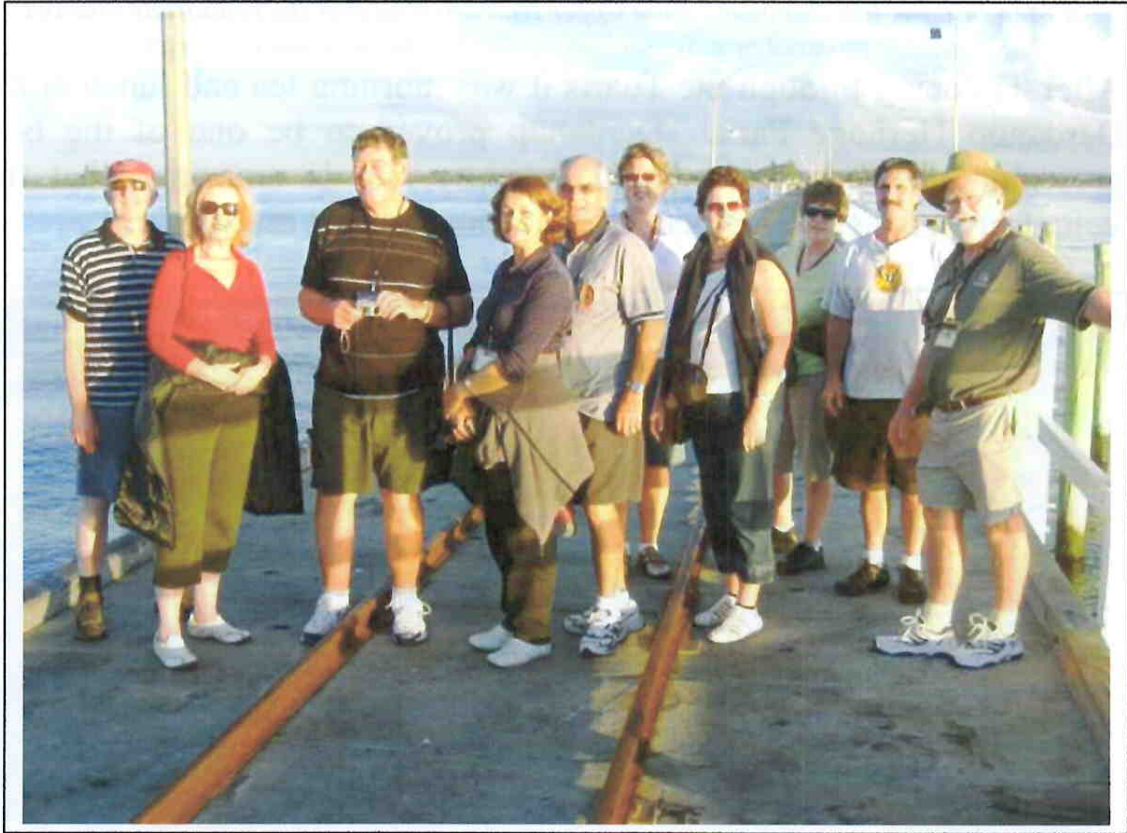
Villa Carlotta again showed their hospitality by shouting each Post-Rorter a Simmo's Ice cream on the way home to Busselton.



With so many wonders to experience on the Post Rort schedule it was a challenge to fit in the Busselton Jetty four km Walk. However on the penultimate day a hardy group of Aussies and Kiwis set off for the trek. Even though the Coaches returned late in the afternoon many wished to experience the Jetty Walk. Returning along the jetty during a spectacular sunset made the journey even more worthwhile.

Barry Richardson reciting hilarious poetry during a break in the Dancing at the Abbey Beach resort.

Some of the adventurers caught a Taxi back to the resort while others took the option of returning to Abbey Beach on foot via the coastal track. As the light diminished Max and Nola mistakenly wandered away from the main track and took a while to be found. Just after dark Kevin Huxham needed some relief and frightened the living daylights out of a lady who was also having a private moment. Just as well the 'Wizzie' had already been won.



The Busselton Jetty Walkers – Max Cheney, Nola Baddeley, Bruce McConnon, Mary Bach, Kevin Huxham, Judith Murphy, Jenni Farr (Birthday Girl) Roz Chessell, Barry O'Callaghan and Peter Chessell.



A Man in Love. Bill Hammond from Upper Hutt drooling over the beautifully restored tractor powered by a Supercharged TS3 two stroke Commer Diesel

After Tiptoeing through the Tuarts it was morning tea and lunch at the Dardanup Heritage Park. Dardanup proved to be one of the best presented nostalgia parks in the country. It is amazing what the volunteers have achieved here with no Government assistance.



Villa Carlotta's Post Rort Tour Red Couch Crew

Kiwi visitor, Bill Hammond had seen plenty of trees by the end of the PRT. He could pick a Tuart from a Tingle and a Jarrah from a Karri from 200 metres. At the Dardanup Heritage Park, Bill was the first off the coach and wife, Liz wasn't expecting to find him for hours. The sound of a high revving diesel starting up at Dardanup had Bill, running to the source of the noise. "That's a Post War 3 Cylinder, TS3 Supercharged Commer Diesel and boy I'd like to see that" Bill commented as he flew past. Bill was spot on with his comment, he is not only an expert on trees but also knows his engines.

Villa Carlotta took Post Rorters to the airports etc and left the remainder in Como in time for a final 'Happy Hour'. The 40 or so that remained met for Dinner at the Golden Mile Restaurant for a final farewell.

David and Bet Mansfield from Devonport along with Alan and Nola Kinder from Melbourne Gippsland attended the first ever Apex 40's Rort in 1976 and were again together for the Perth Rort and Post Rort Tour. The first Rort organised by Melbourne Gippsland was in Ballarat.

Kaye Dixon from Devonport and Jenni Farr from Upper Hutt celebrated Birthdays on the Post Rort Tour and were duly feted.

AROUND the CLUBS

GREAT 8 – Jan & Trevor Green

The Great 8 Apex 40 Club donate to Sri Lanka. Graham Dark said the club was inspired to lend a hand after reading the plight of the orphanage in the Apexian newsletter.

Graham Dark & Jan Greens photo appeared in the Apexian promoting Apex 40 with the clubs donation to the orphanage. “Over the years the Club had accumulated some money and members thought this was a worthwhile venture,” he said.

Congratulations to the Great 8 Apex 40 club for their efforts in the recent issue of the Apexian.

MARYBOROUGH – Queensland – Brian Fulmer, President

Twenty-Seven members of Maryborough Apex 40 travelled to Kingaroy for the 10th Annual Tarong Mine Wine & Food In The Park Festival held at the Memorial Park in the heart of Queensland's *biggest* wine region.



Maryborough Club Members at the Tarong Mine Wine and Food in the Park Festival in Kingaroy, Queensland. Brenda Kruske, front left with Jo Commins

Activities at the Wine & Food In The Park Festival included:

- Sampling some great wines from the South Burnett's multi award winning wineries
- Watching some of the region's top chefs compete head-to-head in the PCA Regional Cuisine Culinary Cook-offs – a winner with the ladies of the club.
- entertainment by 10 non-stop hours of live music from some of Australia's top music acts
- being amused by incredible street entertainers or
- trying a number of the wide variety of foods available on-site.

The Club's dinner was held that night for a great evening of fellowship. The next morning the club went to Captain's Paddock winery for a tour & presentation of the vineyard itself. This was then followed by a tour of the local award winning Kingaroy Cheese factory lead by the head cheese master.

The club's next outing will be on the Gympie Rattler for a nostalgic trip back in time & a luncheon at the old Imbil Hotel.

WYNNUM / MANLY – John Watson, President

Leaving as early as February some of the caravan members of the club made their way towards Western Australia for the Perth Rort. After the Rort their holiday continued, but the majority of members will return in time for the Christmas in July dinner on Saturday the 19th. A Christmas Trivia Quiz is planned for the Dinner at the Yacht Club.

The Club's Barefoot Bowls Day was postponed because of inclement weather. The Bowls day will now be held in September.

SUNRAYZIA – Annette Duffy, Secretary

The BBQ lunch at Red Cliffs Golf Club was held in April. 23 members enjoyed the Christmas Party at the Sunraysia Resort. President Elaine Gray, Secretary Annette Duffy and Treasurer Diane Cavanagh were re-elected for another term of office.

SEREMBAN – T.T.Singam

The March meeting was hosted in lavish style at the Fook Chow Restaurant, Rasah Jaya, Seremban. A weekend away travelling by van to Langkawi was planned for the 16th -19 May.

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter”.

WYONG – Margaret Bowman – Secretary

What a great day at the Community Hall at Bateau Bay on Anzac Day (Friday). Thankfully the rain cleared up and with 22 members attending, we had lots of food, lots of talking and a really good day. We will have to plan more day functions when there is no rush getting there and no hurry to get home. Six of us attended the Drama play on 26th April, it was a really great comedy. On 20th, 21st, and 22nd of June are the dates set down for the Drama Theatrefest 2008, in Wyong.

BENDIGO – Bob Caldwell President

Once again it was gratifying to see 27 members out of a possible 45 members attend our last meeting at the Lynne Vale Estate Winery for lunch on Sunday 20th April 2008.

Good food, good fellowship and a good old chinwag continues to be ‘flavour of the month’.

As the song goes “Come On Let the Good Times Roll, We’re Gonna Stay Here ‘Till We Soothe Our Souls”. That’s one of you music buffs out there from the 60’s.

Boy! Have those six weeks flown since our last meeting. Where have they gone you may ask? It’s so long ago I can’t remember any points of note. Oh yes, the senior moment has passed. Now where was I? Back to the last meeting Bobby Boy!

Great to see some of the ‘old’ familiar faces represented, namely Clarkes, Campbells, Doyles, Hampsons, Ransoms & Walkers. Not too much of this ‘old’ stuff did I hear you say?

Thanks to all those in attendance, for the healthy discussion re the club nominating for the 2010 Rort.

Many thanks also to the following who volunteered to be on the 2010 Rort Committee – Ron Clarke, Kev in Harvey, David Bidmade, Elaine Dumont, Angie Porter, Sandra Hillier, Bob Caldwell and interested partners a given.

KELAB - KUALA LUMPUR – S.Vengadesan Naiker

The 26th Annual General Meeting of Kelab Apex 40, Kuala Lumpur was held at the Petaling Jaya Club. The National Convention of Apex will be held in conjunction with the celebration of their club's 50th Anniversary in 2008. Apex Club of Seremban will host the 3 days 2008 National Convention at Port Dickson, Bayu Beach Resort. It will be Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd August, 2008.

The National Convention for 2009 will be hosted by the Apex Club of Kuala Lumpur on 7th – 9th August 2009 at the Federal Hotel.

MANLY INC. – John Cameron, President

The ladies meeting in May was a particularly successful evening with guest speaker Detective Superintendent, Kim McGee. Kim is the immediate past Local Area Commander for Manly Police and her insight into her role and policing in general, was of great interest to us all. We wish her every continued success in the years ahead.

GEELONG – Greg Melville, President

The members of the Club congratulate Marion Neil, OAM, on the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day in well deserved recognition of her years of service to the community.

The club meets monthly and have enjoyed a variety of guest speakers. Mr Bob Merriman, AM, former Chairman of Cricket Australia, Former President of Cricket Victoria and Committee Member for 30 years. He is a former Commissioner of the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. He addressed the meeting on his diverse experiences in the fields of cricket and other career activities.

Mr Stuart Fox, Chief Operations Officer of the Geelong Football Club addressed the March meeting on his role and experiences with the club. He is a keen sportsman in his own right, - a national surf swimming champion and state iron man champion.

Guest speaker for the April meeting was Mr Ray Pattison, from Ocean Grove. Ray has an interesting career as a Qualified Hypnotherapist who specialises in Mind Dynamics. He discussed the demonstrated the

power of the sub-conscious mind and how to “break through” our normal, conscious mind to achieve astonishing revelations. A practical demonstration promised to be enthralling.

MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND – Geoff Angus, President

At our February dinner meeting, members present were asked to complete a questionnaire about how we operate our Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 Branch.

Members were able to compare our current methods of operating against some changes that we might contemplate introducing.

Each member was asked to express their own personal views on each question. As the questionnaire stated: “*There are no right or wrong answers ..*” The findings of the questionnaire have now been used to draft a program of activities for the remainder of 2008 and into early 2009. The findings were also advised to members via the April Newsletter.

Membership wise, the first half of 2008 has not been good – through death we lost two long term members in Vi Mussell and Sam McInnes. In addition, two members (Secretary Marj Flaherty and Charlie Burgess) have undergone surgery but the good news is that they are now recovering well.

Despite these problems, we still have 49 members and our contact list has been updated for the benefit of all members.

Following attendance by a group of members and friends at the Healesville Picnic Races in early February, our late February dinner meeting was well attended as was our April dinner meeting. Since then, Alan and Nola Kinder have attended the Rort and the Post Rort tour in Perth and the South West.

Some of our members participated in a guided tour of the Queen Victoria Market in Melbourne and a theatre afternoon followed by dinner at a nearby hotel is to be held in mid June.

With winter upon us, the June meeting has been changed to a luncheon rather than the usual evening dinner. The venue will be the Dava Hotel on the shores of Port Phillip Bay at Mt Martha.

ALSTONVILLE – Phillip & Narelle Consalvo

The June meeting was a luncheon at the Murwillumbah Regional Gallery. A new display is on show for those art lovers and purveyor's of all things artistic.

WYONG – “HAPPY DAYS” HOLIDAY RORT 2009

Next Year's Wyong Rort will commence with the Welcome Social on Fri-Happy-Day March 27th 2009 and finish with the Farewell Breakfast on Mon-Happy-Day 30th March.

The Post Rort Tour will be from Monday March 30th until Thursday April 3rd.

The Rort begins 2 weeks before Easter
The Post Rort Tour finishes 1 week and 1 day before Easter.

Report from Malcolm Clark

Those of you who enjoyed the hospitality at the Perth Rort would have a registration form for the 2009 Wyong Rort. Apologies to all from Marian and I for having to cancel our trip to Perth. We will see you in 2009.

Our 2009 Rort program seems to have been quite well received, we tried to maintain a high standard and keep the Rort as affordable as possible for all. Further registration forms are available; I also hope to have it on the web site very soon.

We are locking in the program with deposits where required now some of you have registered and we have money in the bank. Please book your accommodation early to ensure you get in where you want (don't forget Forresters are giving us a discount).

The Rort committee was unanimous for the Rort program which should be good at the one venue, an enjoyable time is assured with the entertainment we have booked.

WYONG POST RORT TOUR

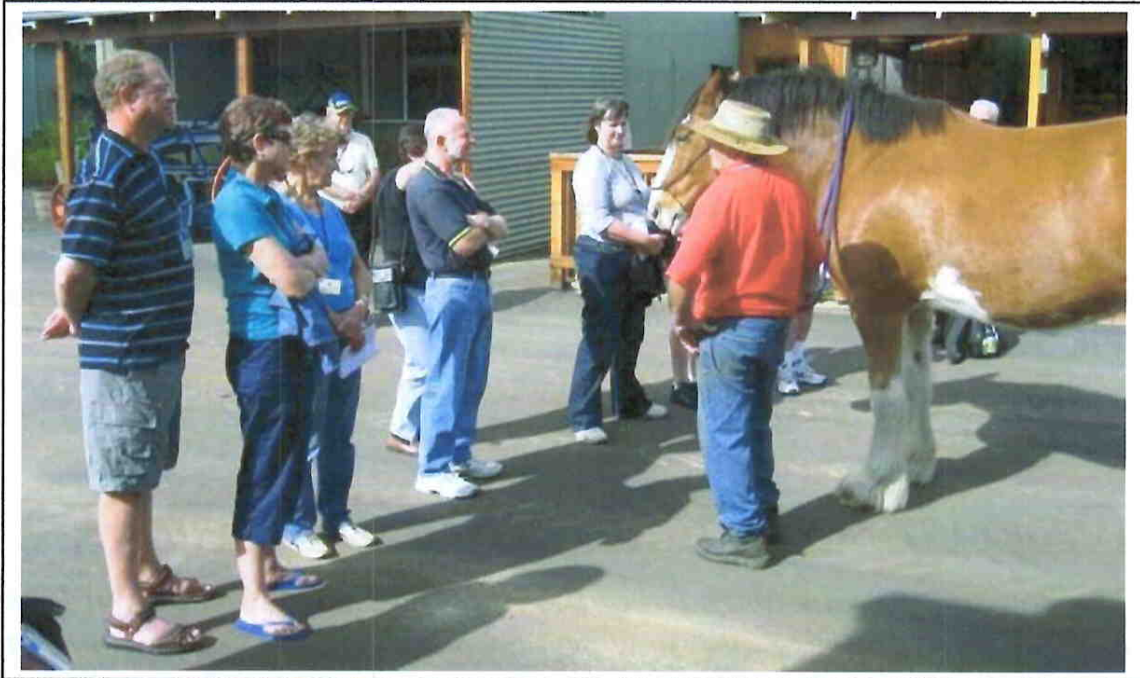
The post-rort tour from Motto Farm was a bit more of a problem as we had two offers to choose from, one more expensive than the other but with much improved accommodation.

Our committee was divided and the chairmen gave a deciding vote to go with Motto Farm, the itinerary is excellent but the accommodation (3 and a half star) is not ideally situated, but the price is excellent and my aim is to make it as affordable as possible so all can attend.

Motto Farm is giving us exclusive use of the function room for meals and after dinner activities (this will be a fellowship tour). We have inspected the rooms and found them to be adequate (some improvements are being made) and we will be away from the highway. I can assure you all that a good time will be had!

Deposits will be gratefully received as this will assist our forward planning and ensure we get what we want to provide the best time for you. Marian and I are happy to answer any queries.

Malcolm Clark, Wyong Apex 40 Rort Chairman. June 2008



New Rorters, Peter and Ann Ryall with Joyce Levett-Brown, (Ron Clarke & Wendy Smith obscured) Don Smith, Susan Doyle and Billy the Wonder Horse

LETTER TO THE EDITOR –

My name is David Parkes, I am a life member of Nunawading Apex Victoria and also a serving board member of the Apex Foundation for Research into Intellectual Disability.

This foundation was started by Apex Croydon (Victoria) 40 years ago and currently manages over \$2 million dollars to give research grants to Australians annually of \$80,000. The board is made up of Current Apex members and past members and even until this year some Apex 40 members who have been in the foundation since it started and are now getting on in years!

It is in this capacity that I speak, as we are trying to get a list of retired Apex members together so that we can ask their assistance for a project we have started to fund a research chair person for the Royal Children's hospital (RCH).

We would like to make contact with retired Apexians, preferably from Victoria and if required we would be happy to meet with you to explain our request and what we will be asking past members.

I can assure you as past Apexians ourselves that this request is genuine and not in anyway connected with selling members anything.

Could I please ask you to discuss this with your President and/or board or alternatively I could give you a call to explain in person.

Enquiries –Parkes Solutions Pty Ltd, 200 Wonga Road, Warranwood Vic. 3134

Mobile 0414 250 054 Or Email to: parkesd@bigpond.net.au

David Parkes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BRANCH SECRETARIES

The constitution was amended at the Annual General Meeting in Perth on 3 May. Branches are now required to pay \$2 per member to National Apex 40. Previously it was \$2 for a single member and \$3 for a couple. The Branch maximum of \$80 is no longer applicable. Registration forms will be forwarded to Branch Secretaries in September/October.

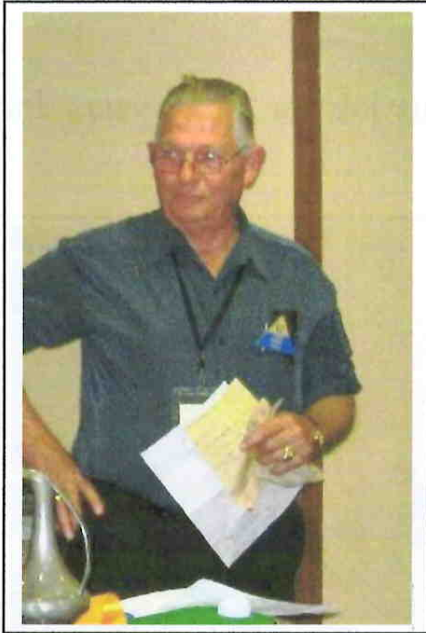
Pamela Richardson - National Secretary Treasurer Apex 40

EDITORIAL

The "Happy Days" Holiday theme for next year's Rort is proving popular with regular Rort attendees. We believe Malcolm and his Team are on a 'Winner' with the Theme. The organisers have stressed that

the venue is a very popular holiday destination and booking early will be essential to avoid disappointment.

Many thanks to Don and Wendy Smith for the hard work they put in on the Constitution. Thanks also to those who have contributed articles, photos and information for this edition.



John Rowe extracting Fines

Thanks also to the Perth Organisers, especially Bev and Ian Foss, and Kathy and John Rowe, for the wonderful welcome we received and the assistance we were given during the Rort and Post Rort Tour.

After a week of festivities many participants commented that we hardly had to put our hand in our pockets at all during the Rort and Post Rort Tour. Every need had been provided. Most of the meals, most of the drinks and plenty of treats etc that we initially expected to pay for suddenly became complimentary.

To be handed an envelope of money for spending was an added treat.

Colin Ramsay, from Wynnum/Manly Club, downloaded photos on to his Website each morning of the Rort. Those who had access to computers during the Rort were able to peruse Colin's Photo Gallery each day. Colin's Rort Photos are still able to be accessed via the Apex 40 Website.

Rort regulars, Bill & Carol Moffat from Mackay are the latest members to join the small band of Apex 40's Members at Large. Carol is pictured giving a Belly Dance Demonstration at the Abbey Beach Resort near Busselton.

With the changes to the Constitution at the Perth Rort what has always been listed as the Apex 40 Co-ordinating Committee is now shown on the Back Cover of this magazine as the Apex 40 National Board.



Members of the 2008 – 2009 Apex 40 National Board and contact information are listed on the Back Cover.

Carol Moffat at Abbey Beach

Brian Roach has looked after the sale of Stick Pins and Apex 40 Banners for many years. From now on these sales are being handled by Sandy Harmer.

Thanks very much to Brian for handling this job for many years and thanks also to Sandy for taking over the task.

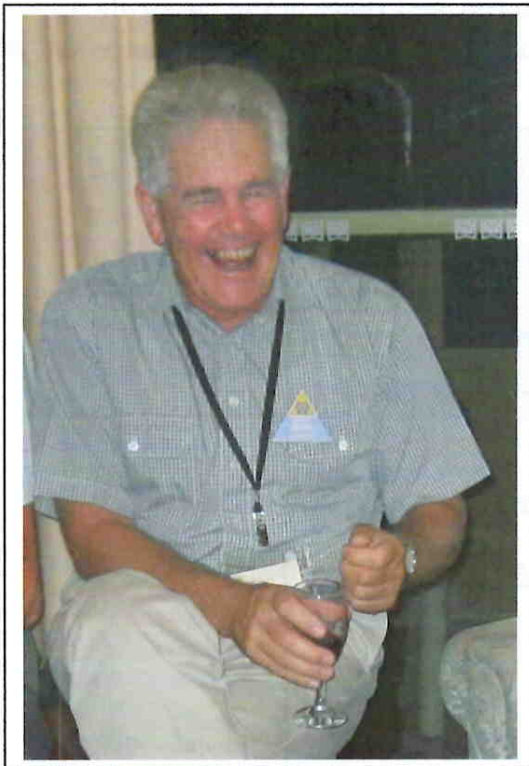


*Till we meet again: Saying Goodbye for another year - At Como on the Final Night –
Fossie checking the Fines Bag*

Quite often we have enquiries from Apex 40 Members looking for Apex 40 information. Most times the information they require can be found on the Back Cover of every Roaring 40 Magazine. A lot of information is also available on the Apex 40 website.

Apex 40 is indebted to Alan Padgham for the tremendous effort he has put in over the years in many fields working for and supporting Apex 40. During the last few years Alan has been a successful Dinner Notice Editor winning the 'Penultimate Award' more than anyone else and also looked after the Apex 40 Website. Alan has been Webmaster since Leon Squires came up with the idea of having our own Website..

Alan has asked to be retired from his Website Duties and Keith Haddon from Woody Point in Queensland has agreed to take over the running of the Website. Keith and his wife Liz attended the Perth Rort and Post Rort Tour. The Website will be in good hands.



Keith Haddon, pictured at left, will take over as the Apex 40 Webmaster from August 1st 2008. After this date all material for the Website should be sent to one of the following addresses:

New Website Email:

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Woody Point, Qld., 4019

**An article from a local newspaper
– Maryborough, Qld Wins**

Queensland has embellished the binge-drinking culture by winning the world's biggest pub crawl for the second year in a row. With a turnout of more than 3000, Maryborough beat its biggest rival, London, to once again make its mark in the Guinness Book of Records. Hopefully this doesn't promote drinking copious amounts of alcohol, but for a city with a population of 26,000 compared with London's 8 million, it is a notable achievement.

(No mention of any Apexians helping with the Record)

We will be at Wynnum/Manly Club's 'Christmas in July' Dinner and visiting Maryborough Club in the spring. We are also looking forward to catching up with Rob and Kaye on their way home from Perth.

Please remember to send your local Apex 40 News, Events, and Photographs so that they can be included in the next issue.

Mary & Alan Bach.

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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