

# ROARING 40's



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## BENDIGO RORT ISSUE

**Queen's Birthday  
honours list  
includes Apex 40  
members**



## *So we have a new editor.....*

For those that did not make Bendigo, Alan and Mary Bach were given special thanks for their continual high standard production of the National newsletter. I also wish to pass on my thanks for a worthy production.

So who am I? Firstly I am from the Nepean Valley (Penrith) Apex40 club and I have been part of the team who has produced some of the special events including the Apex Zone 9 reunion (twice now) and the 2006 Apex40 Rort. I am the current editor of the Nepean Valley Droppings, which you may see a copy on the Apex40 website. My Apex career includes joining in 1981 and serving on the Club and Zone boards for many years. In 1996, I was granted Life Membership. I was also a foundation member of the Nepean Valley Apex40 Club.

As I am 54 years old, I still work and I am employed by the University of Western Sydney in their Audio Visual Department supporting videoconferencing and lecture capture systems. My wife Janice, works as Child and Family Health Nurse at the Tresillian Family Care Centre.

When time permits, we travel in our Avan Motor home and we have recently return from a 6,400km trek via Bourke to Karumba, Innisfail and down the coast to home.

As the new editor, I hope that you enjoy the news and stories and I would like to encourage you to send me articles that could be shared amongst your fellow Apex 40'ians.

Ken and Janice Wright





## **National President's Report** **Bob Ireland - Melbourne Norwesters**

As we enter a new year, I believe that it is important to thank several people, most of whom have put their hand up to undertake duties on behalf of the rest of us, and to help make our organisation more enjoyable.

Firstly, this is the first edition of the Roaring 40's produced by Ken Wright of the Nepean Apex 40 Club. It is most important that we all provide as much information as we can to Ken, so that he can produce a quality newsletter that we will enjoy, and learn more from. Congratulations Ken, I am sure you will do us proud. You should also note that it is Ken who decides the winner of the Penultimate Award, so keep sending your newsletters to him. Secondly, I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob Caldwell and his merry band from Bendigo for once again organising a fantastic Rort. Over the weekend, and the following Post Rort Tour, I was amazed at the depth of Kevin Harvey's pockets (on behalf of the Rort committee of course) and Ron Clarke's singing and dancing abilities, as he kept us awake on the return coach trips each night. Well done guys and gals.

Thirdly I would like to thank Brian Fulmer and Alan Bach for standing for the role of vice president, and congratulate Alan for achieving the position. As I said in my last report prior to the Rort, I believe that it is a sign of a healthy organisation when we require an election for board positions

To Wendy and Sandy, thanks for continuing in your important roles as Secretary and Apex and International Relations.

Congratulations are in order for Albert Benfer ( Redlands), Janelle Eldridge (Nepean Valley) and Jock Littler (Devonport) who have given greater service to their communities and have all been awarded OAM's in the Queen Birthday honours list.

I have just returned from Upper Hutt in New Zealand, where I attended the NZRT41 Annual General Meeting, together with Brian Roach (MAL). Little did I know it, but I was to be their guest speaker on the Saturday night (which so happened to be their formal night), so they heard first hand about Apex 40, and our plans for next years Rort. I enjoyed myself, and was well looked after by the Upper Hutt people, in particular Bill and Liz Hammond, whom regular Rort attendees will know from their support of our Rorts.

*National President's report continued*

It is also fantastic that Brian Fulmer has taken on the role of Chairman of the committee that is organising the 2012 Rort on the Frazer Coast. Brian and his team are well advanced, and I am sure will undertake to let us know more detail as time progresses. Thanks Brian

Next month, July, sees the last of the annual Apex National Conventions, and I will be attending on behalf of Apex 40, to continue forging the relationships that were commenced in earnest again some years ago.

Until next time,  
Yours in fellowship  
Bob Ireland

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## Presentation of Annual Awards at Bendigo 2010

Bullhorn	(Best Skit)	<b>REDLANDS</b>
Penultimate	(Best Newsletter)	<b>REDLANDS</b>
Boomerang	(Next Rort Hosts)	<b>NATIONAL BOARD</b>
Bill Cunliffe	(Attendance Award)	<b>PERTH</b>
Wizzie Award	(Compromising Situation)	
	- both awards presented to	<b>ROS CHESSELL</b>
	female recipients -	<b>HEATHER ELLIS</b>
<b><u>Best Costume:</u></b>		
<b><u>Female:</u></b>	'Minor Miner' - Lois Stephens	
<b><u>Male:</u></b>	'Police Constable' - Rob Beveridge	
<b><u>Couples:</u></b>	Peter and Ros Chessell	

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## *ROARING 40's*

Forming enduring friendships is what we learned as Apexians and partners. Many of us have done exactly that and have continued the tradition into our Apex 40 years. We as a family, like to hear how everybody is getting on and what the other clubs are up to. The Roaring 40's will help spread that word in conjunction with the Apex 40 website. So please email or send your newsletters / Dinner Notices to me so I can include a report about your club in the next issue. And if you can email to me, why not drop a copy to our website editor. All details are on the back cover. Who knows you may even win an award. Incidentally you can download a full colour copy of the Roaring 40's also from the Apex 40 website.



## **National Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

**Wendy Smith**

### **Bendigo Rort**

Congratulations to the Bendigo Club, in particular, the members of the Rort Committee, for looking after us so well at the Rort. Your wonderful old city and surrounds, has traditions steeped in history, beauty and diverse culture, and Rorters were lucky enough to experience a 'taste of everything on offer'.

A motion was passed at the AGM that money from our 'fines session' together with any surplus monies be donated to "Prostate Cancer Research". On behalf of Apex 40 National Board, and the Bendigo Apex 40 Club, a cheque for \$550 has been forwarded to the Prostate Cancer Research Foundation.

### **Thanks**

Thank you to our Immediate Past President, Rob Beveridge, who retired after four years on National Board.

Thank you to Mary and Alan Bach, who have worked diligently producing our Roaring 40's newsletters.

### **Welcome**

Alan Bach was elected Vice-President, and will serve in that role on National Board for the ensuing twelve months. Congratulations, Alan.

We welcome Ken Wright from Nepean Valley as our new Roaring 40's editor. Please keep Ken busy by forwarding all your Branch news items, photos, etc. for inclusion in future newsletters.

### **Special Hello**

We have some members who are on the sick list at present - our best wishes go your way!

### **Affiliation Fees**

There are four Branches and two Members at Large who remain un-financial. As well as non-payment of fees, the four Branch secretaries have not forwarded to me their members' details. These details are required for the National Database – it would be appreciated if these matters could be rectified as soon as possible.

***"Life is too short – eat your sweets first"***

Wendy Smith

## **International Releations & Apex Liaison Report**

**Sandy Harmer - Wyong**

Congratulations to Bendigo Club for a great Rort and Post Rort Tour. Nothing was too much trouble for them and it was wonderful to see so many of them on the Tour.

Welcome to the Board, Alan Bach, and thank you, Rob Beveridge, I enjoyed your company.



Plans are well underway for our International Rort in N.Z. next year and our Kiwi friends are really looking forward to welcoming us on their home ground.

Apex Australia will be holding their last Annual Conference (it will become bi-annual) next month at Ulverstone in Tasmania and the most controversial motions on the agenda are about the age limit. The first motion is to remove the age limit of 45 and if this fails, the second motion is to change the age limit to 60.

I personally hope they both fail as Apex would no longer be a young person's club and it would change forever. If they removed the age limit, it would also mean Apex 40 would eventually die through lack of members. The silly buggars just don't know what they are missing out on!!

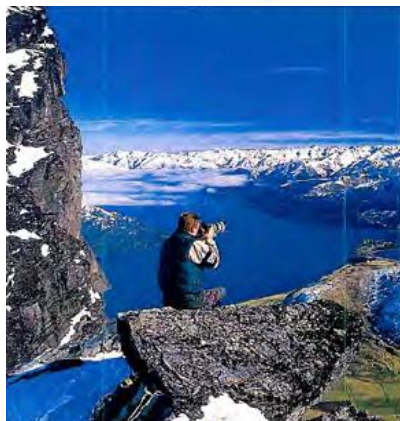
Darrell and I were in Malaysia three years ago where there is no age limit in their Apex clubs. We discovered that it is very unpopular with many members as older people have different attitudes and different needs, let alone different physical capabilities.

We shall wait with bated breath for the results!

Sandy Harmer

# NEW ZEALAND RORT

## 1st June to 15th June 2011



### Inclusions

- Twin share accommodation
- Registration and the full program of the 41 Club AGM in Nelson
- Meals as specified on itinerary  
B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
- All coach travel

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### 15 Days starting Christchurch

- Day 1: Christchurch
- Day 2: Blenheim
- Day 3: Nelson
- Day 4: Nelson
- Day 5: Nelson—AGM
- Day 6: Greymouth
- Day 7: Franz Josef
- Day 8: Franz Josef
- Day 9: Wanaka
- Day 10: Queenstown
- Day 11: Te Anau
- Day 12: Milford Sound
- Day 13: Dunedin



*Please call Susan in Melbourne on 03 5472 1822 for a full tour itinerary and conditions. \$400pp Deposit required by 30th Nov 2010.*

*Itinerary is also located on the Apex 40 website. - [www.apex40.org](http://www.apex40.org)*

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST 2010

The following Apex 40 members received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the June Queen's Birthday announcement.

*The Order of Australia is the pre-eminent way Australians recognise the achievements and service of their fellow citizens. Nominations to the Order of Australia come directly from the community: either individuals or groups*



### **JOCK LITTLER OAM**

#### **DEVONPORT APEX 40**

One of Devonport's great community achievers has been rewarded with a Medal of the Order of Australia.(OAM). Jock is a life member of more organisations than some people have ever been involved in. Awarded Devonport's Citizen of the Year in 2007, Jock's biggest contributions have been to the Devonport Apex Club and the Apex

Regatta Association, and in founding the Dragons Abreast Cancer Support Group. I was in Apex when they first started the idea, "we've now had 52 Regattas as an association and three before that. I've been involved in all of those."

Dragons Abreast was an idea that came to him after his wife Jenny died from breast cancer in 2004. He now holds an annual garden party that raises thousands of dollars for the breast cancer cause. Jock turns 80 this year and is very active with his small business, his farm and his beautiful garden that Jenny started. He also plays squash and tennis. Jock was a member of Devonport Apex for 18 years, elected president in 1975-76 and awarded Life Membership in 1971.

Jock's final comment "There/s are lot of things that you cant do these days."

*Source: The Advocate (Devonport)*

### **JANELLE ELDERIDGE OAM**

#### **NEPEAN VALLEY APEX 40**

A drive to see athletes achieve their best has earned Bilambil Heights resident (near Tweed Heads NSW) a Queen's Birthday Honour for services to athletics for over 30 years. The former high school principal has volunteered as an official for events such as the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and the 2000 Sydney Olympics and Paralympics. "I feel

overwhelmed initially about the honour. It's not something you set out obtain," Janelle said. "I feel it's a nice recognition of everything I've done." Janelle first became involved in athletics as a school teacher in Sydney and was soon regional sports organiser with the department of Education for western NSW. "It just grew from there."

Janelle has volunteered and served as an official for many Athletic games and committees both here and abroad. "There is always a need for volunteers in our sports. Athletes cannot achieve without officials. It can't run without them." *Source: Tweed Daily News*







## **ALBERT BENFER OAM** **REDLANDS APEX 40**

Albert Benfer OAM is a family man who has been married for almost 44 years. He and his wife Alison have four children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live on the family's Mount Cotton property, and on school mornings Albert walks "down the hill" to see his grandchildren off to school. It's a simple scenario that defies his success as someone who,

despite having missed out on a secondary education, is an accomplished businessman and dedicated community worker who, in the Queen's Birthday honours, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the chicken meat industry and to the community of Redland City. Albert has also given volunteer service to a number of community organisations, including the Horizon Foundation, the Donald Simpson Over 50s Leisure Centre, Nandeebie Centre of Care, Apex, Rotary and Faith Lutheran College, Redlands. He was also a Redland Shire Councillor from 1978 to 1987. He attributed his community service to having grown up in what he called a "socially conscious" community. Albert also received a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship in 1996; a Redland Shire Council Citizen of the Year Award in 2001; a Noel Milne Queensland Poultry Award in 1998; a Blue Nurses ten-year certificate of service in 1995; and is a Redland Museum life member. *Source: The Redland Times*



## **2012 RORT**



## **Fraser Coast Bush & Beach Rort 2012**

Maryborough & Hervey Bay Apex 40 clubs will co-host the 2012 Rort in the lee of Fraser Island.

The Rort will be held over the period of Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May to Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012, followed by a Post Rort Tour covering the Wide Bay region of Queensland.

**Contact: Brian Fulmer—074123 5308 for more details.**

## **AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **ALSTONVILLE APEX 40- (Near Lismore in Far Northern NSW)**

The club had an outing to check out the Chicken and Bird's Nest at the Lennox Head "Iwok" Chinese restaurant. This was a few months before the recent cyclone that ripped through the town of Lennox Heads. The banquet was priced at \$28 per person.

### **BENDIGO APEX 40- (153km North West of Melbourne)**

Bendigo have been concentrating on the 2010 Rort, however they did have time for a "Picnic in the Park with the Grandies". Fifteen members and five grandies attended. They thanked the members for bringing their grandchildren along.

At the time printing of their No 2 newsletter for 2010, Bendigo had 119 registered Rorters with 44 Post Rorters. They also had 23 of their own members participating. Greta effort Bendigo. - A report from the scribe covering the event is printed elsewhere in this publication.

### **CREST CLUB OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS / APEX 40 (100km West of Sydney)**

Recently had a Body Shop party, raising funds for Hamlin Fistula. Blue Mountains (Apex 40) often have great times together and raise funds for their favourite charities. Events such as an ANZAC biscuit stall, Wine trip to Mudgee and the latest Body Shop Party have the club in high spirits and helping their local community. The club is also into the good times with a picnic and concert at the Norman Lindsay Gallery.

### **DEVONPORT APEX 40 - (Northern Tasmania)**

Mike and Robyn hosted a "Curry night" in their home in Forth. The next event had them enjoying some eggnog at a Christmas in winter function at Hawley Beach. *They probably had real snow with the way the weather has been. (ed)*.

### **GEELONG APEX 40 - (73km South West of Melbourne)**

Guest speaker at the April Dinner Meeting was Vinko Ljubanovic, Vinko spoke of "growing up through my youth as a migrant in a new country". Geelong are addressing membership to ensure the future of their club. The May meeting had Inspector Tom Shawyer, staff officer for the Victorian Assistant Commissioner of Police, who gave an interesting talk about the Victorian Police Force. The June meeting found them being entertained at a mixed meeting by author Jack Finley, who freelance writes about surfing and sailing.

### **NEPEAN VALLEY APEX 40 - (60km West of Sydney)**

Nepean Valley has been a little quieter than normal with many of their members travelling. The April meeting was enjoyed by 18 members at Outback Jacks and the June meeting took them to the theatre. The play was "Halpern and Johnson" performed by Henry Szeps and Garry McDonald (Mother and Son fame). The club is planning a Christmas in July and weekend away in October to The Entrance on the central coast of NSW.

### **KELAB APEX 40 - (Kuala Lumpur Malaysia) (3654km North West of Darwin)**

They recently travelled to Kapur to enjoy a 9 course Chinese lunch. After drinking several Champaign “toddies” they managed to sign up 3 new members who even paid their subscriptions on the spot. The “toddy” I am lead to believe is a palm wine served warm (I may be wrong –ed). Some of the members were apprehensive as the bar was not the cleanest that they had ever seen, however the “toddies” were great.

In a similar vain, their next gathering was to be held at the Carlsberg Brewery, where beer would be ever flowing. Along with great food and music , the night sounds like it would have been a winner.



*Members of Kelab Apex 40 enjoying themselves recently*

### **MELBOURNE GIPPSLAND - (approx 40km east of Melbourne)**

Some sad news from Melbourne Gippsland, that at their February meeting, Alan Padgham suffered a stroke. President Geoff Angus announced in the June newsletter that Alan may not regain the effective use of his left hand and still has significant problems with balance. Alan has been moved into “Ferndale Gardens” a “hostel” accommodation to better cater for his needs.



*Alan Padgham*

The club is planning a number of up and coming events , including a day train trip to the country, Christmas in June or a visit to Parliament House or to a number of other facilities. They also planning a BBQ to celebrate the formation of Apex 40 in July. Prior to the Rort 17 members took off on a “mid week away” to Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park approx two and a half hours to the north. Included was a morning tea at the Hookey’s country residence—*Ah the serenity! - wonder if they have a pool room too! - see pictures next page*

Melbourne Gippsland June meeting was held at the Dava Hotel in Mt Martha. They enjoyed a \$20 per head “seniors meal” which were smaller than normal bistro meals.



Colin Speirs and Alan Kinder enjoy a quiet drink while Ken Neate and Geoff Angus busy themselves BBQ-ing. Lake Nagambie rowing course is on the right of the photo. (Photo by Win Goff)



"Men's business" on the decking at the Hookey holiday house. (Photo by Lyn Angus)

Ah the serenity .....

**REDLANDS APEX 40- ( 40km South of Brisbane)**

Redland's welcome home all their Rorters and congratulated Val and Bill for picking up the Penultimate Award for the dinner notice. The dinner notice included a report from the rort as well as information on their planned weekend away in August to Noosaville on the Sunshine Coast, The June meeting was a drive up to Charlie and Marcie Irvin's at Mt Cotton for a BBQ. Happy Birthday to Rhel McGovern have a great day on 22nd July.



Bill receiving the Penultimate Award

The following photos are from their April meeting at the Wishing Well Cafe.



Charlie & Marcie and Keith & Liz  
Enjoying themselves at the Wishing Well Cafe

### **SUNRAYSIA APEX 40 ( 546km North West of Melbourne)**

18 members of the Sunraysia Apex 40 Club had an enjoyable lunch at the old Firestation Coffee House at Red Cliffs. Their next meeting was to be a Combined Service Dinner at the Red Cliffs Club, joining in with the Nexus Club. All recent meetings have been enjoyable with great attendance.

### **THE GREAT 8 APEX 40 (taking in Northern Newcastle NSW and Nearby area )**

President Dave titles his report as “Diplomatic Dave’s Dialogues and Dining Dispensation Diaries”. In his report he mentions the great roll up at the Tomago Bowling Club and apparently team Hexham Greys had you on their side to win at bowling on the night. The sporting theme continued at their April meeting with Golf being on the agenda. They received a letter from Newcastle OASIS (old Apexians still in Service) celebrating their 500th dinner on May 6th, The June meeting of the Great 8 Club was a Christmas in June at the conveniently located Family Hotel Maitland just opposite the hospital.

### **WYONG APEX 40 ( 100km North of Sydney)**

Wyong Apex 40 enjoys the good life with one of their members putting on a Sea Food Extravaganza for all to enjoy at the Caves Beach residence. Then at another meeting they had to downgrade to a Steak House with an option to fill up on wild Barramundi. Wyong average around 15 members to each meeting and are planning a mid week escape to Wisemans Ferry in September.

### **XEPA Get Togethers ( 50km South East of Brisbane)**

XEPA celebrated Queensland Day eating Fasta Pasta at Victoria Point overlooking the lake. The meeting was for breakfast so members could enjoy the rest of the day. The next meeting in August will be a picnic to the Amamoor State Forrest.

# BENDIGO

## GOLD 'N OLD RORT 2010

*The stories may be tall and the amber fluid may have helped but one thing for sure, after reading club newsletters everybody had a good time at Bendigo. According to the club list report 119 people attending representing 19 Clubs. Many people would be aware that I did not attend and instead I had Barry and Joyce Leavett -Brown from Nepean Valley file a report for me on the all the events. So in their words this is how they survived the Rort.*

We drove from our son's home in Everton, near Wangaratta across to Bendigo, arriving Thursday 29th April at 4.00pm. Quickly found the Big 4 Van Park and Immediately saw friends from Apex 40 Perth, and stopped for a chat. We the found our cabin situated across a grassy area surrounded by other similar cabins. Very nice, clean and freshly decorated. .and settled in and had fish n'chips for tea.

Friday was a free day, so we toured the town starting off at the famous Bendigo Pottery. Visited the new shopping centre, Bendigo Market town, went out to Central Deborah Mine, and travelled on the Talking Tram - a popular tourist attraction. We alighted at the Alexander Fountain in the centre of town and found a good place for hot chocolate, and took many photos. It's a lovely city, with old buildings - all used and landscaped beautifully. We then walked back to our car and when we returned to the caravan park, Barry had a chat with fellow Rorters Tony Knight, and Brian Fulmer.

That evening, the bus took us to Quills Restaurant, where we had Registration, finger food and a Welcome from the Mayor, Rod Campbell, a Past Apexian. We then decided to walked home at 9 O'clock, just beating the bus which was leaving at 10pm.

Next morning, we caught the bus at 8.45am and arrived at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in the centre of town, for a short service followed by morning tea. Weather was beautiful. Then out to the Art Gallery where everyone else took the standard tour, and we chose to see the special McCubbin Exhibition in rooms nearby. Back on the bus, we went to the Chinese Museum for a quick tour and out to the country for lunch and the AGM. During the AGM, A police sergeant entered the room and arrested President Bob Ireland for stealing a gold bar from the Central Deborah Mine. He was duly handcuffed, hut not frog-marched anywhere, and the proceedings continued. Apologies were read out - names but not their clubs. There was a one minute silence in memory of those departed in the past year.

Graham Henry, the VP Apex Foundation (now new member Diamond Valley Apex 40) said a few words about the Foundation. Then the business session started. Minutes as circulated were carried. NZ will be the host for June 2011 Rort, Cost will be

\$1,450 pp with the AGM in Nelson. This includes all travel around the South Island, all accommodation for the entire Rort. President Bob will put an article about the NZ Rort in the Roaring 40's. Reports were moved and accepted. A financial Report was given by Wendy Smith, and it was moved and carried. Bob Ireland has one year to serve, and the election was held for a new Vice President. This was between Alan Bach and Brian Fulmer. Alan Bach was elected. Immediate Past President Rob Beveridge was presented with a couple of bottles of wine and he recorded his vote of thanks to his secretary Pam Richardson. Three fine sergeants were appointed and then followed an extended and hilarious fine-session.

Brian Fulmer nominated Maryborough for the 2012 Apex 4-0 Rort, with Hervey Bay to be used mainly for accommodation. Mid to late May, with a Bush and Beach theme. Nomination was carried. Thanks were extended to Alan and Mary Bach for the time they served as Editors of the Roaring 40's. Alan, the new VP said he would visit as many clubs as possible. The cheque for \$1,500 was returned to Apex 40 from the Bendigo Club. Eight first-time Rorters were welcomed. Barry and Joyce were introduced as Scribe and Photographer, standing in for new Editor of the Roaring 40's, Ken Wright. The AGM, having lasted for about 50 minutes, was then closed, and we returned for a clean-up before the Evening Social .

The Saturday Night Social was held at Silks Restaurant at the local Racecourse. It was called The Smart Night Out and was a venue very close to our home base. The atmosphere was very Gold n Old, room nicely decorated and a good time was had by all, The Early Bird Draw was won by Col Ramsay from Wynnum Manly, and Glen Rossiter (Caloundra) celebrated his 65th Birthday. Food was excellent and the dancing went on until 11 pm. Alan Kinder (Melb Gippsland) led the singing of the Roaring 40's song and we ended up dancing to Neil Diamond.

Sunday - no power on the caravan site - a bit cold, in fact freezing! There had been an accident on a local road which took out a power pole, power was restored after half an hour. A bus took us to Cricket Willow where we spent a couple of hours. This is the place where cricket bats were manufactured in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. Unfortunately, now not operational, as cricket bats are manufactured much more cheaply in India and elsewhere. We had morning tea and then left for a fantastic visit to The Chocolate Mill. This was very interesting as the building is made of straw bales, rendered over, to keep a level temperature. We watched the making of chocolates and how they 'put the lids on'. The owner is a Canadian, and he is obviously very proud of the sustainability aspects of the whole business. We were given a sample of the delicious strawberry heart chocolate each, and then all enjoyed chocolate drinks, and milkshakes.

We returned to Cricket Willow for a delicious box-lunch, and afterwards. the owner Ian Tinetti, gave us a talk in the shed, about the family history in the area. He said the area was cleared for the cricket pitch - (still in good upkeep) by the family, and the buildings verandah and walls were constructed using their own timber from the property.

They researched which willow trees made the best bats and planted rows of them. It is a very interesting place to visit, with many photos of bygone cricketers

The Sunday Night was the dress-up social, theme Goldmining. Everyone made an effort with Girls of the Night and Bush bashing gear. Presentations were awarded as follows -

**Bullhorn - (Best Skit) - Redlands for Waltzing Matilda,**

**Penultimate (Best Newsletter)- Redlands**

**Bill Cunliffe - (Travel Award) - Perth**

**Wizzy Award - (Compromising Situation) Heather Ellis and Ros Creswell**

**Boomerang (next Rort Hosts) - Bendigo Club returned the boomerang and President Bob passed it on to the Kiwis, saying, "Y'all come back now, do yer hear?".**

**Best Costume Female - 'Minor Miner' Lois Stephens**

**Best Costume Male - 'Police Constable' Rob Beveridge**

**Best Costume Couples - 'Peter and Ros Chessell**

The 10pm bus had left the venue, while we were recording the winners, so we waited for an hour for the last bus. Very crowded "mostly standing"! Arrived back at 11.45pm.

Next morning was the Farewell Breakfast at Quills. We packed and found petrol, took a last photo of the lovely scenery nearby, enjoyed the fellowship at breakfast, and Started our journey home. We decided to return 'the country way' via Deniliquin and Bathurst, and arrived home 9.00pm, having done 903km from Bendigo to Penrith.



*National President Bob Ireland addresses assembled Rotors at the Welcome Social  
Photo by Alan Kinder*



*Special service at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Photo by Alan Kinder*





Presidential trio—Rob Beveridge, Alan Bach and Bob Ireland Photo by Alan Kinder



Cheryle, Beryl and Meryl at Silks Photo by Alan Kinder



Barry Preston, Jenny & David McCullagh and Bob Calwell - Photo by Alan Kinder



The red bus group at Cricket Willow - Photo by Alan Kinder



A miner looking to spend his gold—Barry Richardson and Kaye Dixon - Photo by Alan Kinder



Major miner Barry Preston and Minor miner Lois Stephenson - Photo by Alan Kinder

Photos by Barry & Joyce Leavett-Brown  
(Nepean Valley)



*Gayl McKay & David Besson  
(Alstonville)*

**2010**  
**RORT**



*Beryl & Bob Grace (Perth)*



*Bob & Bob & Bob & Bob & Bob & Bob & Bob*



*President Bob Ireland being  
Arrested for stealing a gold  
bar from the mine*



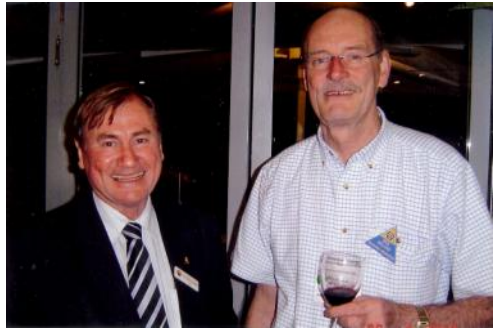
*Peter & Roz Chessell  
(At large)*



*Brian Fulmer and President Bob  
announcing Maryborough  
hosts for 2012 Rort*



*Barry and Joyce Leavett-Brown  
(Nepean Valley)*



*President Bob Ireland with former  
Apexian and current Bendigo Mayor  
Rod Campbell*

# 2010 RORT BENDIGO



*All the Presidents*



*Heather Ellis & Kaye Dixon  
(Devonport)*



*Fine Sergeants—John,  
Barry and Alan*



*Alan Bach (Xepa) and Kevin  
Harvey (Bendigo)*

**NEXT ISSUE  
CLOSING 31st OCT**

Keep sending in your pictures, club notices and general stories of interest so they can be shared with the rest of the Apex 40 community through our *Roaring 40's publication*.

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