

ROARING 40's

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No 1 Chicken Dancer—Peter Starkey (XEPA)



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The Editors Word!

G'day fellow Rorters,

How great was the Fraser Coast Rort, from the time we arrived on Thursday afternoon to the time we left, Janice and I had one fantastic time and it was great meeting all the members who attended including the New Zealanders. The skits throughout the weekend provided some of the best entertainment I have seen for a while.

To Brian, Pam and the team—Fantastic, Job well done,

The AGM was long, but we all knew that this was going to be the case. In reading the sub – committee reports that I receive from time to time, I believe Daphne Bradford—President, Wyong covered the AGM quite well, see Daphne's report on page 20. - (*Hope Daphne doesn't mind*)

This issue of the Roaring 40's has been delayed a little longer than expected, as there were a few articles that required a change due to the incorporation process.

After the Rort, Janice and I continued on our annual holidays through Carnarvon Gorge, Central Qld and Central NSW enjoying everything as one does.

Ken & Janice Wright
Nepean Valley Sub Committee



STOP PRESS.—APEX 40 Website

National President Alan has been in contact with Liz Haddon regarding the Website. Liz indicated that she has thoroughly enjoyed doing the Website for us all, but she now feels that it is time to move on. We were very fortunate to have firstly Keith and then Liz take the Website on as not too many of us are capable of performing that task and are deeply indebted to them. Ken Wright and Col Ramsay will work on the changeover process. In the mean time there will be two websites available www.apex40.org and the new one www.apex40.com - Check out both sites to keep up to date. More next issue!



National President's Report

Alan Bach –July 2012

Many thanks to Sandy Harmer and Bob Ireland for their years of service on National Board and thanks also to Brian Fulmer and Mark Tramby for stepping up to the plate.

Maryborough and Hervey Bay Apex 40 put on a ripper of a Rort with plenty of sights, entertainment and fellowship. The Kiwi contingent swelled the numbers and many were able to rekindle the friendships made in New Zealand last year. Some of the New Zealand visitors continued on their own tour of Queensland but the crew from Upper Hutt joined the Aussies for yet another very successful Post Rort Tour.

Apex Australia National President, Chris Morahan and his wife Ruth privileged us with their attendance at the Rort and hopefully we will see more of them in the future. There were plenty of faces that we had not seen at a Rort for some years and there was a strong representation of our Foundation Members including our founding father, Lionel Mussell.

As well as the delegation from New Zealand, including 41 NZ National President Andy Wrighton, we were privileged to have Krishnar Kumar (KK) 41 Clubs International President and his wife Vini. Also Patrick Labreaux from 41 Club Francais, Noumea and his wife Cathy and the never to be forgotten Englishman, Bob Parton from Old Tablers Germany with his wife Gisela rounded out the international visitors.

I attended the Queensland Apex State Convention at Highfields, near Toowoomba, arriving on Friday afternoon and staying until the Monday breakfast. Mary came and joined me for the Saturday night hand over dinner and dancing. Tom Guerin from Toowoomba handed over to Jim McNall from Maryborough. (Many Rorters met Jim at Hervey Bay as he attended two of the Rort Dinners.) The three Toowoomba Apex Clubs combined to run the very successful convention with approximately 120 in attendance. Quite a few ex Apexians visited during the weekend, mainly on Saturday.

Just before leaving for the Rort, Mary and I attended an Incorporated Associations Workshop with speakers from the Queensland Office of Fair Trading. The workshop was well run and quite enlightening. The facts dealt with allowed me to furnish National Board and Maryborough Club with a detailed report that was of great assistance.

Due to the mass of paperwork that we had to deal with leading up to the Rort, I only managed to attend our local Xepa functions and did not have time to visit any other Apex 40 functions since my last report. In August I am looking forward to meeting up with the Apex 40 Sun Seekers from Victoria and the Northern New South Wales members at Brunswick Heads. Mary and I will be visiting Noumea in October and hope to catch up with some of the 41 Club members there. Also it is nearing Gympie Muster time (last week of August) and it is always a good time for fellowship with Apexians and Apex 40 members.

Secretary Col and Phyl set off North after the Rort in their caravan and are due home in September. He seems keen to find an excuse to send an email from his travelling internet connection. I can see he enjoys letting us know how warm the weather is, at every chance he can.

I cannot stress enough the debt gratitude that we owe Brian Fulmer and the members from Maryborough and Hervey Bay for the great time they showed us during the Rort and Post Rort Tour. Even those who arrived early on Thursday were shown the warm hospitality with the meet and greet at Hervey Bay. The Post Rorters who lingered on were given a rousing farewell at the same venue and a number of Rorters came back to town to join in. As a finale the Hervey Bay Club performed the not so politically correct ditties, 'Whale Meet Again' and the jaunty 'Stand on your Head' for us. All in good fun.

I trust all of those who left the Post Rort tour with those magnetic wrist bands are enjoying the best of health. Mary's appears to be still working well. My tub of honey is long gone.

Don't leave it until the last minute to book into next year's South

Pacific Rort Cruise. It could be important to view the plan of the ship and select your cabin early before someone else takes it.

Hope to see you soon.

Alan

The Awards



(All the awards that were presented at the Rort)

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| <u>Early Bird Prize</u> | - | Betty Rossitter
(Sunshine Coast) |
| <u>Penultimate Award
(Best Newsletter)</u> | - | Geoff Angus
(Melbourne Gippsland) |
| <u>Boomerang Award
(Next Rort Sub Committee)</u> | - | Wynnum Manly
and Xepa (combined) |
| <u>Bill Cuncliffe Award
(Rort Attendance)</u> | - | Launceston |
| <u>Wizzy Award
(Most Compromising Situation)</u> | - | Rob Beveridge (Devonport) |



Secretary—Treasurer's Report

Col Ramsay - Wynnum-Manly Qld

August 6th 2012

As you would already be aware, at the 2012 Fraser Coast Rort AGM it was passed that Apex 40 Incorporate and take out insurance to cover us for our outings. This insurance will not cover any fund raising activities as Apex 40 is purely a social body.

I applied for Incorporation on behalf of Apex 40 in the name of "Apex 40 Australia Inc." in June, and on the 2nd of August the confirmation was posted on the ASIC web site, confirming that Incorporation had been passed. Now that this is in place I will organise the insurance and I expect to have this in place by late September.

To comply with the requirements of both Fair Trading and the Insurance companies, I am required (as Secretary) to record certain member details that are shown as per Rule 13 from the constitution below. It is also a requirement that I submit the name and DOB of members aged 80 to 90 to the insurance company to enable insurance cover for this age group. Members 80 to 90 will be eligible for 50% of the cover of those under 80.

Rule 14 below confirms the use of members details.

Please note that **none** of this information will be put on our WEB site in any format.

----- Begin Extract from Constitution -----

13) National Register of Members

- (1) The National Secretary shall keep and maintain a Register of Members of the association.
- (2) The register shall include the following particulars for each member:
 - (a) the full name of the member;
 - (b) the postal and or residential address of the member;
 - (c) the E-mail address of the member, if applicable;
 - (d) the Home and Mobile telephone numbers, if applicable;

- (e) the occupation of the member;
 - (f) the date of birth of the member (for insurance reasons);
 - (g) the date of admission as a member;
 - (h) the date of death or time of resignation of the member;
 - (i) details about the termination or reinstatement of membership;
 - (j) any other particulars the National Board or the members at a general meeting decide.
- (3) The register shall be open for inspection by all members of the association at all reasonable times for viewing of his own details therein.
- (4) A member shall contact the Secretary to arrange an inspection of the Register.
- (5) However, the National Board may, on the application of a member of the association, withhold information about the member (other than the members full name) from the register available for inspection if the National Board has reasonable grounds for believing the disclosure of the information would put the member at risk of harm, unless required to do so by law.

14) Prohibition on use of information on register of members:

- (1) A member of the association shall not;
- (a) use information obtained from the register of members of the association to contact, or send material to, another member of the association for the purpose of advertising, political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes; or
 - (b) disclose information obtained from the register to someone else, knowing that the information is likely to be used to contact, or send material to another member of the association for the purpose of advertising, political, religious, charitable or commercial purposes.
 - (c) The Secretary/Treasurer or any other member shall not disclose any information whatsoever pertaining to a member if that member advises in writing that he does not permit disclosure of the said information.

----- End Extract from Constitution -----

I have requested all secretaries forward me the listed details so that I can complete the register as required.

Would members at large please furnish me with their details as listed in rule 13 above.

As you can see by rule 6 below, all current members will become members of the incorporated body automatically 60 days after we are incorporated.

----- Begin Extract from Constitution -----

6) Automatic membership

- (1) All financial members of the unincorporated body (Apex 40) will be granted membership of the incorporated body 60 days after incorporation of Apex 40 Australia Inc.
- (2) This is not a New Membership as described in Rule 7. New membership applies after this date.

----- End Extract from Constitution -----

Effective immediately, the affiliation fee for membership will be increased to \$ 6.00 per annum when a membership is renewed or a new member joins.

Now that Incorporation is effective, I will send an electronic copy of the Constitution as passed by the members in attendance of the AGM to all Secretaries, Current Members and Members at Large (*for whom I have a valid email address*).

When the insurance is finalised, I will forward a copy of the Certificate of Currency, as well as some inclusions from the policy, to all Sub Committee Secretaries and Members at Large.

To enable me to forward relevant information re Incorporation and Insurance to all members, please forward the details requested above as soon as possible. Members of Apex 40 that I do **NOT** have the required information about to include in the register will **NOT** be

eligible to Join Apex 40 Australia Inc. and will therefore **NOT** be covered by the insurance policies.

Please be aware that each current group will be now known as a Sub Committee of the newly formed Incorporated Body and that for Insurance purposes, the Incorporated Body needs to be acknowledged on all correspondence.

Included with this edition of "Roaring 40's" is the membership form. **Would all members please ensure that this information is forwarded to me before September 9th 2012** so that I can comply with both Fair Trading and Insurance requirements.

Your assistance in this very important matter would be greatly appreciated.

Col Ramsay
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Association Summary

Name: APEX 40 AUSTRALIA INC.

ABN:

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Registration Date: 02/08/2012

Status: Registered

Company Type: Associations

Regulator: Office of Fair Trading, Queensland



2012 FRASER COAST RORT REPORT

On behalf of both Hervey Bay & Maryborough Apex 40 Clubs, I am pleased to confirm that we received 179 individual full registrations for this year's Rort with 48 registering for the Post Rort Tour.

The level of support for Post Rort tours has been consistently below 50 since 2009 & whether this is a sign of the times, the area covered by the Post Rort has been well visited by most members or a result of the GFC, only time will tell - but it is something that Apex 40 needs to be aware of in its future planning for Post Rort activities.

Of total registrations, 137 are from 19 Apex 40 Clubs from all States (except South Australia) plus MAL's with past Round Table members from "41 Clubs" representing New Zealand (36) Germany (2), Noumea (2) and India (2); being the new 41 Club International President & his wife. The 2012 Rort has truly upheld the Apex ideal of increasing International understanding & friendship.

This year is the first year that we have introduced an online registration system with some 54% of registrations generated through that facility. We also received some 60% of payments though EFT payments, direct into the Rort bank account.

As costs & administration continue to climb, the advent & use of electronic communication has considerably improved our registration process, Increased accuracy with greater efficiency and reduced our overhead costs. It has allowed us to disseminate information to Rorters on a more timely & effective manner and from feedback received this has been appreciated by a number of attendees. As an organisation we need to make greater use of the electronic medium as we go forward.

Congratulations to Wyong Club for a memorable skit on Saturday night with the true Aussie Antics of the "grey nomads" amongst us. It was a stand out. Also congratulations go to 41 Club Blenheim for their outrageous & extremely hilarious "Kiwi KomedY Kapers" on the Sunday night - they certainly set the bar high. This year's winners of the Bill Cunliff Award for best attendance went to Launceston.

The "fines session" on Sunday evening generated some \$126.75 which has been donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation on behalf of one of our members who unfortunately could not attend this year's Rort.

A full financial report will be shortly delivered to the National Board with recommendations for the disbursement of the surplus funds generated.

Maryborough Apex 40 Club incorporated this year in order to secure the necessary insurance coverage to protect the organising committee against potential claims & provide adequate cover for Apex 40 activities. It was most pleasing to see the overwhelming support at the AGM for Apex 40 Australia to incorporate & to truly standalone & be responsible for our own future. Once that incorporation is completed, the insurance cover will be transferred to the new association. Unfortunately given the litigious society in which we now operate, we can no longer afford "to take the risk" & simply say we're just a social club.

I would also take this opportunity to thank those members who elected me to the position of National Vice President & hope that I can live up to their expectations. As indicated at the AGM, due to prior commitments, Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the 2013 Rort.

From your host clubs, here on the Fraser Coast, thank you for your support. Your positive feedback has been greatly appreciated by all involved in the organisation of this year's Rort.

You'll always be welcome on the Fraser Coast.

Brian Fulmer
Team Leader

Have you Booked yet?



2013 RORT

CRUISE THE PACIFIC

**Departs Brisbane
on Saturday 15 June
and
returns 22nd June 2013.**

**The 7 night Pacific Island Cruise will visit Noumea,
Lifou and Port Vila.**

BONUS!!!

*All bookings made before 31st of August will
be eligible for \$ 125.00 cabin credit!*

The 2012 Rort in Hervey Bay & Maryborough was a huge success. Wynnum Manly Club were represented, with 12 members in attendance. We would like to sincerely thank Brian and Pam Fulmer, as well as all their helpers, who made this rort what it was, "FANTASTIC". We could not believe just how many people in this region are very passionate about their history. The number of volunteers who regularly give of their time to showcase their Museums, restored villages, and even taking walking, tours is truly amazing.

Now to RORT 2013

Some of you will already know that the Xepa & Wynnum Manly Apex 40's branches will be hosting the 2013 Rort. We are doing a seven night cruise from Brisbane to Brisbane, via Noumea, Lifou, & Vila. Several members have already booked. if you are interested and need more information or just want to book, **contact Myriam Felkin Phone (07) 38728602 or email myriam.felkin@racq.com.au**

**All bookings made before 31st of August will be eligible for
\$ 125.00 cabin credit!**

**Contact Myriam Felkin at RACQ Travel
07 3872 8602
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to make your cruise booking.**

For further information contact:

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Post Rort Tour.



MONDAY

With another great Rort in the bag, it was time for those Monday morning farewells at the Hervey Bay Boat Club Breakfast. The Post Rorters were now ready to continue with their eagerly anticipated adventure. Introductions to the Tour Captain Paddy O'Brien and the Tour Guide, Jock McLeod followed. Jock advised us of some instructions delivered by Team Leader Brian Fulmer to prevent anyone falling asleep on the Tour.

Brian had prepared a booklet of Maryborough photographs to enjoy, Day One's Trivia Quiz and all we needed to know about the Bundaberg Coast that we were on our way to visit.

Early on we struck trouble. There seemed to be some difficulty in locating the elusive Isis Winery. This was overcome by some fancy

manoeuvring, negotiating some interesting turns and narrow road detours. Plenty of assurances from our guides that they were professionals and they knew what they were doing were forthcoming. The destination was safely achieved.

Some time was spent paying respects at the Childers Backpackers Memorial in the building where 15 young people lost their lives when an arsonist put paid to their dreams. We had some time for lunch and were able to explore the rest of the town on foot.

From there it was back to the coast and the first afternoon stop was to visit the 'Denizens of the Deep Exhibit' at Bargara. The exhibit consists of a set of Arthur H Clark's magnificent wood carvings that bring the ocean to life. The rest of the afternoon was spent soaking up the atmosphere at the popular Bargara seaside village.

The Bundaberg Tropical Gardens Motor Inn was our digs for the night. Some Post Rorters needed medical assistance during the evening and the staff at the motel drove them to see the doctor.

TUESDAY

After the biggest continental breakfast ever the tour made its way to the Hinkler Aviation Museum and Home where Rorters could experience the art of flying Bert Hinkler's plane and also enter his home which has been beautifully restored... Morning Tea was on the veranda at Fairymead House which also holds museum pieces.

After a beautiful hot lunch at the East End Hotel we were all ready for the Bundaberg Rum Distillery tour and tasting. The bus was loaded up with plenty of purchases from the Rum Distillery with the rum liquor being the most popular – Huzzar!.

Returning to Maryborough via Goodwood was a very welcome stop at Mammino's Ice Cream. We were treated to an ice cream and an informative talk by the owner, Tony Mammino, a past Childers Apexian, on his macadamia nut farm and Mammino's Ice Cream.

For the next 3 nights we stayed in Maryborough at the spacious McNeiven's Motel. After an extended Happy Hour with enjoying some Rock 'N' Roll it was off to the Motel Restaurant for dinner.

WEDNESDAY

The coach took us south to Gympie for good old Aussie damper in the park by the lake. The picturesque village of Imbil on Yabba Creek, the terminus for the Mary Valley Rattler was our second stop. Some keen walkers made it to the top of the lookout while others preferred some shopping, some partook in some 10oz weightlifting and others waited for the 'Rattler'. A very filling buffet on the top verandah of the Railway Hotel was enjoyed while overlooking the railway men preparing The Valley Rattler for our Steam Train trip back to Gympie. The Rattler's spectacular journey through the picturesque Mary Valley had an intermission at Dagon Station for wine, moonshine and cheese. One of the Brisbane TV stations were filming a segment for the Coast to Coast TV show. It is unknown whether we made the cut or not

Paddy was patiently waiting for us at the Gympie Railway Station to return us to Maryborough. A short detour found us at the 130 year old Hideaway Hotel at Tiaro for another wee drink. This pub had a lot of different memorabilia particularly the Harley Motor Bike hanging from the ceiling. There was a good roll up for Happy Hour with Italian Rock 'N' Roll music and dancing.

THURSDAY

Early morning showers and plenty of clouds didn't damper the shopping spirit for the Maryborough Heritage Markets. Some Rorters bought umbrellas others managed to move from one shelter to another and purchasing hot coffees and hot chocolate

to keep warm. The southerners were in their element cracking jokes about the Queensland weather. There was plenty of entertainment for all. I am sure the street stall with the power balance bracelets did a roaring trade with the Rorters help. One particular Rorter preferred to purchase 3 kgs of honey instead of a bracelet. Silly him?

We moved onto Rainbow Beach Surf Club for lunch and a walk along the wild and windy beach. One of the ladies was having difficulty with her power bracelet and fell off her chair during lunch. Some just could not stay away from the shops trying to locate another bargain. On the way back it appeared that we were lost again but assurances were given that this was the scenic route and don't worry about the 3 point turns.

Happy Hour had a change of mood with some entertaining Belly Dance music and a demonstration by Carol. Brian and Pam joined us for dinner for another great meal and another hearty fines session.

FRIDAY

Today we headed off to Hervey Bay for a Great Sandy Straits Luncheon Cruise. We had a fantastic cruise and were entertained by the band 'Two of a Kind' Fred & Frederick (don't get em mixed up). Great scenery, music, dancing, food and wines topped off another fabulous Post Rort Tour. Everyone appreciated the great effort Jock McLeod put in as our tour guide. He was up late most nights marking our trivia sheets and reporting into Brian. It seems that Brian had given him strict instructions not to accept bribes. The Bus Driver, Paddy O'Brien saw to our every need and was competing with Jock in the joke department by the end. Brian and Pam followed the tour around whenever they found that any of the tourists needed assistance. Those that Brian and Pam helped out were very appreciative.

The tour finished with us being much more knowledgeable and

knowing plenty more jokes. The Kiwis knew more about Australia than the Aussies and the Aussies knew more about New Zealand than the Kiwis. Our friends from New Zealand seemed to know all about an under arm bowling incident that none of the Australians could recollect. The Fines session was most entertaining. The staff wanted to know who the comedians were and if we were real comedians.

The Hervey Bay Sub Committee put on a superb Bar B Que farewell social and treated us to some rousing renditions of their anthems including "Whale Meet Again" and their very popular opera piece "Stand on Your Head" with apologies to Ross Parker, Hughie Charles and Georges Bizet.

Thanks to all from Fraser Coast for a very enjoyable and memorable event – Huzzar!

Alan and Mary Bach



More photos can be found by clicking on the RORT link on the Apex40 website - www.apex40.com



International Relations & Apex Liaison Report

Mark Tramby - XEPA Qld

Firstly I wish to publicly thank Sandy Harmer (and Darrol) for their efforts in this role over the last few years, well done to you guys and now it's time for a relax.

I would also like to thank Alan for his faith in asking me to do the job and for everyone to vote me into the role at the last Rort, I promise you I won't let you down.

As I am writing this not long after the Fraser Coast Rort I don't really have much to report on as such, other than to say I made some excellent contacts with some of the overseas people at the Rort and I'd hope to continue and further these in the next few years. There are many opportunities for Apex 40 to either host or participate in overseas tours and I would hope to develop some of these in the future.

In relation to Apex Liaison a particular bugbear of mine has been the lack of "member feed" from Apex over the last decade or so and if I do nothing other than improve this in the next few years I will have failed in my new role.

Rosemary and I joined Apex 40 when I retired in 1996 and we have been to most Rorts since then and it disappoints me that other than a few there are almost no members (that attend Rorts) that are younger than we are in the organisation.

If Apex 40 (and especially the Rorts that we love so much) are to continue in the years to come we need to get more younger members (in the 45-55 bracket) into the organisation and have them attend Rorts. This will be my biggest challenge over the next few years but I do hope that I can report on this at the end of my time that it was successful.

A good start has been made as the current National President of Apex was at the Rort and we have been communicating since then about a greater promotion for Apex 40, fingers (and toes) crossed it will all work but it is going to take time no doubt.

So until I see you again, enjoy your club meetings and outings and once again thank you for your confidence in electing me to this role.

Mark Tramby
International Relations and Apex Liaison

RORT REPORT by Daphne Bradford

The Hervey Bay/ Maryborough Rort was a roaring success. Ten members of our club (or should I say now subcommittee) attended along with the other 170 rorters, including visitors from Germany, India, Noumea and 36 of our friends from across the ditch.

As you already know Wyong was successful in winning the Skit Competition. A very big thank you is due to Margaret and Geoff Dunn, who provided the poem about the Geriatric Gypsies. We were sorry to find that in the end Geoff and Margaret were unable to attend. We also need to thank Darrol and Sandy for organising us into a winning combination. Thank you to all concerned.

The weather was not as warm as we had hoped. A cold front went through and caused the weekend to be wet and cold. The post rort tour with six of our members participating was a great time of fellowship and Trivia Quizzes. Vivienne, with the assistance of Google on her phone, was successful in winning on the first day. Thanks Brian and Pam Fulmer for all your organisation.

The Annual General Meeting was held on a very cold and wet Frazer Island. Many questions were raised and resolved.

- 1) The Secretary must be a resident of Queensland. The association can have a secretary residing in another state to actually do the secretarial work. Movements are afoot to actually merge all states into one body to register associations, which will address the problems of associations being incorporated in a state with members all over Australia.
- 2) The clause on the admission and rejection of members was amended to read that the National Board shall ratify the actions of the subcommittee in accepting new members rather than actually accepting or rejecting a new member at National Board level.
- 3) Insurance will cover us for personal accident up to the age of 80.

- 4) The special resolutions re Incorporation were all passed without a hitch (no one spoke against the motions in the meeting) and Incorporation will go ahead as soon as possible. The insurance policy that was taken out by Maryborough Subcommittee to cover the Rort will be transferred to the National Board as soon as they are incorporated. We can all be covered in the interim, before incorporation, by paying \$1 per member to Maryborough Subcommittee.
5. The cost of membership for each member will be \$6, payable to National Board Brian Fulmer was elected as Vice president and will follow Alan Bach as the next President, so the existing Secretary Col Ramsay is prepared to stay on for the next three years if necessary.

Mark Tramby, was elected to replace our own Sandy Harmer as International Relations and Apex Australia Liaison Officer (IRO).

Ken Wright will remain as Dinner Notice Editor

Liz Haddon would like to be replaced as Webmaster. She will remain until a new Webmaster can be found. If anyone feels they could handle the position just let National Board know.

The next Rort will be held aboard the P&O "Pacific Dawn" Cruise leaving Brisbane on 15 June 2013 returning to Brisbane on 22 June 2013.

It was passed at the AGM that the 2014 Rort be held in South Australia. Brian Fulmer will be the President then and will work with the Adelaide Hills Sub-Committee to help run the Rort. Brian is asking members for their ideas as to which part of SA the Rort should be held in - Adelaide or Barossa to name two.

*Daphne Bradford—President Wyong Apex 40
(with some minor changes - ed)*

Manly Apex 40 raises funds from a Trivia Night to help the Northern Beaches Prostate Cancer Support Group.

(From the NBPC support Group) We were honoured to have Roger Wright and John Cameron from Manly Apex 40 attend our June meeting. They explained to our members all about the Apex 40 organisation and how it evolved from members of the Apex Club who had 'retired' – having reached the age of 40 (now the age is 45). The Apexians always had a strong community spirit and initiated many service initiatives and Manly Apex 40 continues to make a difference in our local area with their fellowship and fundraising events.

In April, the Manly Apex 40 club conducted a Trivia Night at the Manly Warringah Golf Club and several members went along and had a wonderful evening. They raised \$2,000.00 on the night and have donated money to PCFA, supported the Prostate Cancer Nurses' Programme and made a donation to our group of \$1,500.00 for which we are extremely grateful.

The money will go towards items which we will use for the promotion of Prostate Cancer Awareness and to get across the message that it is never too early to have a PSA blood test and be aware of the illness before it becomes a greater problem than it needs to be.

Thank you to Manly Apex 40 for their support.

Note: Whilst Apex 40 is purely a social organization—Manly Apex 40 is incorporated and therefore has the necessary insurance to raise money whilst having fun.



APEX 40 AUSTRALIA INC MEMBERSHIP FORM

Surname:

**Christian
Names:**

Date of Birth:

Occupation:

Residential Address:

Postal Address:

Telephone Number:

Mobile:

Email:

**Affiliated Sub - Committee
Or Past Apex Club**

Approved

Date

Joined

Retired

AROUND THE SUB - COMMITTEES

NSW

ALSTONVILLE APEX 40- *Approx 740km North of Sydney*

BYRON BAY OASIS —*Approx 760km North of Sydney*

CREST CLUB OF THE BLUE MTNS/APEX 40— *100km west of Sydney*

Planning a combined meeting with Nepean Valley on 19th August at the home of Racheal and Keith Miller Narellan Vale.

FORBES—*Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

GREAT 8 HUNTER VALLEY— *Approx 170km North of Sydney*

In April Great 8 had a “Sinking of the Titanic BBQ” to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the disaster. They also had a number of discussions about the proposed changes to Apex 40.

INVERELL—*Approx 560 km North West of Sydney*

LAVINGTON—*Approx 560 km South of Sydney*

LEETON—*Approx 590 km South West of Sydney*

LISMORE—*Approx 740 km North of Sydney*

MANLY—*Approx 15km North East of Sydney*

At the May meeting Manly welcomed Loic Lacombe from Round Table France and at that meeting they gave away over \$2000 to two Prostate Cancer groups.

The July meeting was also held at the Harbord Chinese Restaurant. Some members attended a special meeting of the Northern Beaches Prostate Cancer Support Group.—See story Page 22

MOREE—*Approx 640km North west of Sydney*

MULLUMBIMBY/BRUNSWICK HEADS—*Approx 790 km North of Sydney*

NEPEAN VALLEY— Approx 60km west of Sydney

(My Club) - We had 10 members attend the Rort which made things a little quieter on the home front. The last event took place in June and was at the home of Michael & Rhonda Hastedt. It was a great turn up for the backyard winter BBQ. The next event will be a joint meeting with Blue Mountains Crest Apex 40.

WYONG — Approx 100km north of Sydney

The April meeting was at the Red Centre Steak. Also during April they lost a good friend Beth Harris who was the wife of past Apex member the late Max Harris.

In May members attended the Wyong Drama Groups presentation of “FAWLTY TOWERS” and laughed until they ached. Fawltly Towers and Wyong Apex 40 is well known because of the two Rorts held in Wyong..

The June meeting was a recap of the Rort and the motions past. Christmas in July will be celebrated at the Red Centre Steak House with Roast pork and all the festive trimmings.

QLD

ALBANY CREEK—Approx 20km North of Brisbane

CALOUNDRA—Approx 103km North of Brisbane

CURTIS COAST—Approx 530km North of Brisbane

GOLD COAST —Approx 75km South of Brisbane

GYMPIE —Approx 180km North of Brisbane

HERVEY BAY—Approx 290km North of Brisbane

MARYBOROUGH —Approx 260km North of Brisbane

REDLANDS — Approx 40km south of Brisbane

During April Redlands had a BBQ in readiness for the long journey to the Harvey Bay Rort. After the Rort, Redlands enjoyed a “Seafood in the Park” afternoon in June whilst in August they are planning an “O'Reilly's Resort Redlands Apex 40's Weekend Away”



Redlands Members enjoy an afternoon of Fish and Chips at the McCullagh's Home

SUNSHINE COAST —*Approx 100km North of Brisbane*

WYNNUM—MANLY *Approx 20km east of Brisbane*

Many of the members attended the Rort and had a great time, so much so that a few have already booked for the 2013 Rort - cruising the Pacific. The August meeting will be in the Park opposite Barts Fish and Chip Shop. A few days they will be joining with XEPA, Alstonville and members from Victoria to have combined lunch at Brunswick Heads. Wynnum –Manly are also putting together an Apex Cookbook

XEPA GREAT SOUTH EAST *Approx 50km south east of Brisbane*

On Saturday 12th May we had a good roll up for a combined Xepa and Wynnum/Manly luncheon to celebrate the completion of the Bach's new motor home shed. The topic of conversation was the upcoming Rort in Hervey Bay and the Rort Cruise in 2013. Quite a few members from both clubs have already booked for the cruise. Xepa had 10 members attend the Fraser Coast Rort and 6 members attended the Post Rort Tour. Wynnum/Manly had a total of 12 members attend the Rort. Congratulations to the Rort team for their superb organization and an extremely well run Rort and Post Rort Tour.

Congratulations to Liz and James Robertson on the arrival of their first born, Riley Michael Robertson on the 12th June. I am told he is looking forward to his first Gympie Muster. A few members are gearing up for the 28th of July. This is the peg out date to mark out our camp spot for the Muster which commences 21st of August.

VIC**BENDIGO—Approx 153km North West of Melbourne**

At the May meeting, Bendigo settled for a wine tour around the Tooborac area. Using car pooling to limited the number designated drivers, the club seem to have a great day tasting wine, olive oil and oils. The wine tasting was topped off with platters of food and enough wine to make everyone talkative.

The July meeting was held as a Christmas in July and Bendigo is planning a tour of the MCG in October.

DANDENONG VALLEY—Approx 35km South of Melbourne**GEELONG APEX 40 — Approx 73km South West of Melbourne**

At Geelong's April meeting the guest speaker is Dr. Mark Kennedy from Corio Medical Clinic. Mark spoke about Men's Health Issues and many of the members were extremely interested in what he had to say.

The May meeting they had Ms. Julie Stefanoff, Executive Manager – Development and Community Relations at Bethany Support Services, who spoke of the development of Bethany from the early days as Bethany Babies Home, with which Apex had a strong involvement, into the modern day Community Service Organisation with many and varied programmes assisting our Community.

At the July meeting they had Mr. Greg Hansen. Greg raises and trains suitable young puppies from a very early age until they are mature enough to be formally trained to be Guide Dog

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND— approx. 40km east of Melbourne

The April meeting was held at the Clayton Bowl's Club and the June Meeting was held in Steeples Bistro on Mornington Racecourse.

On the 8th July Melbourne Gippsland celebrated their birthday at Madeline's Tea-House at Jell's Park

MELBOURNE NORWESTERS—Approx 22km North West of Melbourne**PORTLAND—Approx 363km South West of Melbourne**

SUNRAYSIA—Approx 546km North of Melbourne

The April meeting was at the Artback Gallery and Café in Wentworth.

SA**ADELAIDE HILLS—Approx 35km South West of Adelaide****MACRAMS/MILLICENT —Approx 400km South West of Adelaide****WA****PERTH—Capital of Western Australia****OASIS CLUB OF SCARBOROUGH —Approx 20km North of Perth****TAS****DEVONPORT—Approx 255km North (West) of Hobart****LAUNCESTON—Approx 200km North of Hobart****Members at large Locations in the next issue.**

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Berriwillock Qld
Herberton Qld
Chudleigh Tas

Balmain NSW
Kianga NSW
Mackay Qld
Vermont South Vic

Junction Hill NSW
Bargara Qld
Southport Qld
Wonthaggi Vic

MALAYSIA**SERAMBIAN APEX 40 —Kuala Lumpur - North West of Darwin**

2012 HERVEY BAY RORT

A selection of photos of the 2012 Rort at Hervey Bay



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