

ROARING 40's

December 2012



Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.
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2013 RORT

CRUISE THE PACIFIC

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

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The Editors Word!

G'day to all

When editing the Roaring 40's it is always a challenge knowing what to call our collective groups and at the moment, it is even more of a challenge as we are no longer clubs but we have a legal identity to be known as sub-committees. Legally this may be fine, but it does not sound or present the way we feel about our groups (clubs) . Sub Committee just doesn't look right. Further more when we were members in Apex Clubs we were called Apexians but with Apex 40 what do we call ourselves that sounds Apex 40ians? Apex quadagerians? - Help me.

At least when we have a RORT we call ourselves RORTERS.

I hope you enjoy the Roaring 40's and please keep the material coming in

Ken & Janice Wright
Nepean Valley Sub Committee



APEX 40 Website

I have been having some trouble with the software I was using to create the website and as part of a learning curve, I realised that Web-Easy was not the right choice as it does not allow for me to look at the HTML coding which is something I now require. I will over the Christmas period rewrite the Web site and will upgrade pages progressively.

In the mean time, for the next couple of weeks please be patient while I do upgrade the site. Also I have created a QR code (which appears here) If you have a smart phone with a scanning app you can use the code to open the Apex 40 website on your phone - try it out.





National President's Report

Alan Bach

Mary and I have just returned from a South Pacific Cruise that visited all of the islands that next year's Rort will visit. In Noumea we were feted by our 41 Club friends who treated us to a truly wonderful day. Special thanks to Alain, Patrick, Santi, Guy and friends. We were treated with a visit to the 41 Club and Round Table Club Houses. After a local tour of

the sights, the markets and the aquarium, gifts and banners were duly exchanged at the Club House. Some more sightseeing was in order before departing to Le Meridien on the scenic Pointe Magnin for a late beachside lunch. The 41 Club members are looking forward to some fun and fellowship when Apex 40 makes an historical visit to Noumea during the 2013 Rort Cruise. Patrick and Kathie reiterated about the fabulous time they had at the Fraser Coast Rort.

National Board had a very productive meeting at Capalaba on September 8th. Col, Mark and I attended the meeting in person and Brian joined us on Skype. This method of meeting will see us in good stead for communication and discussion in the future. Due to Apex 40 now being an Incorporated Association, it was decided to increase the size of the board to six members, keeping in line with the Fair Trading legislation. It was unanimously decided to invite Ken Wright and Bob Ireland to make up the six until next year's Rort. Both Ken and Bob duly accepted their interim positions.

Vice President Brian has been working on a proposal with options for the 2014 Rort to be held in South Australia. To date he has done some fairly extensive research. National Board would like to see expressions of interest for either hosting the 2015 Rort or submitting ideas for that event or for future Rorts. Popular opinion so far suggests a Rort in NSW somewhere between the Port Macquarie to Coffs Harbour region – Please see the add for 2015 elsewhere and send in your offers or thoughts?

Ken has taken over the dual role of Webmaster and Roaring 40's Editor. Apex 40 owes a debt of gratitude to both Liz and the late Keith Haddon for looking after the Website for many years. Keith, very sadly, passed away while he was Webmaster and Liz very kindly continued looking

after the Website for us until recently. On behalf of all of Apex 40, myself and National Board thank both of them for their effort and contribution.

Col and Phyl had a long and deserved break through tropical Queensland after the Rort. During that time Col continued with the process to procure Incorporated Association Status and this was successfully achieved on the second day of August. Since then all of the other necessary details have been put in place to adhere to the new constitution. During August Mary and I attended, along with Bob and Adelle, a second impromptu get together at the Brunswick Heads Hotel with the Victorian sun seekers. Many thanks again to Rob & Helen from Alstonville for organising the venue. The weather was again absolutely perfect, the meals superb and the fellowship likewise.

Have a look at the Website and please send Ken any Apex 40 snippets, news or photos. As the 2013 Rort Cruise takes in the same destinations, Noumea, Vila and Lifou, as the Rock & Roll Cruise we have just completed I have put together some photos for the website. Rob and Kaye from Devonport were also on the cruise. Look for the Rort Report in this issue for the latest Cruise News.

Ken will be representing Apex 40 at the November Apex Foundation Dinner. The MOU between Apex Australia is being revisited and should be signed shortly.

Alan Bach

National President

Apex 40 Australia Inc

 <p>WANTED</p> <p>★</p> <p>?</p>	<p>WANTED HOSTS FOR 2015 RORT</p>
<p>REWARD \$1500 CASH ADVANCE</p> <p>CONTACT APEX 40 SECRETARY TO NOMINATE</p>	

APEX AUSTRALIA NEWS

The National Board has taken the decision to contract the national secretariat to Lions, aiming to strengthen the bond between the two associations and to make some significant cost savings.

The primary contact for the Association is Angela Webster, who will be dedicated to Apex Association work. Contact details for the new office are:

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Secretary—Treasurer's Report

Col Ramsay - Wynnum-Manly Qld

Welcome to members of Apex 40 Australia Inc!

New email addresses for National Board members are as follows:

president@apex40.com	Alan Bach (Xepa - Queensland)
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secretary@ apex40.com	Col Ramsay (Wynnum Manly - Queensland)
iro@apex40.com	Mark Tramby (Xepa - Queensland)
rk_ireland@hotmail.com	Bob Ireland (Melbourne Norwesters - VIC)
kawright@optusnet.com.au	Ken Wright (Nepean Valley - NSW)

Precises of National Board meeting:

A meeting of the National Board was held at the residence of Alan and Mary Bach on the 8th of September 2012. Present at the meeting were Alan Bach, Mark Tramby and Col Ramsay. Brian Fulmer was not well enough to travel and joined the meeting via Skype.

It was decided that:

Two more members should be added to the management committee, one from Victoria and one from NSW.

The two members are: Bob Ireland (Melbourne Norwesters - Victoria) and Ken Wright (Nepean Valley - NSW)

To put together a job description of each board position and formulate a brief procedure manual to assist future board members.

To register the yellow and white Apex 40 logo.

To formulate a plan to increase our membership.

To revisit Apex 40 material:- Name Badges, Lapel Badges, Stickers, Banners etc.

To collect and collate Rort history.

To revisit the MOU with Apex Foundation.

To better co-ordinate with Apex to improve relations.

WEB site:

Our webmaster Ken Wright has done a fantastic job with our new website. All Ken needs now is information from all Apex 40 members so that he can set up a history section and also keep us all up to date with what is happening in and around Apex 40.

Insurance:

Our insurance cover is now in place under the name "Apex 40 Australia Inc."

Membership:

To date I have received membership details for just over three quarters of our members. To those who have not sent me their details, or if your secretary has not forwarded your details, would you *please ensure that this information is forwarded.*

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

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, dinner notices etc.

Sub Committees:

A registration form for all sub committees is included in this copy of the Roaring 40's and I would request that all secretaries *complete and return this form promptly.*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a happy, healthy & safe 2013.

Col Ramsay

National Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40 Australia Inc.
secretary@apex40.com

2013 RORT

It is wonderful to see that so many members have already booked their cabins on the *PACIFIC DAWN* for our Apex 40 2113 Cruise Rort. If you are planning on joining us, please remember that the Early Bird Draw will be from the first 100 people who have booked through Myriam at RACQ, and we are getting rather close to that figure as this goes to print! The more who book with RACQ, will also increase our cabin credits.

Important

As we will need to know your **name, sub-committee, deck and cabin no.** for cruising liaison purposes; it would be appreciated if *these details could be forwarded to either Mary or myself when you pay your Cruise deposit.* If you have already booked, regardless of how or with whom (i.e. RACQ or another agent), could you please forward the above details at your earliest convenience.

If you have any queries, e.g. are travelling with a caravan or such and need storage etc. please advise us at time of booking.

Phyl Ramsay

Contact Myriam Felkin at RACQ Travel

07 3872 8602

myriam.felkin@racq.com.au

to make your cruise booking.

For further information contact:

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2013 RORT

CRUISE THE PACIFIC

Pacific Dawn

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

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



Dear Diary
2014 RORT will
be in Adelaide Area
May 2nd - 5th 2014

Don't forget
the POST RORT
starts on May 6th
2014



The Magic Castle

The chalet in the Snowy Mountains was another plan in the same vein. Sydney social worker, Berry Waterman, had been taking under-privileged children to the Snowy Mountains for holidays for many years. He had to give this up when the costs became prohibitive and was bitterly disappointed. Berry said: "To the child living in the poverty and filth of the inner city slums; to the child whose alcoholic parents beat him daily and leave him to sleep with the dog in the kennel, the Snowy is a magic area." Apex could not permit such a compassionate idea to go into limbo. What could be done about it? Graham Salter claimed in his final presidential address in 1978 that it was his swan song- but it wasn't. He was appointed chairman of the committee to find a site and build a 24-bed holiday chalet in the Snowy. The scheme was given the code name "Magic Castle".

A suitable site was found at Smiggin Holes and the NSW Government granted Apex a lease. The time schedule for erecting the chalet was a scant eight months owing to the climatic conditions. The raising of the cost of the building, \$125,000, was the least of the committee's worries. All clubs would rally round to provide this amount and Adelong (Zone 2) made the first contribution of \$600.

The hard part was to assemble sufficient Apexians in a somewhat inaccessible area to erect a complex building. Ian French, a former builder and Apexian, was engaged as full-time organiser on the spot. The rest of the workforce were volunteer Apexians, in many cases travelling thousands of miles to spend a weekend or a week on the job. The project got under way on 13 November 1978 and five hundred man hours and one hundred and four sticks of gelignite later the site for the children's chalet was excavated and ready for construction.

Twenty nine Apexians from eleven clubs worked through snow, sub-zero temperatures, rain and finally hot sunny weather to clear immense rocks from the site in three weeks. In 13 back-breaking hours six men poured the foundations on 23 December. A team of brickies and labourers started on 28 December and were ready for the carpenters to work on the frame on 10 January 1979.

Members of the Singleton Club had cut, milled and delivered hardwood for the frame thus saving \$3,000. By the end of March 250 Apexians from NSW, Victoria, SA and Queensland had worked on the castle and it was becoming a landmark at Smiggin Holes. Rockdale donated the roof and Killara arranged for the wall linings free of charge and also chipped in with \$3,750.

More than 530 members from 5 states had worked on the 64-square, three-storey chalet when it was completed in July 1979. Some names should go down to posterity, Ian French dedicated eight heroic months, seven days a week, to supervise and work

on this humane scheme, John Taylor of Killara nobly performed the task of keeping up supplies to Ian and at the right prices, Bruce Finlay of Kogarah made his factory available as the supply depot and drove his overloaded three ton truck to the site numerous times. Chris Moss of the Branxton club four times drove the 400 miles to organise a team of electricians to install the lighting and power circuit. He spent the entire Easter weekend on his own putting in the switchboard..



The Apex Children's Chalet in the Snowy Mountains

On October 1979 the Apex Children's Chalet was opened by the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser. He described the magnificent structure as "a symbol of hope for all the under-privileged children of Australia". Mr Fraser announced that the Australian Government would give \$50,000 towards the upkeep of the "Magic Castle".

Use of the chalet is open to any under-privileged children's organisation to send 24 kids for four weeks in the summer and two weeks in the winter for the holiday of a lifetime

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Article extracted from "The Golden Years of Apex 1956-1981" by V.M. Branson

During 2013 Volunteers will be called for by the foundation to do some necessary maintenance. If you wish to find out more I will put in contact with the Organiser.

Contact Ken Wright— kawright@optusnet.com.au .

Apex 40 Australia Inc.

A BODY OF AFFILIATED PAST APEXIAN GROUPS

**Sub Committee Registration Form 2013-2014****PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO NATIONAL SECRETARY BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2012.****ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF Sub Committees ARE COVERED BY the PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Sub Committee Date

Name of President

Address

..... State Post Code

Phone: (Home) Work Mobile

Email: (Home) Work

Name of Secretary

Address

..... State Post Code

Phone: (Home) Work Mobile

Email: (Home) Work

Meeting Frequency (if fixed)

Membership Details: No of members x \$6.00 = \$.....

Please make cheques payable to:
APEX 40 Australia Inc.

Please return your payment and this completed
registration form to:

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National Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40 Australia Inc.
PO Box 5204
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secretary@apex40.com

Electronic Banking:
Westpac
Apex 40 Australia Inc.
BSB - Account Number
034 053 - 308848

A list of your sub committee Members' Names, Addresses, Phone number/s, Email details and Date of Birth should be mailed or sent electronically to the National Secretary for inclusion in the National Register as prescribed within our constitution. This is also a requirement of the Dept. of Fair Trading.



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 SOUTH BANK QLD 4101

Apex 40 Australia Inc.
 PO Box 5204
 Manly QLD 4179

BUSINESS INSURANCE

Certificate of Currency

Issue Date
 12 October 2012

The policy referred to is current as at the date of issue of this certificate and whilst an expiry date has been indicated it should be noted that the policy may be cancelled in the future. Accordingly, reliance should not be placed on the expiry date.

Policy Details

Policy Number: 15T2849664
 Type of Policy: Business Insurance
 Expiry Date: 21 May 2013
 Insured: Apex 40 Australia Inc.

Cover Details

Section 5 - Liability

Public Liability
 Products Liability

Sum Insured

\$ 10,000,000
 \$ 10,000,000

This is to certify cover has been granted in terms of the Company's Standard Policy, a copy of which is available on request. This certificate is not a substitute for the Policy of Insurance issued to you. The Policy, not this certificate, details your rights and obligations and the extent of your insurance cover.

APEX 40 AUSTRALIA INC INSURANCE

DUAL
 AUSTRALIA

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

CLASS OF BUSINESS: Association Liability - Advantage

POLICY NUMBER: P_AL/0/21236/12/D-4

INSURED NAME: Apex 40 Australia Inc.

PERIOD: From: 12/11/2012 To: 21/05/2013

LIMIT: \$1,000,000 any one claim and in the aggregate

DEDUCTIBLE: \$2,500

RETRO DATE: Unlimited

INSURER: DUAL Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of certain underwriters at Lloyd's

SIGNATURE:

The two certificates regarding our insurance cover as provided by our insurance broker are shown here.

In the next edition of the "Roaring 40's" I will give a more detailed description of our cover.

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*

The group is having a shopping Spree on 2nd December taking in discount shops in the Sydney Area. Any money raised will be given to the Children's Chalet. The Club also had a combine "Pot Luck" lunch with neighbour Nepean Valley at the home of Keith and Racheal Miller.

FORBES—*Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

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

It would seem that a number of Apex 40 people went to the Gympie Munster including President Leon Squires. In August the club had a casserole evening. September was a house warming for Andre and Jan. October the group had a town walk around Dungog including Sunday lunch at the Pub. In November they celebrated Graham Dark's 60th Birthday at the Bowling club. The 2012 finale in December is the President's Seafood luncheon in Fingal Bay.

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*

Discussions took place at the AGM in October over insurance. Manly, being incorporated had many questions about their club's insurance needs. In November, Manly went to the Harbord Chinese Restaurant and the Christmas Party will be at Dee Why RSL.

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) - Recently travelled to Oberon in the State's west for a weekend at the Mayfield Gardens. This was followed by a Pot Luck Lunch at the home of Keith and Racheal Miller in Narellan Vale. In November we conducted our AGM with a game of barefoot bowls.

WYONG — Approx 100km north of Sydney

The August meeting was at the Red Centre Steak House. And was promising to be the largest meeting so far with all the travellers back home. The September and October meetings also took place at the Steak House. The October meeting was also Wyong's AGM. In the October edition Tom wrote the following "SAD SEPTEMBER.....With the passing of our great friend Ray after such a long battle with his problems. The respect with which Ray & Sue are held was shown by the very large crowd at his service. Folks from Apex 40, Lions, Family, Church, Friends & old workmates "

The November meeting is scheduled for 29th November being the Christmas function.

QLD**ALBANY CREEK—Approx 20km North of Brisbane****CALOUNDRA—Approx 103km North of Brisbane**

Caloundra's Christmas party will be on 8th December at Barbara and Ian Hill's home. The dinner includes all your favourites including a Secret Santa. Denise also celebrates Christmas with her Birthday.

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

In August the members travelled to O'Reilly's Mountain Resort for a weekend away. They all enjoyed great fellowship with great food and accommodation

Redlands conducted their AGM in October at the home of Juri and Pauline Denisenko's, being a champagne breakfast I hope they had a good time. To celebrate Christmas, Redlands have booked a private room at the Hogs Breath Café for November 30th



Redlands Members enjoy O'Rielly's Mountain Resort

SUNSHINE COAST —Approx 100km North of Brisbane**WYNNUM—MANLY *Approx 20km east of Brisbane***

In October Wynnum Manly had lunch at Easts Leagues Club and the Christmas Party will be December 2nd at the Clements's house.

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

The last last week of August saw some of the members attending the annual Gympie Muster, a music festival at Amamoor State Forest. Apex 40s members from interstate Max Cheney and Cheryle and Leon Squires also attended the festival.

On 16 September the members enjoyed a relaxing luncheon at the Redland Bay

Hotel. It was great to see Bongo and Liz Robertson and Shane and Kylie Robertson together with their children.

The November meeting was the combined Xmas function and AGM held at Fasta Pasta

VIC

BENDIGO—Approx 153km North West of Melbourne

Bendigo had their September meeting at Peter & Elaine Dumont's Home with bring a casserole or sweet theme. The October meeting had all the members making good use of their Senior's card (in Seniors week) to visit the MCG and National Sports Museum. In October Elaine took over their Dinner Notice from Kevin and Shirley who had done an excellent job for the last 2 years.

Elaine's report on the MCG tour included several photos of members enjoying themselves.



The Christmas lunch will be at the home of Glenis and Dennis Roberts on December 2nd.

DANDENONG VALLEY—Approx 35km South of Melbourne

GEELONG APEX 40 — Approx 73km South West of Melbourne

At Geelong's August meeting the guest speaker was member Keith Roderick who spoke of his company's participation in, and subsequent winning of, the recent Family Business of the Year Award in Geelong. In September Geelong guest speaker was

Mr. Michael Naughton, an Engineer on one of Corio Bay's Tug Boats, told them of his "Experiences since entering the Boating World." This was a very interesting talk about an occupation and lifestyle that many know little about.

October was a change of pace for Geelong with a eagerly awaited Card Night whilst on December 20th the club will celebrate Christmas in a traditional way.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND— approx. 40km east of Melbourne

On Sunday 8th July Melbourne Gippsland celebrated the 39th birthday of Apex 40 at Madeline's in Jells Park. President Alan wrote "Numbers were down somewhat from last year's birthday lunch when we had 30 members present but only 19 this year after six late withdrawals due to illness. It was nice to see Fred and Leila Margetts, as they don't get the chance too often to come down from Mansfield. Next year will be something of a milestone for our organisation – the 40th birthday of Apex 40, so we may have to think of doing something special for that occasion. Perhaps Marj will make a birthday cake"

In November Alan also wrote "Since the last meeting we had our annual Melbourne Cup Day barbeque which was held at Ken and Barb Neate's place at Langwarrin. We had a very good attendance and all enjoyed the Neates' hospitality and their lovely garden. Thanks Ken and Barb. I found out just how busy Charlie, originally, and more recently Mike and Helen had been at these functions when I found myself in the role of Bookie. Nola was the lucky sweep winner having drawn Green Moon.



Melbourne Gippsland Members enjoying Apex 40—39th Birthday

MELBOURNE NORWESTERS—Approx 22km North West of Melbourne

PORTLAND—Approx 363km South West of Melbourne

SUNRAYSIA — Approx 546km North of Melbourne

Sunraysia will have their AGM and Christmas function on December 9th at the Mildura RSL Club.

SA**ADELAIDE HILLS—Approx 35km South West of Adelaide****MACRAMS/MILLICENT —Approx 400km South West of Adelaide****WA****OASIS CLUB OF SCARBOROUGH —Approx 20km North of Perth****TAS****DEVONPORT —Approx 255km North (West) of Hobart****LAUNCESTON —Approx 200km North of Hobart****MALAYSIA****SERAMBIAN APEX 40 — Kuala Lumpur - North West of Darwin**

APEX 40

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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