

ROARING 40's

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*Cruising the Pacific Ocean
Members enjoying the 2013 Rort
on board the "Pacific Dawn"*

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The Editors Word!

Welcome,

This will be my 10th edition of the Roaring 40's and I hope you still continue finding it a "good read" The 2013 Rort was held in June aboard the cruise ship "Pacific Dawn" and it was time to say goodbye to Alan Bach and welcome to Brian Fulmer as our National President. I enjoy working closely with Alan and will continue to do so in his capacity as Vice President. To Alan and Mary I hope that you enjoyed your term as Mr & Mrs President.

There was a sad note at the end of this year's Rort with the passing of Frank "Val" Ward shortly after the cruise had finished. Frank was from the Melbourne Norwesters group and this was apparently his first Rort. During the cruise he had time to pen some poems and antics as a Whinging Pom on board the Pacific Dawn as a Rorter. As a tribute to a valued member, I have included Franks Report (as scanned in by Bob Ireland). To Margaret and family, we all pass on our thoughts to you..

Ken and Janice Wright
Nepean Valley Group
Editor Roaring 40's



APEX 40 Website

For those of you that visit our website you will have noticed some more changes in the layouts and the addition of photos from Rorts including Wyong, Bendigo, Nepean Valley and Pacific Dawn. I have also include an "on-line" registration form for the Adelaide Rort and cleaned up some other areas. The website will continue to grow as more information becomes available. I would also like to know what you would like to see on this site and together lets make it happen.

Brian and the board are always looking at ways to get Past Apexians into our organisation, so if you are aware of Past Apexians who may be interested please let us know so we can spread the word.

Don't forget to keep sending in the Dinner Notices and other information that could be useful.

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Ken Wright (webmaster)

National President's Report

Brian Fulmer - Maryborough

The past 12 months since the Fraser Coast Rort have certainly flown past as I present my first President's Report.

My term as Vice President and ongoing role as 2014 Rort Coordinator has been most exciting and fulfilling and has kept me occupied, particularly under the leadership of Alan Bach, who has shown considerable drive and commitment in taking us through the process of incorporation. The 2012 AGM was a watershed moment for our Association and without Alan's steadfast resolution to see it through; we would not be where we are to-day.

Bearing in mind that the way forward could not have been accomplished alone, I also acknowledge the tremendous time and effort put into the administrative tasks achieved by Secretary Col and I am especially appreciative of his commitment to a further term as Secretary/Treasurer to finalise a number of outstanding issues and put us on a firm footing as we head into the future.

As you may be aware the Board has expanded to six members, with 2 new members appointed. I appreciate that Mark Tramby, in his role as IRO and Apex Liaison, together with Ken Wright, in his role as Roaring 40's Editor and Webmaster, have both renominated for the Board; as well as Bob Ireland in the vital Membership role. This will allow us to consolidate the gains made under Alan's direction as well as having Board representation from at least 3 states, with a mixture of views, experience and fresh ideas from the young "guns"; Mark and Ken.

Ken has put considerable effort into developing our new website (<http://www.apex40.com>) and it is a credit to his drive and initiative and something we can all be justifiably proud. When anyone asks about Apex 40 we can feel confident in directing them to your new website. Please keep sending news and updates to Ken on your local activities, so they can be posted to the website as well as the Roaring 40's.

Ken has also developed a new online registration system for future Rorts and it is now available for use for the 2014 Adelaide Rort (http://www.apex40.com/2014_RORT_Registrations.php). The Rort and Post Rort

programme appears later in this edition. Only two Rorts have previously been held in “The Festival State”, i.e., Renmark (1988) and Port Lincoln (1998), so a return visit is long overdue. After careful evaluation and deliberation it was decided to centre the Rort in the city of churches – Adelaide; based out of Adelaide Shores Resort and Caravan Park at West Beach. The venue provides all the requirements in styles of accommodation (caravan, cabin and resort) plus has all the necessary function facilities within walking distance.

For those that I have not yet had the pleasure to meet and do not yet know me, I'm married to Pam and happily retired from a career in senior Credit Risk Management and currently live in Maryborough Qld. My history in Apex began as an inaugural member of Forster-Tuncurry (NSW) when I lived in Nabitac in the late 60's. Those were the days when you didn't think twice about 50 k return trips to attend dinner meetings and service activities.

From there I progressed to Woy Woy and then Wyong Clubs. On coming to Brisbane I joined Nundah Club during the 'heady' days of the Big 6 (as Zone 6 was known). I joined Redlands Apex 40 just before the time of their 2002 Rort. After moving to Maryborough (Qld) in 2005, I helped in reinvigorating Maryborough Apex 40 in 2007 and have been the Club President since. I was part of the very successful 2012 Fraser Coast Rort Team.

I look forward to the next two years with anticipation of the continued growth of our Association. There are some exciting prospects in our relationship going forward with Apex Australia and interest in developing new regional groups around Australia. Membership retention and growth will be one of our key endeavours and I'm sure I can count on the continuing positive input of all Board members and the experience of both Alan and Bob.

See you in Adelaide - for a right whale of a time.

Brian Fulmer
President
Apex 40 Australia Inc.



National Vice President's Report

Alan Bach—XEPA

It was pleasing to finish my term as president on a high during the South Pacific Rort Cruise. Many thanks to everyone who came on board, joined in the revelry, and made it a success. There is something to be said for having the occasional combined Rort/Post Rort Tour.

I was pleased to note that Lionel Mussell, the inaugural Apex 40 President, was present at the final Apex 40 AGM on the Fraser Coast in May 2012 and also present at the inaugural Apex 40 Australia Incorporated AGM aboard the "Pacific Dawn" in 2013. I believe a great deal has been achieved recently, mainly due to the efforts of Col and the other National Board members and I cannot thank them enough. Sadly due to other commitments Brian and Pam Fulmer were unable to make it on the cruise. I thank them for flying the Apex 40 Flag on the recent New Zealand 41 Club Tour of India for us.

Our message seems to be reaching younger ears as of late as we have had a number of enquiries from younger ex Apexians who are showing signs of forming new groups. All it takes is one mover and shaker to set the ball rolling and hopefully we have found some more of these. It was pleasing to note that some groups who have been quiet have also revived during the last year.

I thank Mary for her patience and understanding and I wish Brian and his board every success and look forward to seeing many of you in Adelaide if not before.

Alan Bach.



Secretary–Treasurer’s Report **Col Ramsay - Wynnum-Manly Qld**

Sub committees / Groups on register:	41
Sub committees / Groups affiliated and financial:	31
Members at Large (MAL) affiliated and financial:	21
Total Financial Members: (and growing)	817

As we can all see from the budgets 2012 and 2013, we are behind a small amount each year. After reviewing this, the board has decided to leave the current membership fee at \$6.00 and absorb this small loss, hence there was no motion at the 2013 AGM in regard to membership fees. It can be seen from our overall positive financial position that we would be able to sustain small losses for a few more years, unless we have a major drop in membership or a number of insurance claims. As financials change in the following years, future committees will have to monitor this situation and adjust fees accordingly. Please remember that as per our constitution, members attending AGMs would have to pass any changes in the fee structure before they were implemented.

This has been rather a difficult and drawn out year, what with dealings with “Fair Trading”, “ASIC” and the insurance broker, to setup Apex 40 Australia Inc. for the long term. We have also redesigned our logo by adding the word “Australia” and it is the board’s intention to register this and the wording “For Continuing Fellowship” in the near future.

At the AGM we had a changing of the Guard, Brian Fulmer (Maryborough) moving to the position of President and Alan Bach (Xepa, Great South East) moving to the position of Vice President. It has been a pleasure to work with both Alan and Brian during the past year, and I am looking forward to continuing this in 2013-2014. I also take this opportunity to thank Phyl for her never ending support, reading reports and checking figures, she has showed great patience. To all the members of the board for their support and cooperation over the past year I say a big thank you.

My special thanks go to Alan for his support and to Brian for his assistance in dealing with ASIC. To Mark, I say thank you for putting forward suggestions and pointing Apex 40 forward. To Bob, for his support in the area of membership and also as a guiding hand when things were a little difficult and when I wanted to act a little hastily when dealing with some of those difficult situations. Last and certainly not least, to Ken with his good words of support and the massive effort he has put into the "Roaring 40's" and our WEB page, a place for us all to communicate.

Ken has advised me that we are getting interest in the WEB page and that he has implemented procedures to evaluate the number of people looking at the site including the sections that are being the most targeted. If you have not already done so, login to <http://www.apex40.com> and have a browse, as it has the "Roaring 40's", "Dinner Notices" and some great photographs, as well as many other interesting items.

I also thank all the secretaries of each of our sub Committees for the help in getting all the necessary information to me regarding membership and for on forwarding the "Roaring 40's" and other communications to members.

To all who attended the Rort cruise, thank you for the excellent adventure and the never ending Fellowship, and see you all at the Adelaide Rort in 2014.

To facilitate the distribution of news items and the "Roaring 40's", please advise me of any changes, particularly to, email, postal addresses and telephone number/s, as soon as they occur.

Yours in Apex 40,

Col Ramsay

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Qualification

As is common for associations of this size, it is not practicable to maintain an effective system of internal control over income received. Accordingly, my audit in relation to income was limited to amounts recorded.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, except, for the effects of such adjustments as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation of scope referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents

fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Apex 40 Australia Inc. as at 30 April 2013 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act.

Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared to assist Apex 40 Australia Inc. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on 4 June, 2013:



Ailsa J Gill, member of Institute of Public Accountants (JP A)
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77th Apex National Convention

30th September – 6th October 2013

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2014 APEX 40 AUSTRALIA RORT

Adelaide, South Australia

for a right whale of a time!



FRIDAY 2 MAY 2014

Registration & Welcome Social
6.00pm – 9.30pm

SATURDAY 3 MAY 2014

Victor Harbor via McLaren Vale
Visit Victor Harbor Farmers Market
Victor Harbor Lunch & AGM
"Abba meets Saturday Night Fever"
Dinner Dance

SUNDAY 4 MAY 2014

Tour Hans Heyson's home, gardens & studio

Cheese Wrights

Melba's Chocolate & Confectionery

Rort Dinner Dance

MONDAY 5 MAY 2014

Farewell Breakfast 7.30am – 9.30am

**POST RORT TOUR
FROM THE CLARE TO THE MURRAY
Monday 5th May – Friday 9th May, 2014**

- 5 days Coach Travel
- 3 nights accommodation in Tanunda
- Seppeltsfield & Jacobs Creek Wineries
- Maggie Beer Farm Shop
- Mintaro Maze
- Martindale Hall
- Seven Hills Winery
- Bungaree Station
- Historic Burra
- National Motor Museum
- Haigs Chocolates
- Murray River Luncheon Cruise
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner on Tour
- 4 Morning teas
- Includes all admissions to attractions & activities
- Return Adelaide accommodation (May 8th & 9th) at own cost



2nd – 5th May 2014

For Continuing Fellowship



ADELAIDE SHORES – FOR A RIGHT WHALE OF A TIME

2 - 5 May, 2014 – Adelaide, South Australia

HOW TO REGISTER –

Online: www.apex40.com EFT funds to Apex 40 Australia Inc. Account BSB 034-053 Acct No. 308856

Forward completed registration form and cheque/money order made payable to Apex 40 Australia Inc. to
PO Box 5204 Manly, Qld 4179

** Registration due by 30 November 2013 **

For enquiries please telephone Brian or Pam on (07) 4123 5308 or 0409 784 252 or Email 2014rort@apex40.com

DETAILS (Please use BLOCK letters)

Title: First Name: Surname:

Title: First Name: Surname:

Postal Address:

City/Town: State: Country: Postcode:

Group:

Phone: (.....)..... Mobile: Email:

(preferred method of communication)

REGISTRATION

RORT REGISTRATION FEE: AU\$300.00 per person – includes Friday evening registration and welcome social, all Rort functions including all transport, lunches and evening meals and Monday morning breakfast.

Number of Registrants 2 May – 5 May	Full Registrations Total Payable	Less Deposit \$100 pp Paid by 30/11/2013	Balance payable by 31/03/2014
	AU\$	AU\$	

POST RORT REGISTRATION FEE: AU\$700.00 per person (twin share). Single supplement AU\$120.00

Number of Registrants 5 May – 9 May	Full Registrations Total Payable	Less Deposit \$100 pp Paid by 30/11/2013	Balance payable by 31/03/2014
	AU\$	AU\$	AU\$

Special Requirements:

Dietary Wheel Chair support

Other

Arriving by: Car Caravan Bus Train Aeroplane

RORT ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS - Preferred accommodation is available with all pick up at:

- Adelaide Shores Caravan Park Arrival date: Departure date:
- Accommodation Style:
Caravan/Motorhome/Cabin/Other?

Contact Zoe Andrews (+61 8) 8355 7319

Email: groups@adelaideshores.com.au

* Please book direct with Zoe Andrews and quote Apex 40 when booking to receive special discounts.

* Please note Post Rort Registrations are limited to 70 members due to River Boat passenger restrictions.



2013 RORT
CRUISE THE PACIFIC

Pacific Dawn

REPORT

Saturday Seventy Seven Rorters, including Bruce and Sue from 41 Club New Zealand, and guests boarded the “Pacific Dawn” on a fine and sunny Saturday Brisbane afternoon for the first Rort Cruise. After settling in to their cabin and a brief orientation of the ship, most Rorters congregated on the back deck for the sail away. The crowd swelled and the boisterousness grew to herald in the beginning of a week’s fellowship and enjoyment. Phyl & Mary met with Admin Director Martina to discuss the special Rort pre arrangements. Martina’s home base was in Northern Italy, near to Mary’s family origins. After discussing the fine tuning of the Apex 40 programme to meld with the ship’s programme, it was time to make ready for the ‘Welcome Social’.

A very light breeze accompanied the trip down the Brisbane River across Moreton Bay and into a very peaceful Pacific Ocean. Rorters met in the “Dome” for the ‘Welcome Social’ and pre dinner fellowship. Martina and the Maitre D’, Kyystof, were ever so helpful in accommodating Apex 40 and making the voyage a very special occasion for all. Most had dinner at 6.00pm and enjoyed the theatre, music and entertainment in the other bars. Some stayed back in one of the bars, some adjourned to bed after a big day, while others settled in for the late night club atmosphere of the “Dome”.

Sunday Another bright sunny day with very smooth sailing; there was hardly a ripple in sight. First up, the most difficult decision was to decide when and where to dine for breakfast. Rorters met in a reserved section of the Dome for morning Fellowship. It seems that by now all Rorters had become proficient in operating the coffee machines, including Rex L. from Tassie. Seems his first few attempts ended in disaster before outwitting the machine. It was rumoured that Rex was measuring the thing up to put it in a box. The ship’s Maitre D’, Krystof, reserved a section of the Waterfront Restaurant for Apex 40. This allowed Rorters a quick access to the early sitting. Many saw the evening show in the theatre while others went to the “Dome” dancing or enjoying listening to the beat of the Canadian Band ‘Soulfire’. After the music, comedian Steady Eddie entertained in the “Dome” before midnight.

Monday The weather remained perfect as we continued our daily relaxation. Apex 40 was already gaining a reputation for cleaning up at the Daily Trivia. A section of the “Dome” was again set aside for our morning group fellowship. After docking in Noumea at 3.00 pm., Rorters were quickly ashore to soak up the cultural atmosphere and meet Patrick, Santi, and Thierry our 41 Club Francais, Noumea Tour Guides.

Two buses took us on a Tour of Sights and Sounds of the New Caledonian capital. The drive along the shoreline passed by the Port Moselle and Port Sud Marina's the popular Baie de Citrons and Anse Vata Beach before climbing the steep hill to the Ouen Toro Lookout. Great views of the city and surrounds, the islands and reefs were afforded the group as the sun began to disappear and create a spectacular evening kaleidoscope.

Next stop on the agenda was on top of Mont Coffyn beneath the Croix de Lorraine (Lorraine Cross). The view from here afforded Rorters an appreciation of the picturesque city welcoming the night. The Nickel Refinery, the City, the Harbour, the Bays and the "Pacific Dawn" illuminated to add to the evening splendour. It was then back to town, to the 41 Club Clubhouse for 'Fine Food and Fellowship'.

By the time the clubhouse was reached a very popular attraction was the single toilet. The bulb in the toilet had blown, probably from initial shock, but ever prepared Rita produced 3 torches from her trusty Mary Poppin's Bag to save the day. A night of fabulous fellowship, fantastic hospitality and tasty treats of fresh French breads, gourmet cheeses and select meats followed. Thanks to Eric, the beverages and foods were delicious. The French/English banter was quite amusing. The New Caledonian's were trying to describe the meats to the Aussies. The 'English' did not understand the word 'cerf' and the 'French' did not know the word 'deer' so descriptions such as 'Moose' (Mousse) and 'Horse with Horns' was tried to no avail. One Rorter said that even if it was 'mouse' it tasted beautiful. To Patrick and Eric and his Merry Men (and Ladies) we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The occasion in Noumea will be frequently reiterated when Apex 40 members meet and, will always be referred to in glorious terms. The tour, the fellowship and the hospitality will be remembered, by those who attended, for the rest of their living days. By the time the second bus load of Rorters returned to the ship, there were plenty of people hanging over their balconies to see what all of the commotion was about.

Tuesday Some of last night's revellers arose a tad dehydrated but soon sprang to life after some water, a strong coffee and a hearty breakfast. An early morning cloud burst had soaked the decks and the Sun was trying to break through the grey sky. At breakfast a number indicated that they had planned to spend the day partaking in the on board activities. From 7.30am the ship's tender ferried people ashore to the jetty on the island of Lifou. Lifou is the largest island in the French Loyalty Islands. In the local language is known as Drehu. The early explorers ashore were met with heavy showers for their Lifou welcome.

Many went on the informative tour of the Vanilla Plantation. Most of those who went ashore early were back on board for lunch. A large contingent watched the James Bond movie matinee 'Skyfall' in the theatre after lunch. The weather cleared in the afternoon and fine and sunny conditions prevailed for the rest of the day. Another big noisy get together of Rorters in the restaurant was followed by more entertainment in the theatre. The authorities on board discovered some impurities in Kevin and Liz's medicinal cold tea (prepared before going on board) and quarantined the brew for the remainder of the journey.

Wednesday Port Vila, Vanuatu – Most Rorters had a busy day taking in the sights and sounds of Port Vila and surrounds. Some spent their time ashore visiting the waterfall, the cascades, the hilltop views back to the Port and the “Dawn” in the distance. Others spent their time at the coffee plantation and the various markets. The local Taxi and mini bus operators were quick to strike up a deal for a local tour. By lunchtime all of the duty free shops were crowded with Rorters adding to the brisk trade, many bargains were realised. After a morning busy schedule many could be found relaxing at the pubs or in the local brewery. With the last Port of call visited the ship sailed again for Brisbane just before sunset. Some Rorters forsake their ‘spot’ in the restaurant to attend the Tropical Island Night Party and Bar-B-Que around the pool. A few Rorters mastered the ‘Gangman Style’ dance class, part of the night’s entertainment while many just watched, somewhat amazed. While all this was going on, Bill from Mackay was relaxing alone in the “Dome” wondering where everyone was. Later, the throng found him, just in time for the late night gig.

Thursday The AGM was held in the “Dome” at 9.00am. Rorters were grateful as the meeting passed full of hilarity and without any last minute dramatics or unwanted surprises. Brian Fulmer was elected President and Col Ramsay was elected as Secretary Treasurer for a second term. The previous board was thanked for its effort and the new board was wished well. Tom Dumbleton and Wyong won the “Penultimate”. Bernie Kenny collected the Brian Cunliffe Trophy for Melbourne Norwesters. Nepean Valley was successful in their bid for the 2015 Rort planned for the New South Wales Coast around Coffs harbour. Outgoing President Alan closed the meeting and asked that we all meet again in Adelaide for the next Rort and AGM.

Bingo, pictionary, scrabble, knitting, eating, drinking, trivia, music and dancing were some of the events attended before the evening Apex 40 Cocktail Hour in the “Dome”. This was followed by an ‘Apex 40’ Group Photo Session in the Atrium, thanks again to Martina and the photographers. Then to the Formal Dinner in the Waterfront Dining Room (Some joined the Captain’s Dinner). To Brisbane, King Neptune had afforded us very smooth sailing. Late in the evening the ‘Dawn’ began to gently pitch and roll as it cut through the Pacific swell. Rorters were entertained by the Motor City production in the theatre and the ‘Transformers’ Trapeze and balancing acts to stirring music in the Atrium. Rorters poured sparkly wine into the champagne waterfall with 637 balancing glasses then Darren Sanders performed his ‘Sit Down Comedy’ show in the “Dome” until midnight,

Friday Early morning found the sun appearing for brief periods through the clouds behind the ship. The sea had calmed again. Ian & John from Western Australia conducted the fines session on the final pre lunch meeting in the

“Dome”. It was voted that the proceeds go to the Pacific Dawn’s ‘Save the Children Fund’ charity of assisting the island children. Alan and Mary presented Martina with the \$100.00 collected and deposited it in the ship’s charity box. Alan and Mary wished Martina all the best for her summer holiday visiting family and boating around the Venetian Islands. Sandra and Michael from Moree had been in nearly every winning trivia team since the start of the cruise. By today they had more stock of caps, bags and water bottles than the ship’s duty free shop. In the final trivia contest, Michael was deemed by the host as a very naughty boy. For penance the host required him to do some mimes and demonstrations. Michael brought the house down imitating gorillas and Englishmen and all the other participants in the trivia sang along and cheered while he enacted the ‘Chicken Dance’. With the help of Geraldine from Launceston, a record number of squares were knitted on the cruise to sew into charity blankets.

Saturday At 5.00am the Hotel Manager, over the ship’s public address system, announced that the “Pacific Dawn” was in a holding position and we could all sleep in today. The Brisbane River was blanketed in fog and the cruise had to wait until the Port Authorities cleared the ship for entry. With speakers in every cabin all on board were wide awake after the announcement. Breakfast was consumed at a leisurely pace. The disembarkation delay finished up being three hours late. None seemed worried about this. Few, if any, wished the experience to come to an end. Everyone enjoyed the extended fellowship and each was reluctant to leave the “Pacific Dawn”.

The biggest question on everyone’s lips, “When do we Cruise Again?”
Until Next Time, Adelaide Here We Come!

TOODLE PIP!
The Rort Committee.



Alan Bach holding the certificate for the Penultimate Award which will be presented to Tom Dumpleton (Wyong) at a future event.

Our thoughts are with their families

"It is with deep regret that we have to inform you of the passing on Saturday 29th June of **Frank Valentine (Val) Ward** of the Melbourne Norwesters Apex 40 Club.

Val was been a long time member of our club and of Coburg Apex club.

Val and Margaret had just finished their first Rort in Brisbane which they thoroughly enjoyed and they were in great spirits.

Our sympathy go to Margaret and family.

Bob Ireland

Val is speaking to Bob Skinner from Xepa on the Rort Cruise.



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Margaret Hookey** on Saturday 4th May. Margaret had been an active member of Apex 40 since its inception and, apart from her regular attendance at Melbourne-Gippsland meetings and functions, enjoyed attending many annual Apex 40 Rorts and meeting fellow Apex 40 members. The last Rort Margaret attended was the Wyong Rort in 2009 when she was part of the winning team at the Karaoke night.

In her earlier life, Margaret had been an occupational therapist working with disabled children. In more recent times she had for many years been very involved in genealogy and was a past President of the Australian Genealogy Society. She was also very involved in church affairs and wrote a history of St. Marks where she and Neil were parishioners for many years. Margaret was a very caring person who made this world all the better for her time with us.

The members of Apex 40 Melbourne-Gippsland offer their sincere sympathy to Neil, Christopher, Susan and Trevor and their families in their sad loss of a loving and much loved wife, mother and grandmother.

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of **Peggy Nunn** from Wynnum-Manly

Peggy and Eddie become members of Wynnum Manly Apex 40's shortly after the organisation was formed in 1984. They attended a number of Apex 40 Rorts and have welcomed many visiting Apex 40 members into their home. On a number of occasions, Peggy and Eddie played host to our own Apex 40 group. Peggy was also involved with her church, and entertained regularly at home on their behalf.

Peggy was loved by everyone who knew her and she will be sadly missed.

Peggy, Rest in peace.

2013 RORT Pictures



*There are many more
Pictures from the cruise
on our website at
www.apex40.com*

Dinner on Pacific Dawn



Waterfront Restaurant
16th June 2013

Dawn Princess 16th June 2013 (Dinner @ the Waterfront Restaurant)

There were ten of us, “Northwesters”,
Went North for a ship to seek,
For we wanted to ride on it,
With nought to do for a week.



Some drove, all the way from Melbourne,
Some in an aeroplane flew,
But that didn't matter on Sat-dee, for,
There were more of us than seventy-two.



We're here for the “Rort” Apex 40,
On a ship called the “Pacific Dawn”,
To do anything, or maybe nothing,
And entertainment? It won't be a yawn.



So these pictures show only one meal,
As we ate and our waist's do spread,
Then after we went to watch, some,
Acrobats do things that we'd dread.



Now there's five days left of this eating,
And drinking and loafing around,
Then back to Melbourne we'll all go quickly,
And our antics will the others astound.

(© Frank (Val) Ward 16th June 2013)



Three trainees from Liechtenstein

Did you know that on board, the Pacific Dawn's staff that there are,
 Dracula's trainees around, from their training in fields afar.
 For it's in that little country, Liechtenstein where vampires train,
 To fill your arms with holes, again and again and again.

I feel that I should name them, they're, Linda, Margie and Pat.
 They do their job very well, making holes they are good at that,
 But whilst I did slowly bleed, to satisfy their lust for blood,
 I know deep down in my heart, they're only there to do good.

So I left al my blood with them, and was sent away to make lots more,
 It's the common one Type "O", with Rh + that is the score.
 So now I've demeaned your training, I hope that it made you laugh,
 and be thankful you didn't me, have to wash in the bath.

[© Frank (Val) Ward, 19th June 2013]

Cheers from

Laughingly, NOW,
 Frank (Val) Ward,

Alias

THE Whingeing Pom

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[© Frank (Val) Ward]

Valentine's Publication
 Thru

W.G.P ENTERPRISES

Pacific Dawn's Hospital's “Whingeing Customer”

18th June 2013



Day four of our cruise on the Dawn Princess

I spent my day in Lifou, in a bed in the hospital ward,
 For I'd fainted and fell, right next to the cabin door.
 As I came to, there were nurses, Oh! How I felt a fraud.
 Nurses Pat and Linda at hand, tending me on the floor.

So they did load this old limp body, into a wheelchair to take it away,
 To the hospital there on deck 4, stripped me and put me in bed,
 Clothed in one of those gowns, I was cleaned and told, "Just to lay",
 "This won't hurt" and then the Dracula nurse my arm bled.

I was plugged into the machines, and the Doctor came to see me,
 - There were questions galore, about when, why and what,
 And what I had eaten before, so I said it was just "nibbles" for tea,
 With a beer and two glasses of wine, and that was the lot.

So after six hours or so, of me in bed, being told what to do,
 The results proved to them that, it was "Gastro" that laid me lo,
 So they packed me off to my cabin, "you stay there and roaming subdue.
 So I'm here sitting and writing, and waiting until I can go.

Next morning it's a ride to the doctor, a blood test and check up on me,
 Your OK! But confined to your cabin, till seven p.m. tonight,
 Then you may venture outside, taking things slow, and drinking black tea,
 Then it will be dark, and I'll have missed my dose of sunlight.

Laughingly, **NOW**,
 Frank (Val) Ward,

Alias

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On a serious note,

Margaret says that Chiinu our cabin steward was a great help to her up to the nurses arriving, as she was, of course worried, not knowing why I suddenly collapsed after coming down from breakfast.

Thank you Chiinu

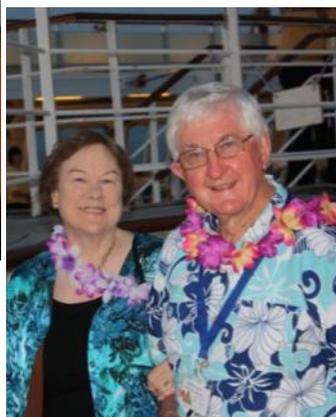
Dr. Deon Venter did a great consultation, explaining in detail my existing AND acquired ailments, thanks Doc. From both of us.



2013-06-18 Noon ?????



2013-06-19 Breakfast



Photos from the 2013 RORT aboard the Pacific Dawn

More photos on the web at www.apex40.com

AROUND THE GROUPS

NSW

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

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

CREST BLUE MOUNTAINS APEX 40— *100km west of Sydney*

In April the Crest Blue Mtns had a coffee meeting followed by a girls weekend away which took them to China Town, Darling Harbour and host of venues in the city.



They also had a sell out at the Anzac Day Biscuit Stall in Springwood (NSW) thanks to the great weather on the day.

Crest Blue Mountains Apex 40 enjoying Dunn's Swamp

In May they Trudgee to Mudgee (wine trip) for a social Sunday and then it was Dinner at Jan Barber's place. In June they had a coffee meeting at Margie's House

FORBES *—Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

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

The St Albans weekend was a great success with 9 members attending and several couples stayed overnight in the Settlers Arms. On they way back they took the very historic track back to Wollombi where I am sure several bottles of Dr Jurd's Jungle Juice were consumed. At the end of April had a good old fashion Car trial starting at the East Maitland Library and headed towards Cessnock and the wineries of the Hunter Valley. The winners trophy of chocolates were shared amongst 2 couples. The May meeting was a shared casserole or dessert at Jan and Andrews house.

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*

Manly Club meets regularly at the Harbord Chinese Restaurant and often conduct fund raisers as they have their own incorporation. They are looking at running a trivia night at the Warringah Golf Club in August or Sept.

MOREE—*Approx 640km North west of Sydney*

NEPEAN VALLEY— *Approx 60km west of Sydney*

(My Club) - Our April meeting was a Sunday Morning Yum Cha within the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club. This was followed in May by a visit to Trainworks (formerly known as Thirlmere train museum). This was a great day looking over the vintage engines and carriages that service NSW railways and the weather great as well. Due to a number of members travelling the next event took place in early July with a return visit to Panthers to see a live stage play—"David Williamson's The Club" starring John Woods.

WYONG — *Approx 100km north of Sydney*

(Winner of the 2013 Penultimate Award)

The Wyong group regularly meets at the Red Centre Steak House in The Entrance. Like most groups they have many members travelling at the moment to places such as Alaska, Canada, cruising the Pacific and some are even travelling within Australia. This was the first time that nobody from Wyong could attend the Rort , but many a planning to go to Adelaide. At the end of July Wyong will uphold that tradition of Christmas in July with Roast Pork and the trimmings. They will also exchange \$2 presents.



*The Settler's Arms at
St. Albans and Dr Jurds
Jungle Juice*

QLD

CALOUNDRA—Approx 103km North of Brisbane

The June get together was organised by Deb and Bill at the restaurant 'Domenicos on Kings'. A small band of 12 braved the chill and enjoyed some very tasty food and some fun in the way of Italian trivia compiled by Debbie. Later in July, Caloundra will be having a Christmas in July at Belle Vista Tavern. Numerous other events are being planned all the way up to Christmas with a bus to Redcliffe.

CURTIS COAST—Approx 530km North 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

WYNNUM—MANLY Approx 20km east of Brisbane

XEPA GREAT SOUTH EAST Approx 50km south east of Brisbane

VIC**BENDIGO—Approx 153km North West of Melbourne****DANDENONG VALLEY—Approx 35km South of Melbourne****GEELONG APEX 40 — Approx 73km South West of Melbourne**

Conducted their AGM in April with a dinner at Dromoland House in Geelong West. Geelong conduct their meetings in the tradition of Apex with Fines master and a 5 minute speaker. They also have guest speaker at each meeting and at the May Dinner Meeting it was Stephen Bigarelli—The Apex Foundation Chairperson.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND— approx. 40km east of Melbourne

With regular meetings at the Claytons Bowls Club, this foundation Apex 40 group is now up to Dinner meeting 237 and apparently their meals at the Bowls Club isn't so good anymore with Neil Hookey having words with the cook.

I was wrong (Editor) in the last Roaring 40's I stated these poles were used for Koalas and possums to cross busy highways but Alan Kinder has the correct answer about those mysterious poles along the Hume Highway in southern NSW is, as explained in a letter from NSW Roads and Maritime Services:



The poles erected along the duplicated sections of the Hume Highway are Squirrel Glider poles. The poles have progressively been erected since 2009. The Squirrel Glider is listed as a threatened species under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. Squirrel Gliders use the strategically positioned poles as artificial launching and landing sites. The poles are a temporary measure for up to 30 years and provide a physical link with surrounding vegetation until

trees and shrubs grow to a suitable height for the gliders to use. Pipe shelters have also been added to the poles to minimise the gliders' risk from predators.

In the groups June newsletter President Neil Hookey paid tribute to the love of his life Margaret, who passed away on May 4th. The Newsletter can be found on the Apex 40 website - www.apex40.com.

On the 4th July Melbourne Gippsland celebrated the 40th Birthday of Apex 40 at Madeline's Tea House in Jells Park

MELBOURNE NORWESTERS—Approx 22km North West of Melbourne

SUNRAYSIA — Approx 546km North of Melbourne

SA

ADELAIDE HILLS—Approx 35km South West of Adelaide

WA

TAS

DEVONPORT—Approx 255km North (West) of Hobart

LAUNCESTON—Approx 200km North of Hobart

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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*.

The next issue will be closing for articles
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