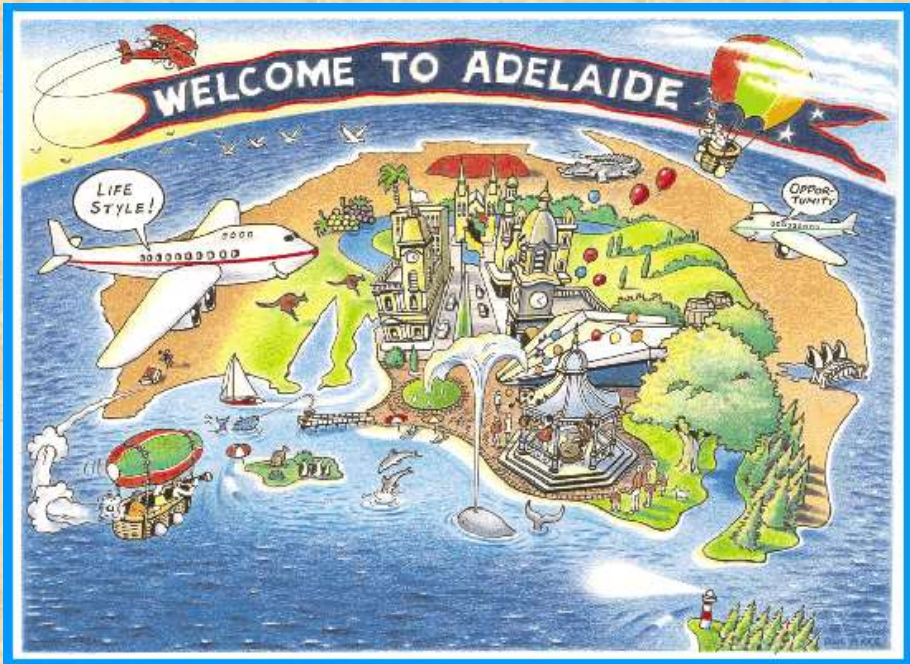


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The Editors Word!

Welcome,

As the smoke continues to drift over my home from the Blue Mountains fires, I feel for Bronwyn Berriman pictured here surveying what is left of her family home. Bronwyn is President of Blue Mountains Crest Apex 40. The fires ripped through the Winmalee area with great speed that most residents in the area didn't have time to pack anything. The fire destroyed nearly 200 homes in this area and they are still burning!



Bronwyn and family are being supported by friends and family.



Ken and Janice Wright
Nepean Valley Group

APEX 40 Website

The website is being continually changed and it is always worth a visit. In the most recent changes you will notice that the page will fit onto your screen without scrolling horizontally. Additionally the first page has changed to more presentable opening with pictures pointing the way.

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

At the time of writing this report we are seeing the devastating bushfires raging through NSW and particularly the Blue Mountains/Lithgow regions on the nightly news bulletins. Having been previously actively involved in a volunteer bushfire brigade, I have seen at first hand the devastation bushfires can cause. Unfortunately we live in a country very prone to these disastrous events and we have just been advised that some Apex 40 members & past members of Apex have lost everything in these fires. At these harrowing times we offer our sympathy and our help to all those affected - please remember that we are thinking of you and if we can help in any way, please let us know.

On a brighter note, congratulations and welcome to our newest Regional Group known as "Apex 40 Souwest", based around the Warrnambool district in south west Victoria. What a tremendous effort of a standing start of 9 members in August to that of 14 by late September and still growing. I'm sure that Rodney Gibb or Peter Tickner would love to hear from any members currently residing in that region or know of any past members that are.

This is only the beginning of our resurgence as there are a number of Apex Clubs that have expressed interest in having an Apex 40 Regional Group in their area. This interest has increased since my attendance at this year's Apex National Convention and AGM on the October long weekend. I was very fortunate to be able to give a presentation to the convention about Apex 40 Australia and its continuing role of fellowship for past members. This generated a number of genuine enquiries from Clubs where they are aware of a substantial number of past members in their areas. Only time will tell, but I feel confident we should be able to convert a number of these into new Regional Groups.

For the very first time in its long and proud history, Apex Australia now has a female National President – Kate Huth, previously from Mt Gravatt Club in Brisbane but now a resident of Western Australia. Kate is the daughter of Peter and Alison Huth. Peter is a life member of Apex and a former Zone 6 President and therefore would be known to a number of our Apex 40 members. Whilst I was there, I used the opportunity to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which had unfortunately lapsed some years ago. We now have an agreement in principle to renew the MOU and my next task is to create the new document. I have also commenced initial discussions with the Apex Foundation to also bring them into the ambit of the MOU.

Apart from my attendance at the Apex National Convention, the past few months have been quite active on the development, fellowship and service fronts. I have been in discussions with two areas of potential development for new Regional Groups in both Bundaberg and Chinchilla. In Bundaberg, I have already enlisted the assistance of past President Kevin Huxham to help drive this project. Once Chinchilla can get an initial

group together, I'll take a road trip out there to try to cement the relationship. For those who may not be aware, Chinchilla in the western downs of Queensland has always had a very strong Apex Club for many years, so our prospects should be good.

In July I had the honour and privilege of conducting the President's Annual Handover for my local Apex Club of Maryborough. According to our records, Maryborough is the only region in which both Apex and Apex 40 co-exist. This is something that I'd like to work to remedy during my term in office. As past Apexians we are the holders of Apex history and knowledge and we should be in a position to assist Apex as they endeavour to regenerate in a case of mutual co-operation in the growth of both our Associations. For example, we both would like to have a Regional Group in the metro area of Adelaide – next year's Rort would make an ideal springboard. If you know of any past members or any young potential Apexians in Adelaide, please let us know so that we can follow it up and make it happen. We already have a member of Sunraysia living in Adelaide who would love to create a local Apex 40 Group.

During August, Pam and I attended a luncheon for visiting members at Brunswick Heads. This luncheon has grown into an annual event with members who regularly holiday in the Sunshine State from Melbourne-Gippsland and Wyong. Members from Alstonville, Xepa, Wynnum Manly and Maryborough joined the group for a great day of fellowship. Reminiscent of the good old days of inter club visits – just on a more informal basis.

September saw Pam and I assist our local club at the annual RACQ Technology Challenge. This year saw some 2000 students from schools all over Queensland with 120 entrants participate in a human powered vehicle complete a 24 hour race around a street circuit. We get the easy job of sitting back and manning the back entrance to the Bowls Club during the day to see that only authorised vehicles enter the back parking area. I must say it's so strenuous (not!) just sitting in the sun, reading the paper and watching the race – particularly the chicane, where most of the action happens; but somebody has to do it. It's a great two days out in the community.

Over the past few months, queries have arisen regarding our new logo and whether we need to keep a register of attendance at functions for insurance purposes. With respect to our new logo, we will not be reprinting or reissuing new name badges, pins or window stickers until our existing stocks run out. Our existing Apex 40 logo will co-exist with the new one, as the only difference is the addition of the word "Australia". It would seem an expensive and unnecessary waste of resources to reissue all the existing logos. We'll allow natural attrition to take its course. With respect to attendance registers, there appears to be no valid reason for these registers for insurance purposes. If Regional Groups wish to maintain a register of attendance for their own purposes, that's up to them. There is no requirement from Apex 40 Australia Inc. for such registers. If the situation ever changes, you will be

amongst the first to know.

Last, but certainly not least. Congratulations to Jamie Vincent of Nepean Valley Apex 40. At the Apex National Convention, Jamie was awarded a rather rare and significant award – that of Lifetime Achievement. This award is for those members who have achieved the maximum years of membership of Apex – 27 years! Well done Jamie – you are certainly among the very few who have gone the full distance.

Given the timing of this edition, I would also take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the Board and our families in extending the best wishes for the coming holiday period to you and yours. May you all have a joyous festive season and a happy, healthy and safe New Year. As many may be travelling at this time of year, we also wish you safe journey.

Brian Fulmer
President
Apex 40 Australia Inc.



*Photos from the RACQ
Technology Challenge*



*These two photos are of
President Brian doing a
presentation at the Apex
National Convention and
Jamie Vincent receiving a
rare lifetime achievement
award at the same convention*





Secretary—Treasurer’s Report
Col Ramsay - Wynnum-Manly Qld

Sub committees / Groups on register:	42
Sub committees / Groups affiliated and financial:	30
Members at Large (MAL) affiliated and financial:	24
Total Members listed:	1223
Total Financial Members:	856 (and growing)

Welcome aboard our newest group “Apex 40 Souwest” (Warrnambool). Rodney Gibb has done some great work in getting this group off the ground and flying, their membership is now 14 and growing.

When you have a few minutes to while away, visit our website <http://www.apex40.com> and see what Apex 40 is doing to “Continue the Fellowship”.

Included with the next edition of the Roaring 40’s I will send each Secretary our updated Logo’s so that they can use them for future correspondence.

Information has been sent regarding the 2014 Rort in South Australia by both post and email, however a large number of the emails were returned as the addresses in our register are not valid. Please ensure that you advise your local secretary and me of any changes so that you can be kept informed of all things Apex 40.

To date we have 40 registrations for the 2014 SA Rort, and I expect to see many more prior to the early bird closing date. Christmas is just around the corner and many groups are again organising their special end of year functions.

Would all secretaries please note that the annual dues are payable prior to January 31st.

I take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a safe, healthy and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Yours in Apex 40,
Col Ramsay
Secretary/Treasurer





IRO / Apex Liaison Report Mark Tramby

Firstly a very big thank you to Brian Fulmer who filled in for me in attending the recent Apex National Convention in Alice Springs.

Due to a previous family commitment I had at the same time I was unable to attend and Brian kindly offered to attend on my behalf, please refer his separate report on the convention.

I will endeavour to have a close working relationship with the new National President Kate Huth over the next 12 months or so with a view to grow our organisation and perhaps at the same time help theirs in some way. There are vast areas of Australia where old Apexians reside, many have never even heard of Apex 40 so we, in association with Apex, will do our best to make them aware of who we are with a hope of getting some new regional groups established. This is already happening in a number of areas and hopefully we shall see some new groups formed in the 2014 year.

On the international front past President Alan Bach tells me that the hosting of the cruise group in Noumea on this year's Cruise Rort was nothing less than spectacular, so a big thank you to the guys from Round Table 41 Noumea who put that on.

My last report mentioned a possible international mass tour in 2015. At a recent national board meeting it was decided that this would be delayed a year and put on for our 40th Anniversary celebrations in Melbourne in 2016 rather than run it in 2015.

Very basically we'd promote this trip to our South Pacific neighbours and into Round Table 41 in the UK/Europe and hopefully Canada with a view to getting maybe 14-20 people to attend. This would be about the minimum number we could run with based on hiring a coach to transport them from the Brisbane to Sydney leg (and numbers permitting all the way to Melbourne).

Once the dates for 2016 are known I'll begin the task of planning the itinerary but in all likelihood it will start in Brisbane, head down the coast to Northern NSW and involve Alstonville & Byron Bay groups, down to the Central Coast

(Wyong and Great 8) into Sydney (Manly & Nepean) and then possibly fly them down to Melbourne for the Rort. Their mass tour would end at the Rort, with their attendance at the Rort and with an option for them to join in on the Post Rort tour if they wanted.

Home hosting would be used as much as possible which will keep the costs down for the attendees (and it's a wonderful experience for the hosts as well, if you have never hosted international visitors then perhaps consider it this time) but we'd certainly accommodate them for the Rort as the three clubs hosting the 2016 Rort will have their hands full already.

It's a fairly big project to organise but I have full board support in the concept and I'll keep you updated AND contact the above listed groups when I know more.

As you'll all be reading this just before Christmas I'd also like to take this opportunity of wishing you a happy time with your families and let's hope that 2014 brings good health and prosperity to us all.

Yours in Apex 40

Mark Tramby



Brunswick Head luncheon as mentioned in Brian's Report



2014 APEX 40 AUSTRALIA RORT

Adelaide, South Australia

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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

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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 764 252 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.



REPORT ON 77TH ANNUAL APEX CONVENTION APEX IS REGENERATING

During the 2nd to 6th October I had the privilege of representing Apex 40 Australia at the 77th Apex National Convention in Alice Springs, hosted by the Apex Club of Central Australia.

Wednesday night started with the Welcome Social and the next two days were devoted to Training Sessions. These sessions included discussions on the new structure of Apex Australia. The roles of District Governors, Zone and State Presidents have now been abolished in order to streamline the Association and reduce costs. In line with this restructure has been the change of National Conventions to a biennial event with only the AGM in alternate years. The 2014 AGM will be in Maleny in the Sunshine Coast hinterland of Queensland during the October long weekend.

Apex's board now consists of their National President with six (6) directors holding the portfolios of Communications; International Relations/Finance; Compliance; AATFA/Youth; Training; and Membership/Partnerships/Public Relations. The Association currently has some 145 Clubs and nearly 1500 members which are divided into 14 Regions throughout Australia, supported by a Regional Communicator. This should allow Clubs to get on with the business of developing their members and better serving their communities.

The role of Regional Communicator (RC) will be an annually elected position, to facilitate information between clubs and committees and National Board. They will also need to contact clubs in relation to any questions that they have; to identify targets that clubs need to reach and; to identify problems and concerns. The person will also help clubs to access programs being run by various Portfolio committees and to bring ideas and requests from clubs to the committees.

The role of the RC will be critical to the success of this new structure. They need to be an active Apexian who wants to know more about the organisation be able to communicate well with others and be willing to spend time talking to members of different clubs. That person will also be supported by a Regional Support Group (RSG) attached to each region. This might or might not be the region where the group members were members of a club. He or she will also meet with clubs (real time but not always in person) to provide support for things that the clubs have queries on. They will need to identify points of concern based on prior knowledge of the club/region/state or local area.

RSG's will also need to work with clubs in relation to membership and projects (service, citizenship, fund raising, social). Such assistance/advice may include help for clubs to change their image or focus or provide training in areas where they have expert knowledge. Members of these Groups must have knowledge of the association and enthusiasm for their community. These positions will be open to Active Apexians, Senior Active Apexians, Life members, former Apexians and members of the community. Critically they must be able to listen to questions and provide guidance to members.

I foresee that members of Apex 40 can play a vital role in the regeneration of Apex and would urge all members to get involved. The co-operation and support must be a 'two way street', with us helping Apex survive and regenerate and Apex helping Apex 40 grow.

The AGM and Public Speaking finals were held on the Saturday. Unfortunately there were insufficient delegates on the floor of the AGM and they had to rely on proxies from non-attending clubs to make up the numbers. I am sure that both the host Club and those attending were most disappointed by the poor representation from Clubs. Both Phil Pregnell (Deputy Chair – Apex Foundation) and myself were afforded time to address the AGM on the relative roles and activities of our respective Associations. Phil, as a past National President of Apex, performed the Presidents handover from Chris Morahan to Kath Huth at the Convention dinner that evening.

Brian Fulmer - President Apex 40

2014 ADELAIDE RORT UPDATE

Just as a reminder, "Earlybird" registration is closing shortly. We are offering the first 100 Registrants, who register and pay the minimum deposit of \$100.00 pp by 30th November 2013 and the full balance by 31st March 2014, the opportunity to go in to a draw for the refund of one Rort Registration fee (\$300.00). This will be drawn at the Rort AGM on Saturday, 3rd May, 2014.

The 2014 Rort will be centred around the Adelaide Shores Caravan Park and Resort. All night time activities will be in walking distance of the central accommodation area. This avoids the need for coaches for transfers to and from events, thus a considerable saving on the registration fees. It also allows Rorters to leave at a time to suit themselves each night. Registrations will be available on the Thursday evening for those arriving early and also at the Welcome Social which will be held in the Sea Squadron on the Friday night. I believe there is quite a good view of the night lights of Adelaide from this venue. Please bear in mind this is a stand-up function with finger food and not designed as an evening meal.

Saturday will see us transferred through the McLaren Vale wine region on the Fleurieu Peninsular to the lovely seaside venue of **Victor Harbor with drop off at the local Farmers' Market** which showcases regional produce where you can enjoy a great coffee, taste wine, locally produced gourmet pies, tempting dips and chutneys, locally caught fish and seafood, organic vegetables, seasonal fruit, the regions honey, mushrooms and fresh flowers. Rorters will have the freedom of choice to do as they please during the rest of the morning and enjoy the variety of attractions that Victor Harbor has to offer. Apart from the Farmers Market; there is also the Horsesdrawn Tram which takes

passengers across the wooden walkway to Granite Island or you may wish to stretch your legs and walk across; or you can visit the South Australian Whale Centre.

The AGM and luncheon will be held at the Hotel Victor which is located in the heart of Victor Harbor, overlooking Encounter Bay and Granite Island. Upon completion of formalities we will be transferred back to Adelaide Shores via Goolwa and Strathalbyn. Goolwa is the gateway to the internationally significant wetlands of the Coorong National Park and the mighty Murray River and lakes system; while Strathalbyn is one of the Fleurieu Peninsula's most character-filled townships with beautiful parks and gardens. Unfortunately, apart from a comfort stop, we will not have time to tour these areas.

Saturday night's buffet dinner will be held at the Westward Ho golf club and themed on "Abba" meets "Saturday Night Fever". This is our fun night with no formalities and a chance for "dress up", great fellowship and general boisterous behaviour. **This is the chance for Rorters to nominate for the "Bullhorn Award" for the best skit. You can come and go as you please or stay as long as you like. It's party night!**

On Sunday morning we depart for The Cedars via Mount Lofty Summit, the majestic peak of the Mount Lofty Ranges in the Adelaide Hills, which provides spectacular panoramic views across Adelaide's city skyline to the coast. There will be a brief stop for a photo opportunity before we continue on to The Cedars where we take a guided tour of the house, gardens and historic working studio of Australian landscape artist Sir Hans Heysen. The Cedars is a gracious old home still owned by the Heysen family. It houses a fine collection of paintings and drawings displaying Heysen's remarkable versatility in subject and medium.

From The Cedars we will continue on to the Mt Barker Golf Club for a buffet luncheon. From Mt Barker we travel to Woodside for alternating simultaneous tours of both Woodside Cheese Wrights and **Melba's Chocolates. Woodside Cheese Wrights has** produced a range of high quality award winning cheeses since 1994. Their sophisticated range of cow and goat milk cheeses are made by directly sourcing milk from small local dairies providing excellent control of milk quality. Woodside is true to the word artisan, crafting all the cheeses by hand. Some of their cheeses are seasonal and are only made when the milk is perfect for each cheese style.

Melba's is located adjacent to Cheese Wrights in the historic Woodside Farmers Union Factory site which had originally closed **in 1977. Melba's took over the former cheese factory building in** 1990 and the mammoth task of cleaning the old site commenced. Fourteen years of abandon and neglect were washed away – Stage 1 of Heritage Park had commenced. **Historically, Melba's operated old heritage chocolate and** confectionery making machinery and this continues today allowing us to experience the old arts and techniques.

We then return to Adelaide Shores for our Sunday night buffet dinner and Awards Night at Westward Ho. This will also be our venue for our Farewell Breakfast on Monday morning and the start of the Post Rort Tour.

With respect to the Post Rort Tour, a number of members have queried the arrangements for the Thursday and Friday nights return accommodation after the Post Rort. There will be some variations in the style of accommodation required when we return to Adelaide Shores. Some Post Rorters will have caravans/motorhomes, some will be in cabins and some will **possibly stay at the Resort. As such, there can't be a standard**

accommodation fee. Meals are included for both nights.
A full Post Rort Tour description will be in the next issue of
Roaring 40's.

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

Brian Fulmer

2014 Rort Co-Ordinator

President

Apex 40 Australia Inc.

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Page*

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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*

Many of the members were out of the country during July so they wait Until August to have an evening coffee meeting . During the October meeting plans were discussed for the Christmas Shopping Trip, the AGM and a Christmas outing.

Crest Blue Mountains Apex 40 members and their friends have suffered from the Blue Mountains Fires - with a least one member losing her house and belongings.

FORBES—*Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

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

Great 8 celebrated their 21st year in July with a Christmas spread and an Election with Allan Thorley taking over from Leon Squires. Jo-Anne will still produce the high quality dinner notice and Leon and Cheryl will handle the Secretary Treasurer duties.

The great Great 8 events just keep happening
The August meeting they had a Comedy night as part of the Sydney Comedy Festival.
September was a Black Friday Night Theme at the home Jan and AV, *Unfortunately there were no photos of Graham Dark's portrayal of a "hairy Potbelly"*

October Golf Day at Patterson Golf Club
November—Camping weekend at Pindimar
December - Traditional Seafood Christmas
... a Thorley's special

This is a replacement photo for Graham Dark's Portrayal of a "Hairy Potbelly"



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 SydneyMANLY—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.

John announced the passing of Gordon James in the August Dinner Notice . Gordon was President of Manly Apex in 1955 and joined Apex 40 in 2000 as well as being a member of Rotary.

MOREE—Approx 640km North west of SydneyNEPEAN VALLEY— Approx 60km west of Sydney

(My group) - In August we had a casual lunch beside the Nepean River at the Nepean Rowing Club. President Bryan and wife Yvonne had been travelling overseas and by chance had met up in a pub with Barry and Joyce Leavett Brown who had been travelling also through Europe.

In September we had a picnic in the Blue Mountains National Park enjoying a 1.7km walk to the river and a great family atmosphere.

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.

Wyong are certainly a busy group - look at the list

Sandra & John's renovation are now complete and they are very happy.

Margaret & Neville, Geoff & Doug are now on their way back from up around Queensland, they missed out on all the great weather we have been having around the Central Coast.

Peter Ryall is once again very involved in judging the Tidy Towns Competition entries from around the Mid North Coast.

Sue has just returned from her big trip around the British Isles.

Jim Voyzey has sold his home and is moving to Erina

Marian got the keys to her new house at Woongarra today and hopes to be able to pack and move all the things in by about this time next year. Lea had her throat operation and is going well, it didn't stop her talking even under anaesthetic.

Liz & Steve Locke are heading off on another cruise.

Julia has got a good job over in Perth as Clinical Supervisor for the Nursing students at the University and they are doing well over there and still keep in touch .

Sandy & Darrol have been away come back gone away again and are now somewhere else. If laughter cures most problems Lyn Seifert should be right for the

next forty years or so after seeing The Calendar Girls show.
 The Bradshaws are away camping with the Tassie Devils at Gloucester.
 The September meeting was a little different by escaping the school holiday crowd and meeting at Enid and Allan Kember's Exclusive Function Room.

October was Wyong's AGM with the President of 3 years Daphne announcing it's time to hang up the gavel on her presidency. Interesting point Wyong membership came from 16 different former Apex Clubs.

Marie took this photo at the Christmas in July



QLD

CALOUNDRA—Approx 103km North of Brisbane

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

Pictured below are members enjoying Sunday lunch at Ormiston in July. The August meeting was at the Fiction Restaurant for a Sunday Lunch. Whilst the October meeting will be the AGM at Albert and Alison's house in Mount Cotton.



WYNNUM—MANLY *Approx 20km east of Brisbane*

Wynnum Manly had a meeting at Lota Foreshore in August which was attended by 15 people. The October event has been changed to a Melbourne Cup party which (*at the time of printing*) will be held at the Clements with great food and prizes.

XEPA GREAT SOUTH EAST *Approx 50km south east of Brisbane***VIC**BENDIGO—*Approx 153km North West of Melbourne*

Bendigo Apex 40 activities. Over Winter not much happened and as Peter and Elaine were travelling through Canada and Alaska. In October, 13 members travelled by train from Bendigo to Woodend to meet up for lunch with our Melbourne/Gippsland and Melbourne Norwester friends at the Victoria Hotel there. The day which was arranged by Alan Kinder was most enjoyable with Apex 40 friends sharing stories about their clubs, family and memories of the 2013 Rort. During the day I forgot to take out my camera but on our return journey I took a couple of photos our club members relaxing at the Woodend Railway Station waiting for the train.

DANDENONG VALLEY—*Approx 35km South of Melbourne*GEELONG APEX 40 — *Approx 73km South West of Melbourne*MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND— *approx. 40km east of Melbourne*

On 15th September, 12 Melbourne-Gippsland members travelled by train to Woodend to meet up with 13 Bendigo members and 12 Melbourne Norwesters members for lunch at the Victoria Hotel. Unfortunately, no Geelong members attended this year. While the food was not up to standard and somewhat over-priced, the conviviality was certainly up to standard and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other Apex

40 members. This has become a popular biennial event and, because the food was rather disappointing, perhaps for 2015 we could look for a different venue somewhere between Melbourne and Bendigo. We will follow this up with our Bendigo and Norwesters friends.



While the Flahertys and Kinders were at the Gold Coast during July / August, they had the pleasure of meeting up with a number of Apex 40 friends at what has become an annual event – a Sunday lunch at the Brunswick Heads hotel. This year there were 28 Apex 40 members at the lunch, including National President Brian Fulmer and Pam and National Vice-President Alan Bach and Mary. Apex 40 Groups represented included Alstonville, Maryborough (Q), Melbourne-Gippsland, Wynnum-Manly, Wyong and XEPA. Everyone enjoyed the company and the lunch and it looks like this event will continue into the future.

MELBOURNE NORWESTERS—Approx 22km North West of Melbourne

SOUWEST (Warrnambool) Approx 270km South West of Melbourne

Souwest is our newest group to join Apex 40 - Welcome.

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



Fellow Apex 40 members ,

I would like to introduce myself to you as the New National membership director for Apex Australia also a member of Nepean Valley Apex 40 and active member of Blacktown Apex club.

My aim this year is to try and reconnect with as many past Apexians as possible as I believe to go forward we need to respect our past and understand the true meaning of what it means to be a Apexian.

As a young Apexian in the eighties I had the utmost respect for the Apexians that were retiring and I couldn't understand why they would be kicked out of the club and you would only ever see them once a year at the changeover or special dinners.

A few years ago I went along to Nepean Valley Apex 40 to ask for some assistance with a major service job that Blacktown Apex has done for many years, the infamous Blacktown show which is Blacktown Apex's cash cow. The members of Apex 40 explained to me that were only about fellowship and I respect that but I still put it out there to the members that we needed help for us to fulfil our commitment to the Show.

Some of the individual members of the club decided to help and this commitment has become more of a social event than service whilst helping their local Apex club get back on their feet again.

So what I am saying is there is a lot of Apex clubs out there that are really struggling that really need help not only for service work but running of their club and maybe your old club needs assistance either hands on for service jobs or advice on how you managed the challenges during your years with APEX.

I will be encouraging the Apex clubs with active Apex 40's club to make contact in return. It is also a great way for Apex 40 clubs to get new members from the retiring Apexians

Yours in Apex and Apex 40
 Jamie Vincent
 National Membership Director 2013/14

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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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