

ROARING 40's

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The Editors Word!

Welcome,

APEX 40 Website

During the last few months, I have had to make some changes and adjustments to the website, in the process, I have changed many of the pages from a menu drop down listing to a simple icon based selection to make navigation easier around the whole web site.

As each new page is created, I have changed the format to fit onto lower resolution screens without the need to scroll the page vertically or horizontally. There are still some pages to be created and I am conscious about the page weight (loading time), so it is not too slow to load on our computers.

Another change we had to make, came about from one of our members, who reminded the board that Dinner Notices published on the WEB site contained personal information including phone numbers and address of our members. After being made aware, all dinner notices were immediately made unavailable. This problem has now been rectified, whereby each dinner notice was edited and the personal information removed and most have been made available again. There are a few exceptions with dinner Notices from 2010 to 2012 whereby these have been encrypted and will require a different process to restore them. The originals have been stored as historical documents and will be available (if required) by contacting the National Secretary.

Keep watching the WEB site for changes and let me know what else you would like to see on our site.

Don't forget to keep sending in the Dinner Notices and other information that could be useful. web@apex40.com
www.apex40.com

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





National President's Report

Brian Fulmer - Maryborough

Welcome to 2014 and what a difference 12 months makes. This time last year South East Queensland and Northern Rivers were recovering from the effects of flooding from Bundaberg and Maryborough to Grafton. As I pen this report, most of Queensland and New South Wales is still drought declared and the small dam at our home is the lowest I've ever seen it in the eight years

we've been here.

But some things stay the same; we finished 2013 with bush fires in the Blue Mountains and started 2014 with them in Victoria, South and Western Australia, with record temperatures across the lower half of the country. Seeing the temperatures in South Australia and Victoria over the Xmas/New Year period was absolutely astounding. I have been in contact with a number of members to enquire as to their wellbeing and that of their fellow members, in the face of the bushfires threatening their districts. Lionel Mussell tells me he had to temporarily evacuate in some of the earlier fires but the recent fires are not threatening his new "digs". It's now the fifth anniversary of the Black Saturday fires in Victoria (5/2/09). How about Adelaide, sweltering one week &" drowning" the next.

I'd like to thank Bob Ireland for looking after a visiting "Pom". Steve Day, the chairman of 41ClubUK in Godalming, Surrey was visiting family in Victoria during early January. Bob was kind enough to take Steve and his family in tow with an invite to their Australia Day celebrations in Romsey. Steve was most appreciative and in his words ... "It has certainly been a warm welcome to Oz in every respect". It's great to see the spirit of international relations still alive and well.

During the festive season, Pam and I ventured down through the Central Coast of NSW and had the wonderful opportunity of enjoying some informal fellowship with members of Wyong Apex 40. It was great to catch up with old friends and in particular with members that I had been in Wyong Apex with. This was the follow on from an idea proposed by Nev and Margaret Bowman and Geoff Dunn in Brunswick Heads at the annual informal get together organised by Rob Noble of Alstonville last August.

Pam and I were also welcomed into the home of Margie Webb to attend a

meeting of the Crest Blue Mountains' Group. It was a lovely evening of fellowship with great company. Their President Bronwyn Berriman, who tragically lost her home in the 2013 bush fires, was unable to attend due to family commitments – but she was very much in our thoughts. Many a glass was raised, with the “boys” doing the BBQ and the ladies certainly looking after everyone. It is great to see a group so committed to their continuing fellowship under the Apex 40 banner and to be made so welcome.

As you would be aware from my last report I attended the 2013 Apex AGM. As a result of a face-to-face meeting with their new President, Kate Huth, I'm pleased to confirm that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Apex Australia Inc. and Apex 40 Australia Inc. has been renewed. There is no expiry date of this new agreement, a copy of which is on our website (www.Apex40.com). The new MOU is reviewable every two years at the Apex AGM following the change of Presidency at Apex40. Initial discussions have commenced with the Apex Foundation for a similar arrangement and I am hopeful of bringing this closer to fruition at the 2014 Rort.

Whilst on the subject of the 2014 Rort, there is still time to register and there are still a limited number of vacancies on the Post Rort tour (www.apex40.com/Rorts.html). If you haven't already registered for the Rort, March 31 is when final payments are due. If you have already registered and wish to now go on the Post Rort Tour, please contact either Col Ramsay or myself to change your status. A complete overview of the PRT appears later in this edition.

The term “Rort” can tend to raise an eyebrow or two for the uninitiated given its current usage in the press. However the original meaning of the term predates its current usage. To the best of my knowledge it is uniquely an Aussie slang noun based on the original English slang adjective of “rorter, rorty, raughty”, meaning “enjoyable”; “fond of amusement & excitement”. As an Aussie noun it came to mean “a rowdy, usually drunken party”.

The term was first coined by Lionel Mussell (our first National President) in 1976 promoting the first Rort in the January 1976 edition of the Roaring 40's as “*ROARING RORT :- (Means – Trick, Frolic, Spree, Orgy, Scheme – TAKE YOUR PICK).....our ROARING RORT to be held at Ballarat on March 12th/14 th [1976].....* The term was the result of a combined brainstorming session by Kevin Frazer (first National Secretary) and Lionel. As Lionel says... “*We've had frolics and sprees but I've yet to come across an orgy!*”. So there you have it, the origins of the term Rort in Apex 40 terms.

At the 2014 Rort, Vice (Immediate Past) President Alan Bach stands down in terms of our Constitution. As you are aware Alan has lead us through the process of association and has made a considerable contribution. Apex 40 is now on a sound footing with insurance in place and a new Vice President will need to be elected in his place. Nomination forms will go out with the notice of meeting for the 2014 AGM. If you'd like to make a contribution to the Association or are aware of someone that would, please don't hesitate to nominate.

I would also ask all Presidents to ensure that their Group has advised Secretary Col Ramsay of your current executives plus details of all members and their annual membership fees, due at the end of January, have been sent. If there is going to be a delay, please give either Col or myself the courtesy of letting us know (as some Groups have). A quick email is all that is necessary. Until we meet again in Adelaide, I'd wish you all a very happy Easter.

Brian Fulmer
President



*National President Brian Fulmer with members of the Blue Mountains
Crest Apex 40 sub group*



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

Hi all,

Well 2013-14 was a very satisfying year, the second year of our incorporation. The board has met every few months and each meeting has been constructive. Some meetings were held by Skype and others by email, both worked very successfully.

While we have been getting things in order there have been a few teasing issues, not least the roles of each office. Now that these roles are better defined and basic procedures in place, we will run more smoothly and I must say that the current board members have been ever willing to do their part.

None of the roles are very time consuming or difficult, we after all are a social group intent on “continuing the fellowship”. We must however remain within the guidelines of Fair Trading and this is not a difficult thing to do. One thing I would stress is that we are all volunteers and we need to enjoy what we are doing and not get stressed or overburdened by our responsibilities to Fair Trading or Apex 40 members. We are all here to ENJOY the experience.

Although Alan is coming to the end of his overall four year term in office (both Apex 40 and Apex 40 Australia Inc. terms), I would point out that he has in fact only done two years in office under the Rules and By-Laws of Apex 40 Australia Inc. If Alan wishes, he is quite at liberty to nominate for a position on the board and I for one encourage him to do so while we settle into a stable future.

Even the position of Secretary Treasurer has had its moments but these too are settling down now that all the bits and pieces are in place.

See you all at the Adelaide Rort in May.

YIA40,

Col Ramsay

Secretary Treasurer Please remember that membership annual fees are overdue, so to those few who havenot as yet paid, please do so now so as I can close the accounts for the financial year.



IRO / Apex Liaison Report

Mark Tramby - XEPA Qld

Hi everyone and not long now until the Adelaide Rort and Rosemary and I are looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

My report this time is very short, and this is due to the fact that we have just been through a serious family illness (not to either of us) that has taken us away from home for four straight months and has meant we have had no time for anything else than taking care of two little grandchildren (aged 3 and 4). Its great being a grandparent but it totally sucks having to fill in and be a parent again and we have had to do that from November to the end of February so sadly I have little to mention regarding my portfolio due to this.

I however have been keeping up to date with everything happening at a board level, and have been involved with decisions to be made (isn't modern day technology fantastic) so haven't been totally slack but I really want to thank every board member (and especially President Brian) for stepping up to the plate in my absence, it has been greatly appreciated by me I can assure you!

It's just two months until the Rort and a bit over a month until we head off on our first big caravan trip (yes we have joined the many of you with vans), so it will be quite an exciting thing for us to be "first time vanners" at the Adelaide Rort.

If you haven't yet booked in for the Rort it's still not too late to join the fun, so come on, get that computer working or pen out and join the party!!

Mark Tramby
IRO and Apex Liaison

2014 ADELAIDE POST RORT UPDATE

THE HERITAGE & THE HISTORY

On Monday morning after breakfast we hop on our coach and leave Adelaide Shores for Tanunda in the Barossa Valley. Our first stop will be the German Bakery at Lyndoch for morning tea. Plus you'll have the opportunity to buy any of your favourites like donuts, danishes, berlinas, kitchener buns and custard tarts just to name a few! The remainder of the day in Tanunda includes a private Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting at Jacobs Creek. Learn more about what goes into making great wines through participating in a walking tour of their display vineyard. A tutored wine tasting will follow, incorporating seven wines and basic wine education on the sensory evaluation process.

Lunch will be served at the Tanunda Club, winner of the 2012 South Australian Club of the Year. An iconic venue in the Barossa Valley, the Club's history is a story of people, the spirit of community; and triumph over adversity. We then continue on to a private Grand Insight and Tasting Tour of Seppeltsfield through the spectacular gardens, palms and heritage buildings. Learn of the early pioneering spirit of the Seppelts family and their profound influence on the Australian wine industry. The tour includes the barrel cellar, distillery and underground blending cellar, followed by a tasting from their table and fortified wines in a private area and is followed by a private tasting concluding with Seppelt's Para 21 year old Vintage Tawny.

Later in the afternoon we visit Maggie Beer's Farm shop for an opportunity to pick your own collection of goodies from Maggie's famous delectables; choose from pates, cheeses, olives, wood fired bread and a glass of wine or bubbles. Creating short run products based on the best quality produce in season is how Maggie started with the Farm Shop.

Both Jacobs Creek & Seppeltsfield are private tours away from the "bus crush". Accommodation for the next three nights is at the Barossa Motor Lodge with dinner and breakfast included.

Tuesday morning we depart for the bamboozling Mintaro Maze in the Clare Valley for morning tea. This living hedge maze, consisting of over 800 conifers, features fountains, twists and turns to trick even the most committed explorer. And when you do find your way out, there's plenty more to enjoy, with a range of giant-sized games featuring local Mintaro slate. From there we visit Martindale Hall, a treasured secret hidden away in the Clare. Experience the grandeur

and ambience of this authentic 19th century Georgian mansion. Built in 1879 for a 21 year old sheep farmer, Edmund Bowman Jnr, it was designed as a home for entertainment and sporting activities. It is in near original condition, including furniture and fittings.

Lunch is at the Magpie & Stump hotel in Mintaro. This hotel has been licensed since 1851 when, it was a wild pub catering for the needs of the itinerant bullock and mule drivers who passed through the town. In recent times it has been carefully revived as a typical English village pub. From there we tour Sevenhill's celebrated old stone winery and cellar door, stately St Aloysius' Church, the College building, spacious gardens and the surrounding vineyards which provide visitors with a memorable experience of a welcoming and tranquil place. As the only remaining Jesuit-owned winery in Australia, residing Jesuits are actively involved in Sevenhill's ongoing development in partnership with lay staff who share the ethos of building the Jesuit Mission to support works of charity and compassion throughout Australia.

From there we again step back in time at Bungaree Station which began on Christmas Day 1841, when George C Hawker and his brothers, James and Charles, selected it as the site for their "head station". They had purchased 2000 ewes from NSW, and on advice of the explorer, Edward John Eyre, went looking for sufficient good land along the Hutt River. They found "good drinkable water at a depth of 8 feet and plenty of it" and named the property "Bungaree", after the aboriginal name for the area. Bungaree became the headquarters of an extensive property, running 100,000 merino sheep. As a result, the property was like a small village, with its sandstone Homestead, Woolshed, Shearers' Quarters, Station Store, Manager's House, District Council Chambers, staff cottages and a Church.

Keeping in the theme of times long past, Wednesday sees us visit Burra, a pastoral centre and historic tourist town in the mid-north of South Australia. It lies east of the Clare Valley in the Bald Hills range, part of the northern Mount Lofty Ranges, and on Burra Creek. The town began as a single company mining township that, by 1851, was a set of townships (company, private and government-owned) collectively known as "The Burra". Today the town continues as a centre for its surrounding farming communities and, being one of the best-preserved towns of the Victorian era in Australia. Lunch including traditional Cornish Pasties, will be

provided by the local Burra Bakery.

We depart Tanunda on Thursday morning for morning tea at the National Motor Museum at Birdwood which houses Australia's most important collection of vintage, veteran and classic motorcars and motor cycles - more than 300 in fact. It's set in a beautiful complex by the River Torrens in Adelaide's picturesque hills, 50 kilometres from Adelaide. The Museum is much more than a collection of vehicles - it is a social history of the way we were, the way we are now and the way of the future.

On return to Adelaide we pay a visit to Haig's Chocolates, at 150 square metres this must surely be Australia's largest chocolate shop. Enjoy special chocolate tastings and complimentary coffee or tea while selecting from an extensive range of factory fresh chocolates and confectionery, including their famous chocolate frogs, truffles, fruit centres, fudges and bars. Bulk packs, special lines and some chocolate seconds are also available. After that sweet indulgence, we'll have lunch at the Largs Pier Hotel before returning to Adelaide Shores for a well-deserved rest. Dinner that evening will be a mobile roast in the Pavilion BBQ area at Adelaide Shores.

The last day of the Post Rort Tour is a luncheon cruise aboard a real side paddle wheeler along the mighty Murray, a must see for history buffs. There are few rivers in the world that are as rich with history and heritage as our own Murray River in South Australia. You will feel the history as you snake along the river with expert commentary from your River Murray Master at the helm. You will love cruising along this natural border that separates New South Wales and Victoria and which just happens to be the world's 16th longest river at 2,530km.

The environmental beauty of the Murray will leap out at you from the river banks, which are home to a range of unique flora and fauna including Black Swans and Red-Rumped Parrots; as well as Koalas, Western Grey Kangaroos and more. You will enjoy a magical and memorable time aboard the Captain Proud which features an air-conditioned dining room and licensed bar, where you can grab a drink and toast your good fortune on these fabled waters. We then return to Adelaide Shores for our last tonight together for a mobile casserole dinner in the Pavilion BBQ area before we say our farewells.



For Continuing Fellowship

Apex 40 Australia Inc. - A Body of Past APEXIAN Groups

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Col Ramsay, Secretary Treasurer, APEX 40, PO Box 5204, MANLY Qld 4175

Nomination Form
For a
Board position of Apex 40 Australia Inc.

I, _____
(Please print name)

being a financial member of Apex 40 Australia Inc. hereby nominate for the position of;

(Please print position nominating for)
President, Vice President, IRO, Secretary/Treasurer, Membership, WEBmaster, Roaring 40's editor & Ordinary Board Member(2).

I understand that this is a voluntary position and agree work within the Rules and By-Laws of the association at all times as well as with the other board members of the association.

(Sub Committee)

(Signature of nominee)

(Nominator)

(Signature of nominator)

Nominator must be a financial member of Apex 40 Australia Inc.

(Secunder)

(Signature of secunder)

Secunder must be a financial member of Apex 40 Australia Inc.

Please forward this completed nomination form to the Secretary Apex 40 Australia Inc. not later than 30 days prior to the AGM by mail or email.



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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Col Ramsay, Secretary Treasurer, APEX 40, PO Box 5204, MANLY Qld 4179

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of Apex 40 Australia Inc. will be on May 3rd 2014 between 12noon & 3pm at Victor Harbour, South Australia.

Please note that this is the second AGM of Apex 40 Australia Inc.

AGENDA

1. President's welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Move acceptance of Apologies:
4. Acknowledge the passing of former Apex 40 Australia Inc. Members. (Silence period)
5. Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the "Pacific Dawn", Thursday 20th June 2013.
6. Business arising from the Minutes.
7. Adoption of 2013/2014 Board Reports;
 - 7.1 President's report
 - 7.2 Vice President's report
 - 7.3 International Relations and Apex Australia Liaison Officer's (IRO) report.
 - 7.4 Secretary/Treasurers report, including the Financial Statement (P&L);
 - 7.5 Treasurer's Budget and Fee recommendation.
 - 7.6 Other reports.
8. Election and or confirmation of current Board Positions. In the event that we have further nominations for positions, those positions shall be voted upon by the members present.
 - 8.1 Confirmation of Board President, Brian Fulmer (Maryborough).
 - 8.2 Election of Board Vice President.
 - 8.3 Confirmation to Board of Secretary/Treasurer, Col Ramsay

- (Wynnum Manly).
- 8.4 Confirmation to Board of International Relations & Apex Australia Liaison Officer, Mark Tramby (Xepa).
 - 8.5 Confirmation to Board of Membership member, Bob Ireland (Melbourne Norwesters).
 - 8.6 Confirmation to Board of Roaring 40's and WEB editor, Ken Wright (Nepean Valley).
9. General Business.
 10. Confirmation of 2015 Rort Coffs Harbour NSW.
 11. Nomination/s for 2016 Rort.
 12. Presentations.
 13. Fine session.
 14. Close Meeting.

Col Ramsay

Apex 40 Australia Inc. Secretary/Treasurer

Attached is a nomination form for any member who wishes to assist in positions on the board.

A more detailed agenda and board report will be issued prior to the AGM.



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.



APEX

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between:

The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia Inc. (AA)
and
Apex 40 Australia Inc. (A40)

Following is a summary of some of the key elements to be incorporated in the Memorandum of Understanding between "The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia Inc." and "Apex 40 Australia Inc."

1. Objective

The objective of the MOU is to regulate the respective roles of the two entities and their interrelationship under the Apex Umbrella and to provide a means of working together for the betterment of both entities.

2. Term of MOU

The suggested term is unlimited and reviewable on a biennial basis thereafter at the "The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia Inc." Convention.

3. Governance

- (i) Governance of the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia Inc. will remain as at present.
 - (ii) Governance of Apex 40 Australia Inc. will remain as at present.
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4. Terms of Reference

- (i) Both entities will promote the activities of the other entity in their internal/external publications.
- (ii) Both entities will assist in the development of each entity.
- (iii) Distribution of Apex eNewsletters to all members of A40 with articles on both entities.
- (iv) Distribution of Apex40 Roaring 40's to all members of AA with articles on both entities.
- (v) Provide a means of exchanging knowledge and expertise.
- (vi) To provide a means of greater communication between both entities.
- (vii) To place a greater importance on the role of reconnection with Past Members of AA.
- (viii) Both entities to ensure ongoing consistency in any proposed relationship.

5. Goals

The main goals and intention of this MOU is to provide a means of growth and retention of members under the Apex Umbrella.

Signatories to this MOU:

President of "The Association of Apex Clubs of Australia Inc."

Katherine (Kate) Huth
Printed Full Name


Signature

Witness:

PETA LEE HARRISON
Printed Full Name


Signature

Date: 20/11/2013

President of "Apex 40 Australia Inc."

BRIAN JOHN FUMER
Printed Full Name


Signature

Witness:

MARIE JOYCE GILMORE
Printed Full Name


Signature

Date: 27/11/2013

AROUND THE GROUPS

NSW

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

Had an Australia Day breakfast which well attended and wonderfully catered by Narelle and Alan. Then in February they a meeting at Club Lennox.

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

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

Recently had a visit from our National President Brian and Pam. They had a great trip to Cowra during October and Fund raiser shopping trip prior to Christmas. During December Blue Mountains Crest had their AGM and Christmas Outing at Bon Ton's in Leura. During the holiday period many



Blue Mountains Crest Apex 40 relaxing and camping in the wet Wolgan Valley

of the members escaped to the Wolgan Valley for a bit of R&R



The first meeting back after Christmas was at the Leura Golf Club and the March meeting is planned to be at Anne and Kerry's home. Interesting note is that President Bronwyn has had her development application approved to rebuild your home after the devastating Winmalee bush fires last year.

FORBES—*Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

GREAT 8 HUNTER VALLEY— Approx 170km North of Sydney

Great 8 had a Black Friday meeting in October with host Jan and Robyn providing the food and decorations to make the evening memorable. They also had a weekend away at Pindimar in the Myall Lakes area..

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**

During October Manly conducted their AGM at the Harbord Chinese Restaurant. At the December meeting they welcomed Chris Liebert. Chris is a past member of Round Table UK and is keen to become involved in Manly Apex 40. They also had a Christmas party during December at the Dee Why RSL Club. The first meeting of 2014 for Manly was back at the Harbord Chinese Restaurant.

MOREE—Approx 640km North west of Sydney**NEPEAN VALLEY— Approx 60km west of Sydney**

(My group) - In December we combined the AGM with a Christmas party and had a great night at David and Moya's home. Starting 2014 off in grand style we had a night at the trots where yours truly picked the trifecta in the last race. The winnings which amounted to \$18 were spent wisely.

At the March meeting the group had planned a barefoot bowling day, however with the unsettled weather they had an indoors day.

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 held it's AGM at the October Meeting and Lea Dumpleton was installed as President and Tom Dumpleton became the Secretary again. At the November meeting, Wyong celebrated Christmas with with all the traditional trimmings.

In the November Dinner Notice, I came across this article.



FROM THE PAST

Cheque for kindergarten. 2/1/1974.

The \$6000 cheque towards the building of Wyong Pre School Kindergarten handed over by Wyong Apex Club to Wyong Council.

Shire President, Cr. Malcolm Chalmers (right) receives the donation from club secretary, **BRIAN FULMER**, (the same one who is now Apex 40 national president.) Treasurer, Geoff Marsh and service director Kevin Deaves. (Kevin still looks the same with beard & shorts.)

Starting the new year differently, Wyong travelled all the way to San Remo (Central Coast NSW) to Camp Breakaway for a BYO picnic lunch. On the subject of Brian Fulmer, Wyong had 17 members turn up

meet him at a Bateau Bay Hotel in January. Wyong will also have a strong contingent at the 2014 Rort with 21 members attending.

The meeting in February was a normal affair, whilst the March meeting will be the annual seafood night at the Heilbronn's home.

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

President Charlie after the AGM and members of Redlands enjoying Christmas Lunch



Charlie Irvin was elected president of Redlands at the AGM in late October. With 29 members in attendance. The group decided to move their Christmas bash to the Raby Bay Oriental

Redlands reported in their February edition that had a few people with illness in 2013 we hope that Ann, Peter and Marion have all recovered well.

WYNNUM—MANLY *Approx 20km east of Brisbane*

Wynnum Manly did have a great Melbourne Cup party which was held at the Clements with 16 members enjoying the races and trivia games. On the 8th December Wynnum Manly celebrated Christmas and combined it with their AGM with John Watson elected as President. The February meeting took place at Lota Beach with a picnic. On the menu was sausages and burgers.

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

At the Xepa Great Southeast AGM, Wayne Scott was re-elected 'Chief' and Mary Bach continued as secretary. The very relaxed 'Breakfast Get Togethers' on the Deck at Lakeside, Victoria Point on Sunday Mornings are proving popular. The 'come and go as you please' format is works well. More often than not, it is suddenly lunchtime before the group disperses. Congratulations to our 'Most Celebrated Member' Bob Skinner, who joins the Apex 80 Brigade in March. Members will celebrate with Bob at the Xepa March Breakfast before he sets off with Adelle on a long voyage that will see them sail most of the way around the world. Best wishes and happy travelling to Bob and Adelle on this adventure.

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BENDIGO—Approx 153km North West of Melbourne

Bendigo Apex 40 had their October meeting at Shadbold Reserve in perfect weather and at a very pleasant venue. The Christmas meeting was a luncheon at Bendigo Pottery.



Bendigo enjoying a pleasant day in October at the reserve with great fellowship

DANDENONG VALLEY—Approx 35km South of Melbourne

GEELONG APEX 40 — Approx 73km South West of Melbourne

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND— approx. 40km east of Melbourne

President Neil Hookey recently moved from his family home to a unit in Hedley Sutton after surviving the loss of his wife Margaret. I extracted Neil's story from the October and February editions of the Melbourne—Gippsland Newsletter. To me, it is a story that many of our members have faced or will face in the future.

“Now I have moved, after being at the same address for 52 years. I knew it would be hard, but not this hard. First I had to sell some of our lovely furniture, so EBay was the answer after Young's Auctions said they already had more than they could sell. It took some time and some heavy discounting, but I sold Marg's beautiful 1880's German Lipp piano, the old weighing machine from the pharmacy, a leather rocking chair, leather-topped coffee table, marital bed, American pedal organ and a coal-fired iron . At least five trips to the op shops reduced stocks of books, ornaments, china and toys. Trevor took two truckloads of miscellany to the tip and the family helped out by taking some of Margaret's treasures, but still the unit is piled high with 23 chairs, 29 paintings, and saddest of all two filing cabinets full of Margaret's family history records. I have made one distribution to each side of the family and a lot to the Genealogical Institute but there is a lot still waiting for a caring owner .

Hedley Sutton is perfect. The unit is roomy and sunny, the people are very welcoming and there are many outings and dining opportunities to take away the monotony of dinner for one. They are putting on a high tea in a couple of weeks which sounds very pukka. My only problem is remembering what I'm supposed to be doing and where. There is a men's shed in the basement which should be just right to make a batch of home brew as the weather warms up. Letting the family home for a year seemed a good idea at the time rather than selling, but it does raise problems. I left the workbench and some shelving in the garage which I thought would be useful for the tenant but I was told that would have to go as she needed all the space. She must have more stuff than me. Good old Trevor came good with a truck so away went another load to the tip.”

“I suppose Christmas and January went well – it's hard to think back that far. My first without Marg was hard to take – instead of just saying “That looks nice, dear” or “What would you like me to do now”, I had to think ahead and do everything myself. Christmas cards were hard, but I deter-

mined I'd start on Margaret's friends first because there were more of them - I always marvelled at how she would regularly remember to call her old cronies for a chat – my instincts are to only ring people if I've got something to ask them or tell them – men don't seem to have such a talent for fostering relationships. I must work at it more – I don't want to be a lonely or grumpy old man “

Neil's wife Margaret passed away on May 4th 2013



On July 8th in 1973 Lionel Mussell and Neil Hookey's brainchild of Apex 40 was born and a few months later the first official meeting of Apex 40 was held just over 40 years ago on December 14th 1973.

Melbourne Gippsland have been having regular meetings at different locations over the past few month and continue to have great fellowship

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

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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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