

ROARING 40's

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THE 2014 RORT Edition

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The Editors Word!

Welcome,

APEX 40 Website and Roaring 40's

As one continues along life's journey, there are sometimes corrections that we are forced into without any forewarning. In my case, Janice and I enjoyed the Adelaide Rort and continued like many other Rorters enjoying South Australia including the Flinders Ranges and beyond for several weeks after the Rort.

Shortly after returning, I caught a bout of the flu which sort went away and then I came down with a second bout of the flu. This cause my auto-immune system to go into overdrive resulting in a disease called Myasthenia Gravis. The effects of MG are associated with muscle fatigue including eyes, throat and limbs. After two separate 10 day stays in hospital and the associated treatments, I unfortunately had to delay the final editing of the most recent Roaring 40's and updates to the Website whilst I come to live with new sort of normal lifestyle and attend to specialist appointments.

Roaring 40's - Unfortunately, there will not be enough time to produce another Roaring 40's in 2014, however, I am anticipating an issue will be out first week of February 2015 and a further edition prior to the 2015 RORT. If you have any news, events etc please forward the stories to me at web@apex40.com.

Website. - There have been many changes to allow for faster loading of each page and also to cater for members using lower resolution screens. I have also gone through and edited nearly every Dinner Notice to remove personal information such as names, address and phone numbers. 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 The originals have been stored as a historical documents and will be available (if required) by contacting the National Secretary. The Website will be updated in the next two weeks with more articles and the December Dinner Notices.

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

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National President's Report

Brian Fulmer - Maryborough



What tremendous opportunities for continuing fellowship since my last report. As I mentioned in my Annual Report, Pam and I travelled down the Newell Highway to attend the 2014 Rort in Adelaide. During our trip we had the pleasure of meeting up with a number of Apex 40 members along the way as well as offering Pam a “wonderful” opportunity to add to the revenue of just about every town we passed through - the plastic being on fire by the time we reached Adelaide!

Our first catch up arranged by Vic and Jenny Elsley was a get together at the local Thai restaurant with a number of their fellow members from the Moree group (see photo); including Michael and Sandra Dawson who are regular attendees at Rorts.



We then ventured further down the track to meet up with the members from Forbes. This meeting was organised by Kevin Dwyer and we are especially appreciative of Ray Davey who took time off to take Pam and I for an historical walk around Forbes. Ray ordered a steak for dinner at the local pub that night and you can be the judges whether it was “a steak on a plate” or “a plate of steak” in the attached photo - they certainly know their steak in Forbes.

It was also great to catch up with Ian and Jill Messenger (Forbes Apex 40) who drove across from Canowindra for the dinner. I hadn't seen Ian since we were both in Apex on the Central Coast of NSW some 40 years ago; Ian was a member of East Gosford whilst I was a member of Woy Woy Club.

It only goes to show that friendships forged years

ago are still strong within Apex 40; certainly a reinforcement of our motto of “Continuing Fellowship”.

The next gathering occurred in Leeton and was organised by Brendan O'Connell following initial contact by Sandy Harmer. It was a large gathering for dinner at the local pub that night (see photo), as there were a number of Wyong members (John & Sandra Bowman; Neville & Margaret Bowman; Geoff Dunn and Darrol and Sandy Harmer) staying at the local caravan park together with Kev and Liz Huxham (MAL) and Ron and Jan Storay (Launceston); all in transit to the Rort. It was indeed unfortunate to hear recently from Brendan that after 65 years of service to the community, the local Apex Club has found it necessary to hand in their charter.



Our next "port of call" was Mildura and this was our first visit to the area. On arrival we were picked up from our motel by Max Smith and Julie Primmer who then gave us a wonderful tour of all the local sights. By the way, "thanks Julie" for introducing Pam to another dress shop! That evening we met up again for dinner along with some of the other Sunraysia group at the local RSL Club (see photo), the dinner being organised by Elaine

Gray and Annette Duffy.

We knew we must be getting closer to Adelaide as we also briefly bumped into John and Dianne Watson (Wynnum Manly) on the main street in Renmark as we searched for somewhere to eat. Renmark stands out for two things, its beautiful location by the Murray River and the only place where Pam didn't shop.

So I can truly say we enjoyed great Apex 40 fellowship as we travelled down the Newell as a prelude to the Rort & Pam helped the local economies.

I won't go into too much detail regarding the Rort & Post Rort Tour as there are re-

ports and photos on both in this edition. Special thanks to our guest reporter, Pascal Crespel (Club41 Francais) for his Rort report with a French flavour; to Janice (Dancing Queen) Wright for the Rort photos; to Tom Dumpleton (Wyong) for his article on the Post Rort Tour with accompanying photos from Ann Ryall (Wyong); and thanks to Bob Ireland for acting as the “pied piper” for the PRT and dealing with all those last minute issues along the way. A full set of photos are available on the website.

To our past Presidents, Leon Squires and Max Cheney (Sergeants/Scrutineers at the AGM) and Lionel Mussell and Alan Kinder (Fines Masters at Sunday Night's Rort Dinner) thank you for doing a great job. My special thanks goes to Peter Ryall (Wyong) who came forward at the Rort Dinner to offer himself as Vice President and was elected unanimously. I wholeheartedly welcome Peter to the Board and look forward to his contribution to the Association. I know we will all support him in his new role.

To those Apex40 members who made the effort on Sunday night to “keep dancing” and keep the “last Kiwi's standing” thanks; you can usually count on Andrew Farr and Bill Hammond to be there for last rounds – they and their wives really enjoyed the Rort.

There are a few other *special thanks* I would like to make.

To the 133 Rorters who made it another successful Rort; without your support, goodwill and fellowship these events certainly wouldn't be as enjoyable as they are. We just loved your creative costumes as Abba met Saturday Night Fever.

To the members of Adelaide Hills who travelled to Mt. Barker to join us for lunch on the Sunday.

To our friends from “across the ditch”, it is always a pleasure to see you at our Rorts and to know that you enjoy them as much as we do – you are always welcome.

To our new friends from RT41 Noumea (the three amigos), who made the effort to attend, I certainly hope that we can reciprocate and join you next year for your 25th Anniversary celebrations from the 12th to 18th October. From what I hear there are a number of our members planning on attending and I would certainly recommend it to all our fellow members.

To Steve Bigarelli, President of the Apex Foundation, who travelled across from Ballarat especially to address the AGM; your presentation was informative and gave us a greater appreciation of the work done by the foundation and how we can support this work by becoming members. Your presentation was extremely well received and I look forward to furthering the development of an MOU between our two organisations. I wish you well in your endeavours to create a new Apex 40 group in Ballarat - welcome as a new member of our Association.

To the National Board for their ongoing support, commitment and contribution to the success of the Rort.

On a more local level, in mid-June I attended the second Qld State Apex Reunion at Camp Mudjimba on the Sunshine Coast. The Apex Board also happened to be meeting there at the same time. This has become an annual event and is a great opportunity for both current & past members of Apex to get together, with their families, for weekend of activities and fellowship in a very informal atmosphere. Camp Mudjimba will also be the venue for this year's Apex AGM.

The following week I had the privilege of chairing the 1500th dinner celebrations for the local Maryborough Apex Club & their Annual Handover. There were a number of past members present on the night (a number of who are members of Maryborough Apex40) and the opportunity was taken to sign up a few new members for our local group.

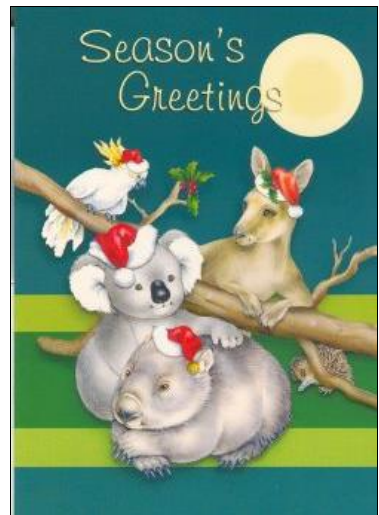
On a final but most important note, registrations are now available to "Seal the Deal" in Coffs Harbour for the 2015 Rort over the weekend of 15/18 October, being organised by Nepean Valley. Just jump onto to the website www.apex40.com/2015_Rort.html for more details.

Yours in Apex40,
Brian Fulmer

*From Brian, Colin, Mark, Peter,
Bob and myself,*

*We wish you a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year
and would like to remind you
to register for the 2015 RORT in
Coffs Harbour.*

APEX 40 BOARD





Secretary—Treasurer's Report

Col Ramsay - Wynnum-Manly Qld

Hi all,

Sub committees / Groups on register: 41
 Sub committees / Groups affiliated and financial: 32
 Members at Large (MAL) affiliated and financial: 19
 Total Members listed: 1298
 Total Financial Members: 864

In the past weeks, several past Apex members have shown interest in joining Apex 40, both within groups and also as MAL's. This is great to see as we all welcome new members.

A visit <http://www.apex40.com> will help keep you up to date with all things Apex 40, so spend a few minutes (or more) and see what is and has been happening.

Recently information regarding the 2015 Rort in Coffs Harbour NSW was emailed and also passed on by your own group secretary. Just over 700 emails were sent with 43 returned as the addresses in our register are incorrect. Please ensure that you advise **BOTH** your local secretary and me regarding any changes to your contact information so that you can be kept informed of things Apex 40.

To date we have 44 registrations for the 2015 Coffs Harbour Rort, and I expect this will grow as the cut off time approaches.

Would all Secretaries & MAL's, please note that the annual dues are payable - BEFORE January 31st.

Please note that our fees have not increased, they are still the small sum of \$6.00 per member. Early payment would be appreciated to assist me in my task of keeping the bookwork up to date and getting things prepared for the Auditor.

With Christmas rushing upon us, groups are organizing their special functions and AGM's, let's all together remember, Apex 40 is

For Continuing Fellowship

Yours in Apex 40,
 Col Ramsay
 Secretary/Treasurer,

Vice—President Report

Peter Ryall (Wyang)

Vice-President's Report.

Thanks to the terrific support and help from Brian, Col, Mark, Ken and Alan, I've finally come to terms with what my role will be on National Board over the next four years. I'm excited by the challenges that lie ahead and am confident that all of our 864 members can work together to ensure that our continuing fellowship is maintained in the spirit intended by our founders nearly 40 years ago.

I'd like to pay tribute to the late Malcolm Clark, Apex40 National President 1997-1999, who always encouraged me to stand for this position. Malcolm – if you can read this from up there, you'll be pleased to know that I've finally succumbed. You win! (again).

My wife Ann and I have 4 children and 4 grandchildren (with 2 more on the way). We moved here to Hallidays Point from the Wyong area 7 years ago to be close to Ann's family's farm at Wingham, about 40 minutes drive inland from here.

Apex was a big part of my life, and my membership of three different clubs in NSW (Young, Bega and Wyong) has been followed by my time with Wyong Apex40 since I retired from Apex in 1987. The encouragement and support I've received from the members of Wyong Apex40 has been fantastic. Thanks to you all.

If any of you are ever passing along the Pacific Highway on the mid north coast of NSW, make sure you drop in to see us here at Hallidays Point. It would be great to catch up with you.

Looking forward to Coffs Harbour.

Peter Ryall



Coffs Harbour 15th to 18th May 2015

SEAL THE DEAL



Magical Coffs Harbour only 6 hours easy drive from Sydney or 4 hours from Brisbane. Home of the Big Banana and The Dolphin Marine Magic centre.

Welcome to your RORT City for 2015

Nepean Valley Apex 40 (with help from Blue Mountains CREST Apex 40) have planned an exciting weekend in one of NSW main coastal cities. Our Friday night venue is just across the road from our main accommodation centre "Park Beach Caravan Park" and our Saturday Night function at the Marine Magic centre is only 700m away.

Friday Night
Welcome Social at the Coffs Harbour Surf Club

Saturday morning tour of Coffs Harbour followed by lunch at the Caravan Park - In the afternoon you have free time to catch up on a yarn or to explore the city

Saturday evening we will entertain you with an interactive private show at the Marine Magic Centre followed by dinner and dancing all within the Magic Marine Centre Complex

On Sunday we will take you a whole 62km to the Dorrigo Plateau where you will enjoy the view looking back over Coffs Harbour and a chance to walk out on the sky walk at the Dorrigo National Park. This will be followed by the AGM and lunch at Dorrigo RSL. On the return trip we will stop at Bellingen (if time permits).

Sunday evening will be our traditional Dinner at the Coffs Harbour CEX club where we have line up a terrific meal served to you at the table - There will be music and dancing throughout the evening.

Monday Morning farewell at the Coffs Harbour Surf Club where breakfast will be served with spectacular view over the ocean.

Don't forget the POST RORT which will be a all inclusive 4 night adventure taking in sights between Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie. Included is a Hastings river cruise, Trail Bay Gaol, Timbertown, wineries, koalas and other historic towns.

* Subject to changes



Pascal in Noumea – a 41er's perspective of our 2014 RORT

ADELAIDE 2014

Friday, 2nd of May 2014

On the road again:

Eric, Antonio and Pascal



Arrival in Adelaide: first thermal shock with 7°C before heading directly to the Social Welcome at Adelaide Shore. The welcome is very warm, and it is time to remember the good times spent during the cruise stop-over in Nouméa. It is such a pleasure to meet again some of them who are familiar. Our Kiwi cousins are also here.

Saturday, 3rd of May 2014

We frenchies missed the breakfast but made it just in time for bus departure: Brian is set like a clock!

We aim for Victor Harbour, a 100km south of Adelaide, in the Fleurieu Peninsula. A stop at the farmer's Market for an orgy of...strawberries. Then, a walk in the wind and a downpour on Granite island where we met the penguins. Fortunately, our Kiwi friends are here with us.



Lunch at the Victor Hotel with the General Assembly takes place. We are honoured to seat at Brian Fulmer's Table (Maryborough), Apex 40 National President, also with the Secretary Colin Ramsay (Wynnum Manly) and the IRO Mark Tramby (Xepa). We have to admit that the Anglo-Saxons are strict with the status.



Great lecture of our «French Emperor», Eric «Thien Ping 1er»,: the French touch strikes back. Then, there is the traditional pennant exchange. Our 25th anniversary flyer is on all the tables. great presentation of the APEX 41 2015 RIORT in Coffs Harbour by Janice Wright and Bryan Spencer.



The return trip is by the McLaren Vale vineyard, without stopping for a wine tasting: consequence, «Petit Coeur» Antonio takes one of those

afternoon naps.

Then is a stop in Strathalbyn, a cute colonial style city, for a group photography.

Arrival in Adelaide for the ABBA party. Now that's a complex free evening where everyone is on the dance floor. And the «Petit Coeur» Antonio wakes up for a «dance with the Stars» show, with



all the happy APEX? As for our President, no worries with him when time comes for a good fun.

Sunday, 4th of May 2014

Early take-off at 8:30 and the frenchies, as usual, are late for the bus! We head to the Adelaide Hills region with a morning (freezing) stop on top of Mount Lofty, with an amazing view of the unique colonial Australian city not to be by the sea. Most migrants reached this city by the land.



South Australia has a population of 1.6 million and 1.4 million live in Adelaide. With rural economy, the Australians decided to develop Adelaide as a University Centre and they did it damn well. .

With my President, it's our second visit here, and I have the souvenir of a city very ... on Victorian buildings, and therefore, a bit annoying. But now, what an urban



change, and with a very student like population. .

Arrival at the Cedars for a coffee break, and the visit of the house of Sir



Hans Heysen, an Australian artist, well know for his aquarelle paintings. It is a bit far from our GIVERNY, but his famous paintings on Gum Trees describes well the atmosphere of Australia in the XXth beginning century.

Then, there is a very pleasant lunch at Mount Baker's golf club.



The afternoon visit was at a chocolate and cheese factories I must admit that the «emperor» and myself had a real orgy of CHEESE WRIGHTS.

Back to Adelaide Shores for the «Big Dinner» and Awards ceremony. The sheriffs are just great! And the idea of a photography with all the Past Presidents is fantastic.

Banner and gifts exchange for the Apex and the Kiwis and their National President for the general Assembly in BLENHEIM, end of June.

**THANKS TO ALL OF
YOU, AND SEE YOU
SOON IN NOUMEA**

**Pascal CRESPEL IRO
CLUB 41**



ADELAIDE POST RORT TOUR. 2014 by Tom Dumbleton

Our fifty-one travellers departing on this tour did not realise how much very good food we would have to consume during the next five days and surprise, surprise we visited several wineries also. Our coach driver, Martin McAvaney for the whole tour was excellent except for sharing his cold with many of us during the last couple of days.

We had a great group of friends who mixed well during the week. Our first stop was at the Lyndoch German Bakery for a big morning tea and then on to the Jacobs Creek Winery Tour for plenty of tasting and off to Tanunda Club for a massive lunch. On the move quickly to the Seppeltsfield Winery which is a very old well laid out winery taking advantage of building on the side of a hill. We then went to the Maggie Beer Farm Shop (and they had no beer) then to our accommodation where we were staying for the next three nights and another large meal and those who were not exhausted stayed on in the dining room for a chat and a few drinks.

Tuesday we had another early start and a cold morning tea at the Mintaro Maze before going to an amazing old mansion, Martindale Hall for a tour through and a group photo on the front steps. Lunch was at the unique Magpie and Stump hotel and restaurant at Mintaro and guess what, we then went Seven Hills Winery for a bit more tasting. After that to the Bungaree Station with its big homestead and a tour of the woolsheds which have been in use for about 150 years and all still owned by the same family who provided our afternoon tea in the shearers dining room. Then back to the motel for another big meal and a few more drinks after.

Wednesday first stop was at Saddleworth for a morning tea stop but all the shops were still closed, off to Burra for tour of the mine and engine house and a visit to the mini museum in town. Lunch at the Town Hall arranged by the CWA ladies. We then returned to Tanunda so members could have a look around town for an hour or so. Ann and Marian did not travel with us this day but went shopping in Tanunda and believe it or not found another winery on the way back to the motel.

Thursday started with morning tea at the Birdwood National Motor Museum where we had a look around for about one hour, some members would have liked to spend the whole day there it is a very good collection. We headed back to Adelaide and a short visit to Haig's chocolate factory and lunch at Largs Pier Hotel and returned to Adelaide Shores and a very cold wet night .

Friday at 8.30 we were on the coach again off to Murray Bridge for a five hour river cruise where they supplied morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, it was an almost a continuous meal. While it rained most of the time we were all inside and warm and had the best chance of the tour to be able to mix around and talk to everyone and then back to another cold night at Adelaide Shores.

Many thanks to our tour captain, Bob Ireland for making sure everything ran along smoothly. Everyone enjoyed the tour

very much however the general consensus was that a bit later start each morning would have been better and shorter distances travelling in the coach would be better as we now have to all wear seat belts in the coach and have less opportunity to get around to talk to everyone. The coach was much slower on the last day because the catering was so good that everyone must have been five kilos heavier than when they left.



Tom at Mount Barker



APEX AUSTRALIA NEWS

Posted by Brian Fulmer

APEX MAKES AGE LIMIT OPTIONAL AT CLUB LEVEL.

At the recent AGM of the Association of Apex Clubs held in September at Mudjimba Apex Camp in Queensland, a change to the constitution was narrowly passed giving individual Clubs the option to extend the age limits at Club level.

It was by no means unanimous and was the result of a considerable amount of direct lobbying by Berowra Waters Apex who collected enough proxies to carry the motion.

There was some conjecture whether the proxies held were valid at the AGM, however subsequent legal advice has now confirmed their validity.

The official retiring age at Association level remains at 45 years. There will be limitations on the involvement of members older than 45 years, however the full details are not yet currently available. I understand the minutes of the AGM will be distributed through the Apex eNewsletter with more details on that issue.

Whether all Clubs, or for that matter their individual members, will take up this option is yet to be seen. The flow on effect to Apex and to Apex 40 is unknown however I hope to be able to provide members with more detail in the next edition of Roaring 40's.

YIA40,

Brian

APEX 40 AUSTRALIA INC. PRIVACY STATEMENT



Apex 40 Australia Inc. acknowledges and respects the obligations imposed under the Privacy Act 1988 and its' associated National Privacy Principles (NPPs).

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is therefore taking all reasonable steps, as a matter of principle, to comply with the Act and to protect the privacy of any person held by it.

Apex 40 Australia Inc. collects and holds personal information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and the like for the primary purpose that such information was collected in the furtherance of the objects of Apex 40 Australia Inc. This includes information required by Apex 40 Australia Inc. in order to acquaint members with particulars of activities and projects undertaken by Apex 40 Australia Inc. and/or by any Group or Sub-Committee affiliated with Apex 40 Australia Inc. Normally, the personal information is collected from the members concerned. It is acknowledged that members are under no obligation to provide the information however, if certain information is not provided Apex 40 Australia Inc. may not be able to fulfil its obligations. Most information is stored under the supervision of the National Secretary.

Apex 40 Australia Inc. takes all reasonable steps to protect the security of the personal information held by it, whether stored in electronic or hard copy form. Subject to the exceptions contained in the Act and NPPs, each member may gain access to his or her personal information held by Apex 40 Australia Inc. The gaining of access by any member to his or her personal information will be facilitated by contacting:

The National Secretary, from time to time, of Apex 40 Australia Inc. as shown on the Apex 40 Australia Inc. website www.Apex40.com or by sending an e-mail to secretary@apex40.com

2015 RORT Registration Form		APEX 40 Australia Inc.	
 			
Nepean Valley Apex 40 welcomes you to register for the 2015 Rort in Coffs Harbour			
<u>Your personal details</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque attached or <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic Funds Transfer	
Preferred first name	Surname		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Preferred first Name	Surname		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Street Address	City/town		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
State	Country (if not Australia)	Postcode	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Sub Group or organization	Email Address		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Phone number	Mobile		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
<u>Your RORT and Post RORT details</u>			
RORT Registration fee is \$350 per person with the final balance to be received by March 1st 2015. The deposit amount is \$110 per person.			
How Many Registering	Amount Payable	Deposit you are paying	Balance of RORT to be paid by 1/3/15
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Post-Rort registration fee is \$765 per person (twin share) with a single supplement of \$170. The deposit amount is \$100 per person. Numbers will be limited to available seats on the coach.			
How Many Registering for POST RORT	Amount Payable	Deposit you are paying	Balance of POST RORT to be paid by 1st March 2015
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<u>Tell us any special Requirements</u>		<u>Balance To be paid by 1/3/2015</u>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Mode of transport	Accommodation choice	Arrival Date	Departure Date
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<i>See next page for instructions</i>			

Instructions for RORTERS

This RORT is different to previous RORTS whereby there will be NO Early Bird Draw.

Instead we had decided upon a \$20 discount per person for all RORT'ers who had elected to pay their deposit by October 1st 2014. This time has now past and the registration fee is now \$350 per person with the Post Rort registration fee remaining unchanged. all balances must be paid by 1st March 2015. This will allow Nepean Valley Apex 40 to confirm numbers and make timely payments as necessary to our venues.

All amounts are expressed in Australian \$AUD.

Electronic Funds Transfer information

Bank details are -

Westpac Wynnum Qld

Account Name: Apex 40 Australia Reserve Rort 2

BSB: 034053

Account Number: 351301

Reference Info: Please use the last 6 digits of your home phone number as entered on the form

Where to send your Registration and Cheque

Please send it to

Apex 40 Inc

C/- B Spencer 5 Hunt Place

Werrington County NSW 2747.

Accommodation

Nepean Valley Apex 40 have made arrangements at the Park Beach Holiday Park in Coffs Harbour to hold a number of sites and cabins. The arrangement includes a 10% discount and for Post Rorters a \$10 a day powered site charge whilst you are on the Post Rort. It is your responsibility to make a booking at Park Beach regarding your site or cabin and pay separate deposits etc. Please call Park Beach Holiday Park on Tel 026648 4448 or 1800 200 555 - remember to ask for the 10% Apex 40 group discount.

If wish to stay at a Hotel then we can suggest the Breakfree Aanuka Resort which is a few km to the north. Again you will make your own arrangements regarding your accommodation stay. At this stage we have not negotiated a discount as we encourage you to stay at the Park Beach Holiday Park. The phone number for Aanuka is 02 6652 7555. Please be aware that this motel is some distance away and you may need transport, there are closer Hotels but these fall into the 2 star category or are listed as apartments.

Should you wish to contact Nepean Valley -

please email 2015Rort@apex40.com or

call Bryan Spencer on 02 9623 6820 - (61 2 9623 6820) or

Ken Wright on 0407473530 - (+61407473530)



Proposed 2016 Apex 40 Mass Tour Plan

Day 1 - Saturday 2nd April 2016

Individuals would arrive in Brisbane and make their own way to an airport hotel for an overnight stay (this will allow for people coming at different times to be accommodated relatively easily and even those coming by rail / car) and also give us a central point to have a meet and greet”

Day 2 - Sunday 3rd April 2016

After breakfast at the hotel the group is collected by the Coach and taken to Australia Zoo, Later continue to Maryborough for hosting by Maryborough Apex 40. Dinner this evening with host families.

Day 3 - Monday 4th April 2016

Today’s itinerary to be determined by the hosts and attendees. Dinner this evening would be at a central venue (allowing for other members to participate even if not hosting),

Day 4 - Tuesday 5th April 2016

Travel today to Brisbane with hosting to be provided by Xepa, Redlands and Wynnum Manly Apex 40 members. Dinner this evening with host families

Day 5 - Wednesday 6th April 2016

Today’s itinerary to be determined by the host clubs, with transport to be provided by the host families. Dinner this evening to be at a central venue.

Day 6 - Thursday 7th April 2016

A Coach would collect the group at a central venue to suit all for the travel south to the Northern Rivers area with home hosting from Alstonville and Byron Bay, groups. Dinner this evening with host families

Day 7 - Friday 8th April 2016

Today’s itinerary to be determined by host clubs, with tour coach available limited to 200 Kms. Dinner this evening at a central venue, cost for participants to be included, again an opportunity for non hosts to participate as well.

Day 8 - Saturday 9th April 2016

Travel today by train from Casino to the Newcastle / Central Coast area with hosting to be provided by Wyong and Great 8 members. Dinner this evening with host families (note a late arrival of approximately 7pm on the train).

Day 9 - Sunday 10th April 2016

Today's itinerary to be determined by host clubs, with transport to be provided by the hosts, and entrances to be covered by the group or tour participants. Dinner this evening at a central venue, cost for participants to be included and again a chance for others not hosting to be involved.

Day 10 - Monday 11th April 2016

Travel by Cityrail Train to Sydney today with hosting to be provided by Manly / Nepean . The proposal is for three nights in the Sydney area, this will be two nights home hosted and one to be spent at a hotel near central station on the last night due to the early departure of the train to Melbourne the next day.

Day 11 - Tuesday 12th April 2016

Sydney area sightseeing with local hosts (see above) or free time during the day

Day 12 - Wednesday 13th April 2016

Sydney area sightseeing with local hosts, or free time and hosts will need to return the participants to the Sydney Hotel (I'll book one near Central Station) by say 6.00pm.

Accommodation near Central Station, with dinner in China Town this evening

Day 13 - Thursday 14th April 2016

Depart for Melbourne today on Countrylink XPT train at 7.30am arriving Melbourne at 6.30pm. On arrival in Melbourne a Charter Coach will meet the group and transfer them to the 2016 Rort venue in Geelong. .

Day 14 - Friday 15th April 2016

End of Mass Tour, start of the 2016 Rort.

2014 RORT REPORT—ADELAIDE

Whilst it has been some time since the 2014 Rort there have been many stories exchanged over dinner meetings on how it was such a great event. Sure the weather may have been unkind at times but at mostly it did not present a problem. For some the RORT started Wednesday night with a happy hour style event somewhere in the middle of the Caravan Park around the Nepean Valley group. This was followed by Thursday night with a welcome BBQ and the opening of the registrations for members who had arrived early in anticipation to have a little extra time to settle in prior to all the activities starting. Friday Night was the first official event, upstairs at the SA Sea Rescue Squadron where RORTers settled into a an over supply of food , drink and fellowship.

There were 131 members booked for the Rort, including 8 from 41 Club NZ and 3 from 41 Club Noumea with all major functions co-located within the Adelaide Shores precinct .The catering over the whole week was extremely good with far too much to eat and with refreshments included -far too much to drink.

On Saturday we travelled down to Victor Harbour for lunch at the Victor Hotel followed by the AGM at which National Board members Brian Fulmer, Col Ramsay Mark Tramby, Ken Wright and Bob Ireland were re-elected. The Saturday night function, with its theme of “Abba meets Saturday Night Fever” provided lots of fun and some interesting costumes. On Sunday our RORT tour took us to Mt Lofty where we enjoyed a panoramic view over Adelaide city, then we went on a tour of Sir Hans Heysen’s property The Cedars where we saw his house, studio and gardens . Many of his famous artworks were seen and appreciated. We then travelled onto the Mount Barker Golf Club for enjoyable lunch overlooking the golf course.

After lunch we went onto the cheese factory and next door to the Chocolate Mill where we all helped the local economy. After arriving back at Adelaide Shores and a quick change we attended the final Rort Dinner Dance where more fellowship, food and wine continued throughout the evening.

President Brian had been asking for nominations for Vice President throughout the weekend and also a prior to the RORT. During the Sunday night dinner dance, Peter Ryall (Wyong) accepted the nomination of Vice President and was elected from the floor, this was later ratified at Board meeting.

Wyong won the attendance award and Redlands won the Penultimate award.

The whole show was very enjoyable and Brian Fulmer and the board should be congratulated for all the work they did to make it a great success.

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*

Crest Blue Mountains members have been tripping around and enjoying life with meetings ranging from members houses to a dinner at the TAFE. Here Anne McGill is pictured in a mine at Lightning Ridge with their companion.



On a brighter note Bronwyn Berriman's new house is almost completed after last years Winmalee Bush fires

In December, they have planned an AGM, a bus shopping trip and a Christmas Dinner meeting.



Bronwyn;s new house

FORBES—*Approx 380 km West of Sydney*

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

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 is incorporated and therefore has many charity events usually to raise funds for Prostate Cancer. In July, they reported making \$3,715 from a trivia night held at Warringah Golf Club. In this case the money was donated to the Pink Hope.

MOREE—*Approx 640km North west of Sydney*

NEPEAN VALLEY— *Approx 60km west of Sydney*

(My group) - Planning the 2015 Rort is well and truly underway with all locations, catering and Post Rort locked. Nepean Valley have had several BBQs/picnics over the last few months and a game of barefoot bowls. Christmas will be at the Ongley's home early in December

WYONG — *Approx 100km north of Sydney*

Wyong enjoy many trips away and after the members returned from the RORT they were busy planning their trip to Hallidays Point on the NSW Central Coast. Wyong usually meet at the Red Centre Steak Centre. Like most groups, there are always members travelling both locally and abroad

Another birthday celebration (Doug) at Wyong.



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

(Winner of the 2014 Penultimate Award)



Redlands enjoyed a weekend away in August to the Coolangatta and Green Cauldron saying at the Outrigger Twin Towns Resort

Redlands enjoying lunch at Raby Bay and below at the weekend away accommodation was a little short where 6 members had to share a bed



Redlands enjoyed themselves at the Adelaide Rort which was of course some time ago now and have since had several great outings. You can read the Redlands Dinner Notices at www.apex40.com. Look for the 2014 Dinner notices under Publications.

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**

Elaine has been submitting a great Dinner Notice with all the usual activities including a trip to La Terrazz which I believe is a winery/restaurant with 26 out of the 37 members attending. Bendigo have had a visit William Anglis which is a Chef training School in Melbourne . They are also planning to have a big end of year Christmas party



Elaine and Peter (Abba impersonators)

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

Neil Hookey (President) has been caught up the travel bug including a trip to Turkey and Budapest. Then that was followed by a National Geographic Cruise along the Kimberley Coast. Apart from that the group have had several lunches including a Melbourne Cup day and a 41st Birthday celebration of Apex 40. Several members travelled to the Gold Coast to Brunswick Heads to have a mini-RORT with members from Alstonville, Bendigo, Devonport, Grafton, Wynnum-Manly and Wyong. Melbourne Gippsland will celebrate Christmas will be at the Hookey's House with a BBQ

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

Sunraysia have enjoyed several BBQ's and in late April caught up with President Brian as he passed through on the way to the Rort

SA

ADELAIDE HILLS—Approx 35km South West of Adelaide

WA

TAS

DEVONPORT—Approx 255km North (West) of Hobart

LAUNCESTON—Approx 200km North of Hobart

2014 Rort photos from
Wyang Group



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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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