



# ROARING 40's

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**Inverell**  
*The Sapphire City*  
Northern NSW, Australia

  
Inverell Shire Council

**APEX 40s Rort**  
17 - 19 March 2017  
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### *My two bobs worth!*



This edition is a little lighter than usual with a few items being postponed to the next edition including "Around the clubs".

Les (Inverell Rort) has reminded me that Earlybird registrations will close in January 1st 2017. Anybody who has registered prior to this date will go in the draw for a Sapphire from Inverell.

Janice and I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year.

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



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## **National President's Report** **Peter Ryall (Ann) - Wyong**

A number of holidays this year coupled with grandparent babysitting duties have meant that Ann and I have managed only one trip down the highway to attend a meeting of our group's (Wyong) monthly gatherings this year. Our President Lea Dumpleton and her husband, Secretary/Treasurer Tom are the backbone of our group and do a terrific job in organising the monthly meetings which regularly attract around 30 members. The one meeting Ann and I did get to was in September and it was a thrill to see National Vice-President Bryan and his lovely wife Yvonne in attendance – what a pleasant surprise! I really appreciated the effort they made to travel up the M1, and it was great to be able to discuss face-to-face some Apex40 issues with Bryan. If National Treasurer Darrol Harmer and his wife Sandy were not away holidaying, we could have had half the National Board present at the meeting.

Thank you to all the editors who send through their newsletters/dinner notices. I appreciate the opportunity of reading about the various activities you are all enjoying and catching up on your local gossip. Ken shares some of this with you in each issue of the Roaring Forties.

Vice-President Bryan is readying himself to take over the chain of office in Inverell. He is in touch with me on a regular basis and should be well prepared by March. He and Yvonne represented us at the AGM of the Apex Foundation held last month at the Macquarie Bank in Martin Place, Sydney and he tells me that his column in this Roaring Forties will include a report of this AGM.

Bryan has been National Board's liaison person with Les Moulds and his committee organising the March Rort in Inverell. Bryan tells me that the committee is pleased with the way things are shaping up. Please get your registrations in sooner rather than later.

National Board is currently in discussions about the venue, timing and format for the Rort in 2018. Secretary Col is coordinating all this, and I am hopeful that we will be able to confirm shortly that the venue will be Launceston in Tasmania. A special thanks to Roger Hart from our group in Launceston and to

the City of Launceston's Tourism Office for their valuable assistance. Our IRO Mark Carter and his wife Joanne have recently returned from this part of Tasmania where they caught up with Devonport members Bruce and Lois Richardson. I reckon Mark and Joanne will want to have some input to the proposed program.

Kevin Harvey from Bendigo tells me that they have organised a reunion for all ex-Bendigo Apexians, and that at this meeting it is their intention to form a committee to investigate the possibility of re-establishing a Bendigo Apex Club. Good luck fellows, and congratulations on the initiative.

Ann and I hope to see many of you in Inverell next year.

Yours in Apex 40.

Pete

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**RORT**  
**HOUSEKEEPING**



**Inverell**  
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Northern NSW, Australia

POST RORT - People attending the Post Rort Tour - arrangements have been made at Inverell Pioneer Village for secure parking of vans and vehicles during the Post Rort period

Pets - All caravan parks in Inverell are pet friendly. Goonowigal Boarding Kennels is recommended and handy to town for those requiring this type of facility.

Pre - RORT Friday 17th - Fossicking group departs 10am tourist Centre, all equipment supplied - fee applies. If you require more information call Les on 0427221374

Pre - RORT Friday 17th - Bird watching group conducted by bird gurus Bert and Janet Makepeace also departs 10am from the tourist Centre. Further information from Bert Makepeace 02672243386



## **National Secretary's Report** **Col Ramsay (Phyl) - Wynnum-Manly Qld**

Hi to all Apex 40 members,

Hi to all Apex 40 members,  
 I would like to remind members to register for the 2017 Rort if you have not already done so. Les and his team are promising a great time with true country hospitality.

Phyl and I would like to wish you a wonderful time over the next few weeks whilst you enjoy the festivities of Christmas and then enjoy the delights of the New Year.

I would also remind you that the annual fees are now due, so please assist our Treasurer, Darrol, by paying them promptly. Prompt payment will ensure that Darrol is able to give us financials at the AGM in Inverell.

YIA40,  
 Col Ramsay  
 Secretary.

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## **Vice President's Report**

**Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley**



Hello fellow members,

I trust everyone is in good health as the Christmas festivities are in full swing and 2016 draws to a close.

The 2017 Rort in Inverell promises to be a good one highlighting "Good Old Country Hospitality". Les, Bert and the team are busy finalising the events, venues etc. for our enjoyment. The Post Rort they have put together appears to be a real winner with many interesting places to visit.

If you have not registered as yet, I offer my encouragement to do so. Register now and you will go in the draw to win a sapphire as this is the prize for one lucky member who books in early.

It was a privilege for Yvonne and I to represent Apex 40 Australia Inc. on behalf of National President Peter and wife Ann at the Apex Foundation A.G.M.

The venue was the executive floor of Macquarie Bank in Martin Place, Sydney. There were 35 attendees and the Chairman, Stephen Bigarelli (who was a speaker at the Geelong Rort), highlighted the Foundation's activities in his address, including the distribution of \$192,749 to various trusts and charities.

The CEO of the Melanoma Institute of Australia gave insight into the research work carried out after which she thanked the Foundation for the donation of \$15,000 for a clinical microscope.

We were then entertained by an Opera singer who explained she was familiar with the organisation of Apex as her father was a member of Parkes Apex Club.

Jamie Vincent (Nepean Valley) then gave a power point presentation on the Chalet which included the recladding that was completed earlier this year. The tremendous Apex spirit that went into that work was truly evident.

After the meeting was closed, it was time for fellowship with ample fine food and refreshments which we enjoyed marvelling at the wonderful view of the city from out on the balcony. It was a tough “gig” but with Peter and Ann unavailable, we were only too happy to fill in for them.

I appreciate the forged links of Apex 40, Apex Clubs and Apex Foundation that were strengthened by Past President Brian Fulmer’s endeavours. Members if you wish to support the Apex Foundation, please do so by contacting them direct.

At this special time of year Yvonne and I truly extend our very best wishes to all members for a peaceful, happy and safe Christmas and hope 2017 is a good year for everyone.

### Finally, some Christmas quotes:

Victor Borge: *“Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year”.*

Melanie White: *“Christmas is a state of mind and that special feeling that only comes with an empty bank account”.*

Unknown: *“Why is Christmas like a day at the office? Because you do all the work, and the fat guy in the suit gets all the credit”.*

Burton Hills: *“The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: The presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other”.*

Cheers and kindest regards,

Bryan



REMINDER!

**Annual fees are now payable  
please ensure that \$7.50 per  
member is forwarded to our  
treasurer Darrol asap.  
PO Box 5204, MANLY, Qld, 4179**



## **National International Relations Report**

**Mark Carter (Joanne) Leeton**

Greeting's to all Apex 40 member's,

The IRO portfolio has been somewhat calm since my last report. I continue to receive email Newsletters from Dr Sid as perhaps some other members do. Dr Sid is the Communication Manager for 41 International news. He himself is based in Salem, India but reports on club news and events through many counties such as Cypress, Nepal, Netherlands, South Africa, Germany and Belgium.

No problems with International travel their I gather. My aim is to email Dr Sid and touch base with him and see what the future may hold and I would also like to connect with my counterpart in New Zealand and see what the Kiwis are up to. I believe we will have some from New Zealand and Noumea at Inverell in March. Regarding Apex Liaison, the fort has also been quiet and I believe we were not able to have to have a representative at the Apex National Convention in Beaufort.

I will touch base with the National President Matthew to see the outcome of the Convention.

Until next time. Mark

### **A message from the Apex 40 Board**

Peter & Ann, Bryan & Yvonne, Col & Phyl, Darrol & Sandy, Bob & Rita, Ken & Janice and Mark & Joanne, we



would like to wish all the members and our friends a very

Merry Christmas and wonderful 2017



# RORT UPDATE



# Inverell

*The Sapphire City*  
Northern NSW, Australia

Reminder Early Bird Registrations finish 1st January, 2017. Only those registered by that date will go into the draw to win an Inverell Sapphire.

Remember register early it is very easy either by web or registration form included in the Roaring 40's

As of early December, we have nearly 70 people registered with promises of more in the next few weeks. We also have in excess of 30 registered for the Post Rort Tour. We believe these are excellent numbers. We thank all our friends who have registered early.

For those who have not registered please consider joining us in Inverell and if possible coming on Post Rort tour – you will not be disappointed.

All is in order as per programme.

There is still plenty of accommodation – any problems please give me a call on 0267221374 0427221374 [lymoulds@bigpond.com](mailto:lymoulds@bigpond.com)

As previously advised we do have security parking for vans and cars for those touring.

Registrations	Thursday	2 pm - 4 pm	Inverell Tourist Centre
	Friday	1 pm - 4 pm	Inverell Tourist Centre

Friday Evening      Welcome Function      Inverell Pioneer Village

Merry Christmas to All.

Inverell Organising Committee



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# Welcome to Inverell

## Inverell *The Sapphire City*

We all like to discover hidden secrets, Inverell is one of those special places.

Tucked snugly into the Macintyre Valley at the foot of the New England Ranges, Inverell is known far & wide as "The Sapphire City". As the name suggests, Inverell is one of the true gems of the New England region of NSW & a place that should be on your bucket list to visit.

A mere 427km from Brisbane & 548km from Sydney; Inverell is located on the Gwydir Highway easily accessible via the New England Highway, Newell Highway, touring drives; the Fossicker's Way & Thunderbolt's Way.

The Inverell Shire is within the Kamilaroi Nation & home to local & visiting Aboriginal people representing many Aboriginal tribes & language groups. These include Jukumbal, Kwiambal, Nucoorilma, Anaiwan, Ngoorabul, Marbul & Banbai peoples.

The area remains mostly unspoiled with real country hospitality one of the town's greatest charms. From beautiful boutique stores to spacious National Parks, magnificent waterways to a diverse selection of gems & minerals, there is something for every member of the family. Inverell has a rich history evident in many facades encompassing the Central Business District, which can be enjoyed by taking a leisurely heritage walk, or wandering through museums, galleries & monuments.

Inverell was settled in 1836 after Alexander Campbell arrived & established 2 properties. Inverell takes its name from the Gaelic, meaning meeting place of the swans; owing to the large number of black swans in the area at

the time of settlement. Records show that several Aboriginal tribal boundaries intersected within the Inverell district well before the European settlement.

With a warm & friendly smile, Inverell is your home away from home. Come & spend some time with us. You'll be pleasantly surprised.





## Program Subject to changes

### Friday 17 March - Early Arrivals

**10am Fossicking Tour** - For the alluvial Inverell Sapphires & Zircons. Don't be afraid to get dirty, dress appropriately, wear enclosed shoes, take a hat & sunscreen & be prepared to have some fun & work a little.

**Afternoon** - Explore the Town Centre at your own leisure.

**Evening** - Welcome BBQ at the Inverell Pioneer Village with local wine tasting on offer.

### Saturday 18 March

**8.30am Coach departs for Town Tour** - visit the Inverell Tourist Centre & view a sapphire cutting demonstration.

**Morning tea** - At the Inverell Art Gallery & wander through their unique displays.

**Guided Tour** - Art Deco Heritage Inverell Town Hall.

**Guided Tour** - Bruderhof Community - Inspect Sign Shop & enjoy a home cooked Lunch.

### Free time

**Dinner** - Inverell East Bowling Club with the amusing Bush Poets Jim Brown & Fat Hardy.

### Sunday 19 March

**8.30am Tour** - National Transport Museum & morning tea.

**Guided Tour & Tasting** - Olives of Beaulieu

**Tour** - Copeton Waters with Lunch & the AGM.

**Dinner** - Inverell Art Society

### Monday 20 March

**Farewell breakfast** - Inverell Pioneer Village  
*POST RORT TOUR DEPARTS 9.30am.*

## Accommodation

Inverell has a wide range of accommodation options to meet every traveller's needs. There are several caravan parks you can choose from & you can either pull up with your van or stay in one of the self contained cabins. All are in great locations with easy access to the centre of town.

Inverell has a great selection of motels ranging from budget to luxury 4 star accommodation & everything in between. They have all the facilities & services you would expect together with great country hospitality.

Our preferred accommodation providers are:

Inverell Caravan Park (Cabins) - PH (02) 6722 3036

Cousins Motor Inn - PH (02) 6722 3566

Sapphire City Motor Inn - PH (02) 6722 2500

All close to one another & in close proximity to the dinner & breakfast locations.

## Transport

Armidale Airport is the closest working airport to Inverell & is a mere 1.5 hours drive to Inverell.

**Armidale Airport** PH (02) 6770 3821  
New England Hwy, Armidale NSW 2350.

The Armidale to Sydney Route is serviced by two airlines - Qantaslink & Regional Express (REX) Airlines.

### Airport Transfers

Will be available to depart Armidale Friday & return Sunday to secure your place please contact Les Moulds on PH 0427221374 *bookings are essential.*



## Post RORT Tour

Following breakfast & farewells the Post Rort Tour will begin. The tour includes Coach travel, accommodation & most meals.

**Monday 20 March** - Beginning with a short drive to Tingha an historic Tin Mining village where we will visit the Wing Hing Long Museum for morning tea. Then onto Guyra where we will explore Costa's Tomato Farm followed by a delicious lunch at Rafter's Restaurant. From there to the Wright Robinson Winery at Glenco to sample some New England Wines. Travelling to Glen Innes the Celtic Capital of Australia we will check into our accommodation & have a guided tour of the Australian Standing Stones.

**Tuesday 21 March** - A short drive to Emmaville then onto Deepwater & finally Tenterfield. We will visit the Tenterfield School of Arts where Henry Parkes' Federation speech was enacted, followed by lunch. Then onto the Tenterfield Railway Museum an enlightening experience & then it's up to you to either relax or explore the Tenterfield CBD.

**Wednesday 23 March** - First stop is the Wallangarra Railway Station where you can see how NSW & Queensland connected from 1888 to 1997. Then onto the Bramble Patch to experience tasty local produce such as jams, sauces, coffee, waffles & other yummy delights. From here we arrive

at Stanthorpe for lunch, your choice at your own expense. Next stop the Law Dogs Australia for a demonstration on how they train & work. Then book into our accommodation followed by some free time. Some suggestions to visit might be the Granite Belt Brewery or just sit back & relax before dinner at the famous Anna's Restaurant a highlight of the trip.

**Thursday 24 March** - A fun day filled with taste sensations! Starting with the Stanthorpe Cheese & Jersey Girls Cafe with handmade gourmet cheese for you to enjoy. Followed by lunch at Varia's Restaurant the home of Queensland College of Wine Tourism for lunch. Then a visit to Glen Aplin & the Golden Grove Estate, the oldest family owned vineyard on the Granite Belt. Tonight we dine at the Barrelroom at the delightful Balladean Estate Winery.

**Friday 25 March** - The last day of the RORT. We farewell Stanthorpe & possibly, time permitting visit Casey Mt Hutton Vineyard & Winery on the way to Glen Lyon Dam a well known fishing hot spot. Then onto Texas, this area was Australia's largest Tobacco producer in its heyday. Heading to Inverell via Ashford where the tour will conclude with fond farewells. *Subject to change with circumstances beyond our control.*



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**Inverell Visitor Information Centre**  
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**Thank You**  
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 C/ 23 Bannockburn Road INVERELL 2360

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### STEP 1: Delegates Attending

**Delegate 1:** Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub Group/MAL or Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food allergies, mobility or other issues: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sub Group/MAL or Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food allergies, mobility or other issues: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2: Price Calculation** (please tick the box with your RORT selection, including relevant pricing all prices are in \$AUD and includes GST)

Delegate 1:  RORT Registration \$330 - Early Bird Registration Prior to the 1st Jan 2017

RORT Registration \$360 - After the 1st Jan 2017

POST - RORT Tour Registration \$690 - *Single Supplement \$195*

*(Please note that this cost is based on 30 passengers it will operate with less than 30 but could have a slight price adjustment).*

Total Delegate 1 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate 2:  RORT Registration \$330 - Early Bird Registration Prior to the 1st Jan 2017

RORT Registration \$360 - After the 1st Jan 2017

POST - RORT Tour Registration \$690 - *Single Supplement \$195*

*(Please note that this cost is based on 30 passengers it will operate with less than 30 but could have a slight price adjustment).*

Total Delegate 2 : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Full Price for Delegates: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Paid for Delegates: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum \$100 per delegate)

RORT Balance Owed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (must be paid by 1st February 2017)

**Step 3: Your Accommodation/Travel Choices**

**Our preferred accommodation providers are:**

Inverell Caravan Park (Cabins) - PH (02) 6722 3036

Cousins Motor Inn - PH (02) 6722 3566

Sapphire City Motor Inn - PH (02) 6722 2500

Accommodation Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Choice: (Please select)

Car Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Plane (Armidale) Please select Airline:  Qantas  REX

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Airport Transfers** Will be available to depart Armidale Friday & return Sunday to secure your place please contact Les Moulds on PH 0427221374 *bookings are essential limited numbers apply.*

**Step 4: Method of Payment**

Cheque (payable to Apex 40 Australia Inc)  
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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*.



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Name badges (\$10), Lapel badges (\$10) and Apex 40 Sticker (\$4), including postage can be obtained through the National Apex 40 Secretary.

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