

# ROARING 40's

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**Alstonville Members meeting for a nice lunch at Club Lennox during February. A very relaxed affair as they had the whole dining room to themselves.**

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## *My two bobs worth!*

It is almost that time again that we reunite with our extended Apex 40 family at the annual RORT. This particular issue of the Roaring 40's is a last chance reminder for you to register and be part of this great event.

I should also remind you that Apex 40 has a Facebook page which allows members to share travel experiences and keep up to date with things that are going on ... The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543334949270004/>

Don't forget to keep sending in the Dinner Notices and other information that could be useful. [web@apex40.com](mailto:web@apex40.com)

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

The committee organising our Geelong Rort has done a wonderful job preparing the program. My sincere thanks to them for their hard work. Ann and I are really looking forward to our visit to the birthplace of Apex, and it will be a great opportunity for us all to live up to our motto: "For continuing fellowship". For those of you who are still considering attending, can I encourage you to do so. It is our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Rort, and you can be assured of an enjoyable time. I am anticipating a number of overseas visitors joining us, as well as representatives from Apex Australia and the Apex Foundation. The business session at the AGM will be short, with only some minor constitutional changes to be voted upon, as well as a couple of elections for National Board positions.

I look forward to catching up with you in Geelong.

Peter

### **The Apex Monument - Johnstone Park Geelong**





## **Secretary–Treasurer's Report**

**Col Ramsay (Phyl) - Wynnum-Manly Qld**

Hi to all Apex 40 members,

As I reported in the last two editions of the “Roaring 40’s”, the suggested changes to the constitution have been completed and will be emailed/mailed to all that I have current addresses for. These changes will be put to you, the members at the 2016 AGM so when you receive them, please read them so that you are well prepared for their presentation.

Three groups have not as yet sent me their annual dues and member information so if you are one of these, please get the info to me promptly. Annual membership fees for 2016 are still only **(\$6.00)** per member.

**A Special thankyou to all those Secretaries and MAL's who got their annual fees to me a little early, this is making the task of finalizing the financials and getting them ready for the Audited a little easier.**

Please remember to keep me updated with changes to your details. Several members have moved recently and I thank them for their updated information.

2016 Rort is at Geelong this year, being held from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April so do not miss this great event.

YIA40,  
Col Ramsay  
Secretary Treasurer





# Historical Note

In 1976 Melbourne Gippsland hosted the first RORT in the historic town of Ballarat, some 2 years after a meeting of the committee which eventually formed Apex 40. In 2016 we celebrate 40 years of RORTs.

As a younger member of Apex 40 (and that is stretching it), I find that difficult to source information about our history and would encourage, those who have helped shaped our organisation to put a few notes together about our past and send them to me they can be preserved for all time. - Ken Wright

*An article (below) from the Apexian dated October 1974*

## APEX OVER 40 IS UNDER WAY

A SOCIAL organisation known as "Apex 40" has been formed to maintain contact between retired Apexians.

Apex 40 is basically a fellowship organisation for the enjoyment of members and their families.

Its purpose is to provide the means for retired Apexians to keep alive the friendships made during their Apex years and of course to provide the opportunity for making new friendships.

All Apex 40 activities are family functions and there is no obligation on any member to attend.

### Emblem

The official emblem is recognisable immediately by all Apexians.

It is a triangle with the word "Apex" above a line with "40" underneath—meaning "Apex over 40."

Persons eligible for membership of Apex 40 are—

1. An Apexian on retirement from active membership at normal retiring age.
2. An Apexian promoted to a Life office.

3. Any ex-Apexian as approved by the Apex 40 committee.
  4. Wives of eligible members.
- Apex 40 is financed by an annual membership subscription, at present £2.

### Dinners

Dinner meetings are held bi-monthly as follows—

- February, 1st Monday
- April, 1st Wednesday
- June, 1st Friday
- August, 1st Monday
- October, 1st Wednesday
- December, 1st Friday.

Dinner meetings may either be a dinner and a chat, dinner dance, or a guest speaker.

Social activities are normally held on the other months during the year, namely March, May, July, September and November.

An annual reunion will be held each year in conjunction with a zone convention.

Apex 40 members will participate in zone functions as well holding separate Apex 40 activities.

The idea of an organisation for retired Apexians was first conceived on a boat trip on the Swan River during the Scarborough Association Convention, Easter 1972.

Two members shortly due to retire from active membership, Lionel Mussell and Neil Hookey, felt it would be a pity to lose contact with fellow Apexians.

The idea remained dormant until the following year when, at the Maryborough Association Convention, delegates voted from the constitution restrictions on auxiliary and affiliated bodies.

Zone 12 VP David Cotton and Lionel Mussell rehatched the idea of an affiliated body for retired Apexians and Lionel Mussell agreed to investigate further this idea.

Subsequently a group of ex-Apexians and their families were called to consider the idea over a family barbecue.

### Informal

Because so many friendships just stop when Apexians reach retiring age, this group considered that it would be a good idea if some form of an informal association could be established for retired Apexians for the purpose of maintaining the friendships made in Apex.

An interim committee was formed comprising Lionel Mussell (Mornington), Neil Hookey (Camberwell), Alan Padgham (Bayswater), David Saunders (Malvern) and Kevin Frazer (Nunawading) to investigate the feasibility of the establishment of an association.

In the first nine months financial membership reached 74 members comprising 46 retired Apexians and 26 wives.

As the word has spread new names have been regularly added to the mailing list.



## **Vice President's Report**

**Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley**

Yes, it is 2016 and our focus is on Geelong for the annual Rort in April.

From all accounts, Bob Ireland and his committee are working diligently to put together a terrific weekend of good old "Apex Fellowship". I am sure all members are keen to catch up with each other and forge new friendships.

In my capacity as Vice President, I am delighted to liaise with Les Moulds from Inverell Sub Committee in regards to 2017 Rort. Les has many plans in hand for the weekend. The 2017 Rort will be revealed at our A.G.M. in Geelong. National President Peter will officially call for a motion that the 2017 Rort take place in Inverell.

I will continue to be National Board's contact with Les and other members from Inverell as the year unfolds.

I also take this opportunity to publicly thank National President Peter, Secretary/Treasurer Col and the other Board members for their encouragement to me throughout the year.

I look forward to enjoying fellowship at our Rort in Geelong. See you there!

Cheers,

Yours in Apex 40

Bryan Spencer,  
Vice President



## **Apex Liaison & International Relationships Report**

**Mark Tramby (Rosemary) - XEPA-Great South East**

This is my last report to you as IRO / Apex Liaison director as after 4 years on board it's time to step down and hand over the duties to a brand new director ( of course subject to your confirmation at the AGM).

It's been a great experience being on board, with the best part the camaraderie between the board members.

It's been a somewhat difficult last couple of years in the role though due to a serious family illness which has precluded me from having much time for Apex 40 duties , so I do thank past President Brian and current President Peter for their understanding in what has been two pretty tough years where to be quite honest I've not been able to be involved very much at all.

I am pleased to report however that despite this that my areas of responsibility have continued to prosper and we now have the best communications we have ever had with Apex ( again my thanks to past President Brian for his work on this). I'm not sure it will result in a massive membership growth for us , especially now Apex has opened the age for membership, but their clubs are certainly far more aware of us than ever before, so fingers crossed for the future.

President Pete has been flying the flag for International Relations, attending the Noumea Round Table 41 festivities last October, and is jetting off to New Zealand shortly to attend their annual AGM which is being held just prior to our Rort. It would be nice if we mounted another tour to NZ to attend their AGM as we now get a regular group coming to the Rort, perhaps a challenge here for the new IRO.

Rosemary and I missed last years Rort but are looking forward to catching up with our old friends, and hopefully some new ones, in Geelong, so we will see you all there.

## **Apex Liaison & International Relationships Report (Cont.)**

In the interim I'd like to thank my fellow board members during the last 4 years for some great times in between Rorts, I've certainly enjoyed being in the role, and could suggest to anyone wanting to put their hand up that you will enjoy the experience if you do so.

Thanks once again for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Apex 40

Mark Tramby

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### **Forward Planning**

**Inverell Apex 40 have been accepted as the hosts for the 2017 RORT.**

**Inverell is located between Grafton and Moree in Northern NSW.**

**Les, Bert and the team have planning well underway with many of the events already "locked in". Details will be on the website [www.apex40.com](http://www.apex40.com) soon. however if you want to enjoy another great RORT and POST RORT put the weekend of 17-19th March 2017 in your diary now.**



## DATING IN THE 60s. Remember those days?

It was a hot Saturday evening in the summer of 1960, and James had a date with Annabella.

He arrived at her house and rang the bell...

'Oh, come on in!' Annabella's mother said as she welcomed James.

'Have a seat in the sitting room. Would you like something to drink? Lemonade? Tea?'

'Tea, please,' James said. Mum brought the tea.

'So, what are you and Annabella planning to do tonight?' she asked interestedly.

'Oh, probably go to the flicks and then maybe grab a bite to eat at the coffee bar, perhaps have a walk on the beach afterwards.'

'Annabella likes to screw, you know,' Mum informed him.

'Really?' James gasped, surprised to say the least.

'Oh yes,' mother continued, 'When she goes out with her friends, that's all they do!'

'Is that so?' asked James, incredulously.

'Oh yes,' she said. 'As a matter of fact, she'd screw all night if we let her!'

'Phew! Well, thanks for the tip!' James said as he began thinking about alternative plans for the evening.

A moment later, Annabella came down the stairs looking pretty as a picture, wearing a pink blouse and a hoop skirt and with her hair tied back in a bouncy ponytail.

She greeted James..

'Have fun, kids!' mother said as they left.

Half an hour later, a completely dishevelled Annabella burst into the house and slammed the front door behind her.

'The Twist, Mum!' she yelled angrily to her mother in the kitchen.

'The bloody dance is called the ..... Twist!'



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Welcome to Geelong and The Bellarine. Only a short drive from Melbourne, Geelong promises to be a relaxing retreat from the big city. With breathtaking views, sophisticated dining options and all kinds of entertainment on tap, there's so much to love about Geelong and The Bellarine.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation is abundant and varied throughout the Geelong region. We pride ourselves on our well-appointed accommodation, great atmosphere, prominent locations, friendly hosts, comfortable and inviting rooms with exhilarating attractions all at your doorstep.

Our accommodation also guarantees to suit specific tastes, budgets and needs, as they range from 4½ star elegance to 2 star comfort. Geelong offers in excess of 1000 hotel-motel rooms and serviced apartments within a short distance of the city centre, all of which guarantee you a good night's sleep.

Our preferred accommodation provider is Barwon River Tourist Park. A discount is available for Apex 40 members. This is also where coaches will pick up/drop off during Rort. Contact 1800 657 955 for bookings and further information.

Alternative accommodation is available at the Mercure Geelong contact 03 5223 6200 for bookings and further information.

**TRANSPORT**

Trains: There are frequent train services between Melbourne and Geelong through V/Line. The trip takes about an hour and you do not need to book. V/Line buses also operate from other towns (eg Ballarat) directly to Geelong. Timetables and more details available on [www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au) or call 1800 800 007.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

- Tullamarine Airport (Melbourne): Gull Bus lines operates regular buses from Melbourne Airport to Geelong. Fares \$32 one-way per person. Bookings and information on [www.gull.com.au](http://www.gull.com.au) or 03 5222 4966.
- Avalon Airport (Geelong): Regular flights to/from Sydney with Jetstar. Avalon Airport is just 15 minutes from Geelong. The Avalon Airport Shuttle will take you door to door to any motel/hotel in Geelong and costs \$18 one-way per person. Bookings and information on [www.avalonairportshuttle.com.au](http://www.avalonairportshuttle.com.au) or 03 5278 8788.
- Searoad Ferries: A car and passenger ferry service is available 7 days a week between Queenscliff and Sorrento, departing each hour on the hour between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm. Bookings and information on [www.searoad.com.au](http://www.searoad.com.au) or 03 5258 3244

For visitor information visit [www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au](http://www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au) or phone 1800 755 611.





## Welcome to Geelong and The Bellarine...

We want to welcome you to Geelong, on this the 40th anniversary of the first Rort that was held in Ballarat. Geelong as you would be aware, was the home of Apex, which is the very reason for us celebrating this weekend.

Geelong's name originates from the Aboriginal word 'jillong', meaning 'a place of the sea bird over white cliffs'. The city takes full advantage of its prime position on the shores of the north-facing Corio Bay.

Geelong is Victoria's second largest city and within a short drive from popular beach-front communities on The Bellarine, as well as being the gateway to the famous Great Ocean Road, which begins just south of Geelong at Torquay.

The city itself boasts a large commercial centre which extends down to the foreshore, offering visitors the chance to explore popular waterfront attractions such as the unique art deco Eastern Beach sea-bathing complex, a fully restored historic carousel, Steampacket Gardens and several coastal walks dotted with collections of bollards depicting historic characters. Elegant architecture, colourful gardens and parks, and the backdrop of Corio Bay are all symbolic of what locals refer to as the "city by the bay".

Geelong's central city and suburbs offer excellent shopping facilities, restaurants, nightlife and recreation on a par with any capital city. Locations of interest for visitors include the National Wool Museum, the Old Geelong Gaol, the Botanic Gardens at Eastern Park and a number of other museums, galleries and historical buildings. The Barwon River meanders through Geelong and its surrounding suburbs, fronted by a number of attractive parks and the scenic Buckley Falls in Fyansford.

And there's plenty to see and do in the surrounding areas. Queenscliff, a short drive away on The Bellarine, is a delightful historic seaside village. You'll be inspired by its architecture, ranging from fishermen's cottages to grand Victorian-era hotels.

### PROGRAM

#### Friday 15th April

Welcome social and registration at the Geelong RSL

#### Saturday 16th

Bus tour of Geelong followed by morning tea provided by a local Service Club in Johnstone Park (Home of the Apex Monument)

Free time to wander down to the waterfront in preparation for our 3 hour luncheon cruise around Corio Bay

#### Saturday Evening

Dinner Dance at the White Eagle

#### Sunday 17th April

Guided Tour of the Wool Museum including morning tea at Denny's Kitchen

Then we will be bused to the Clifton Springs Golf Club for lunch and our AGM

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## POST RORT TOUR

Following Breakfast, our Post Rorters will leave us to commence their Post Rort Tour. This includes accommodation and most meals.

### Monday 18th April

We begin with a guided tour of the Heights Heritage House and gardens, to be followed by lunch in Geelong. In the afternoon, we will visit Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre, which is an Australian cultural tourism and educational enterprise. Here we can have a leisurely stroll through the native garden with an abundance of bird life, and also the gallery/retail shop which displays a wide range of Aboriginal arts and crafts. We then check into the motel for the next two nights.

### Tuesday 19th April

Today we will venture to Queenscliff. Upon arrival, we will take a 1 hour guided tour on the coach, where the guide will give commentary on the area and talk about places of interest. Lunch will be in Queenscliff. Following lunch, there will be time to wander the streets before travelling to Point Lonsdale for a look and then back to Geelong for free time and the evening meal.

### Wednesday 20th April

We leave Geelong and travel to Winchelsea, where we will call into the Hasting Ostrich Farm for a guided tour, which covers the history of Ostrich farming, products, farming practices and learn all about these prehistoric birds. We then continue to Warrnambool, stopping on the way for lunch (own expense). Upon arrival in Warrnambool, we will be taken on a guided tour on the coach, with time available to browse the Visitor Information Centre, with spectacular views of Lady Bay & Breakwater. We then go and check into the motel for the next 2 nights. Our evening meal will be at the motel.

### Thursday 21st April

This morning we will begin with a visit to the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Whilst here we will explore Australia's most awarded maritime heritage precinct, climb the lighthouse, take in the views, and learn of the regions maritime history. Lunch will be at Macey's Bistro, and then we will enjoy a 75 minute cruise on the Hopkins river, with commentary and tea, coffee and biscuits. After the evening meal, we will return to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village for the "Shipwrecked Sound and Laser Show". This allows us to join the last voyage of the 1878 clipper ship Loch Ard.

### Friday 22nd April

After farewelling our hosts this morning, we will visit the Tower Hill State Game Reserve, which is nestled inside a dormant volcano, and today is a beautiful haven for wildlife. We then commence our journey back to Geelong via the Great Ocean Road, where we will stop and visit the 12 Apostles, and Loch Ard Bay. Time permitting, we may also visit a Cheese Factory on the way.





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*Postcode*

*Agree to share details with  
other 2016 RORT'ers Y/N*

*Sub Group, MAL or Organisation*

*Email Address*

*Main contact phone number*

*Phone number whilst at RORT*

**RORT**

RORT Registration is \$350 per  
person

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payable*

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**POST - RORT**

POST RORT Registration is \$790 per  
person with a single supplement  
of \$175.

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## **Registration Information**

The discount is only available to February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 whereby the registration will increase to \$350 per person

The final balance is to be paid by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The RORT committee will not be responsible for travel or accommodation arrangements including airport transfers. .

The bank details for Money transfers is: **Bank: WESTPAC    Account name: Apex 40 Australia Inc**  
**BSB: 034-053    Account Number: 308856**

The Postal Address for Cheques and manual registrations is  
**Apex 40 Australia Inc, C/- 23 Somerleigh Crs, Greensborough VIC 3088**

please endorse cheques to Apex 40 Australia Inc.

Barwon River Tourist Park has been chosen as the main caravan park offering powered sites with or without en-suites and plenty of cabins. The Park also offers a discount to RORT'ers. For those who require a motel then we suggest the Mercure.

Barwon River    [www.barwoncaravanpark.com.au](http://www.barwoncaravanpark.com.au) Telephone 1800 657 955 or (03) 5243 3842  
Address: 153 Barrabool Road, Belmont VIC 3216

Mercure Hotel: <http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-3033-mercure-geelong/index.shtml>  
Telephone 03 52236200 Address: Cnr Myers and Gheringhap Sts GEELONG

Overflow accommodation choices are: City Southside Caravan Park or \ the Sherwood Forest Caravan Park

Should you have any further requirements or questions please contact the RORT committee:

Email: [geelongrort@apex40](mailto:geelongrort@apex40) or call  
Bob Ireland (H) 03 9434 2919 or (M) 0438135185

on behalf of the 2016 RORT Committee

Thankyou for registering  
Bob Ireland, Max Cheney and Kevin Harvey

**Online registrations @  
[www.apex40.com](http://www.apex40.com)**

## **AROUND THE GROUPS**

### **NSW**

#### **ALSTONVILLE APEX 40- *Approx 740km North of Sydne***



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

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

Looking forward to another good year for our small group. We certainly have a few things planned already, the girls weekend in Orange, has been booked, we have our Anzac biscuits in April, and of course our Mudgee trip in May, and possibly a shopping trip in June.

Over the new year break, the group went to Wolgan Valley (Near Lithgow NSW) for their usual getaway. This year they had the rain to contend with unlike last year they were drought conditions.





*The above is a close up of the waterfall. The shower tent, sadly, has its last use. A kangaroo got angry with it in the night when he tripped over one of the cords holding it up. A new one is on its way.*

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**FORBES**—Approx 380 km West of Sydney

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

**INVERELL**—Approx 560 km North West of Sydney

Bert, Les and committee have been hard at work planning the 2017 Rort and Post Rort. If you happen to attend a caravan or travel show, chances are that you may see Les and Yvonne Moulds flogging Inverell. Say hello and try the honeycomb.

**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 have welcomed a new member, in that of Lou Lubomiroff. Lou is a past member of Manly Apex and the group are pleased about having Lou on board.

Manly continue to support Harbord Public School by donating to their annual prize giving night and contributing to the Apex Children's Chalet.

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

Started 2016 with a lunch at the Kemps Creek Bowling Club which is situated very close to where the new Sydney Airport will be built.

The next function will be at the local trots. Many of Nepean Valley will be travelling to Geelong for the RORT.

**WYONG** — *Approx 100km north of Sydney***(Winner of the 2015 Penultimate Award)**

Wyong have now moved back to their regular restaurant after all the holiday-makers have returned home.

Sandra & John's river front. Venue became the location for their last dinner. There were about 24 members there and it was very relaxing and plenty of time to get around on the day to everyone. A few members took the time to organise their plans to attend the Rort in Geelong.



One special highlight on the day was to celebrate Margaret & Neville's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, we were wondering if we could have the same venue for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. One couple that did not enjoy the day was Liz and Steve who because it is a long way from Umina to Wyong decided to fill their tank on the way but accidentally put in the wrong fuel then spent the rest of the day trying out the NRMA good service.

**OLD**

**CALOUNDRA**—*Approx 103km North of Brisbane*

**CURTIS COAST**—*Approx 530km North of Brisbane*

**HERVEY BAY**—*Approx 290km North of Brisbane*

**MARYBOROUGH** —*Approx 260km North of Brisbane*

**REDLANDS** — *Approx 40km south of Brisbane*

In 2015 Redlands met every 2 months and a weekend away as well. Thanks to David, they began the year with a visit to his favourite Thai Restaurant. Then Jenny and David welcomed the group into their home in April for a meal catered by Fish on Fire.

Mid year they travelled to the Little Ship Club and David C. was on hand to ensure his club was looked after. August had a group travelling to Montville for a weekend organised by Marion. Later in the month Marcie and Charlie provided a feast in their home at Mt. Cotton. And lastly, Alison and Albert hosted the AGM in their home, also at Mt. Cotton .

*Redlands group enjoying Christmas*



**WYNNUM—MANLY** *Approx 20km east of Brisbane.*

The MELBOURNE CUP PARTY was a success although they only had 10 members present, plus 3 others who were honorary guests. Wynnum Manly tried something different, this time, with morning tea, a few games of trivia and the drawing of the sweeps, before travelling one kilometre to the local Thai restaurant for lunch, which was very enjoyable.

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

**VIC****BENDIGO—Approx 153km North West of Melbourne**

Eighteen members and one guest – (Gus from Brazil – an exchange student staying with Athol & Jill) attended the dinner at the Rifle Brigade. It was a good social get together although the venue was a little noisy. They will endeavour to schedule another evening at the Folk Club in 2016

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

Melbourne Gippsland combined their AGM with a Christmas luncheon, with Secretary Marj and Treasurer Colin staying in office to keep the group going smoothly and, Martin was also reinstated as President to continue the fine job he has done for the past 12 months. The first meeting of 2016 was to discuss social agenda for the year

**MELBOURNE NORWESTERS—Approx 22km North West of Melbourne****SOUWEST (Warrnambool) Approx 270km South West of Melbourne****SUNRAYSIA — Approx 546km North of Melbourne.**

Held their A.G.M. and Christmas Party at the home of Elaine & Rod's. A selection of cold meats & dessert was provided and everyone had a great time

**SA****ADELAIDE HILLS—Approx 35km South West of Adelaide****TAS****DEVONPORT —Approx 255km North (West) of Hobart**

## LAUNCESTON —Approx 200km North of Hobart

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### Apex Foundation News



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After months of planning and weeks of hard work, the Magic Castle is finally been recladded, you must admit the old girl looks pretty good. We had nearly 100 Apexians and their families attend the biggest work party since the Magic Castle was built. I am so very proud of everyone that spent time over the last 3 weeks. It wasn't easy working in the rain and when the rain did stop the march flies would come out and play.

*above is from Jamie Vincent*

At the 2006 Apex National Convention held in Ballarat decided that they need another Shack or Chalet. The Apex Clubs of the Copper Coast took up the challenge and now there is the magnificent Apex Cooper Coast Retreats..

The Copper Coast Retreat on Wallaroo North Beach Tourist Park is located on the beach front at Wallaroo South Australia on Crown land



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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