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Post Rort tourers

Rort attendees who, at some time, have been members of the former Zone 5 (Inverell area).





Julie's jottings. Another Rort is over and a fine one it was. Much fellowship, eating and drinking as usual. There were a few changes in positions on the Board and as you can see I am now Newsletter Editor which is also a Board position. Another new Board member is Keith Miller as Treasurer.

The Rort in Inverell managed to have reasonable weather; it rained at night or only usually very lightly during the day. The Post-Rort managed to have similar conditions which was very fortunate considering the weather that came with 'Debbie' the next week. We are mindful of any of our members who were effected by this and wish them well in the aftermath.

Some information about out next Rort is out. There is a slightly different format for next year, it will be a five day Rort with no post Rort tour. It is to be in Launceston from 15th to 20th of March 2018 and bookings are open from May. The year after that could be Leeton, then Bundaberg maybe the next year.

Julie Primmer, Sunraysia,

Editor Roaring 40's



President's Report

Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley

Hello to all members, I trust most of you are enjoying good health. As all of us are aging, we need to avoid the dreaded flu.

Thank you to all who attended the 2017 Rort in Inverell last month. It was a Rort with that "old country" hospitality. Congratulations to Les and his team. Fantastic effort.

I am honoured to be elected as your National President for the next 2 years. It is truly a privilege to hold this position and I appreciate the opportunity to serve this great organisation.

At the AGM the National Board was decided as follows:

President: Bryan Spencer (Nepean Valley)

Vice President : Peter Ryall (Wyong)

Secretary: Col Ramsay (Wynnum Manly)

Treasurer: Keith Miller (Nepean Valley)

I.R.O.: Mark Carter (Leeton)

Membership: Bob Ireland (Melbourne Nor-Westers)

Julie Primmer: Roaring 40's Editor (Sunraysia)

Web Master: Ken Wright (Nepean Valley)

I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge our Past President, Peter Ryall, for his leadership and for his willingness to guide me as needed. Thank you, Pete. Also, I am grateful for the support of National Board members including Darrol Harmer who resigned as Treasurer. I welcome Keith Miller to the Board as Treasurer. We have a new Roaring 40's Editor and I thank Julie for accepting this position.

There has been a great deal of effort expended on the 2018 Rort and I thank Col, Bob, Mark and Roger for accepting the challenge. I am certain next year's Rort in Launceston will exceed our expectations. We await to receive full details as they are finalised.

To me our theme of "Continuing Fellowship" is very important, be it at a Sub Committee level or at Rorts. To that end may I encourage all members to embrace what Apex 40 is all about.

Again, I thank all members and humbly ask that you give myself and National Board members your support.



Secretary's Report: Col Ramsay (Phyl) Wynnum Manly

Membership in 2016 was 782 and has fallen marginally to 743 for 2017.

This year has been much lighter for me with Darrol Harmer taking on the position of Treasurer. Neither position requires a lot of effort when things go to plan and all of those wonderful secretaries and treasurers keep us up to date with memberships and payments. I sincerely thank Darrol for his taking on the treasurer's position.

A number of our sub committees have not as yet forwarded membership details or annual fees and I stress that it would be appreciated if they passed them on before the end of the calendar year or certainly no later than the 31st of January as it makes preparation for the AGM much easier.

To Past President Peter and his good wife Ann, I would like to say a BIG thank you for their support and guidance over the past years. To the rest of the team, thank you also for your ongoing support. Apex 40 needs people like you to keep the ideals of Apex 40 a reality. A special thank you must go to the RORT organizers for their preparations for this current Rort. I have received an email from Brian McDermott re the closure of Lavington sub-committee, effective 31/12/2016. This is a very sad loss.

I have an issue that I would like all members of Apex 40 to consider, and that is, the future of Apex 40. This year we have had two groups, Lavington and Forbes, cease due to lack of members. These are not and will not be the only groups to find themselves in this situation. Does Apex 40 look outside Apex and other WOCO families for members to ensure our future? There would be a number of our members who might not agree with opening our membership to others, but it certainly requires some serious thought. Unfortunately, this is a reality that we must face. I must thank those sub-committees who have managed to grow their membership, thank you for the great effort.

A further issue I would like to raise is the lack of females on our boards over the past years, a situation that we must address.

I should also mention that our Treasurer Darrol Harmer has forwarded his resignation to me as he and Sandy will be travelling extensively over the next two years. Darrol, thank you for your support with the Treasurers position. The Board and all Apex 40 members wish you both safe and healthy travelling.



Past President's Report: **Peter Ryall (Ann), Wyong**

I have now completed my two-year term as your National President. It has been an experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support, especially the National Board members and their spouses, my fellow members of Wyong sub-group, members of the groups I have visited throughout our Association and in New Zealand and Noumea, Apex Australia, and the Apex Foundation, and my wife Ann.

My term of office was one of consolidation after the hard yakka of the incorporation process, the writing of a new constitution, and the establishment of memorandums-of-understanding with Apex Australia and the Apex Foundation.

Rorts are the centrepiece of our Association, and with some proposed fine tuning, I am confident that they will continue to be that glue that holds all our subgroups together.

My sincere thanks to all those members who passed on to me their thoughts, ideas and suggestions regarding the format of future Rorts. I trust that you will all be pleased to see that many of these ideas have been incorporated by National Board into the program for Launceston in 2018. I wish new National President, Bryan Spencer and his National Board all the best for the next two years, and offer them as much support as they might need.



International Relations and Apex Liaison Report: **Mark Carter (Joanne) Leeton**

No ground-breaking news on the I.R front since my pre-Christmas Roaring 40's report. I'm awaiting some quiet thinking time to email Dr Sid in Salem, India, with some Aussie A40 news and to see what possibilities exist with some with the 41 clubs north of the equator. At the AGM in Inverell I liaised with Kevin Huxham who also has some feelers out overseas, so we will communicate with each other and keep the membership informed regarding any developments.

South of the equator I have just received the contact details for my counterpart in NZ thanks to Barry and Judy from 41 club NZ, so I'll pursue some contact there also.

Regarding Apex Australia, I have emailed President, Mathew in early Feb, but received no reply before the Rort in Inverell.



WEB Master and Roaring 40's Editor Report: **Ken Wright (Janice) Nepean Valley**

"For Continuing Fellowship" is our catchphrase, which is all about pursuing ongoing non-personal relationships with former members and their partners of Apex Clubs. Communications plays an ongoing role in keeping us all together with current Apex 40 events, whether it is a fantastic night out, a milestone birthday, a special celebration or news about a member who has worn his or her badge for the last time. In today's society, we possibly have too many ways to communicate and therefore we have selected the ones that serve our current needs. As a member of Apex 40 you have the choice of Facebook, Roaring 40's or The Apex 40 Website to communicate with members outside your sub group.

Several years ago, Mark Tramby created a Facebook page which continues to be very popular amongst our members, by sharing their meeting, travel and celebrations with other members from all over Australia. This form of communications is instant and reaches nearly 150 members

at a touch of a button, so to speak.

Our secondary communications are the Roaring 40's which is published up to 4 times a year and provides stories of news and events at a much slower pace. The Roaring 40's will fill a gap for members who do not wish to join in on Facebook but still wish to be informed.

At Apex 40, we also have our own website, which barring some minor issues, is still serving us well particularly with the online RORT booking system. The aim of the website is that it is a place where you should be able to find anything from an application form, a registration form, news, events and/or contact information. We are pretty close to fulfilling this aim.

Communication is a two-way deal, after all one telephone is no good unless there is another one that you can call. So as a gentle reminder please let us know, how you feel, what's on your mind and what's happening in your Apex 40 world.

I would like to thank Board members and wives for their assistance throughout the year. I would also like to thank Janice, my wife, for her help and understanding.



Treasurer's Report and Fee recommendation: Darrol Harmer (Sandy) Wyong

The organisation's financial year ends on the 31st March. As soon as practical thereafter, annual accounts shall be prepared and lodged with the Queensland ASIC/Fair Trading body.

Some points to arise from the financial report are:-

- Surplus for the 11 months is \$3,069
- Annual membership fees are still being received for banking March or later.
- 2017 Rort registration fees received of \$59,630 is considered adequate to meet all expected Rort expenditure.
- Separate to the "Rort accounts" the working operating and investment accounts exceed \$30,000 which provides the organisation with a *significantly large* "cash reserve".

At the 2016 Rort, annual membership fees were set at \$7.50 per head. Having reviewed actual 2016/17 expenses, estimated next year expenses and available cash reserves, I recommend that annual fees remain unchanged at \$7.50 per member.



Membership Report: Bob Ireland (Rita) Melbourne Nor-westers

It has been a year of attrition. We have lost at least one group in Lavington, NSW, and membership of some of our other groups continues to decline due to the ageing of our overall membership.

On a brighter note, I am pleased that Lismore, NSW have renewed their registration as a sub-group again, after being missing in action for several years. Also, we have gained some MALs where the group that they belonged to decided to not renew their registration.

I don't know what the answer is to our impending declining membership, but we definitely have to consider our options, if we are to continue into the future. Maybe this is a discussion we should have around the dinner table/BBQ within our groups. Any thoughts would be gratefully received.

Obituaries

Xepa member, Peter Stewart passed away suddenly after attending a High School Reunion in Cleveland. Peter, a Life Member of Apex, spent 20 years serving the community as an Apexian and enjoying the fellowship that went with it. Sadly history repeated itself as Peter's brother, John, another Apex Life member, had passed away suddenly some years ago just after his 60th birthday. Peter passed away a few months after his 60th also. Pictured are some of Peter's Apex mates who posed for the camera at his wake.



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ley Garrett on Friday 24th March. Ley was one of the small group of past Apexians who got together in early 1973 for a discussion which resulted in the formation, later that year, of Apex 40. Ley and Shirley have always been regular attendees at meetings of Melbourne-Gippsland Apex 40 until recently when Ley's deteriorating health made it difficult for them to attend as often as they would have wished. Members of Apex40 offer their sincere sympathy to his widow, Shirley and family.



Loss doesn't feel redeemable. But for me one consoling aspect is the recognition that, in this at least, none of us is different from anyone else: We all lose loved ones; we all face our own death. Meghan O'Rourke

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Around the Groups

New South Wales

Alstonville 740 kms north of Sydney

Byron Bay 760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest 100 kms west of Sydney

Plans include a Mudgee Wine trip by bus, a Carol King matinee performance, a shopping spree and then Christmas Dinner on 15th of July.

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

Inverell 560 kms north west of Sydney

Leeton 590 kms south west of Sydney

Lismore 745 kms north of Sydney

Manly 15 kms east of Sydney

Moree 640 kms north west of Sydney

Nepean Valley 60 kms west of Sydney

April meeting will be a 'welcome back' breakfast on the 21st at the Cafe at Lewers Gallery, River Emu Plains. The cafe is in beautiful heritage gardens and catering is by Artful Food & Co.

Wyong 100 kms north of Sydney

They are looking forward to many travellers being back from the Rort and onward journeys to hear all the news. As well there will be a surprise guest speaker at the dinner on 27th April at The Entrance Leagues Club

Queensland

Caloundra 103 kms north of Brisbane

Curtis Coast 530 kms north of Brisbane

Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

Anzac Day will see the Famous Gunfire Breakfast at Apex Park at Pialba at 7am. Hosts will be Col & Bev Bake.

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

A lunch on 9th April at the Red Rock Cafe on Coochiemudlo Island was the next outing. Planning is underway for the weekend at Hervey Bay.

Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

Xepa Great South East 30 kms south east of Brisbane

South Australia

Adelaide Hills 35 kms south east of Adelaide

Tasmania

Devonport 255 kms north west of Hobart

Launceston 200 kms north of Hobart

Victoria

Bendigo 153 kms north of Melbourne

Dandenong Valley 35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong 73 kms south west of Melbourne

Melbourne-Gippsland 40 kms east of Melbourne

A lunch will be held at the Box Hill Golf Club on Thursday 27th April. Luncheons will also feature on 16th June at Mornington and a Birthday lunch at Jells Park on 7th July. (*I hope you celebrate my birthday in an appropriate manner, Julie*)

Melbourne Nor-westers 22 kms north west of Melbourne

Souwest 270 kms south west of Melbourne

Sunraysia 546 kms north west of Melbourne

International 41 newsletters can be accessed through these links:-

<http://www.41international.net/2017/02/41-communique-march-2017-dr-v-siddharthan-sid/>

<http://www.41international.net/2017/04/41-communique-mai-2017-dr-v-siddharthan-sid/>

The 2017 Inverell Apex 40 Post Rort Tour
Or - A funny thing happened to us on the way home from the Rort

A Truly Unsustainable, Comedic, Cultural and Non-Renewable Gastronomic Experience.
For good food. For good fellowship. And the privilege to Enjoy!

Tour hosted by Apex 40 New England travel experts Les and Yvonne.
Inverell Coach expertly piloted by Apex 40 Member Phil.

Monday already; The 2017 A-40 PRT left motored off, spot on time. The Rorters were farewelled. The Pioneer Village Breakfast came to a close and another adventure began. A short trip to the New England Woodturning Supplies at Gilgai, for the first of many and varied smokos. A browse through the wares, a didgi playing demonstration by Rob, some purchases, and the first wares were logged and loaded.

With a healthy start in mind, the next excursion was a guided farm tour to see Free-Range Chickens & Pigs. Guyra's own Fiona led the tour and our very own Peter from Grafton demonstrated his prowess in chook whispering, leaving a behind trail of sleeping chickens. Suddenly the gods were aroused, the weather put on a threatening face so the security of the coach was sought. With hurried thank-yous and goodbyes Phil headed for firmer ground at the Costa Glass House Farm. Les enlightened with his knowledge, explaining the process of growing 'Red Bliss' vine ripened tomatoes in multi storey glasshouses. The taste buds were again satiated when gourmet food and fellowship was enjoyed at Rafters Guyra Restaurant. It was announced that this was a high as the tour was going to get as we enjoyed hospitality at 4,330 feet.

The trout on the lunch menu was allegedly freshly caught and prepared this very morning. This claim was backed up with a visit to the Springwater Trout and Yabbies enterprise at Black Mountain. Ex sheepman and shearer, now trout farmer, Deano, showed us the ropes; the amateurs were given the opportunity to feed a pond of hungry trout, view thousands of yabbies growing fat and partake of a delicious smoked trout dip. Not that anyone was really hungry, but what the heck! There is always room for a delicacy.

On to Glen Innes, the Celtic capital of Australia. Fred, the world's only caber tossing, indigenous Scotsman joined the coach for a tour and explanation of the Australian Standing Stones. His enthusiasm was infectious and he had all wanting to stay for the upcoming festival. Fred joined us for dinner at the motel and relayed some tall stories and true.

Breakfast was organised early at the motel dining room as this was threatening to be a big day. Bustling Emmaville next, famous for tin mining and Debbie Wells, the 'Emmaville Express'. On arrival, the town was deserted, except for a few mingling outside the museum, creating memories reminiscent of the Old West before a gunfight! Rorter Bert was spied in his high-viz attire with a band of Inverell helpers. A perfect park had been reserved for Phil to glide in to. Phil was forgiven for arriving 34 seconds late.

Even though the coach was the only vehicle in town the effort applied was much appreciated. The locals milling around were there for our benefit. Their morning had been given up to run through the proud and fabled history of Emmaville and surrounds. High on the agenda was the fact that the small population could support two hotels. It was concluded that a lot of old Apexians must live around here.

Moving off the sunny main street, still no sign of vehicles or gunslingers, the museum was the next experience. Numerous displays of minerals, mining and things of yester-year were neatly exhibited in the neat and well-appointed museum. The Panther Hotel put on a great morning tea for us. It appears some added sustenance was needed for the next leg of the tour. With unanimous approval, the bakery at Deepwater, was the next stop. Promising the best pasties and slices in the land, great mouth-watering expectations were envisaged. "Sorry we are already sold out of nearly everything," the shopkeeper announced, "No Pasties, No Slices. How about a lamington?" Les re-joined the coach very red-faced. He has been raving about the bakery and the pasties since Fred had convinced him that they were the best in the land. "Just wait until I get hold of Fred?" Les mumbled, "Last time I take any advice from an Indigenous Scotsman!".

Onwards to what was expected to be sleepy Tenterfield. The streets were jam packed with pedestrians and vehicles, there was just nowhere to park a unicycle let alone 'the coach'; Where was our helpful friend Bert and helpers when we needed them? A No Standing area had to suffice for the un-load. Down the hill at the School of Arts, it was explained why Sir Henry Parkes and Tenterfield played an important part in the history Australian Federation. The women were more interested in why he had so many wives and children and what happened to them. Great plot for a reality TV show some chided. After an informative guided tour of the Sir Henry Parkes Museum, followed by a well-presented doco on Tenterfield in the theatre, and of course another sumptuous luncheon.

Back on the coach, a Tenterfield and surrounds hysterical tour was hosted by ex-Apexian Terry. Les and Terry were teenage mates (and still are) and with others, misspent their youth carrying out practical jokes on the hapless and innocent. During the afternoon, many of the local scallywags were met. Stories of shenanigans, escapades of daring do and near misses abounded. Some 'Cold Cases', possibly hand written in copperplate on yellowing and curling pages, possibly stored in shoe boxes, at the School of Arts may have been temporarily solved. Terry, who sensibly studied law, is a cousin of Peter Allen. Terry enlightened all about Peter and gave a privileged first-hand account his grand-father, George Woolnough, the famous 'Tenterfield Saddler'.

Tuesday night. A night to remember in Tenterfield. A big dinner at the Golf Club! Some caught a taxi to the club for an early start, left their wives shaking their heads. Something about expectations and capabilities. Cripes! Was this only the second day? Another big night, Another hearty breakfast, another early start, another fine day. The north and the Sunshine State beckoned. Reports from Inverell suggested that the rain had been incessant there since our leaving. Inverell could not believe the beautifully fine weather being experienced by the PRT.

Wednesday morning celebrated a literal walk back in time at the Wallangarra Railway Station. The group walked the hour back, time travelling across the NSW / Qld State Line on foot. Border antics were played out between the Banana Benders and the Cockroaches. An historical back in time return to the memories of days gone by and nostalgic nuances discussed. A group photo at 2,330 feet resulted with members from NSW on one side and Qld on the other. The Victorians and Kiwis sided up with who they saw fit!

Advancing into Queensland, from the coach, impressive and dramatic views of massive rock formations were viewed. Girraween the place of flowers, on the way to Glen Aplin was home to these monoliths. A right turn down a lonely and windy road found the Bramble Patch and morning tea. The serving was a total surprise with its flair and originality. The devourers were treated to delicious fruits and fruit pies smothered in fruit flavoured ice creams. All cleaned their plates and admitted at not being able to partake of another morsel. However, many were tempted on the way out, could not resist the urge and treated themselves to some more marvellous berry ice-cream creations.

Around midday the troop were let loose in Stanthorpe. For most the plan was to nibble on a quick snack but the food places served up big tasty meals at very economical prices. The diet blown to bits again. The afternoon was spent at the Stanthorpe Law Dogs. Here Dogs are trained for all sorts of security enforcement and drug location roles. Dogs are also trained here to locate much prized truffles. The handlers ran their dogs through their paces for us.

Seeing an hour had been gained, this time was put to good use sitting around at the motel enjoying extended fellowship and plenty more laughs.

Dinner was at the renowned Anna's restaurant just across the creek from the motel. The meal was superb, the drinks were very economical, so another good time was had by all.

Thursday breakfast was hand delivered, some ate inside and some ate outside. Luckily the incessant racket was not complained about as there were no other guests. Just in case breakfast was not enough, the first stop was the Jersey Girls cheese factory cafe. Most were amazed at how the various blends of cheese were lovingly manufactured on the premises. This valuable information was quickly lost on most of the attending brain cells. Remarkably some managed some vestige of retention but this was all lost by the next wine tasting.

The most northerly terminus of the trip was to Heritage Wines, near Rabbit Fence Road. No, rabbits are not allowed north of here. No pun the southerners. A rabbit fence was constructed nearby over 100 years ago to keep the rabbits out of Queensland. A grid was built across the road as a deterrent also. When the new highway was constructed the engineers painted a grid on the road to keep the rabbits out. The southerners were amazed that the rabbits were smart enough not to cross the painted lines. Yvonne took charge of entertainment and manned the Pianola during the tasting. The logging and loading continued in earnest with Les and Phil in full control.

Banca Ridge Winery, doubling as the Queensland College of Wine Tourism beckoned for lunch. The thoroughly modern and aesthetic atmosphere of the premises added to another thoroughly delectable luncheon experience. Interesting and informative knowledge from the local winemakers at Golden Grove and Ballandean Estates was spent along with lots more trying and buying.

Just when the tour thought that the meals couldn't be any better the hosts at the Barrel Room restaurant treated the party to the dinner to end all dinners. The Barrel Room is where Ballandean estates Winery keep their fine aged Ports and Muscat's in 1,000 gallon oak barrels and the room has a beautiful aged in oak aroma. A very profitable fines session, hosted by sergeant's Peter and Brian was held after dinner at the Barrel Room. Michael was pleasantly surprised with a birthday cake and trimmings.

With the promise of an easy last day the party left Stanthorpe heading in a westerly direction. Just past the locality of Nundubbemerere, and the impressive waterfall, the tour visited Casley Mount Hutton Winery at Greenlands. The tour's final tasting and winery tour. The winemaker seemed extremely happy with the frenzy of final purchases.

Continuing on to the west a walk around the border town of Texas on the Dumaresq (pronounced Due-Merrick) was offered. A final great country style lunch at the well renowned Stockman's Hotel again satisfied all appetites. 'All Aboard' was announced after lunch for the final leg. And Les had to worry no more about coats, phones, chargers and keys left strewn all over the countryside. (Except for one lovely lady who still had motel keys in her handbag – but it appears it was her husband's fault after all?)

Just a minute south of town the state line was again crossed. In a fleeting instant, with the flash of an eye everyone was an hour older. Continuing south, the once prosperous tobacco farming area towards Ashford and beyond was crossed. Overnight, tobacco became a dirty word, a government took away the district's livelihood with the stroke of a pen. Legislation destroyed a way of life. Father time has reduced the once bustling Ashford village to something reminiscent of an old movie ghost town.

Back in Inverell. Was that the coach scraping the ground as the Pioneer Village was turned into. All of the luggage, portly post rorters, and their many purchases were successfully distributed. Thanks immensely to the storing and cataloguing expertise of Phil and Les. Packing the purchases for the trip home was a surmounting challenge for many. "What were we thinking!" was the cry. Inverell prepared a final and really enjoyable finale. Another night of fun and fellowship. The last farewell and a promise to join together again in Launceston.

THANKS INVERELL

Which Post-Rorter said "Not the most attractive sheep is it? Whoops, shouldn't have said that, I'm from New Zealand"?

Who was the notable lady who left her jacket behind not once, not twice, but three times?

One couple locked their key in their room so requested the spare on to get in, then brought one of the keys with them when we left town.

One of the Sergeants'-at-arms on our last night out told a story and of course fined someone for being involved. Only problem was, he told the same one the previous year!



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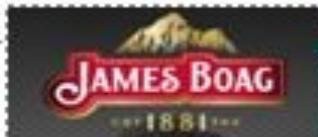
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Booking Code: 932534

Prices start from (Deluxe) \$155.00 **Rack rate:** \$190.00 to \$230.00

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WEB: http://www.discoveryparks.com.au/tas/launceston_tamar_valley/hadspen

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Discount is offered if you are a Top Tourist member.

How to get there:

If wish to travel on the Spirit of Tasmania, be sure to book early as the ship is often booked well ahead.

For bookings on the Spirit of Tasmania try the following two companies.

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If you wish to fly, Launceston airport is serviced by Qantas, Jet Star and Virgin airlines.

Apex 40 has a free shuttle bus from the airport to the Country Club on Thursday by arrangement.

Overview of events:

Thursday 15/03/2018 Afternoon: Accommodation check in and Rort Registration.

Evening: Welcome Social.

Friday 16/03/2018 Morning:

Group One: Day tour of Beauty Point and Beaconsfield.

Group Two: Tamar River Cruise and Launceston highlights.

Evening: Dinner provided at Country Club.

Saturday 17/03/2018 Morning: Launceston Area tours.

Afternoon: Free afternoon.

Evening: Dinner Dance at Country Club.

Sunday 18/03/2018 Morning: Tour of Low Head area.

Afternoon: AGM at Tamar Valley Resort.

Visit Swiss Village.

Evening: Gourmet BBQ Dinner at Country Club.

Monday 19/03/2018 Morning:

Group Two: Day tour of Beauty Point and Beaconsfield.

Group One: Tamar River Cruise and Launceston highlights.

Evening: Dinner at Country Club.

Tuesday 19/03/2018 Morning: Farewell Breakfast at Country Club.

Checkout for those leaving.

Rort Booking:

Bookings open May 1st 2017

Go to the Apex 40 web site for bookings: <http://apex40.com/>

When paying for the Apex40 component of the Rort:

BSB: 034053

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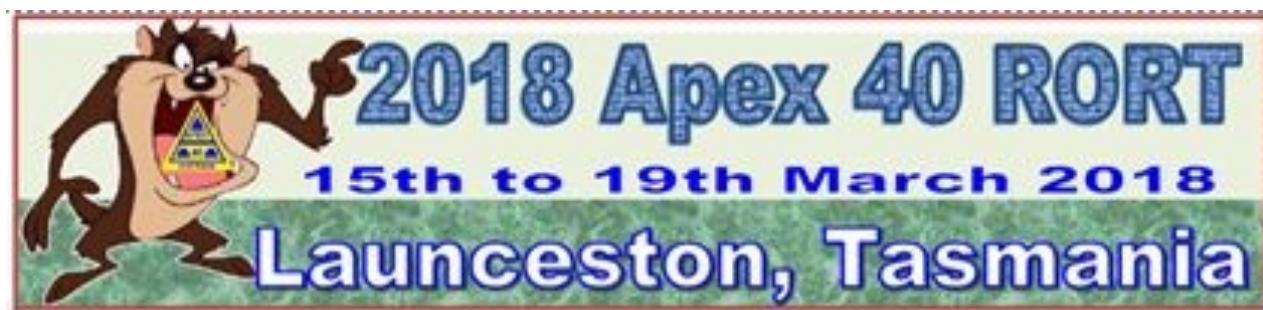
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Email: launcestonrort@apex40.com each of the above persons will get a copy of this email



Should you wish to save postage, an on-line registration form is available at:
www.apex40.com.

Otherwise, on completion of this form please post it to Apex 40 RORT

C/- PO Box 5204 Manly Qld 4179. Include your cheque should you wish to pay by this method.

Title _____ First Name _____ Surname: _____

Title _____ First Name _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____

State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Subgroup, MAL or other Organization: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

Main Contact Number: _____ Mobile: _____

Number of people attending the RORT (1 OR 2) _____

@ \$595 (\$50 p/p if registering by 25/11/17) \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Deposit being paid today \$ _____

Balance to be paid \$ _____

Last four digits of your phone number as the reference for your bank transfer _____

Food Allergies:

Mobility Problems: _____

Accommodation Choice: _____

Airport Transfer Required _____

Please post this registration form to:

Apex 40 RORT C/- PO Box 5204 Manly Qld 4179



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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