

Roaring 40's

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Some blasts from the past.
Pick which Rort these are from.





Julie's Jottings.

My thanks to all of who sent congratulations on the publication of my first edition of Roaring Forties. Hopefully with help of you all I can keep up the standard

Organisation for the Launceston Rort is continuing and as I write this, there were only about 10 places available. So if you have not booked and want to attend, book immediately!

We have had many members overseas in the last few months myself included. I spent a lovely 3 weeks in northern Spain, 8 days with Aromatours and the rest of the time travelling with friends. I have included some photos in this issue of some of these travellers.

I would like to thank you for forwarding newsletters and to ask all editors/secretaries of them to send them to me at roaring@apex40.com.

Julie Primmer, Sunraysia,

Editor Roaring 40



President's Report:

Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley

I trust all are avoiding the dreaded flu and other ailments during this winter. To those who are struggling with health issues, I hope for good outcomes.

No holding back Apex 40 members!! We have quite a number either still travelling to various destinations near and far or now back home after spending time away.

It is a pleasure to offer my congratulations and gratitude to our Rort organizers Col, Mark, Bob and Roger. Well done gentlemen.

It is also my pleasure to congratulate those members who heeded advice to register for Launceston early, due to the restrictions at various venues. Your efforts were a real encouragement to the Rort committee.

A big "thank you" to our Webmaster, Ken for setting up the "on line" registration info.

I am very much in favour of the extension of the Rort to 5 days without adding a Post Rort. This, I am positive, will enhance our time of fellowship. I know all National Board members are in accord with this format.

To our Treasurer Keith, I publicly acknowledge your dedication and thoroughness in keeping the bookwork and accounts in 'tip top' shape.

Communication is a vital component for our Apex 40 family and to our "new" Editor, Julie, I offer our appreciation for your first edition of the Roaring 40's and we look forward to future issues.

Finally, may I encourage everyone to actively seek out Past Apexians to become members of Apex 40 to "CONTINUE FELLOWSHIP".

Looking forward to Launceston in March.

LISTEN TO YOUR DOCTOR.

Morris, an 82 year old man went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're doing really great, aren't you?"

Morris said, "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor replied, " I said no such thing. What I said was, ' you've got a heart murmur. Be careful!!'"



Secretary's Report: Col Ramsay (Phyl) W

Hello to all members.

Well, 2017 is past the half way mark, July past and Christmas is just around the bend to be followed by the Launceston RORT.

For those who enjoyed "Christmas in July" celebrations, please get those reports and photographs to Julie so that they can be put into the "Roaring 40's" for all to share. And don't forget our Facebook page where you can also keep up to date with news.

Things have been a little quiet on the Secretarial front, but not where the Launceston Rort has been concerned.

The Rort program is well under way with all functions organized, bus and boat trips all sorted and social times falling into place. This is looking like a fantastic Rort where we can enjoy the opportunity to "Continue the Fellowships" gained in both Apex and Apex 40 for a full five (5) days.

We currently have 95 bookings and this is getting close to our 104 limit, so if you have not as yet registered, get in NOW and secure your spot.

We will have a waiting list once the 104 places are filled as in past years a few members who booked for Rorts have not been able to come due to unforeseen circumstances.

Most members are booking their accommodation in either the Country Club rooms or in the Villas which are just a short six (6) minute walk away. Some lucky members are taking their caravans across the strait and staying at the Caravan Park in Hadspen which is only a five (5) minute drive away from the Country Club. A number of members have indicated that they are taking the opportunity to spend some extra time in Tassie and soak up the atmosphere.

See you Tassie 2018.

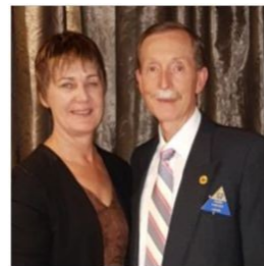


**Past President's Report:
Peter Ryall (Ann), Wyong**

After one year as Vice-President and two years as President, I am now in my fourth and final year on National Board as the Immediate Past President. I will be standing down as a National Board member at the Launceston AGM in March next year. This means a new Vice President will need to be elected ready to take over from Bryan Spencer when his two year term as President concludes at the 2019 AGM.

I have spoken to Bryan and I know that he is keen to hear from any members who might be willing to stand for this position. I am sure that any of the past Presidents would be more than willing to answer any questions you might have about what is involved. Can I encourage you to contact Bryan if you feel you are willing to put your name forward.

Ann and I thank you for your support during my 4 years on National Board. We are looking forward very much to catching up again in Launceston.



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

Little to report this edition. Kevin Huxham's investigation's into an overseas trip seems to have run into a stumbling block due to club closures. I'm waiting on some NZ feedback, so will keep you informed.



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

We are just back from an extensive holiday and doing some renovations at the same time, but there really is nothing to report other than the RORT booking system is working well.



**Treasurer's Report
Keith Miller**

Nothing to report.

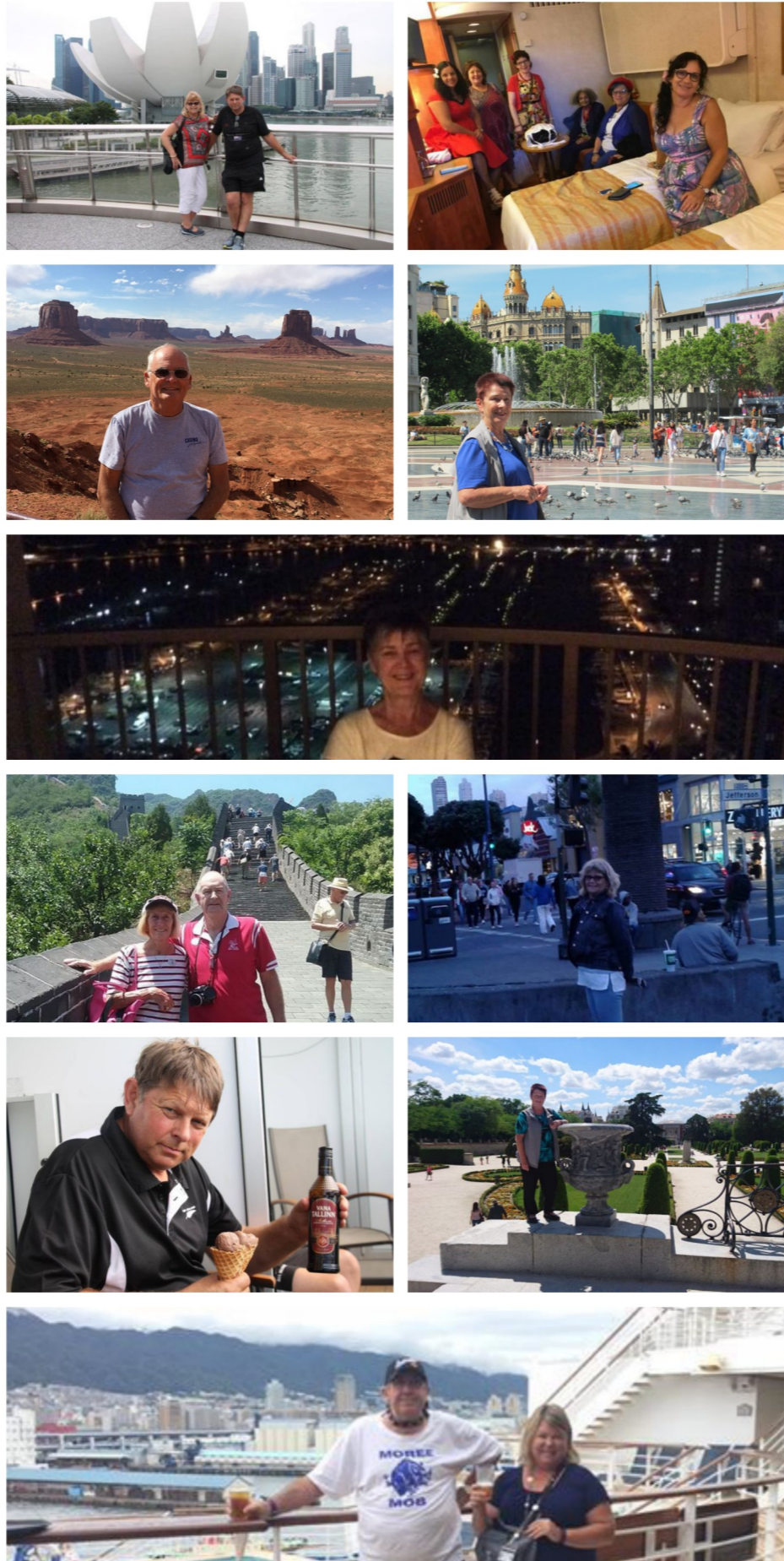


**Membership Report:
Bob Ireland (Rita) Melbourne Nor-westers**

No report



Members on their overseas travels







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

Christmas Dinner changed from the 15th to the 4th of July. This took the form of morning tea at a members home, followed by a restaurant lunch. Hope the spread at morning tea wasn't too much to do the lunch justice.

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

Inverell 560 kms north west of Sydney

Leeton 590 kms south west of Sydney

Leeton has added 2 new members to the club and we welcome them both. Our last meeting was organised by Abby & Jenny Clarke and held at the Lazy Lizard restaurant in Narrandera with a Christmas in July theme; about 14 attended and enjoyed a nice meal. Our next meeting is our Christmas meeting which will be held on October 28 at the popular Morundah Pub, if you are free and wish to join us let me know, we can put you up for the night if needed. Regarding the Leeton RORT in 2019, the wheels are in motion for May 3-6 2019 followed by a P.R.T.

Lismore 745 kms north of Sydney

Manly 15 kms east of Sydney

Brookevale Chinese was to be the venue for a dinner meeting on 3rd July and there is a Trivia Night planned for 23rd September.

Moree 640 kms north west of Sydney

Nepean Valley 60 kms west of Sydney

26th July is Morning Tea and Melodies in Penrith for the Ultimate Tribute Show of Beatles Magic and Elvis. These two tribute acts are reported to be the best in Australia; sounds like a great show.

Wyong 100 kms north of Sydney

Dinner on the 25th May was to be at The Entrance Leagues Club. Reports from the previous meeting were that of a notable birthday for Marion and a trip to Hawaii for Sandy leaving Darrol home but then catching up for a cruise to celebrate their 20th Anniversary.

Queensland

Caloundra 103 kms north of Brisbane

Curtis Coast 530 kms north of Brisbane

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

Functions have been Anzac Day Gunfire Breakfast saw 31 attendees who were very well fed before watching the March and a Lunch at Goodie's on the Beach with 30 members and some visitors from Maryborough. Next meeting is the Chinese Banquet on 25th of July with Redlands

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

11th of June saw a lunch at the Verandah Restaurant, Cleveland. The July meeting is planned to be combined with Hervey Bay. Billie Hegarty has celebrated her 80th Birthday in fine style.

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

May meeting was a lunch at Tamar Cove, followed by dessert at a member's home. Cheese Factory and Restaurant at Pyengana will be the venue for the July Meeting.

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

Lunch was held at the Mornington Racecourse in June and July was the 44th birthday at Madelines Teahouse. 24/8 will be lunch at Bucatini Restaurant, Mitcham

Melbourne Nor-westers 22 kms north west of Melbourne

Christmas in July was celebrated on the 2nd at the home of Maree and Trevor Jaensch. As usual it was a wonderful day.

Souwest 270 kms south west of Melbourne

Sunraysia 546 kms north west of Melbourne

A lunch planned at the Workingman's Club Mildura for May did not go ahead due to lack of numbers. An unusual non-event for here.

Apex Foundation

Foundation Spotlight 1: Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust; The Apex Children's Chalet

In 1979, during the International Year of the Child, the Apex Children's Chalet (Magic Castle) was built by volunteer Apexians, supervised by a paid builder. The need to keep the facility up to date has placed a large drain on our resources and the Apex Foundation are eternally grateful to the external & internal (Apex Clubs) donations of money, goods, and labour that we receive.

Foundation Spotlight 2: Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust; The SHACK

Officially opened in 1992, the Shoalhaven Heads Apex Cottages for Kids (The SHACK) is available for families as a respite venue from the everyday demands of caring for a child or children suffering from chronic illness or disabilities. The Apex Foundation welcomes support by way of donations and or labour to keep the facility up to standard.

Foundation Spotlight 3: Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust; Apex Copper Coast Retreat

The Apex Copper Coast Retreat is our latest addition to this trust. Located in Wallaroo South Australia, the facility provides 7-day holiday accommodation for South Australian families experiencing the demands of cancer diagnosis, from people referred by the Cancer Council SA. In 2007, the Port Augusta Apex Club (SA) launched the Apex Outback Postie Bike rides, where participants ride a Honda CT 110 "Postie Bike" for 1053 km in the Flinders Ranges. The "Postie Bike ride" has become an annual event, and has raised significant funds. A partnership with Cancer Council SA was formed, and the concept to build & operate 4 units on leased land in Wallaroo SA commenced.

Subscribe to the Apex Foundation newsletter here:-

<http://apexfoundation.us13.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2b11e515ab923d48005c132f7&id=ba6daeb225>

International 41 newsletters can be accessed through these links:-

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

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



Greetings all Past & Current Apexians and Friends of the Apex Foundation

INTRODUCTION

The Apex Foundation continues the great work of thousands of Apexians over the years who have raised funds through Apex Australia National Service projects. On behalf of Apex, the Foundation has approx. \$7m under management, and a further \$3m approx in properties for respite accommodation for underprivileged and chronically ill children and their families.

Apex National Service projects that live on through the Foundation include; Autism est 1970 donated \$570,000; Childrens' Cancer est 1976 donated \$2,228,000; Cranio Facial est 1984 donated \$2,446,000; Diabetes est 1985 donated \$1,270,000; Melanoma est 1989 donated \$1,110,000

For more information on activities of the Apex Foundation, please visit our web page <http://www.apexfoundation.org.au> To subscribe to our newsletter, click on "Subscribe to Newsletter" button and submit your details

We are currently working on a project to establish or re-establish communication links with all past and current Apexians. To this end, the Apex Foundation Board have invited Keith Miller, Life Member of Penrith Apex Club, whose Apex experience includes Zone & National boards including National Secretary, to join the Marketing & Membership Sub-Committee of the Foundation on a voluntary basis. Consistent with this approach, we are attempting to compile an integrated database of all Past and Current Apexians.

Over the years, we have lost contact with the many thousands of Apexians across Australia who contributed service hours and commitment to our great Association of Apex Clubs Australia, and the Board of the Apex Foundation consider that it is time that efforts were made to re-establish those links.

USE OF DATABASE

The integrated database will ONLY be used for Apex related activities, and will not be shared with any third party organisation.

It would be our intention to issue a quarterly "e-newsletter" to as many past or current Apexians as possible, giving brief updates on activities of the Apex Foundation, Apex Australia and Apex 40 Australia Inc.

If you have privacy concerns, and wish to unsubscribe from the Apex Foundation email mailing list, no problems, just email the Foundation at info@apexfoundation.org.au or milkerk@bigpond.net.au with a request to opt out of future Apex Foundation e-mailings.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

As you will appreciate, this is a major exercise in trying to track down and establish contact with past Apexians, and we would appreciate any information that you can provide to assist us.

If you still maintain contact with any past or current Apexian, who did not receive this email, we would like to hear from them. Please feel free to share this email with as many past or current Apexians as possible.

Attached is a pro-formae (includes our contact details for the project) to assist you in providing whatever details you can of any past or current Apexian.

Whilst such information should be readily available, the simple reality is that there is no integrated list available of past Apexians, owing to a number of changes at administrative locations over the years, and the loss of historical records.

We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Stephen Biggarelli
Chairman Apex Foundation
12 May 2017

Vale

It is with regret that we advise that on the 4th July, Colin Hadwell was killed in a local cycling accident. Col was born on 1/8/46 and was an avid cyclist and had cycled around several European countries as well as NZ. He was a local Byron Bay Boy and an excellent and popular Bush Poet. He was one of our very popular members and a Past President and will be surely missed by wife Anne, his family, the town and our Club.

Some notable events we may remember from 1972

Jan 28 - Jan 30 First Sunbury Music Festival.

Jan 17 Amalgamated Metal Workers Union formed.

Jan 17 Aboriginal Tent Embassy set up outside Parliament House, in demonstration for land rights.

Feb 27 Group of women in Melbourne launch new non-party lobby group, the Women's Electoral Lobby, to promote feminist issues.

May 10 University Lecturer Dr George Duncan drowns in the Torrens River under mysterious circumstances.

Jun 30 Ord River Irrigation project in the north west (Kununurra) officially opened by Prime Minister William McMahon.

Jul 31 17 coal miners perished in the Box Flat Disaster.

Sep 01 Changeover from Fahrenheit to Celsius for temperature measurement.

Sep 03 Swimmer Shane Gould wins 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze at the Munich Olympics.

Oct 05 A teacher and 6 schoolgirls are kidnapped from their school at Faraday, Vic for a million dollar ransom. Teacher Mary Gibbs escapes with the girls before the ransom is paid. Two men are charged on October 10.


Oct 06 Snowy Mountain River Scheme in NSW officially completed.

Flooding of Lake Pedder for Hydro Electric Scheme.

Nov 16 Australia's first hijacker dies in a shoot-out at Alice Springs Airport.

Dec 03 Edward Gough Whitlam leads the Australian Labor Party to victory in the Federal Election, the first Labor win in 23 years.

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Apex Australia's 85th Anniversary Bumper Sticker Competition!

Are you travelling around Australia or visiting somewhere of interest to other Apexian's?
We are looking for the craziest and most unique photos from you!

RULES

1. You must take a photo displaying the Apex Australia 85th Anniversary bumper sticker on your car.
2. Only one photo can be submitted from each place of interest
3. Make it daring!!




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Get your cameras or phones out folks and get snapping!
How far has your sticker travelled?? Who will win??

The competition is open to everyone!! Life members, senior Active or any past Apexian's
Prizes will awarded at the next National Convention, at the end of the Apex 85th Anniversary as judged by Andrea O'Loughlin and Jamie Vincent.

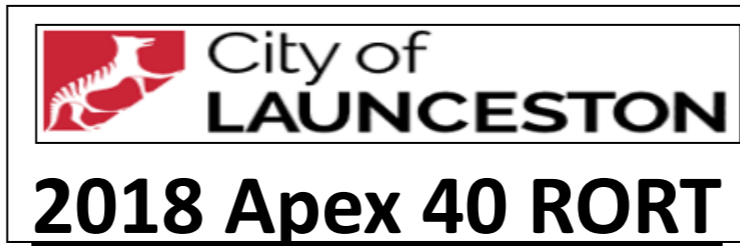
If you do not have a bumper sticker and would like one, please email the National office at eo@apex.org.au with your postal address and it will be sent out free of charge!

[Click here to submit photo's](#)



The current **Apex Australia** National Service project is the upgrade of signage at Apex Parks across Australia. Are there Apex Parks in your area that need some love? Road trip around the country to replace them! Contact email apexparkproject@apex.org.au to identify the relevant park in need of TLC. Apex signage should be loud and proud. Email us to request more signage for Apex Parks around Australia





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Accommodation:

Location: Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Launceston
Bookings: 1800 420 156
email: groups@countryclubtasmania.com.au
WEB: countryclubtasmania.com.au

Booking Code: 932534
Prices start from (Deluxe) \$155.00 Rack rate: \$190.00 to \$230.00
You can upgrade your room when booking if you desire.

For those travelling with a Caravan or Motor Home:

Location: Discovery Parks – Hadspen **(Pet Friendly)** 2 Main St, Hadspen, TAS 7290
Park is less than ten (10) minute drive from Country Club Tasmania.

Bookings: 03 6393 6391
WEB: http://www.discoveryparks.com.au/tas/launceston_tamar_valley/hadspen

Booking Code: Apex40

Discount is offered if you are a Top Tourist member.

Apex 40 is a group of 40 people that serve our current needs. As a member of Apex 40 you have the choice of

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.

Spirit of Tasmania 03 6231 3844 <https://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au/>

Discount Tours and Travel 03 6231 3844 <https://twac.com.au/> info@twac.org.au

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

Account: 308856

Bank Reference: Follow the instructions on the form to help us identify your deposit.

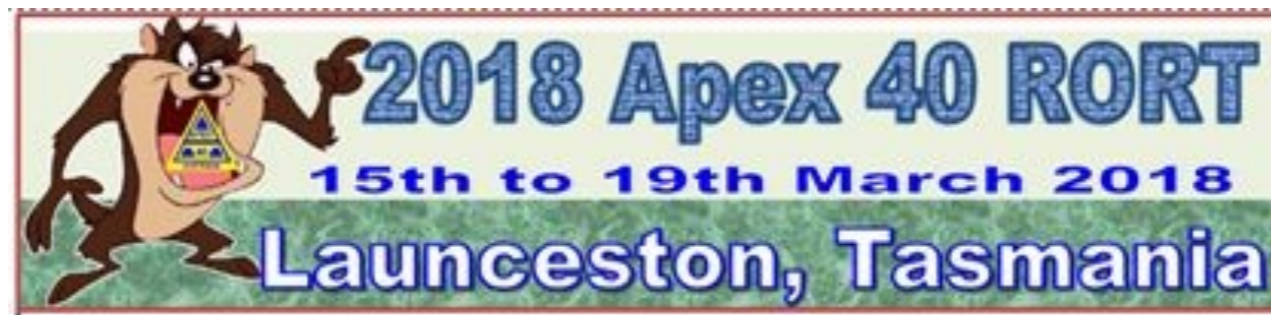
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Email: launcestonrort@apex40.com each of the above persons will get a copy of this email



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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