

*Roaring 40's*  
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## Cataract Gorge Launceston





### **Julie's Jottings.**

Hello everyone, I hope you are all over the winter ills and chills. The weather should be getting warmer, but as I write this on Melbourne Cup eve, summer seems a bit long in coming. My roses have had their first blooming and now are looking a bit sad with all the wind we are getting. No roses for Cup day.

I do remind anyone who has not yet paid the full amount for the RORT, that this needs to be paid by the 25th November to be eligible for the early bird discounts.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas. Keep the newsletters coming to me.

**Julie Primmer, Sunraysia,**

**Editor Roaring 40**



### **President's Report:**

**Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley**

Greetings and salutations to everyone.

Hope all members are keeping well.

There is not a lot to report at this time of the year. But it is a pleasure to confirm that after discussion and voting on future Rorts in Inverell the following will take place.

A : 2018 Launceston, Tasmania. It is almost booked out. Check our website for details.

B : 2019 Leeton, Riverina area, N.S.W. Mark Carter and other Leeton Sub-Committee members will make a presentation at Launceston.

C : 2020 Kevin Huxham will (with assistance) organize this Rort and will probably be in Gladstone, Qld.

It is very pleasing to myself and National Board to have Rorts in advance locked in.

With Christmas fast approaching, I trust all members will enjoy the festive season with plenty of Apex 40 fellowship.

Yvonne (Bonny) and I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and our kindest regards for a beaut 2018.

Looking forward to Launceston in March.

Cheers, Bryan.

Bryan Spencer. National President



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

Hello to all members.

Christmas is nearly upon us and I see by the notices from our groups that they are all getting prepared to make the season a merry and joyous one.

Many reported back with their "Christmas in July" stories and pictures. If your group has any pictures or stories of what is happening in and around Apex 40, please forward them to Julie and/or myself so that they can be included in the next edition of the Roaring 40's.

Our Facebook page is continually being more informative so that you can keep up to date with Apex 40 members and their latest happenings.

On the Secretarial front at this time of year it is very quiet, but with membership renewals coming up by the end of December, this will change as it is important for all secretaries to update their membership details and for MAL's to also update their information. Fees this year are the same as 2016-17 at \$7.50 per member so please post off your cheques or Direct Deposit monies into Westpac Wynnum branch Apex 40 Account:

BSB: 034 053

Account: 308848

**2018 Rort Report:**

March 2018 is our MAJOR upcoming event, a time when we will "Continue the Fellowship" and catch up with good friends made in Apex and Apex 40. The "Launceston" RORT is limited to 108 members and to date attendance stands at 96 with two from New Zealand withdrawing due to health issues. They will be sadly missed.

There has been some fine tuning of the Rort program to better allow for Bus travel times and the small movement of a few meal times to allow us all to freshen up and prepare for the evening functions. Remember it is a full five (5) days of Continuing the Fellowship.

Wishing you all a Safe, Healthy and Wonderful Christmas,

See you in Launceston in 2018

YIA40 (Yours in Apex 40),

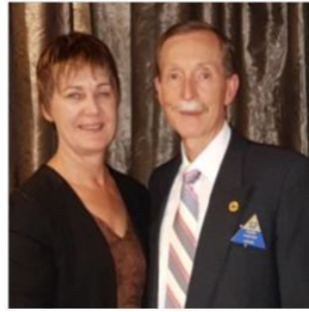
Col Ramsay

Secretary



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

Nothing to report



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

Very little to report on the I.R front.

As yet, I have not touched base with any clubs in the Northern Hemisphere nor our close neighbours in New Zealand.

I have contacted 41 club in Noumea and they will have representation in Launceston next year and also at the 2019 Leeton Rort.

You may recall I am liaising with Kevin Huxham in regards to an overseas trip. It appears that the Northern Hemisphere isn't a possibility at present, however a strong connection has been established for South Africa for around 2018 which I understand may end a 25-year hiatus visit to that country.

Kevin and I will keep you posted on any progress.

Nothing to report regarding Apex Australia at this point.

Mark



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

No report



**Treasurer's Report  
Keith Miller**

Nothing to report apart from a reminder for anyone wishing still to book for the Rort in Launceston, that after the 25th of November the registration is full price.



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

No report



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### Around the Groups



*Open gathering at Neerim Creek Bush Retreat*



## Around the Sub-Committees

### **New South Wales**

Alstonville            740 kms north of Sydney

Byron Bay            760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest            100 kms west of Sydney

September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was planned for a morning tea at Judy's in Blackheath. October was a combined meeting with Nepean Valley.

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

October saw a combined meeting with Blue Mountains Crest Apex 40 at the Lapstone Hotel.

Mike was very enthused about having us around for lunch in September as he had set up table and chairs for at least 100 people and to ensure there was no waiting at the BBQ, he had not one but two BBQ's going flat out.

November will be the AGM and early Christmas.

Wyong            100 kms north of Sydney

November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the Christmas meeting at Heilbrunn's residence at Caves Beach for a spit roast night. Previous meetings were a dinner at the Bay Room, The Entrance Leagues Club for October and September we had an inspiring talk about Apex and the Foundation from Jamie Vincent. He is a board member of the Apex Foundation and Life member of Blacktown Apex Club.



## **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

The September meeting saw 17 members having plenty of food and laughs at Kondari Resort for breakfast. Plenty of food and lots of laughter.

The next meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct., is a matinee at the Bigscreen Cinemas, Hervey Bay to see 'The Mountain Between Us'. A meeting afterwards to be at the Cinema Cafe.

November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting is the Christmas function and AGM at the Club House.

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

Lunch and AGM was due to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October at Haveli Indian Restaurant, Victoria Point. Christmas lunch will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at a venue to be decided.

Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

Happy that we have had some rain. The next function will be a Melbourne Cup Party at Des and Denice's at 510 Manly Road Wakerley. There will be plenty of entertainment, food and good company assured. Morning tea, Lunch and sweeps included for around \$20 - \$25 per head.

Christmas Party - Sunday 17th December – more about this at a later date.

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

A small but high quality group had an enjoyable day and pleasant meal at The Weldborough Hotel. Little business was conducted owing to our next venue already in place. We did discuss the upcoming Rort. We were advised all is looking good, expected numbers mid 90's, at this stage Grindleward is still in the programme (there was some conjecture this may not be as there has been a change of management).

Next meeting will be our Christmas function on 26/11/17 at Bridport. Santa will be in attendance. Please use lots of thought and perhaps have a humorous gift whilst containing the cost to a minimum. Fancy dress (Christmas theme) is requested. (Don't be shy it is a private room). Numbers to Anne by 24<sup>th</sup> please.

## **Victoria**

Bendigo 153 kms north of Melbourne

Dandenong Valley 35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong 65 kms south west of Melbourne

October meeting was a dinner meeting at Belmont RSL. Guest speaker was club member, Des Graham who spent time in Antarctica as an official member of an exploratory expedition, in his capacity as an engineer.

Septembers meeting saw past member Greg Melville as guest speaker on the merits of where he now lives on Bribie Island, such a great location, offering superb restaurants, climate and sporting facilities.

Melbourne-Gippsland 40 kms east of Melbourne

Melbourne Cup Day will be the next meeting with a barbeque at the Angus residence. December meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas lunch and AGM.

The October meeting was at the Oven Twist Cafe in Ringwood.

Brunswick Heads on August 2nd was the venue for the annual lunch. This year there were 26 present from Alstonville, Bendigo, Brisbane (Wynnum-Manly and XEPA), Devonport, Heywood, Melbourne (Melb-Gipps. and Norwesters), Murwillumbah, Nelson Bay (Great 8) and Wyong,

Melbourne Nor-westers 22 kms north west of Melbourne

Souwest 270 kms south west of Melbourne

Sunraysia 546 kms north west of Melbourne

October made up for the last meeting that had to be cancelled, with 20 members having lunch at Cafe 1909 Mildura, overlooking the Murray River. This was also the AGM with the same very competent and experienced team being re-elected unopposed.

### Apex Foundation

#### Foundation Spotlight 1: Melanoma

The Apex Foundation started funding melanoma research since 1987 and continues to do so through its Charitable Trust. It is a major sponsor of the Melanoma Institute of Australia (MIA) with annual grants of various amounts in response to requests to support research or equipment. In 2016, the Apex Foundation funded \$15,000 for the purchase of a clinical microscope to further critical research. In 2017, the Apex Foundation funded \$15,000 to support a PhD scholarship for Mr Hansol Lee. His area of expertise is immunology and his Doctorate is study of why medications in some melanoma sufferers become less effective and the body's immune system develops a resistance to the melanoma cancer. The total Apex Foundation funding to date from the Trust is \$1,125,000.

#### Foundation Spotlight 2: Diabetes

In 1984/85 Apex Australia conducted a National Service Scheme to raise funds to contribute towards diabetes research and education. Those funds were managed by the Apex Foundation under Diabetes Mellitus Trust until 2011 and now under Apex Foundation Charitable Trust. Each year Apex Australia provides a grant to Diabetes Australia to fund research projects. In 2017 the Foundation made a grant of \$15,000.00.

**International 41** newsletter can be accessed through this link:-

<http://www.41international.net/2017/07/41-communicue-august-2017-dr-v-siddharthan-sid/>



#### **Wynnum- Manly Apex 40 Melbourne Cup Day.**

Thanks to our hosts, Denice and Des Clements, the group gathered together at their residence to share the celebrations of the nation's Great Horse Race Day! Trivia horse racing questions showed how much we all knew (or Not!!) about the topic, and a superb Clements' catered luncheon was certainly enjoyed by all who attended. This was followed by the Race Viewing, and the close checking of Sweep Draw horses, before the winnings were awarded to those lucky few. A wonderful day was certainly had by our group.

### **Some notable events we may remember from 1973**

10 February – Australia's first casino, the Wrest Point Casino opens in Hobart.

14 February – First Screening of ABC TV series 'Certain Women'

28 February – The federal voting age is lowered from 21 to 18

March – Filming began on 'Alvin Purple'

8 March – Fire at the Brisbane nightclub, Whiskey a Go Go, caused the deaths of 15 people.

1 June – The first F111 aircraft is delivered to the R.A.A.F.

30 June – The last Australian troops, the Saigon Embassy Guard Platoon, leave Vietnam.

2 August - Patrick White became the only Australian author to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

2 September – first screening on TV of the Ethel Turner novel 'Seven Little Australians'

21 September – The Jackson Pollock painting 'Blue Poles' is controversially purchased by the Whitlam government for \$1.3 million

20 October – Sydney Opera House officially opened by Queen Elizabeth

1 December – Papua New Guinea is granted self-government prior to independence

31 December – AC/DC perform their first major gig in Sydney Australia.

#### Sport

*Gala Supreme* wins the Melbourne Cup

Western Australia wins the Sheffield Shield

*Helsall* takes line honours in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

Australia defeats South Africa 3-0 in the Federation Cup

#### Music

##### Top 10 selling singles by Australian Artists

1. Heaven Is My Woman's Love – Col Joye
2. Delta Dawn – Helen Reddy
3. I Am Woman – Helen Reddy
4. You Don't Own Me – Ormsby Brothers
5. World's Greatest Mum – Johnny Chester
6. Your Mama Don't Dance – Bootleg Family Band
7. Suzie Darling – Barry Crocker
8. Cassandra – Sherbet
9. Neither One Of Us – Linda George
10. Venus – Jamie Redfern



**City of LAUNCESTON**  
**2018 Apex 40 RORT**



5 days of  
"Continuing the Fellowship"  
**Book NOW!**



Rort cost per person is just \$595.00

Book before November 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 to get the discounted prices.  
Discounted price is \$545.00 per person for the five days.

A great price for five full days of comradery and just "Continuing the Fellowship"  
Most have booked at the Country Club where we had 45 rooms on hold.

Booking code for the Country Club is: 932534

**92 registered, only 12 spaces left!**

**Don't leave it until it is too late, Register NOW!**

Go to the Apex 40 web site for bookings:  
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When paying for the Apex40 component of the Rort please use the following:

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**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/>

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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**

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

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Number of people attending the RORT (1 OR 2) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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