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Morning Tea at Tamar Yacht Club



# Julie's Jottings

Hello everyone. We are now over the Launceston Rort and getting back to whatever routine we have. I spent a further 5 days near Launceston after the Rort, then had family stay with me for Easter and have had other relatives for another 5 days, so have been a bit busy. But now it is back to my normal and to get on with this newsletter which is overdue. The Penultimate Award was won

by Redlands this year, congratulations to them. You may note that newsletters are a bit light on in this issue and that is because I haven't received many. So please send them in.

Julie Primmer, Sunraysia Editor Roaring 40's



President's Annual Report Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) Nepean Valley

Twelve months have elapsed since my election as President. My fears and trepidations quickly evaporated when I was warmly accepted during the Inverell Rort. This year has been one of consolidation and Apex 40 is on "an even keel" so to speak. There does not appear to be any impediments, which is pleasing.

Thanks go to Board members Vice-President Peter Ryall and Bob Ireland who are finishing this year. Thanks to first year members Julie and Keith and continuing members Col, Ken and Mark.

We look forward to visiting Leeton for our 2019 Rort. It is true to state that Rorts are the centrepieces of Apex 40 and I and the Board can only encourage all members to make an effort to attend. You will not regret it.

Our maxim is "Continuing Fellowship" and it should and must be embraced by everyone.



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

I would like to thank all sub-committee Secretaries and Members for their assistance in getting current member information to me so as to enable me to keep the Member Register up to date, which is a requirement of the Department of Fair Trading.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Board Members for the diligence and assistance this year as it helps to make my position an easy one.

A special Thank You must go to my wife Phyl for her never ending patience and assistance, Thank you Phyl.

Membership of Apex 40 Australia Inc. stands at just over 700 with three more sub-committees yet to pay. This puts us on target for 750 plus this year.



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

It has been an honour to have been a member of Board for the last four years. It is now time for me to step down and I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincerest thanks to all those with whom I have served.

Naturally, the highlight for me was my two years as President, and I'd like to make a special mention of three people who played a big part in guiding me through this period: Col Ramsay for his knowledge of constitutional matters, Darrol Harmer for his valuable work in taking on the role of Treasurer for a year, and my wife Ann for her encouragement and support.

I congratulate Bryan Spencer on the enthusiastic manner in which he has thrown himself into this role. He has the practice of diplomacy down to a fine art, and this has served him and our organisation well on more than one occasion. Even though I am no longer a member of Board, I offer him whatever support he might need in his second year as our leader.

I look forward to continuing fellowship with all members of Apex 40.



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

It is lovely to see our New Caledonian visitors at our Rort along with the New Zealand 41 Club contingent, both countries continuing to foster our International Connections.

Joanne and I will be in India in April (our eldest daughter's wedding) and my intention is to organise, if possible, to meet with Dr Sid from Salem of 41 India and explore relations/trip opportunities to that area.

Connection with Apex Australia has been quiet. It is good to see Apex Foundation President, Brian Powe at Launceston. Kevin Huxham is continuing dialogue with his South African connections regarding the possible trip there around August/September this year.

To my wife Joanne, I wish to show my gratitude and thanks for all of the wonderful assistance she has given me during my term of office.



Webmaster's Report: Ken Wright (Janice) Nepean Valley

Interest in the Website is not as strong as it has been in the recent years. Even Facebook chatter has had a bit of a downturn, with many of the conversations relating to Apex information and not Apex 40.

The Apex 40 website continues being updated as new ways are learnt of using features that were not previously available in previous software code. In moving forward, I would be particularly interested in gathering information on how the site can best serve the members.

Finally, I would like to thank President Bryan and Secretary Col for their assistance in providing source material throughout the year. I would also like to thank the sub-groups that provide dinner notices.



Treasurer's Report Keith Miller

This year we have changed the way Apex 40 Australia Inc accounts are prepared. From 1st April 2017, the accounts are being processed through MYOB Accounting, which is more in keeping with modern methods.

We have prepared our budget on an estimated 750 members and it is recommended that the 2018/2019 Membership fees remain at the current \$7:50 per member.

I take this opportunity to thank President Bryan for his confidence in getting me to run as Treasurer, and for the leadership shown to Apex 40 Australia. I wish you every success for the next 12 months. I would also like to thank Secretary Col for his support and guidance through the year, and I met the challenge of numerous aspects relating to the this portfolio. Also, thanks to past Treasurer Darrol for his guidance in changing the accounting system over to MYOB.



The 2018 Board

From left:

Mark Carter—International Relations, Apex Liaison

Ken Wright—Web Editor

Keith Miller—Treasurer

Bryan Spencer—President

Julie Primmer—Vice President, Roaring 40's Editor

Col Ramsay—Secretary, Membership

# **Around the Sub-Committees**





# **Rort Report**

Launceston Rort ran for five days without a post-rort tour, so started officially on Thursday instead of the usual Friday evening. It was a bit of a mystery hike to find the registration room in the Country Club, but we got there. The welcome social was held in The Tonic Room. This sounded good to those of us who had already been holidaying for a while, a pick-me-up. The finger food was amazing, good variety and not a deep fried spring roll in sight; it just kept coming. Lots of catching up as usual.



Friday saw the first day out and about and split into 2 groups, each bus doing alternative things. We headed off to do a boat trip up the Tamar River. It was cold and a bit damp at times but nothing that deterred us. Fine once we had boarded. Very interesting trip through the Tamar Conservation area with commentary and lots of chat of course

amongst us. Those in the wheelhouse were reprimanded for talking while the Captain was trying to give us information, but would we expect anything different from us? Morning tea was served accompanied by fruit and huge muffins. Our trip extended out as far as the Rosevears Hotel before turning back for a wine tasting along the way and then heading up the Cataract Gorge for a look at where our group would walk on Saturday.

Lunch was sandwiches and scones, jam and cream at the Bowls and Community Club; delicious. After that we had a few options, do your own thing or go on the historical town walk. A few of us did our own walk around the CBD then headed to the appointed spot for our historical walk. We were gathered up and shepherded around a section of the town by our 'bunch up' guide. Very interesting, still many old buildings and to see where the river used to flow compared to where it is now. As happens we mislaid a few people but not permanently.





Evening meal was an organise your self arrangement which was a departure from the normal routine. I was with a group of about 25 at the bistro at the Country Club Villas where quite a few of us were staying.

Saturday saw us on the buses again to visit the very picturesque Cataract Gorge. We all spread out from the bus; some took the chairlift across the gorge, others did the 10 minute walk around the end and over the suspension bridge. It was a lovely sunny morning, ideal for walking out to the Tamar, doing the round trip or just having morning tea at the cafe and wandering around there amongst the peacocks. Lunch was back at the Country Club then a free afternoon for most.





Saturday night was our formal evening at the Club with more presentations, music and dancing.





An early start on Sunday to go to Georgetown in the rain. Everyone was very happy that the rain had almost stopped for us to go in to our first amazing morning tea by Brenda. The other bus experienced this on Friday and were raving about it. The weather cleared enough to enable us to walk around the Pilot Station Maritime Museum at Low Head located on the eastern side of the Tamar River, which is home to Australia's oldest continuously operating pilot station. The lighthouse was built in 1888 to replace the former convictbuilt lighthouse and the surrounding grounds offer beautiful, if windy, views out across the Tamar River mouth. From here we bussed via the Impressive Batman Bridge to Grindelwald for lunch and our AGM.



Monday saw an even earlier start to go to Beauty Point.

We had another of Brenda's morning teas at the Wharf Road, Tamar Yacht Club. From here it was a short walk or bus-ride to Seahorse World and Platypus House. Both these were fascinating, with some echidnas walking around our feet as well. After lunch we toured the interesting Beaconsfield Mine which I am sure we all know from the disaster in April 2006.







As we were running early we were able to stop at the Rosevears Hotel for an afternoon drink and wave at our other group who were on their boat trip. We then trundled home for our evening function.









Tuesday morning we had our farewell breakfast and said goodbye until next year in Leeton.

## **Around the Sub-Committees**

#### **New South Wales**

## Alstonville 740 kms north of Sydney

The monthly meeting for February was a fun outing for 23 members on the new Byron Bay Solar train. 15 minutes each way and it runs from the outskirts of the town to 100 metres from the beach near the centre of town.

Byron Bay 760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest 100 kms west of Sydney

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

<u>Inverell</u> 560 kms north west of Sydney

<u>Leeton</u> 590 kms south west of Sydney

<u>Lismore</u> 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

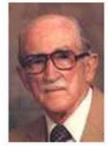
Next meeting will be on the 26th April for dinner at Penrith Paceway Club. Past meetings have been at the Rowing Club for lunch in February and a BBQ lunch on 3rd March.

# Wyong 100 kms north of Sydney

Most recent meeting is to be held at the Leagues Club, Bateau Bay on 26th April. Previous meeting had to be cancelled due to many members being unavailable due to Easter.



Sir John Buchan



Ewan Laird



Langham Proud

#### Queensland

Caloundra 103 kms north of Brisbane

<u>Curtis Coast</u> 530 kms north of Brisbane

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

#### Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

February lunch was held at the Urangan Bowls Club and March get together was to be at Vicki and Shayne's place to celebrate Shayne's 60th. The Gunfire Breakfast in April will be at the usual venue of Apex Park.

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

#### Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

Next meeting was scheduled for Sunday 15th April for lunch at Mon Komo Hotel, Redcliffe. We had 2 members attend the Rort who were happy to pass on that we had won the Penultimate Award.

## Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

Details of Christmas function and a reminder that time was running out to book for the Rort.

#### Xepa Great South East 30 kms south east of Brisbane

Last newsletter was advising of Christmas Dinner at the Harvest Cafe, Victoria Point

#### **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

For April 19th's meeting at RSL, Belmont our speaker is Peter Bongiorno, who has 35 years experience as a bail justice. 22 members attended the last meeting.

Melbourne-Gippsland 40 kms east of Melbourne

Melbourne Nor-westers 22 kms north west of Melbourne

Souwest 270 kms south west of Melbourne

#### Sunraysia 546 kms north west of Melbourne

March function was a Fish or Chicken & Chips lunch on the lawns between Lock 10 and the Wentworth Cemetery. Previous lunch was at the Cafe 1909 overlooking the Murray River.

#### **Apex Foundation**

The Christmas School Holidays saw many underprivileged children, their carers and families, enjoy a fabulous time by the seaside at the SHACK (Shoalhaven Heads NSW). At the same time many Apex members past & present & their partners spent a week at the Chalet (Smiggin Holes) in a well organised work party undertaking much needed maintenance on the Magic Castle.

The Association of Civilian Widows Trusts (WA & Qld) has provided several grants to needy children & their families over the last three months. These included:

- Support for Underprivileged Children attending Windaroo State School QLD to attend school camps & excursions.
- Miscellaneous items of equipment for disadvantaged children including a mobility walker, computer, school uniforms & books.

In acknowledging these grants, I should again point out that funding is available from the Apex Necessitous Circumstances Trust for disadvantaged people in the community via the Application form available from our website.

http://www.apexfoundation.org.au

#### **International 41**

Newsletters can be accessed at this webpage: www.41international.net

## APEX 40 Tour to SOUTH AFRICA as Guests of RT41 SA, September 2018

We have been invited to participate in the above tour by our kindred association in South Africa. As with many organisations world-wide, their membership has dwindled, but they have done their best to ensure we have a wonderful visit to their country and enjoy the friendship and fellowship with their members, that this type of tour generates.

The tour will commence on August 31 when we fly from Australia to Johannesburg, South Africa, where we will be met at the airport and collected by our 36-seat air-conditioned coach and driver, for the first leg of our journey from Johannesburg to Durban, from where we will fly to Port Elizabeth. The second leg of the journey will take us along the coastal Garden Route from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town, on a similar coach.

There will be 14 nights of hotel accommodation as per the below itinerary, taking in the RT41SA AGM in Richards Bay, and seven nights of home hosting by members of RT41SA in their homes. In addition, we will be joined by their members at evening functions along the way.

Included in the tour will be return international airfares from Australia to South Africa, internal airfares in South Africa, all accommodation in hotels (on a twin share basis) and home hosting, all admittances to attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, 15 dinners, lunches and breakfasts to be confirmed, AGM registration, air-conditioned coach travel as per itinerary, and an Apex 40 tour polo shirt and bucket cap.

Kevin Huxham

For further information contact Kevin on Mob: 0419-253302, Home: 074159 1179

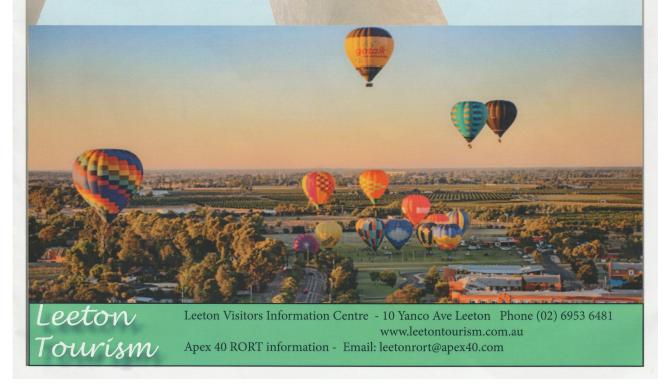


The Riverina in Southern NSW is always great place to explore and to enjoy.

In 2019 the Apex 40 members will have the chance to discover the food bowl of Australia. An area that is steeped in farming history and is part of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

So prepare yourself for a taste of country hospitality.

The RORT will run from Fri 3rd May to Mon 6th May 2019. It will be then be followed by a POST RORT Tour finishing on Friday May 10th.



# THE RORT 3rd - 6th May 2019

#### Thursday (early arrivals)

Registrations open at the Visitors information Centre 1pm to 4pm. Phone 02 6953 6481 Email: enquiries@leetontourism.com.au

#### Friday

Registrations open at the Visitors Information Centre 1pm to 4pm.

Activities available during day include Fivebough Wetlands 1 hour tour, town Art Deco Guided walk, Murrami Rocking Horse Museum and Murrami Randall Organic Rice cake production. (see web page or booking form for details).

Welcome Social at the Leeton Soldiers Club - Bus pickup from 6pm.

#### Saturday

8:30am Leeton Town Tour by coach.

Morning tea at the Leeton Visitor Information centre.

Travel to Southern Cotton Gin for a guided tour.

Lunch at the Darlington Point Soldiers Club.

Altina Wildlife by horse drawn or motorised cart. An up close and personal experience

followed by a cuppa, biscuits and slices.

Dust off your Akubra and RM Williams gear and join us for our themed outback night at the Leeton Soldiers Club with great tucker and great music from our bush band.

#### Sunday

8:30am Coach departs for Narrandera Fisheries for a guided tour of native and endangered species of the Murray Darling Basin river system.

Glendale Farm tour and Morning tea by the Murrumbidgee River.

Bus back to Leeton for AGM and lunch.

Dinner will be at the Iconic Roxy Theatre with a live band and dance music from the

40's to the 70's.

#### Monday

Farewell breakfast at the Leeton Soldiers Club from 7:30am.

Coach departs for Post RORT Tour at 9:30am.

# Accommodation

Leeton Caravan Park 02 6953 3323. Leeton Heritage Motor Inn 02 6953 4100 Motel Riverina 02 6953 2955





# THE POST RORT 6th - 10th May 2019

Following the farewell breakfast, the POST RORT TOUR will begin and includes coach travel, accommodation and most meals. Eskies will be on the coach to store all your gourmet fine foods.

#### Monday

On our way to Darlington Point we'll have a short stop at Jodie Heath's for a selection of cured/smoked handmade smallgoods, then on to Yarrow Park for some olives and wine tasting, including morning tea. After which we head to Hay to Shear Outback for a tour, demonstration and lunch. After leaving Shear Outback we go to our accommodation for a short break, then onto Bishop's Lodge for our evening meal.

#### Tuesday

After breakfast, we start the day with a town tour including the Hay Gaol, Museum and Cultural centre. Before leaving Hay, enjoy morning tea at the Hay Visitors Centre. We then travel to Corrinya Station at Carrathool where Bruce and Julie Armstrong will host our lunch along with some station insights. We then travel to Griffith with a stop on the outskirts at Calabria winery. Our overnight stay will be in Griffith, where we will also enjoy our evening meal.

#### Wednesday

After breakfast, we'll begin with a Coach tour of Griffith and local points of interest. Lunch will be at DeBortoli Winery, where the matriarch, Emeri DeBortoli will give a brief history of the winery and has agreed to open her extensively awarded garden for us to enjoy. After lunch, we have a quick stop in Barellan and Ariah Park before arriving in Temora for a town tour, then for some a guided pub crawl with local history. You will be dining tonight at the Temora Ex-Servicemans Club.

#### **Thursday**

After a hearty breakfast we visit the Rural Museum with a commentary and morning tea, then off to the the Aircraft Museum. We then head to Junee where lunch will at the Junee Rail Station Café, after which, we visit the Junee Roundhouse and/or Monte Cristo before being dropped at our accommodation. Dinner will be at the Junee Licorice and Chocolate factory, hosted by the Druce family. The retail shop will open exclusively for post Rorters.

#### Friday

After breakfast our first stop today is at the Coolamon Cheese Factory. You will have time to enjoy a self guided town walk to see its unique offerings. Then onto Lockhart to visit the Golder Wool Gallery to see landscapes and portraits using natural wool. Lunch will be a traditional pub lunch at the famous Morundah Pub. After lunch we are off to Leeton which will complete our Post RORT Tour.







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# Accommodation and Travel Information

#### Accommodation

\* All Prices based on January 2018 largis and may charge, Prices are based on 2 people with a minimum 3 nights. Extra nights at same tariff.

Leeton Caravan Park Yanco Avenue, Leeton Tel: (02) 6953 3323

www.laetoncarayanpark.com.au email: leetoncp@bigpond.com.au Powered Site Unpowered Site

\$30 per night \$25 per night

Cabins

\$100 per night includes linen

Leston Heritage Motor Inn. 27 Yanco Avenue, Leeton Tel: (02) 6953 4100 www.leetonheritage.com.au

email: stay@leetonheritage.inn.com.au

Apex 40 Rorters will receive a \$10 per night discount with a minimum 3 nights. Phone and email. bookings only by January 31st 2019.

Motel Riverina

1 Yanco Avenue, Leeton Tel: (02) 6953 2955 www.moteiriverina.com.au email: stay@motelriverina.com.au

Queen Upstairs Double & Single \$120 per night Queen & Single Queen & 3 Single

\$125 per night \$150 per night \$180 per night

# Travel Choices - Air

Lecton/Narrandera Airport is our preferred airport which is serviced by Regional Express Airlines (REX). with 3 flights a day out of Sydney only. The RORT committee will provide complimentry transfers for each flight. As there are limited cheap fares on each flight, it is suggested that you book as early as possible.

# Travel Choices - Road

Leeton is located in the Riverina area of Southern NSW.

From Sydney it is 560km or about 6hrs. From Brisbane it is 1250km or about 14hrs via the Newell Hwy. From Melboume it is 461km or just over 5hrs.

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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