

# Roaring 40's

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**South African group, Table Mountain, Cape Town**



## **Julie's Jottings**

Hello everyone. Things seem to have been very quiet publically on the Apex 40 front lately. Not many newsletters in, photos on the Apex 40 page were almost all South Africa (good to see what they were doing though), and no photos from those who went north for the winter! I went north to Bali for 10 days, most of it around Ubud in the hills and a few days in the very pleasant Oberoi Hotel in Seminyak. It was the 30th year of visits to Bali by the Aromatours group, so to celebrate, on this invite only, anniversary trip we had those 3 days by the sea as well. While this was of interest to me (maybe a few others also) and enjoyable, it is not the content I look for, for Roaring 40's. A good newsletter needs pertinent information to be interesting. Hopefully the next one will have a few Christmas photos to liven it up.

While on the subject of the Roaring 40's it is timely to remind members that we will be needing another editor next year. It is not a difficult job and it is only one every three months. Don't forget to get your registration in for Leeton Rort.

I wish everyone a Christmas of joy and safety which continues through into 2019.

**Julie Primmer, Sunraysia  
Editor Roaring 40's**



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

Greetings and salutations to all members.

Where has 2018 gone? Nearly end of the year already. We have a new Prime Minister followed by an unstable Federal Parliament. What is happening to Australia?

On the Apex 40 front, not a lot to report at this time of the year. If you have not already registered for our 2019 Rort in Leeton, please consider coming along for a great time of fellowship. Mark Carter and his "merry band" of helpers have put together a range of events for our enjoyment. Let us all support this Rort in Leeton.

Well, Kevin Huxham and his group of intrepid travellers are safely back home after a fabulous time in South Africa. No reports of losing anyone to lions, leopards etc. That is good news. Congratulations to Kevin and Liz for all the ground work in making this tour a success.

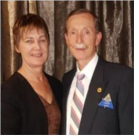
Also, many thanks to Keith Miller, our treasurer, for all the time he spent sorting out money transfers, currency conversions and other financial matters.

Finally, on behalf of Yvonne (Bonny) and myself I wish all members and their families a very merry, safe and wonderful Christmas and hope 2019 is a year of good health, good fellowship, peace and happiness.

Cheers,  
Bryan



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**Col Ramsay**



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**Ken Wright**



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**Keith Miller**

## **Red Christmas Truck**

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the crèche when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures.

He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant Jesus.

So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your passenger, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got Him at church."

"And why did you take Him?"

The boy explained, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

## Around the Sub-Committees

Peter and Ros Chessel met up with Julie Primmer on their travels. A pleasant lunch by the Murray at Mildura.



## South Africa



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## **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

The next meeting was Tuesday 9th October 2018 2:30 pm at Graeme & Lexie's.

Any leftover funds from our Shopping Spree will be directed to the Apex Chalet...the "Magic Castle" where we have agreed to put any funds towards the purchase of a new bed. Our trip to Jersey Boys was most enjoyable. What a fabulous show. Don't forget we have our lunch at the Lapstone Pub with Nepean Valley Apex 40 on 18th November.

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

Wyong            100 kms north of Sydney

Dinner meetings were planned for 30<sup>th</sup> August at The Bay Room, The Entrance Leagues Club, Bateau Bay and the 28<sup>th</sup> October at Gardenia Cafe, Ourimbah.

### **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

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

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

The next Dinner meeting was due to be held on Thursday October 18th 2018

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

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Some Christmas times and places for readers in W.A. supplied by John Monkhouse.

### **OASIS SOUTH** (ex members of Fremantle, Melville and South Perth)

Meet for breakfast on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30 am at Royal Perth Golf Club, South Perth.  
Contact 0418 934 452

### **OASIS SCARBOROUGH** (ex members of Scarborough, Floreat and Subiaco)

Meet for lunch on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12:00pm at Indi Hotel, Hastings Street, Scarborough.  
Contact 0410 184 454

### **OASIS PEEL** (ex members Mandurah, Rockingham)

Meet for an evening barbeque Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at a venue to be announced. Contact Rob Coopes 9537 1879

### **Apex Foundation**


Check this link for all the latest news. <http://www.apexfoundation.org.au>

### **International 41**

These newsletters make very interesting reading. They can be accessed at this webpage: [www.41international.net](http://www.41international.net). The latest newsletter is at this link - <http://www.41international.net/download/communique/SEPTEMBER-NEWSLETTER.pdf>

### **Kelab Apex 40, Kuala Lumpur**

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APEX CLUBS OF MALAYSIA**  
**43<sup>rd</sup> National Association Convention**  
Date : Saturday 11th of August 2018



**The newly elected and appointed National Officials for the year 2018/2019 are as follows**

From (l to r): IPNP Giri (Kajang), Nat. Secretary Jagathis (KL), Auditor(1) GN Nair (BSP), ETF Chairman Edward Mai (Penang), NIRD Lily Kaur (Klang), Nat. President Sritharan (KL), Nat. Service & Bursary Director Banny (BSP), Nat. Vice President Ravin (Klang), Auditor(2) David Pan (PJ) and Nat. Treasurer Philip Andrew (D'sara).

Our congratulations to all of them and we wish them the best in the year ahead. Start your term by identifying our clubs' and association's strengths and weaknesses. What's the solution? Use our strengths and find new ways to tackle weaknesses in our association.



APEX 40 Tour to SOUTH AFRICA

Our recent tour contained 11 Apex 40 members from Australia, 11 41 Club members from NZ, six 41 Club members from Noumea, and one couple from 41 Club GB & I, making up 30 in total.

Whilst we encountered no real problems whilst over there, which is the aim of the exercise, there is certainly a fair bit of unrest in the country, and with an average of 57 murders every day in SA, we did not experience any problems, and with our schedule, we were rarely in the wrong place at the wrong time, safely tucked in bed when most of the trouble happens.

It was a great relief to us especially, when Nico advised that he would be accompanying us for the duration of the trip, as the bus problems would not have been fixed as quickly without him!

It is quite a large country, and what we saw was only a small portion of what is available, but it gives you a taste, and the animals it delivers cannot be found over in our part of the world, apart from zoos.

We were received very warmly by our home hosts, the Round Table and 41 Club members, and the community generally, with many going out of their way to ensure our stay in their towns and country was beneficial to all concerned.

Kevin Huxham

**Play On These Words**

It's a matter of opinion that "yule" love the game we're about to play. In each sentence below, fill in the blank or blanks with an expression commonly used at Christmas time.

1. On December 24, Adam's wife was known as \_\_\_\_\_
2. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Scrooge was visited by the ghost of \_\_\_\_\_
3. What Christmas message is conveyed by these letters?  
ABCDEF GHIJKMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ ABCDEF GHIJKMNOPQRSTU-  
VWXYZ
4. When the salt and the pepper say "Hi!" to each other, they are passing on \_\_\_\_\_
5. A holy man without change could be called \_\_\_\_\_
6. A quiet medieval armour-wearer is a \_\_\_\_\_
7. A cat walking on the desert is bound to get \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers:**

- [1. Christmas Eve](#)
- [2. Christmas Present](#)
- [3. Noel, Noel \(no L, no L\)](#)
- [4. Seasons Greetings](#)
- [5. St. Nickelless](#)
- [6. Silent Knight](#)
- [7. Sandy Claws](#)

## We Who Are The Roaring Rorters

Below are the verses written after the Sunraysia Rort in 2003 by deceased Sunraysia member, Jim Banks. This was performed at the committee's wind up dinner at the Cottonwood Motel

'82 Mildura,  
The air was fresh and purer,  
The Workers Rort, our "Royal" Port,  
Avoca, muffins, wizzies, nothing surer.  
Tasting wine at Chaffey Landing,  
Hardly any one of us left standing.  
The Murray River ain't the same  
Since Rorting was our game.

Chorus:

We who are the Roaring Rorters,  
Fathers Mothers, Sons and Daughters,  
Over forty is our claim  
And Rorting is our game.

2-0-3 Sunraysia  
We new it would amaze ya.  
Greek Hall gath'ring was the Alpha  
And the Woolshed breakfast was Omega,  
Psyche Pumps and Mundoo sailing,  
Trentham Estate all availing.  
Andrews Sisters centre stage  
Sunraysia came of age!

Chorus:

Mem'ries of the Post Rort -  
Cottonwood was our Court.  
Rio Vista, Gardens Botanical,  
Trotting where the betting was mechanical;  
Mungo Man to Chinese dinner,  
After the Avoca not much thinner,  
Our Committee celebrating  
What a bonzer Rort!

3rd - 6th May 2019



# Leeton

## APEX 40 RORT

[www.apex40.com](http://www.apex40.com)

Post RORT 6th - 10th May 2019

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.



Leeton  
Tourism

Leeton Visitors Information Centre - 10 Yanco Ave Leeton Phone (02) 6953 6481

[www.leetontourism.com.au](http://www.leetontourism.com.au)

Apex 40 RORT information - Email: [leetonrort@apex40.com](mailto:leetonrort@apex40.com)

## 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](mailto: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

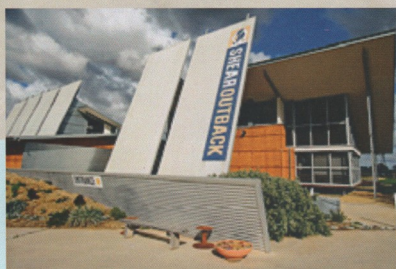
After breakfast, we'll begin with a Coach tour of Griffith and local points of interest. Lunch will be at DeBortoli Winery, where the matriarch, Emeri DeBortoli will give a brief history of the winery and has agreed to open her extensively awarded garden for us to enjoy. After lunch, we have a quick stop in Barellan and Aria 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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APEX 40 RORT



Thankyou  
for registering

Post RORT 6th - 10th May 2019

**2 EASY WAYS  
TO REGISTER**

Online through the website: [www.apex40.com](http://www.apex40.com)

Mail this form: 2019 Apex 40 RORT  
PC Box 5204 Manly QLD 4179.

**Rorter 1:** First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sub Group/ Mal or Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food allergies, mobility or other issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rorter 2:** First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Food allergies, mobility or other issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Early Arrivals Info:**

Although the RORT does not commence until 6pm we have arranged a number of activities. If you are interested and wish to participate in any of these activities, please tick the associated box(s) for booking purposes.

- Fivobough Wellands (RAMSTAR rated) free tour - 10am for 1 hour.
- Town Art Deco free Guided Walk - 1:30pm for 1 hour.
- 9:30am Murrarni Rocking Horse Museum - 15min Drive. \$7.50 entry fee. 2 Sessions.
- 1:30pm Morning Tea (Home Cooked) at the Murrarni Rocking Horse Museum. \$7.50pp extra.
- 11:00am Randall Organic Rice. Rice cake and flour production - \$5pp. (refunded with purchases).
- 2:00pm 5min drive past Rocking Horse Museum. 2 Sessions available - Tour approx 1 hour.

## Registration Details

**Prices are based in \$AUS and are subject to change.**

- Rorter 1:**  RORT Registration \$360 Early Bird Registration with full payment made prior to **31st January 2019**.
- RORT Registration \$385 for people registering after **1st February 2019**.
- POST RORT Tour Registration \$690 - (Minimum 30 people - price may be adjusted if fewer than 30 register). Single supplement is \$45.00.

Total for RORTER 1: \$ .....

- Rorter 2:**  RORT Registration \$360 Early Bird Registration with full payment made prior to **31st January 2019**.
- RORT Registration \$385 for people registering after **1st February 2019**.
- POST RORT Tour Registration \$690 - Minimum 30 people.

Total for RORTER 2: \$ .....

Total full price for Rorters: \$ .....

Deposit Paid: \$ ..... Minimum \$100 p.p. for RORT and \$100 p.p. for Post RORT.

RORT balance owing: \$ ..... to be paid by 28th February 2019.

## Accommodation

*It is your responsibility to book your accommodation for the RORT. Please indicate where you will be staying.*

- Leeton Caravan Park. Vans Sites and Cabins Yanco Ave Leeton. Tel: 02 6953 3323
- Leeton Heritage Motor Inn 29 Yanco Ave Leeton. Tel: 02 6943 4100
- Motel Riverina 1 Yanco Ave Leeton. Tel: 02 6953 2955

*Please choose one. If you are staying elsewhere you will need to make your own way to one of the above addresses for bus pickups.*

**POST RORTERS - Do you require storage for your car, caravan or motorhome: Please let us know the size and if you require power?**

## Travel

If your arriving and departing by air, please read the travel info page. Let us know your flight details including times, Flight number, Airline Company and which airport you are flying into - (our preferred airport is Leeton/Narrandera) where we can offer transfers.

Do you require transfers?

## Payment and contact details

Cheque made payable to: (Apex 40 Australia Inc).  
2019 Apex 40 RORT  
PO Box 5204 Manly QLD 4179.

EFT: (Use your surname & last 6 digits of phone number as reference).  
Account name: Apex 40 Australia Inc  
BSB: 034 053 Account: 351301.

Mark Carter: Tel: (Afterhours Only) (02) 6955 7041 or Mobile 0477695331  
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## Accommodation and Travel Information

### Accommodation

*\* All Prices based on January 2018 tariffs and may change. 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.leetoncaravanpark.com.au](http://www.leetoncaravanpark.com.au)  
email: [leetoncp@bigpond.com.au](mailto:leetoncp@bigpond.com.au)

Powered Site	\$30 per night
Unpowered Site	\$25 per night
Cabins	\$100 per night includes linen

Leeton Heritage Motor Inn  
27 Yanco Avenue, Leeton  
Tel: (02) 6953 4100  
[www.leetonheritage.com.au](http://www.leetonheritage.com.au)  
email: [stay@leetonheritage.inn.com.au](mailto: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.motelriverina.com.au](http://www.motelriverina.com.au)  
email: [stay@motelriverina.com.au](mailto:stay@motelriverina.com.au)

Queen	\$125 per night
Upstairs Double & Single	\$120 per night
Queen & Single	\$150 per night
Queen & 3 Single	\$180 per night

### Travel Choices - Air

Leeton/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 complimentary 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 Nowell Hwy.  
From Melbourne 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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Or search for Apex 40 Australia Inc

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