

Roaring 40's February 2020



Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc

The Esplanade, Bargara. Qld.



Bargara is a coastal town and locality in the Bundaberg Region, Queensland, Australia. The town lies 384 kilometres north of the state capital Brisbane and just 13 kilometres east of Bundaberg. Bargara is considered to be a satellite suburb of Bundaberg, with only sugar cane fields separating the two centres.

About Us.

For Continuing Fellowship

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is not a Service Club, but an organisation formed to foster fellowship among past Apexians and their partners, and to retain the many friendships formed during their Apex years.

It also exists to assist Apex, when asked, and not to operate in opposition to Apex. It is open to past members and their partners, and also Ex-World Councilors who have retired from their respective organisations.

The Ideals of Apex were to provide a means of forming enduring friendships. So, do you remember the great friendships and fellowship you experienced as a member or partner of an Apex member? Why not continue those friendships and join Apex 40.

Some Apex 40 members decided to form sub-committees which are generally based around past or present Apex Club locations. These sub-committees may meet monthly or less regularly, but all with a view to maintaining and fostering friendships, and occasionally providing assistance to Apex Clubs.

Each year members from Apex 40 gather for a weekend to attend the Annual Convention known as 'The Rort'. During this weekend there is a brief interruption to the festivities to conduct the necessary formality of The Annual General Meeting. After the weekend is over the RORT is followed by Post-RORT tour which is a 4 or 5 day itinerary covering visits to areas surrounding the town hosting The Rort.

The socialising of individual members with each other, across the whole organisation, never ceases. When on an interstate holiday, for example, members invariably look up acquaintances and friends made during the Rorts. It is a huge social club, and fosters friendships between whole families.

There are currently about 35 active sub-committees, some with memberships in excess of 40, plus 14 'Members-at-large'. Members at Large are active members of Apex 40, living or travelling in areas where there is no Apex 40 sub-committees, or find it not practical to join an existing sub-committee, but still participate in our activities.

Membership is open to all past members of Apex, their partners and members of affiliated clubs.

Apex 40 National Rort -- Bargara, Qld. May 5 - 10, 2020

Fellow Apex 40 Members,

We are now inside the last three months before the Bargara/Bundaberg Rort commences over a period of six days, and we are looking forward to your participation!

To date we have 108 registrations, and this is expected to grow to around 120 by the end of February, when the discounted registration expires. If you haven't yet registered, and intend to attend, please get your registration in now!

We have endeavoured in our program, to show you the best of what our area has to offer, whilst keeping the cost as low as possible to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in this delightful area of the Coral Coast!

With some international guests from NZ and South Africa attending, it promises to be a wonderful time. Mark Tramby is organising a caravan/motor home convoy prior to the event, so this should also generate some great happy hour afternoons!

We have acquired a band for our Friday evening function who play 60/70's music, so get your stompers on and dance the night away!



This is a typical sunrise from Christsen Park in Bargara, and you will be able to experience these during your stay.

For those intending to stay on for awhile, there are still a multitude of things to do, including a tour through Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, a river cruise on the Bundy Belle, and the Great Barrier Reef is right in our backyard, with daily trips to Lady Musgrave Island by water or Lady Elliott Island by light aircraft.

Our area is a heavy agricultural area with the second most reliable water supply in the nation after the Ord River Scheme in WA. There is an abundance of fruit and vegetable production in addition to macadamia nuts and sugar cane,

which you will bypass during your excursions throughout the area.

So get set for a wow of a time in May 2020!

Kevin & Liz Huxham

P.S. If anyone has sheets of banners belonging to our organisation, could you please advise us, and bring them to the Bargara Rort for display, thank you!

President's Report

Julie Primmer, Sunraysia. Vic.



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas/New Year. I know some would not have had the Christmas period that was expected, with the terrible bush fires that this country has had. It is wonderful to have now had decent rains in most parts, but this again causes its own problems in burnt out areas.

I had a family gathering that was a bit smaller and thus quieter than usual, but did manage to see both my girls, and two out of the three grandchildren which was lovely.

We are getting to the nitty-gritty of our next Rort at Bargara now. Registrations have continued to come in and it looks as though we will at least have the average number of Rorters there. Darwin too is well into the planning stages and providing that this is accepted as the 2021 Rort, we look forward to presenting a comprehensive program for you.

I am in Tasmania at the moment and about to embark on a 3night cruise around the Port Davey area in the south west which should be very interesting. After that it is home for a couple of months before travelling to meet up with many of you.
Keep well everyone,

Yours in Apex 40,
Julie.

Past President's Report

Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) MAL. WA.



Bryan has nothing to report at this time.

Secretary's Report
Col Ramsay Wynnum Manly. Q.



February 2020 Secretaries Report.

Last issue I mentioned that we were intending to use a Bulk email program for sending members information. Well, things have not gone exactly to plan and we are having a few small issues with the program but, it would seem that most are now receiving our broadcasts. To date this year, I have sent out three newsletters, Expression of interest in the 2021 Darwin Rort; A bush Fire donation information page and a notification re the 30th anniversary of club 41 in Noumea. If by chance you did not receive any of these publications, please let me know and I will endeavour to include you in further newsletters. Should it be that you do not wish to receive these updates, please let me know this as well and I will remove your email address from the newsletter email list. Removing your details from this list will still allow you to receive the “Roarings 40’s”.

A reminder to all secretaries and MAL’s that annual fees are now due and that our fees have not risen and still remain at just \$7.50 per member.

Great news is that as of the 10/02/2020 numbers are still growing for Bargara and we now have 111 registered. Bargara Rort is only about twelve weeks away. Kevin and the team would like to invite you to come and “**Continue the Fellowship**” of Apex 40.

There has been considerable interest in the upcoming Rort in Darwin in 2021 so keep an eye and ear open for further information as it comes to hand. Gayle, David and Julie have already done a mass of work on this Rort so please support them and Apex 40 and join the happy Rorters in Darwin.

If you have changed any of your contact details please keep me updated so that you stay on the loop with Apex 40 - Phone, mobile, email address, postal address etc.

YIA40,
Col Ramsay (Wynnum Manly)
National Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Keith Miller. Nepean. NSW.



2020/2021 Membership fees are now due. Cost \$7.50 per person which includes insurance on Apex 40 activities. Check with your Club Secretary to ensure that your sub-branch is financial. This includes all members of sub-branches and Member's at Large (MAL).

Membership payments can be made by cheque to Secretary Apex 40 PO Box 5204 MANLY QLD 4179 or by direct credit to BSB 034053 Account 308848. If paying by direct credit, please include your name or Sub-Branch in the payment detail.

Rorters who are attending the 2020 RORT at Bargara are reminded that the cut-off date for full payment of 2020 RORT Fees (to qualify for the early bird discount) is 28/02/2020. Whilst, the majority of those attending have paid, there are still a few due to be paid by the end of February. Thank you to all those who have paid the full 2020 RORT fees before the due. RORT payments can be made by cheque to Secretary Apex 40 PO Box 5204 MANLY QLD 4179 or by direct credit to BSB 034053 Account 308856. If paying by direct credit, please include your name or 7 digit unique code in payment details thanks.

Keith Miller

National Treasurer 2019/2020.

International Relations and
Apex Liaison

Mark Carter. Leeton. NSW.



Hello to all A40 members

Most will be aware of the 2 major I.R trips this year:

September 2nd to 24th is South Africa. This year the tour will be split into 2 tours with the 13th being the change over date between tours 1 and 2. You can do either tour or the full 22days.

All who have been on this tour previously have had a wonderful excellent value for money experience. Numbers will be limited to around 30.

For further info on schedule and cost contact Alan/Mary Bach 0429 619 698, email:

bachelec@bigpond.net.au

OR Mark/Joanne Carter 0477 695 331, email: carter60@bigpond.net.au

[Details of the proposed itineraries are set out in the International Group News article later.](#)

Noumea.

This will be 41 Club 195 30th Anniversary changeover function. Dates are 5th to 10th October.

Apex40 interest for this trip has been encouraging to date with my club having 10 registered to date, NZ 41 has around 30 attending along with visitors from the mother country France.

Cost for Monday thru Saturday will be \$A800 plus travel and accommodation. For more Info on the programme contact Mark/Joanne Carter 0477 695 331 email: carter60@bigpond.net.au

Mark.

Webmaster.

Ken Wright. Nepean Valley. NSW.



There is really not much happening.

I have had no specific request directed at the website for change etc.

Membership Report

Mark Tramby, XEPA. Qld.



Mark has nothing to report regarding membership at this time.

However he reports on the Apex 40's group on Facebook later in this magazine.

From the Editor's Desk

Bill Cramp, Redlands. Qld.



Happy New Year to all members. Welcome to 2020 and I hope 20/20 vision.

Sadly our great nation has endured a long period of drought, dreadful wildfires and now torrential downpours. Dorothea Mackellar's poem, "My Country" is a perfect description for these times.

A big thank you to the contributors to the Apex 40's Group on Facebook for news of happenings around the sub-committees. Newsletters are quickly disappearing, with most groups using emails for meeting information and I am not on many of the mailing lists. This makes reporting on what is happening around the country difficult to compile for this publication. Competition for the Pen-ultimate Award is also affected by this trend.

I support Mark's suggestion regarding the use of Facebook as a way of keeping up to date with Apex 40 activities at other sub-committees. Closed groups keep your information private to those accepted by the administrator.

Bargara Rort is almost with us. Kevin has produced a great program which will give everyone an insight of life in this part of the country.

We will be called on to decide on the proposal to Rort in Darwin in 2021 at the AGM. Julie and Gayle are proposing an entertaining trip to the Top End.

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone in a few short weeks time.

Bill.

Around the Sub-Committees New South Wales

Alstonville

740 kms north of Sydney

Alstonville's Christmas function at the Ballina Manor. Very nice meal and great company.

Prue Walker.



Byron Bay

760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest 100 kms west of Sydney

Group meets monthly and has a great roster of drivers to ensure everyone can attend. Latest newsletter indicates no members lost property during the recent wildfire disaster.

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney



I don't have a report on the Christmas function, but everyone is smiling and there looks like a great meal on the BBQ.

Inverell

560 kms north west of Sydney

Leeton

590 kms south west of Sydney

Hi to all from the Leeton A40 sub-committee. Not a lot to report at club level, our membership remains steady with a few working through some health issues at present for which the club is thinking of them and wishing good outcomes for all.

We all enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Morundah pub with about 34 in attendance.

Bargara has been deserving of some discussion of recent and looks like we will have about a dozen from Leeton club in attendance. Some are travelling with vans, some by car and some are flying.

The roadies will leave Leeton on 28th or 29th April, O/N in North Bourke, then on to Lightning Ridge (2 nights with some tours) then to Dalby (2 nights), arrive Bargara Monday pm or Tuesday by noon. Any A40 travelers are most welcome to join us on the journey or part there of. A fun trip will be had by all.

We are all looking forward to the catch up again in Bargara.

Our next meeting will be sometime in March at Darlington Point.

Yours in A40

Mark and Joanne Carter



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

Webmaster Ken reports that Nepean Valley Club was close to being folded, as the group had lost several key members and the decision was put to a vote. It was decided by the smaller group to keep it going.

Wyong

100 kms north of Sydney

President Lea Dumpleton has been in Wyong Hospital for over 8 weeks and Tom's latest report was that she was steadily improving, and has been transferred elsewhere to continue her rehab. The group meet regularly at Lee Rowans Gardenworld, Ourimbah. Photo attached is from their latest meeting.



Victoria

Bendigo 153 kms north of Melbourne

Our club enjoyed the luncheon at Mandurang Valley winery. It was a happy day attended by most of our members



Dandenong Valley 35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong 73 kms south west of Melbourne

February dinner chairman, Alan Goss will be distributing a questionnaire to determine the planning for future meetings.

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



Sunraysia having a very dirty weekday weekend away at Euston. A short game of bowls first up this morning in 34° heat, very welcome cold drinks afterwards then lunch while the dust storm raged outside.

Julie Primmer

Queensland

Caloundra 103 kms north of Brisbane

Curtis Coast 530 kms north of Brisbane

Gold Coast. 80 kms south of Brisbane

The Gold Coast Sub-committee continues to go from strength to strength and this year will have in excess of 35 financial members.

Our most recent function was our Christmas luncheon at the Ashmore Road Seafood and Steakhouse. We enjoyed an excellent meal at this iconic Gold Coast Restaurant. Situated on Ashmore Road, Ashmore for many years, it is noted for both the quality and the quantity of the meals – so much so that even the restaurant recommends that plates be shared when dining from the normal menu.

Our February luncheon will be at Café 63 at Ross Evans Garden Centre.



Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

Hervey Bay Apex 40 Christmas Party @ Hervey Bay Golf Club
Sunday 17th November . . .

Kevin Huxham



Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

33 members attended our 2019 Christmas lunch at the Redlands Bowls Club. Our group used the occasion to honour 2 club stalwarts by unveiling a gong and fines baton in their names. Ray Despot, a past national secretary/treasurer and one of the instigators of Redlands Apex 40 has his name on the baton. Geoff Hegarty, club treasurer for a decade is honoured with "Geoff's Gong". Ray and Geoff were surprised by our presentation.

We are planning on meeting every second month during 2020. The committee will be gathering shortly to finalise the program.

Our numbers are slowly being reduced by moves and deteriorating health, although we should still expect to get up to 40 at some lunches.

A few photos from the Christmas function are attached.



Ray Despot with the 'baton'



President Sue, Geoff Hegarty & 'gong'



Maggie, Alison, Jenny & Barry.

Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

On Monday the 2nd of December Wynnum Manly enjoyed a day out for Christmas. Morning tea at Jacobs Well and Lunch at St Bernard's, Mt Tamborine. Many thanks to Kevin for organising and driving the bus. What a GREAT time we all had, thank you to all who made it!!!



XEPA Great South East 30 kms south east of Brisbane

Xepa Christmas party and AGM held today at Alan and Mary Bach's residence in Capalaba.

Mark Tramby



South Australia

Adelaide Hills 35 kms south east of Adelaide

Tasmania

Devonport 255 kms north west of Hobart

Launceston 200 kms north of Hobart

Apex News.

I don't have any current stories from Apex Australia.

The Apex 40 Facebook page

Are you on Facebook? If so, you should be a member on our private group, Apex 40 Australia Inc.

There's lots of information shared and oodles of photos posted up, a terrific way to keep in touch in between Rorts.

We currently have 230 members on there but with a 1000 members Australia wide we are a long way short of having everyone.

Not a member of Facebook??

It's very easy to join, set up a quick profile and join the group. If you are not very technical, I'm sure you'll have some kids or grandkids that could help you through this process.

I've heard so many bad things about Facebook!!

In some respects, this is true BUT if you are concerned about that you can set up a very basic Facebook profile, make it completely private and just be a member of Apex40 if you wish. Do that and you'll have zero issues with Facebook and still be in touch with other members from across the nation.

There are so many advantages of being a member of the page, a good example was the last trip to South Africa done by Kevin Huxham where he posted up hundreds of photos along the way. It was almost like you were in the trip yourself.

So come on everyone, join up if you are on Facebook or consider joining Facebook and then joining up if you're not.

Mark Tramby

National Board 2019-20

[We do need to build this up as there are less newsletters being produced these days.](#)

[Mark has suggested sub-committees be encouraged to have their own page.](#)

International Groups News

South Africa 2020

Date: September 2020 – Proposed Apex 40 Tour of South Africa.

The proposal is to be organised between Apex 40 Australia (Alan Bach) and 41 Clubs South Africa (Nico McNamara) and invitations be made to Apex 40 and 41 Clubs Worldwide. It is envisaged that the tour can be taken as an 11 Day or 22 Day Tour. Two separate 11 Day Tours would be available and those wishing to do the whole tour would combine the two 11day tours.

(Tour Section A)

Wed 2/09 Arrive & Stay Durban.

Thu 3/09 Stay Durban.

Fri/Sat/Sun 4/5/6 41 Club AGM (Lythwood Lodge, Lidgetton)

Friday Night, Saturday Night – Stay Lythwood Lodge.

(Nico has booked 15 Double Rooms for our Tour Group)

Tour Guide Stuart Cumming (Dundee 94) (Tour Section A continued)

Sun 6/09 Road Trip & Stay St Lucia or Hluhluwe-Imfolozi

Mon 7/09 Estuary Cruise & iSimangaliso Safari. (Greater St Lucia Wetland Park).

Tue 8/09 Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Safari & Stay Hluhluwe or St Lucia

Wed 9/09 Road Trip to Dundee.

Thu 10/09 Dundee / Battlefields (Anglo-Zulu War).

Fri 11/09 Champagne Sports & Racquet - Drakensberg??

Sat 12/09 Road Trip & Stay at Harrismith or Clarens or Golden Gate.

Sun 13/09 Clarens / Golden Gate to Johannesburg.

Tour Guide Nico McNamara (Tour Section B)

Mon 14/09 Joburg to George Flight – Arrive George 4.00pm. Stay Knysna.

Tue 15/09 Knysna Golf Option/ Township / Lagoon Cruise. Stay Knysna.

Wed 16/09 Knysna Railway & Powervan trip to Groot Brakrivier.

Lunch at OpiSpoor Pub & Grill – Then Road Trip to Mossel Bay.

Thu 17/09 Mossel Bay to Swellendam (Stay Swellendam).

Fri 18/09 Swellendam – Cape Agulhas – Black Oyster Catcher –

And or Arendsig Farmhouse (Eagle's View) Winery.

Sat 19/09 Swellendam to Worcester or Franschhoek & Stay.

Sun 20/09 Worcester or Franschhoek. (Stay Worcester or Franschhoek).

Mon 21/09 Worcester or Franschhoek to Stellenbosch (*Boschendal Winery?) Or Franschhoek Motor Museum on L'Ormarins Farm to Somerset West.

Tue 22/09 Somerset West to Hermanus & Return Whale Watching?

Stay Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West. Dinner at Somerset Cattle Baron.

Wed 23/09 Table Mountain? Stay Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West.

Thu 24/09 Cape Town to (Dubai or preferred destination).

Various South African 41 Clubs would be visited during the Tour.

The Two Previous 21 Day Tours of South Africa have cost \$11,000 Aus. per Couple flying Economy Class with South African Airways from Brisbane.

21 Day South Africa Estimate: AUD \$3,600 - \$3,800 (36,000 to 38,000 Rand)



Invitation

to the

51st AGM

41ers Association Southern Africa

Kwazulu Natal Midlands, Lidgetton at Lythwood Lodge

4TH - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

AIRPORTS CLOSE TO LIDGETTON

King Shaka International
Durban - (150km)

Pietermaritzburg Airport
(56km) small regional airport

O R Tambo International
Johannesburg - (475km)

PRICES PER PERSON

Full Program - R1 100.00

AGM, Lunch & Dinner - R 850.00

AGM & Lunch - R 375.00

Ladies Tour, Lunch & Dinner - R 800.00

Ladies Tour & Lunch - R 325.00

Gala Dinner - R 475.00

Farewell Brunch - R 135.00

(If not staying at Lythwood)

Accommodation to be booked directly -
contact Alison at alison@lythwood.com

Ref: 41ers AGM

Accommodation at Lythwood
is limited.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER

14h00-18h00	Registrations at Lythwood Lodge
19h00 - 24h00	Meet & Greet - Theme Party

SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER

08h00 - 09h30	Registrations
10h00 - 13h30	AGM
10h00 - 13h30	Ladies and YAPs - Meander Tour and Lunch
13h30 - 14h30	Delegates Lunch
14h30 - 18h00	Free time and relaxation
18h15 - 19h00	Banner Exchange
19h30 - 24h00	Gala Dinner

SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

09h00 - 10h30	Farewell Brunch
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Register at www.41ers.co.za
Post Tour Optional - details to follow
by 01-01-2020



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Apex Foundation News



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to this, the Apex Foundation's newsletter for 2019 and the first one with me as Chairman.

Firstly, I would like to use this publication to pay tribute to my predecessor, Brian Powe, as these very important milestones were met under his stewardship: -

- The purchase of a \$33,000 minivan for the Aspect Special School on the Central Coast NSW.
- Passing \$1.1m raised by the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride, and the completion of a fourth unit at the Copper Coast Retreat SA.
- New Apex Foundation constitution written.
- 40th anniversary of the completion of the Magic Castle NSW.

Over the next 12 months it is your Board's aim to gain even closer ties with the Association and to very proactively assist all the Apex Clubs with their endeavours. Working close to their National Board, and our ongoing relationship with Apex 40 are both very important.

Also, it is my intention to seriously look at the makeup of our Board. There are some directors who will be calling time on their directorship with the Foundation over the next few years. To this end, I would love to hear from any members who would like to become a Director. If any of you can see yourself as a Director, please ring me.

In closing, I would like convey the season's best wishes to everyone.

Cheers,
Tony Wilshire

Editor: To access the full annual report click on the following link:

<https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/>

It is also the internet address for information on foundation membership, donating and quarterly newsletters.

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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Name badges (\$10), Lapel Badges (\$10) and Apex 40 Sticker (\$4), including postage can be obtained through the National Apex 40 Secretary.

Always ring or email first to check availability or any postage cost changes.

