

Roaring 40's

June 2020

“Lockdown edition”



Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is the recognized body of affiliated past Apexians groups



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.



President's Report

Julie Primmer, Sunraysia. Vic.

Well, what a time it has been for the last few months! We all started socially isolating in February and got on with a quiet life; the internet got a thorough work-out, exercise equipment in stores sold out and walking for exercise became very popular. People were obviously intending to do more cooking than usual as baking supplies disappeared off the shelves along with other unlikely supermarket items. Many people though, took all this as an opportunity to enjoy a quieter and more peaceful life, a bit of an escape from the rat-race. I know that I certainly did. What a saving on fuel for the car.

Meetings and outings basically came to a halt which sadly meant our Subcommittee gatherings also halted. Some of us kept in touch through our Facebook pages, phone calls and letter writing increased for some people. On-line meetings proliferated, even for Doctor's appointments, which has been hailed as a great process as it can actually work well and hopefully be continued in some cases. I (and many others) discovered the Zoom platform and before restrictions eased ever so slightly in Victoria, I was doing about 7 Zoom meetings and courses a week (not sure that choir practice worked very well though, it was not the same without the accompanying voices because at any time I can sing along to something by myself!).

Apex 40 Board have met online via Zoom and this worked well. We needed to have the discussion about the 2020 Bargara Rort, our AGM for this year and then discussion as to what to do about the next Rort which had been proposed for Darwin. You have all had notification about these matters; Bargara has been transferred to 2021, our AGM is able to be deferred and we decided to keep Darwin on the agenda but now for 2022. We hope that these deferments have not inconvenienced anyone too much, but we could not do anything else. This year is what it is and we just have to live within it, the best way we can.

So please everyone, stay safe and abide by the recommendations of whichever state or country you are residing in. We look forward to meeting up as soon as it is possible.

Julie Primmer,

President,

Apex 40 Australia



Past President's Report

Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) MAL. WA.

Hello to all members,

To put it mildly, what a most unusual period in our lives this year. COVID19 effected every one of us in many and varied ways.

Yvonne (Bonny) and I were so very pleased to be living in Perth close to our family during this perplexing time. It has been strange not attending the different groups we belong to, but as of the end of May and the easing of restrictions some of these are resuming. At long last I am back on the bowling green.

I can't but wonder how many jigsaw puzzles were completed; how many gardens had makeovers; how many projects were started and finished; how many of us became better cooks; and how many rolls of toilet paper were bought in the panic buying frenzy.

As an aside, some may be interested that last year in an effort to spread the word about Apex 40, I made contact with the President of the Perth OASIS Club (Old Apexians still in Service). I attended a lunch meeting (12 members) and gave a talk. Of course, the topic was Apex 40 with Sub Committees, Rorts and ' Continuing Fellowship ' highlighted. To my disappointment I found the members unresponsive and completely insular. They just didn't want to know there is Apex 40 apart from their little OASIS Club.

You will have read elsewhere in this issue the 2021 Rort will be held in Bargarra. National Board recently made this decision due the cancellation of this year's Rort. I'm sure Kevin and Liz will now again set the wheels in motion and we eagerly look forward to catching up and resuming our theme of "Continual Fellowship ".

Cheers,

Bryan Spencer.



Secretary's Report
Col Ramsay Wynnum Manly. Q.

Hi to all members from the Secretarial desk.

Over the weeks, I have been researching software to enable Apex 40 to keep in touch with members by sending informative emails regarding what is happening, the AGM, Rorts and the intending SA trip.

Well, hopefully I now have a program that can help do this without a lot of preparation.

You should all have received (those for whom I have current email addresses) an update letter from President Julie, a one page flyer regarding the 2021 Rort and lastly a five page brochure covering the 2021 Bargara Rort.

Please note that the application form for Bargara should be available by July the first. To-date we have 41 members registered for Bargara. Would those already registered please complete a new application to ensure that all of your details are correct. By completing a new application, it ensures that our system is ready for the Rort.

Further information will be forthcoming as it comes to hand,

Col Ramsay,



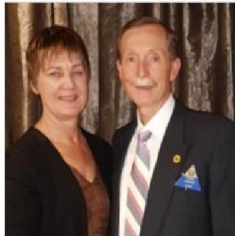
Treasurer's Report
Keith Miller. Nepean. NSW.

Following the postponement of the 2020 Bargara RORT, 41 Apex 40 members elected to rollover their 2020 payment to 2021. Those individual members have been contacted and sent amended Invoices and Statements. Once our online registration system is up and running, those members who elected to rollover their payments to 2021 will need to re-register on-line, to ensure that we capture updated details.

We normally vote on the Apex 40 Australia Inc Membership Fees but given that our AGM is also being rolled over, it is proposed, at this stage, that the National Membership fees for Apex 40 will remain at the current rate of \$7.50 per member. This will be voted on at the AGM scheduled for Bargara in 2021.

The discounted registration fee for the 2021 RORT shall remain at the 2020 rate i.e. \$380 per member.

Keith Miller



International Relations and
Apex Liaison

Mark Carter. Leeton. NSW.

Greetings to all,

With regard to the two major events on the IRO calendar this year,

1. Noumea's 41 Club 30th anniversary.

The function was scheduled for October 5-10 with many Australian, NZ, French and other international 41 club members looking to attend, however I have been keeping in close contact with Alain from Noumea and in an email received approximately two weeks ago he informed me that due to the pandemic the event has been cancelled. They have also cancelled all unbooked accommodation still being held and all suppliers for the event.

Instead, Alain said they will go ahead toward the end of October with just a club function to celebrate. He informed me that on the same scheduled anniversary date, the country has decided to have an election seeking independence from France, this would have further complicated their October 5-10 celebrations.

Regarding those who have booked I suggest you contact your Airline and accommodation places. The Carters and a few others were flying with Aircalin and the airline will credit us until the end of 2021. Our accommodation at the Hotel Nouvata is doing the same deal.

I will continue to liaise with the club as they may wish to have a function for their 31st anniversary in October 2021 so those attending could all transfer our plans to a new date next year. Failing this people may wish to get their money back from their airline and accommodation if it is different to ours or take their own holiday at a latter date.

I will keep you informed with their thoughts on other possibilities when I get a reply.

2. South Africa.

The trip was planned for start of September. I have communicated with Kevin Huxham and this has been rescheduled to next year around the same time. More news will be communicated as it comes to hand. The South African AGM will now be on the 2-5th September 2021.

The tour associated with this visit in 2020, which was going to be divided basically into two parts, allowing people to do either one part or the other, or both, I suspect will remain in the same format and again run in conjunction with the AGM in 2021.

More information will be forwarded as it comes to hand.

Until the next news letter stay healthy and well.

Mark Carter

IRO Apex 40



Membership Report

Mark Tramby, XEPA. Qld.

The Apex 40 Facebook page & using Facebook for your Sub Committee

For those of you on Facebook you might be aware we have an Apex 40 Facebook page.

This is a “private group” with members only allowed to join and nothing published on here can be viewed or accessed by anyone other than the members of the Facebook page (information also can’t be shared outside the group). If you aren’t already a member on our Facebook page we encourage you to join , search for “Apex 40 Australia Inc.”

Now depending on how many of your members are on Facebook this is an excellent medium to stay in contact , share photos, tell stories so why not consider setting up a private group for your own Sub Committee.

Yes I do understand not everyone is Facebook savvy but someone will be or someone with a daughter / son / grandchild could perhaps do the legwork for this for you.

It really is as simple as this.

On Facebook you’ll see a little icon down the bottom that looks like a person in the middle with two people looking over their shoulders, if you click on that it will take you to Facebook groups and you can then hit the create button to set up a new group.

Lets call it the “XXXX Apex 40 Sub Committee”

Facebook then works through the setup for you (choose private group), its really really simple.

Once set up your members request to join and whomever sets the page up becomes the initial administrator and approves people to join, and then the input is provided by the members themselves.

The Apex 40 Facebook page is one of these, current administrators of the page are myself, President Julie Primmer and Secretary Col Ramsey.

I am aware that not everyone wants to be on Facebook but be aware you can set up a profile on Facebook that’s totally private and apart from perhaps your kids, grandkids your only exposure to the wide wide world would be through this private Facebook page.

I’m always happy to help if you can’t find someone to help you with this, my contact details are on the Apex 40 Website, and do let us know if you set up one of these as we’d be keen to see every group have one.

Mark Tramby



From the Editor's Desk

Bill Cramp, Redlands. Qld.

What a disappointment this year has been. A line through the wall planner for social activities; and travel plans can only be vague suggestions for the future. With the easing of restrictions, our organisation can start organising gatherings, even if they need to be outdoors and social distancing respected! I am getting notices from some subcommittees with meetings happening. We, at Redlands, haven't considered the options just yet.

This edition of the Roaring 40's is short on news around the groups for the past 6 months, but I will attempt to bring everyone up to date with the latest available information. I sought input from members through our Facebook group, but sadly no-one has taken up the challenge. What I had hoped for was good news stories of new hobbies, suggestions on ways to stay healthy and fit to brighten up our lives. Our good friends from across 'the ditch', Bill and Liz Hammond have helped me out with a great report on their experiences, which is recorded later in this magazine.

Val and I were looking forward to the Bargara Rort and catching up with everyone. We were planning to call on friends and relatives on our trip North extending the time away, as we don't do long drives anymore. Now we can do it next year! We have also missed out on a cruise around the islands of Japan on the "Diamond Princess"! Glad we didn't book for earlier in the year.

We have filled our days with spending the mornings completing the newspaper puzzles: jigsaws, tv movies or gardening for Val while I fiddle with our computers and go for long walks most afternoons. I think we have survived with our sanity but ready to go 'somewhere' when we can. We have had it easy compared with our relations in UK and Canada with lockdown meaning exactly that for our age group!

Bill.



Webmaster.

Ken Wright. Nepean Valley. NSW.

The online registration form for the 2021 rort should be active in early July.

Re-registration is required for all attending, including members rolling over this years deposit/payment.

Apex 40 National Rort -- Bargara 4 - 9th May, 2021

Fellow Apex 40 Members,

As you are aware, our proposed Rort this year had to be unavoidably cancelled due to the pandemic circulating the world. Whilst things are still not back to what we knew as normal, the country is making progress!

The date above is just a year less one day removed from this year's proposed event, and the program has been altered marginally to make it easier and perhaps not as hectic on our ageing membership, and give you more free time to sit and chat, whilst "Continuing the Fellowships" developed over our Apex careers.

Our suppliers have been overjoyed that we are to finally arrive in 2021 and have all held the prices as per their original quotes. May is a wonderful month to visit this region, with an idyllic climate, ocean temperature still at around 25 degrees, and the days around 28-30 degrees.

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!

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.

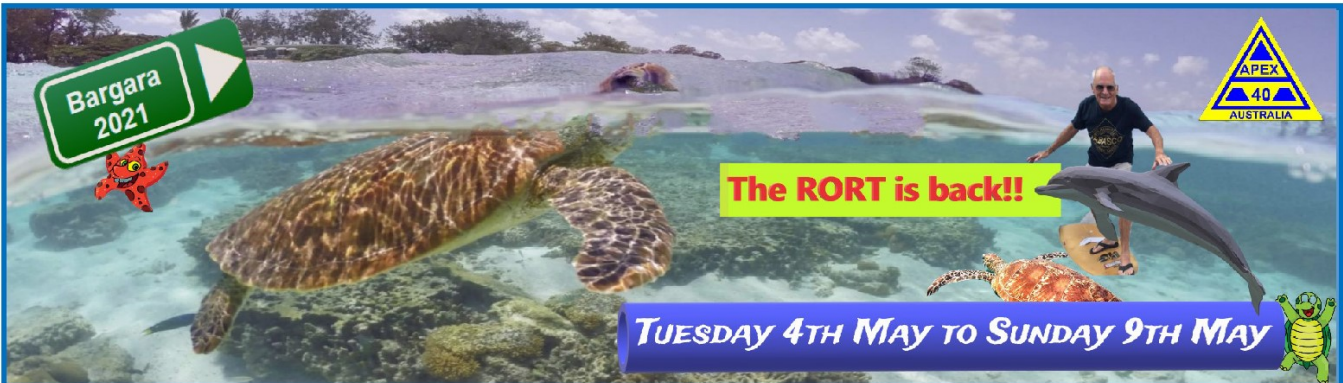
Our area is a heavy agricultural area with the second most reliable water supply in the nation after the Ord River Scheme in WA. There is an abundance of fruit and vegetable production in addition to macadamia nuts and sugar cane, which you will bypass during your excursions throughout the area.

So get set for a wow of a time in May 2021!

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!





**Bargara
2021**



The RORT is back!!

TUESDAY 4TH MAY TO SUNDAY 9TH MAY

2021 - BARGARA QLD



Bundaberg
Southern Great Barrier Reef
Queensland *Where great begins*
www.bundabergregion.org



www.apex40.com

Email: 2021bargara@apex40.com

Bargara QLD 2021



RORT

Tuesday 4th May to Sunday 9th May 2021

Just four hours drive from Brisbane, Bargara is situated on the coastline of the Southern Great Barrier Reef and offers an idyllic beachside lifestyle.

10 minutes drive through cane fields is Bundaberg, which is rich with year-round fresh produce and iconic drinks. Enjoy a visit to the famous Bundaberg Rum Distillery or the Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Barrel, or discover the lush botanical gardens and beautiful main street. You are guaranteed to go home with a full tummy when you visit Australia's food bowl so make sure you explore the many cafes and eateries and stop at the roadside stalls bursting with fresh produce. Come and join us at the 2021 Apex 40 RORT!



The RORT

Tues. 4th May

- 3.00 - 5.30pm Registration at the Bargara Golf Club (Club Bargara).
5.15pm Coach collects members from Bargara Caravan Park for Club Bargara for Welcome Social.
6.00pm Drinks and finger food at Club Bargara.
9.00pm Coaches return to Bargara Caravan Park.

Wed. 5th May

- 9.00am Coaches depart for a 9.30am visit and tour of the brand spanking new Mon Repos Turtle Centre (completed in 2019 at a cost of \$22m) with morning tea, followed by a drive through one of Queensland's largest fruit and vegetable bowls, via the remnants of a 900,000 year old extinct volcano known as the Hummock Lookout. This scenic stop overlooks the Coral Sea and coastline from the highest local point.
- 12.30pm Coaches proceed on to Bundaberg's Quay Street Alexander Park gazebo on the river bank, for a Subway platter lunch and refreshments. After lunch, a leisurely stroll through the park to the Alexander Park Zoo on the Burnett River.
- 3.30pm Coach departs for Bargara Brewhouse.
- 4.00pm Tour of Bargara Brewhouse with tasting paddles, finger food and pizzas.
- 7.30 - 9.00pm Coaches return to Bargara.

Thur. 6th May

This is now a free morning to sit and chat opposite the caravan park, coffee at the surf club, explore the coastal walking trails, walk to Bargara shops, or sleep in, the choice is yours . . .

10.30am Coaches depart for Bundaberg Rum Distillery.

Tour of Bundaberg Rum with lunch and coffee at their cafe, with two drink samples included, other drinks at bar prices. After completion here, a mystery coach tour of local area, heritage buildings, free shop time for the ladies.

5.30pm Early Dinner whilst in Bundaberg at RJ's Rock & Roll Diner, with drinks, dancing and entertainment.

8.30 - 9.00pm Coaches return to Bargara.

Fri. 7th May

8.30am Coach tour to Childers for a taste of old-world charm at the Paragon Theatre for morning tea and vintage cartoons. Free time to wander the main street with lunch at your choice and cost, at either bakeries, cafes, club or hotels. Entry included to the Backpackers Memorial Museum & Gallery, as well as the Military & Memorabilia Museum.

1.30pm Coaches depart for Bundaberg for a tour and tastings at Kalki Moon Distillery.

4.30pm Coaches depart for accommodation venues.

5.45pm Coaches depart accommodation venues for a BBQ dinner at Bundaberg Bowls Club.

6.30pm Catering by Elegant Events, with three hours of 60-70's dancing music, by the Graduates until 10.00pm.

10.00pm Coaches depart for accommodation venues.

Sat. 8th May

9.00am Coaches depart for a tour through Greensill's Sweet Potato Farm, a huge industry producing 40% of the nation's sweet potatoes, with the addition of valued added flavours.

10.00am Proceed to The Waves Sports Club.

10.30am AGM at The Waves Sports Club.

1.00pm Lunch at Sandhills Sports Club in Bargara.

2.30pm Return to accommodation venues for a rest.

5.45pm Coaches into Bundaberg for dinner, drinks and dancing at 'The Waves Sports Club'.

10.00pm Coaches depart for accommodation venues.

Sun. 9th May

8.00 - 10.30am Farewell Breakfast catered for by the Apex Club of Bundaberg at the beach, behind the surf club and directly opposite the Bargara Caravan Park.

** Locations, venues and activities are subject to change*

Bargara QLD 2021



RORT

Accommodation Choices



Bargara Beach Caravan Park *This is the preferred caravan Park*

25 Fred Courtice Avenue
Nielson Park
Bargara QLD 4670

Phone: 07 4159 2228

stay@bargarabeachcaravanpark.com.au

www.bargarabeachcaravanpark.com.au



Bargara Blue Resort

4 Baxter Avenue
Bargara Beach QLD 4670

Phone: 07 4159 1691

info@bargarablue.com.au

www.bargarablue.com.au/



Absolute Oceanfront Tourist Park

117 Woongarra Scenic Drive
Bargara QLD 4670

Phone: 07 4159 2436

oceanfront-park@bigpond.com.au

www.oceanfrontpark.com.au/

All RORT'ers must book their own accommodation. Bargara Beach is the preferred Caravan Park, whilst the Absolute Oceanfront Tourist Park should only be booked if there is no accommodation available at Bargara Beach Caravan Park. The Coaches will pick up from these three sites only, should you wish to stay at another location you will need to make your own way to our coach stop at Bargara Beach Caravan Park.





You can register using this form or Online.

Mail this form: 2021 Apex 40 RORT
PO Box 5204 Manly QLD 4179.

Online through the website: www.apex40.com

Rorter 1: First Name: Surname:

Street Address:

Town Suburb: State: Postcode:

Country: Email:

Mobile Number at RORT: Sub Group /MAL or Org.:

Rorter 2: First Name: Surname:

Food allergies, mobility or other issues:

Arrival Date: Departure Date: Travel Method:

Payment: Tick if you have rollover credit from the cancelled 2020 RORT **Or**

I am registering for person / people at the discounted price of \$380 each
Total Amount owing \$

Make Cheque payable to **Apex 40 Australia 2021 RORT** BSB: 034053
Post to: Apex 40 Australia PO Box 5204 Manly Qld 4179 Or direct deposit Account: 351301
Use surname as reference

Accommodation Choice: (Booking is your responsibility)

- Bargara Beach Caravan Park
- Absolute Ocean Front Tourist Park
- Bargara Blue Resort
- Other

Pre - Bargara Rort Caravan and Motorhome Gathering at Kilkivan

Travelling to the 2021 Rort in Bargara by Caravan / Motorhome??

If so, consider joining hosts Mark & Rosemary Tramby at the fabulous Kilkivan Bush Camp & Caravan Park (near Gympie) for an extra -long weekend prior to the Rort commencing.

The Kilkivan Bush Camp is approximately 35km west of Gympie set in a beautiful setting surrounded by glorious ranges and with the magnificent Fat Hen Creek flowing through the camp (not always running though).

Power and water “points” not sites are available with each area having a firepit (campfires WILL be happening every night), wood is available for purchase at the camp or nearby.

The plan is to arrive before the normal weekend rush on Thursday the 29th of April and leave on Monday the 3rd of May for Bargara which is 213kms (about 3 hours) away, a stop en route at Tiaro is highly recommended.

Kilkivan Bush Camping hosts some fantastic nights under the stars (function centre is available should there be inclement weather) so expect a Camp Oven dinner with entertainment (at cost) to be part of the programme.

Note the park will be busy as this is the Queensland Labour Day long weekend but with the space they give you it’s never really crowded.

You can check out the parks attributes at www.bushcamping.com.au

For bookings it’s best to email kilkivan@bushcamping.com.au but you can call (07) 54841340, note they are a small family run business so often you’ll need to leave a message so as I say email is the best option.

We have a block booking under “Apex 40 Mark Tramby Group” which you need to reference, if joining this group you’ll need to make sure the Baragara Caravan Park is booked from Monday the 3rd of May , the Rort itself begins on the 4th of May.

If you were doing this for the cancelled 2020 event and had paid a deposit your credit can be used for the new dates.

Rosemary and I look forward to hosting you in what will be a wonderful 4 nights.

Mark

From Bargara and the Huxham 2020 Report

We have had quite a lot of freedom, governed in the state of Queensland by distance, firstly 50kms from home, then to 150kms radius, and now we are able to go anywhere within our state, which will keep the tourism industry alive for now. The majority of cases of Covid-19 in Queensland have been from cruise ship passengers returning (especially the Ruby Princess debacle) and Queenslanders returning from overseas.

So whilst we have caught up on a lot of chores during our being home for six months, we have still had a fair amount of freedom, and have not had to isolate as some of our members have had to do. Business have been struggling, and will continue to do so, whilst the government hands out more cash than the wages some employees were previously receiving, so they are not in a hurry to return to work!

Liz had a knee replacement on May 26 and is making a remarkable recovery, so we have been able to use our time advantageously, as well as continuing on with the Rort organisation. Perhaps later next month we will wander north and go have some more fun!

Keep smiling, it will all come to an end, but we will not forget 2020!!!!!!

Cheers,

Kevin & Liz Huxham

Our time in Kiwi lockdown by Liz and Bill Hammond.

New Zealand first heard about Corona virus in mid-January when reports came out about people getting sick in Wuhan China. By the end of January our government chartered a plane to evacuate N Z citizens from China and then we thought .. this could be serious. Early February entry restrictions were placed on arrivals with returnees asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Then guess what? 2 Kiwi passengers on the Ruby Princess in Japan contract the virus but still no cases in NZ.

Our first case came from Iran on the 29th February and then things started to go crazy. People started to buy up all the toilet paper and flour and stock piling hand wash. Then on 4th March another case arrives from Italy. Corona had arrived and from then on it was at least 1 case a day, but fortunately still no deaths.

On the 12th March Liz and I went on a motorcycle holiday with 11 others in the South Island (we live in the north). We went to a Ulysses Motorbike Convention in Blenheim. Now Corona was becoming a daily word, and social distancing was taking over our social life. Off we all went and rode 3000k around the island.

On the 17th March New Zealand goes to level 2 and all the tourists wanted to go home, We thought this was great because the roads really started to empty out and we had to find cars to overtake. Being on our bikes in our own little world we were quite oblivious to what was really going on in the world, and also in our little slice of Paradise. Suddenly it all

changed. Our bookings to return home were for the 27th but we went from Level 2 to level 4 on the 25th. Panic stations. So some quick phone calls were made to get all 13 of us home on the 25th with 3 hours to spare before LOCKDOWN

My main memory of the last day down south was feeling like ghost riders stopping and having a chat in the middle of a state highway and arriving in Picton with 5000 people desperately trying to get out .it seemed like our very own Dunkirk .

Liz and I enjoyed the 5 weeks of Lockdown. Life certainly became different. No one had ever experienced anything like it before. We were fortunate enough to have parts of our business deemed essential so we could get out and see the empty roads every now and then and have picnics on the way. I built a path down our bank and got the jobs done I really didn't want to do and Liz was busy cooking, cleaning, sorted and cleared out wardrobes and gardenened and gardenened and yes gardenened.

People would go out walking, keeping their distance, but as a family, which was great to see. Teddy bears appeared in windows for children (and adults) to view. many of these were changed and rearranged daily. Anzac Day was spent at the letter box with neighbours. quite emotional. Shops, movie theatres everything was closed. No meeting with family, friends, travelling, everything was closed. Grocery shopping was a mission. Queueing, restrictions on how many in a shop at one time. Restrictions on food. yes it was like rationing in war times I guess.

But one has to socialize somehow.. so fence drinks with our neighbours at 4 pm everyday became routine, with even a fence bbq. Thank goodness the weather the whole time was fabulous. Even a 4 year old birthday party next door was shared at the fence with us. People were happy, relaxed, no work meant no stress. Nature and things that really matter became reality. The roads were deserted. It was peaceful.

They were incredible times that we have never seen before and hopefully when its gone never again. I am proud of us as a country for knocking the bastard off (Sir Edmond Hillary words) only to have 2 people arrive from the UK with no checks drive half the country and find they are positive with covert go figure . We had 22 people die from the virus with all being elderly and having underlying conditions let's hope no more .

We came out of Lockdown level 4 on April 28th. Not much change in Level 3. Then Level 2 on May 14, and Level 1 on June 8th. Hopefully its over...but is it?

All groups have respected the Government's instructions and have ceased to hold meetings. This is being relaxed for some states, so I have collated what news is happening as well as some prior to lockdown, on the following pages.

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

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

Planning on the assumption that the second half of this year will see us all being able to get back to our monthly social functions.

Inverell 560 kms north west of Sydney

Leeton 590 kms south west of Sydney

Greetings A40 members,

A quite time on the Leeton A40 front since the last Roaring 40's edition, most probably due to the current disruption to the world by you know what!., see I can't even say the WORD because I like most other people are now absolutely over IT.

Our club sadly said good by to another of our members a month back, that being Ricky Street. Ricky sadly developed throat cancer. Ricky was a quiet member of Leeton Apex and A40, he didn't often attend functions so not many A40 members would have got to know him, but for those who did his gentle and unassuming demeanour was also one of his respected traits he brought to our clubs

As many of our club members who were planning on a Bargara trip this year which will now be 2021 some of our members namely the Carter's and the Gale's are heading of for an 8 day trip leaving on 23rd June through western NSW then up to the north of the state and home again to throw some support to the small outback communities. We will take in Hillston, Mt Hope, Cobar, Bourke, Brewarrina, Lightening Ridge, Walgett, Macquarie Marshes, Lake Cargelligo and all small places in between then home.

When the Qld border opens Joanne and I will head to Brisbane to see our granddaughter.

Until next time take care and good health to all.

Mark Carter



Joane & Mark Carter, Joanne & Richard Gale at Bourke on their way to Lightning Ridge.

Fred Hollows resting place at centre.

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| <u>Lismore</u> | 745 kms north of Sydney |
| <u>Manly</u> | 15 kms east of Sydney |
| <u>Moree</u> | 640 kms north west of Sydney |
| <u>Nepean Valley</u> | 60 kms west of Sydney |
| <u>Wyong</u> | 100 kms north of Sydney |

Sandra & John Bowman have offered an invitation to any Wyong members who would like to come to their riverside resort on Sunday 28th June.

Victoria

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| <u>Bendigo</u> | 153 kms north of Melbourne |
| <u>Dandenong Valley</u> | 35 kms south of Melbourne |
| <u>Geelong</u> | 73 kms south west of Melbourne |
| <u>Melbourne-Gippsland</u> | 40 kms east of Melbourne |
| <u>Melbourne Nor-westers</u> | 22 kms north west of Melbourne |
| <u>Souwest</u> | 270 kms south west of Melbourne |
| <u>Sunraysia</u> | 546 kms north west of Melbourne |

Queensland

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| <u>Caloundra</u> | 103 kms north of Brisbane |
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Glen Rossiter reports: “We along with all our members have done very little over the past few months, 2 of our members were down south when the Qld border was closed & they came back via the inland and were abused by several individuals for travelling whilst in lock down. In Feb., 20 members went to the Corbold Park night races in Caloundra. Our President Dave Bingham, pulled off a 20 to one shot, but would not share the spoils though. We will get him eventually. We hope to start our monthly meetings again in July.”

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| <u>Curtis Coast</u> | 530 kms north of Brisbane |
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| <u>Gold Coast.</u> | 80 kms south of Brisbane |
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Neil McPherson reports “The lockdown has meant that the Gold Coast sub-branch has not been able to meet for any lunches - which is a great pity as we had 40 attend our last lunch.

However, I know that some members have interacted within the limits of allowed groups and, as a result, fellowship has continued.

We have had one member die and we were not able to attend the funeral which was a

disappointment to many. On the other hand, I have been able to make contact with two new prospective members who are now awaiting news of our next meeting.

I had a proposal for an event that we had to shelve. It was a re-enactment of an Apex after Service Work barbecue and a beer. It was often the highlight of any Service Project - the boys worked hard during the day and about 4:30 pm the wives would arrive (often with the children, as well). A barbecue would mysteriously appear from out of nowhere as would a large Esky of 'coldies'. The fellowship that ensued brought the Club Members and their families together in a way that attendance at meetings never could.

One example of this was the internal fit-out of the The Drug Referral Centre at Burleigh Heads.

For my own part, I have been using the lockdown period to 'digitise' the scrapbooks of the Surfers Paradise Apex from its inception in 1967 through to the 1990s. I am well on with the project and have, thus far, scanned and processed nearly 2,000 items.

I still have a way to go but when finished, I will make copies available to interested persons on either DVD or USB. It will continue to be a 'work in progress' because I am doing it in such a way that additional material can be added at any appropriate point.

I have a request - if any Apexian has any memorabilia relating to the Surfers Paradise Club such as Annual Reports, Dinner Notices, photos, etc., I would love to borrow them. They will be copied and promptly returned.”



L-R Denis O'Connor, John Patterson, Andy Innes (in the yellow shirt), David Williams and some of the Centre Committee



And to finish the day – a barbecue and a beer

Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

Redlands first meeting for the year was planned was a trip to Macleay Island Bowls Club, which had to be cancelled! Rules for social gatherings have been eased, but we haven't organized our re-union yet.

Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

Wynnum Manly had their first get together following the Queensland Covid-19 restriction easing. On Wednesday the 17th of June at Manly Bayside Park, seventeen of our members enjoyed a BBQ luncheon with "Gourmet Meat Patties" prepared by President John and his wife Diane. Several members took on the cooking duties and presented us with the Gourmet Patties and sausages from the Manly Butchery. To further compliment these, Secretary Denise and

others provided salads for all to share. To finish the meal, some members provided a variety of freshly baked pastries, slices and biscuits and these were enjoyed with tea and coffee.

This was a great get together with conversations running hot as we all got up to date with what we have been doing during the Covid-19 lockdown. As a consequence, no one thought to take any photographs.

An excellent time was had by all and everybody is looking forward to our next get together.

Until the next Roaring 40's, we wish all Apex 40 members a healthy and safe time.

XEPA Great South East 30 kms south east of Brisbane

They decided, after serious consultation, to have the 'June Get Together' as planned, but transfer it from Breakfast to Morning Tea at W.H. Yeo Park on Thompson's Beach, at Victoria Point. Members were encouraged bring a thermos, their favourite Beveridge and Snack.

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.

Their website has remained unchanged for months and, details of the current executive doesn't appear to be recorded.

I am unable to ascertain whether newsletters or the Apexian Magazine are being published.

International Groups News

South Africa 2021: Roaring 40 Report

The plans for Apex 40 to visit South Africa in 2020 met the fate of almost every other 2020 event and was postponed for 12 months. Originally it was planned to keep the identical itinerary and programme as envisaged for 2020. Editor Bill has published the Original Itinerary elsewhere in this edition. Read on as another option is well in planning as this edition is published.

In 2019, in conjunction with 41 Clubs Great Britain & Ireland, the South African 41 Clubs organised the September 2019 Tour, with invitations to Apex 40 Australia and other 41 Clubs. Only five members from GB&I registered and nine Apex 40 members joined them on a fabulous tour.

There was a massive amount of effort put in by Nico and South African 41'ers for a small turnout. The cost of the Tour was not the issue. Ask anyone who attended both the 2018 and 2019 tours you will find that no other holiday could come anywhere near the value for money of both tours. Nico asked if future tours should be limited to 10 days to 2 weeks as Australian's were a rare breed in the world as they were able to have four weeks off. Most other countries could only take a maximum of two weeks off at a time. A minimum of twenty days suited the Australian's rather than ten days.

With this in mind, after a discussion in Cape Town Airport, after the 2019 Tour, it was decided to divide the tour into 2 x 2-week packages to try and attract others. Interest was shown and a number of Queenslanders registered for the full 2020 Tour and registrations came in from India, Asia and Europe for the shorter duration.

The Zambian 2020 41 Club AGM was to be held in Livingstone on the following weekend to the South African 41 Club AGM and the Europeans asked if the Zambian AGM could be included in the 2021 Tour. Planning for this has been considered and a plan is in the making. Some changes would have to be made to the Apex 40 published dates to accommodate an Add-On Zambian Side Trip.

For the Zambian side trip to happen the following would need to be considered:

Depending on the numbers interested and from where they are coming, the Original Apex 40 Itinerary Dates would need to be altered to accommodate those going to Zambia. (The 2021 Zambian 41 Club Convention will be held on Friday, September 10th to Sunday, September 12th; The weekend following the South African AGM in Lidgetton). The plans for this addition have been proposed and worked on. The time in Africa would change from September 1st to September 23rd to August 28th to September 19th. For the Zambian Side Trip to work, the tour will need to arrive in Johannesburg on Thursday, September 9th following the South African AGM Those going to Zambia will fly there from Johannesburg. Those continuing with the original itinerary will fly to George and remain in South Africa.

As this R40 Mag edition goes to print, the accompanying itinerary and dates published is still the official version. **Watch this space for possible changes.** In the initial plans for the 2020 Apex 40 Tour a possible side trip to the Zambian AGM was envisaged, depending on the venue. The 2020 Zambian AGM Venue was advertised some-time after Apex 40 Tour Itinerary was released. The 2020 Zambian Conference was to be held at Livingstone, right on the Victoria Falls. Most 2020 events have been transferred 12 months later to 2021 and at the same venue. From information to hand, it appears that the 2021 Zambian meeting may have been moved to Chisamba, some 550km from Livingstone. As this edition of the Roaring 40's is going to print, we are anxiously awaiting information from the Zambian 41 Club Board on their 2021 plans. Nico is trying to clarify matters for us.

Whatever happens, we are being offered yet another, very economical and fantastic experience, now including plenty of options, affording great hospitality, with new friends to meet, on a truly great continent.

Alan Bach.

PS. The plans for the 2020 Zambian AGM were released after our planning of the 2020 Apex 40 South African Tour. As it turned out, the venue for the 2020 Zambian AGM was to be at Livingstone, right on the Victoria Falls, hence the European interest in attending their AGM.

We are guessing that the 2020 Zambian AGM at Victoria Falls has been postponed like everything else.

However it appears that the venue for 2021 has been moved to Chisamba, some 550km from Livingstone.

Apex Foundation News

CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

Welcome to this, our first newsletter for 2020. I trust that you all had a great new year, however looking at events over the last few months, it is definitely not the start to the year we hoped for, with bushfires, floods and now this Corona virus.

Firstly, the bushfires have had huge impact on many many Australians, and we all know someone who has been affected here. The Apex Foundation decided to help by assisting the Apex Association with their bushfire appeal. The Foundation has promised to financially assist with the appeal by matching all donations received by the Association, dollar for dollar to an amount of \$25,000 in total. To date we understand that over \$26,000 has been raised. We sent an email to our members about this, and many have helped. Some of our directors have been helping directly, as well as many Apexians and Clubs. Early March, I travelled to WA and met up with three 'Civilian Widows' ladies and the CEO of Legacy WA. I also attended an Association National Board Meeting and made a presentation at the 'WA Apex Catch-Up' in Manjimup.

As for the Coronavirus, the board has had two teleconferences to discuss the wellbeing of our assets and also keeping abreast with our investment portfolio which has obviously taken a lot of pain in the past month. All I can say in this regard, is stay safe. There area lot of messages coming from areas of Government for us to follow, so I do not need to elaborate. Our next full board meeting is to be held on Saturday, 18April, 2020 via teleconference.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, all our committees, and staff, I express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Life Governor, Ray Vincent and his family on the passing of Kristine Vincent. Please stay safe everyone.

Cheers,

Tony WilshireChairman,

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

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

Underprivleged Childrens Trust Facilities –

Chalet temporarily closed but The SHACK and the Copper Coast Retreats are open

The Apex Foundation Board had decided to reopen The SHACK in Shoalhaven Heads and the Apex Copper Coast Reteat in South Australia Wallaroo subject to additional conditions for use but the Chalet remains closed until further notice. Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

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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