

# Roaring 40's October 2020

News from around the groups.



Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.

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



Sunrise over the ocean at Bargara.

## 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 Councillors 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 several days to attend the Annual Convention known as 'The Rort'. During this gathering there is a brief interruption to the festivities to conduct the necessary formality of "The Annual General Meeting". In the past, after the RORT, a Post-RORT tour of 4 or 5 days duration has been programmed, visiting areas surrounding the town hosting The Rort. In future both events may be combined and shortened to reduce costs.

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-committee, 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.

Hi to all our members and friends,

What a strange year we are having, especially for those of us in Victoria who have been restricted in movement for many months. Some people over the last few years had been expressing the wish that life would slow down and give them more time for family and to be at home. Well this has been imposed on the world this year; so be careful what you wish for!

For those of us in some form of restriction, the year may have seemed to drag but now so quickly Christmas is looming. Decorations in the shops for the last month, Aldi catalogue this week advertising Christmas food and adorable wind-up musical carousels and the like. Hopefully we will all be able to gather with our loved ones for Christmas.

Just a few months into our next year will be our long-awaited Bargara Rort. We have a decent number of registrations and they keep quietly rolling in. If you have not registered yet, now is a good time to do it.

There has been no further action involving me on the planning of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apex in Geelong next year. Presumably there are things happening that I don't need to be involved with.

I hope those of you who are on Facebook are enjoying the past Rort photos that are being posted lately. Lots of memories here. Please feel free to post some of yours or email them to us if you can't manage it.

As this will be our last issue for the year, I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and a new type of New Year.

Yours in Apex 40,  
Julie.



### Past President's Report

Bryan Spencer (Yvonne) MAL. WA.

Hello to all members,

I trust everyone is getting on with life after a very strange, different and difficult year we have endured.

This Pandemic has certainly caused great uncertainty and angst, not only for the entire Nation, States and Territories, but for every community and of course individuals including Apex 40 members and their loved ones.

It was quite obvious National Board had no choice but to cancel the 2020 Rort to be held in Bargara and postpone the Darwin Rort.

All is on track for Bargara next year and it is hoped there will not be a second wave to complicate our plans.

I thank President Julie and Secretary Col for keeping members informed when necessary. With this being the last Roaring 40's issue for 2020, may I take the opportunity on behalf of Yvonne (Bonny) and myself to wish every member and their families a very peaceful Christmas, a wonderful New Year and let us all hope 2021 is healthy and happy one.

Cheers,

**Bryan Spencer.**



Secretary's Report  
Col Ramsay. Wynnum Manly. Q.

Welcome to the Secretary's Desk,

Having tried four different emailing programs to get information to members, I am pleased to advise that Mailer Lite would seem to be the most economical choice.

I have sent several "Newsletters" over the past few months and it is great to see that many members are reading them in an effort to keep up with all things Apex 40 in these trying Covid-19 times.

One disappointment was that three members unsubscribed from the service.

As the Roaring 40's only comes to you four times a year, the Newsletter is an attempt to keep us all abreast of happenings in and around our association. If you have an article that you wish distributed, please forward same to me and I will endeavour to oblige.

Further updates will be forthcoming as they come to hand, meanwhile enjoy the great work of Bill our Roaring 40's editor. Please note also that Bill needs articles, dinner notices and photographs to add into each copy of the Roaring 40's, so please help Bill by forwarding any relevant information to him.

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Col Ramsay,

National Secretary.

[secretary@apex40.com](mailto:secretary@apex40.com)



Treasurer's Report  
Keith Miller. Nepean. NSW.

Keith is using the current quiet time uploading heaps of photographs from past roasts onto our Facebook group. It is well worth the logging on for the memories! In the New Year, we expect to resume normal activities and his chores will re-commence. In the meantime, Keith has nothing to report!

Ed.



International Relations and  
Apex Liaison

Mark Carter. Leeton. NSW.

Greetings to all,

As for most of 2020 our two set down international trips to South Africa and Noumea were cancelled and have been rescheduled to almost the same timeframes in 2021, that being September for South Africa and October for Noumea, who incidentally voted at the recent referendum to remain with the mother country France and not seek independence. I will keep you posted and remind you of dates early in the new year and other events should they appear.

Yours in A40  
Mark Carter  
IRO

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Membership Report

Mark Tramby. XEPA. Qld.

In exciting news, it looks like we aren't far away from having our first new group for 2020 (AND in a Covid environment so that's amazing).

Roy Woods, who lives in Chinchilla QLD has been working hard on getting a new group formed in the old Zone 6 District 12 area and apart from a name (still under discussion) he expects to have this up and running soon.

He's also very keen to promote the idea of coming along to the Bargara Rort so that new members can experience one of these.

This is fabulous news and I've been so pleased to be able to help him along the way in getting this new group formed.

Fingers crossed that in my next report I can announce their name and the area they will cover.

Mark Tramby  
Membership



Webmaster.  
Ken Wright. Nepean Valley. N.S.W.

Nothing to report at this time.



From the Editor's Desk  
Bill Cramp, Redlands. Qld.

With the shutdown of social activities across the nation, producing this magazine more than once is presenting me with the poser of 'what to publish'. Queensland groups have been able to gather, with social distancing, for several weeks now and New South Wales are slowly awakening. However, our Victorian groups are still not getting together, at least, not publicly. As a result, reports on happenings around the country are scarce.

On a personal level, Val and I believe we have coped with the separation from family and friends but itching to start travel as soon as we can. Losing our mobility and or health is certain so finishing our 'bucket list' is high on the future agenda. Bargara can't come soon enough, and Darwin is beckoning!

Hopefully we can look forward to activities celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of Apex next year to add to our calendar, if the current organisation is healthy enough to arrange. Something to keep in mind.

As the last of 2020 is approaching, Val and I wish everyone a happy Christmas. May 2021 be a new beginning with the disasters of Covid under control and the vaccine becoming available.

Bill.

## **Bargara Awaits You ...**

Our Apex 40 Rort is to be held in Bargara/Bundaberg area over six days between Tuesday May 4 to Sunday May 9, 2021, and we look forward to your participation!!!!!!

The program has been toned back a little to compensate for the rising age of our members, but you are going to enjoy a very interesting program that showcases the best of the Coral Coast and Wide Bay areas!

By the time you read this, we will be just 6 1/2 months out from a fabulous six-day party, and if you don't see most of what is available, feel free to extend your stay and see what you missed!

If you have never visited the Great Barrier Reef, both Lady Elliot Island and Lady Musgrave Island are directly east of Bargara and await your presence!

The Bundy Belle does cruises along the Burnett River with either morning or afternoon teas being served.

The world-famous Bundaberg Brewed Drinks is another worthwhile and inexpensive tour and well worth a visit!

If you are coming from a colder climate, you are going to absolutely love our weather in May, so do pack your swimsuits!

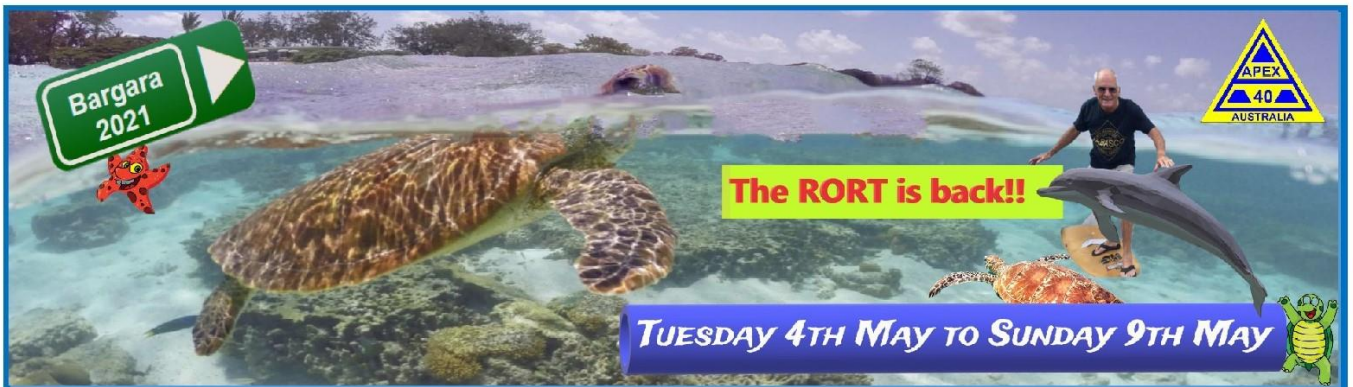
From the Welcome Social on Tuesday night to the Farewell Breakfast, catered for by members of Bundaberg Apex Club on Sunday morning, and four full days of activities in between, it will be an event to remember!

And if you know an ex-Apexian who has never been to a Rort, do try and invite them along to share the Fun and Fellowship of our past membership!

We are very confident that the border crossings will return to normal after the Qld. State Election at the end of October!

***Kevin & Liz Huxham***

Members at Large,  
Bargara, Qld.



# 2021 - BARGARA QLD

 **Bundaberg**  
Southern Great Barrier Reef  
Queensland *Where great begins*  
[www.bundabergregion.org](http://www.bundabergregion.org)



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

Email: [2021bargara@apex40.com](mailto:2021bargara@apex40.com)



**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*

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

### *Wed. 5th May*

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| <u>9.00am</u>        | Coaches depart for a <u>9.30am</u> 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. |
| <u>12.30pm</u>       | 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.  |
| <u>3.30pm</u>        | Coach departs for Bargara Brewhouse.  |
| <u>4.00pm</u>        | Tour of Bargara Brewhouse with tasting paddles, finger food and pizzas.   |
| <u>7.30 - 9.00pm</u> | 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](mailto:stay@bargarabeachcaravanpark.com.au)

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



**Bargara Blue Resort**

4 Baxter Avenue  
Bargara Beach QLD 4670

Phone: 07 4159 1691

[info@bargarablue.com.au](mailto:info@bargarablue.com.au)

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



**Absolute Oceanfront Tourist Park**

117 Woongarra Scenic Drive  
Bargara QLD 4670

Phone: 07 4159 2436

[oceanfront-park@bigpond.com.au](mailto:oceanfront-park@bigpond.com.au)

[www.oceanfrontpark.com.au/](http://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](http://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

Post to: Apex 40 Australia PO Box 5204 Manly Qld 4179

Or direct deposit

BSB: 034053

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 29<sup>th</sup> of April and leave on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May for Bargara which is 213kms (about 3 hours) away, a stop en route at Tiara 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](http://www.bushcamping.com.au)

For bookings it's best to email [kilkivan@bushcamping.com.au](mailto: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 Bargara Caravan Park is booked from Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, the Rort itself begins on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

The group has continued to meet monthly. Latest was held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 for afternoon tea. The next event which may not happen, is the shopping trip to Sydney, instead looking for any ideas of what to do instead.

Great 8 Hunter Valley 170 kms north of Sydney

Great 8 Apex 40's 29th Changeover last July, returning founding President Allan Thorley to the position. A Christmas in July with a difference, social distancing, no pressys, a 'replacement Santa' in place of the Jolly fellow!

Inverell 560 kms north west of Sydney

Inverell Apex Life Member Les Moulds of Inverell Apex 40 received his OBE at tonight's (21.10.20) meeting. Congratulations Les.

Leeton 590 kms south west of Sydney

The year 2020 has most likely been one to perhaps not dwell on for too long and like most places Leeton A40 has been quiet. We have had only two meeting this year and they were both in March, the first was a fundraising dumpling night for one of the Sunrice Ambassador entrants as part of the Leeton Rice Bowl Festival, and a good night was had by all 10 attendees, with yours truly having to consume all the last course of dumpling's because everyone else was content.

A little later in March the day before they closed all the pubs, 20 odd of us visited Darlington Point pub for lunch, again an enjoyable relaxed affair.

Our president, Brendan is still getting over depression from not being able to go to the mountain to watch his beloved car racing, so we will nurture him along until our Christmas party toward the end of November.

Finally, our Christmas party will be at the Aria Park Hotel on Sunday 29th November for a lunch, Visitors welcome. A number of us are taking our caravans and stop Friday and/or Saturday nights. We will probably visit Junee chocolate factory and a few other places on the Saturday. For those who were on the Leeton PRT we stopped, all be it a little too quickly, at Aria Park to catch up with Ziggy and Kevin at Colwills collection to view the amazing collection of literally hundreds of teapots and Kevin's equally impressive collection of all forms of wood working saws. At the other end of town was the brass replica of a wheat lumper.

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.

Neville Bowman passed away last August. Tom Dumbleton, their newsletter editor had a week in hospital. A mid-week get-together on the 29<sup>th</sup> October has been arranged so there should not be as many other people around and they can get to see each other again after such a long time.

## Victoria

Bendigo 153 kms north of Melbourne

Wilma Bidmade passed away in June.

Dandenong Valley 35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong 73 kms south west of Melbourne

Melbourne-Gippsland 40 kms east of Melbourne

Melbourne Nor-westers 22 kms north west of Melbourne

Souwest 270 kms south west of Melbourne

Latest meeting was planned for the Panmure pub Tuesday, 6th October

Sunraysia 546 kms north west of Melbourne

## Queensland

Caloundra 103 kms north of Brisbane

Caloundra Apex 40 had a post COVID breakout lunch at the Brightwater Tavern. We also helped Laurie (Jacko) Jackson celebrate his 80th. Tony & Sue Wilshire also became new members, so they are not At Large anymore. Tony is the current Chairman of the Apex Foundation.

Curtis Coast 530 kms north of Brisbane

Gold Coast. 80 kms south of Brisbane

Vale Garth Fraser

Garth Fraser passed away on the 28th July 2020 at the age of 85 years. Garth was a Life Member of Surfers Paradise Apex, Past District Governor of District 10 Zone 6, the second President of the Surfers Paradise Club, an extremely active Apexian and loved by all.

Garth is survived by his wife Betty, daughters Shaneen and Sue-Ellen and their families.

Garth was a member of Apex 40 for many years although his health had precluded his attendance in recent times. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The current president of the Gold Coast sub-branch is Neil McPherson, also a Life Member of Surfers Paradise Apex Club. Neil is now digitising the Surfers Paradise scrapbooks from the inception of the Club in 1967 until its demise in the mid 90s.

It is, as you would imagine, a labour of love with over 2,000 items scanned to date. Some Club items (such as the Honour Board) are now held in the museum of the Gold Coast & Hinterland Museum Historical Society. Neil has been in contact with the museum and anticipates being able to photograph the items held there in the near future.

Neil requests that any Apexian holding any Surfers Paradise memorabilia such as Dinner Notices, Annual Reports, photographs, Zone 6 Gazettes that mention Surfers Paradise or any other items

to contact him at [mcpcomp@gmail.com](mailto:mcpcomp@gmail.com) or tel: 07 5537 1990. Neil promises to scan or photograph such items and return them promptly.

Hervey Bay 290 kms north of Brisbane

Maryborough 290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands 35 kms south east of Brisbane

Redlands conducted 2 gatherings since we have been allowed to meet. Both occasions were outdoors, with everyone bringing their own chairs, food and drinks. The weather was kind and all practiced social distancing (hard to avoid a hug or handshake after so many months of separation). On the first meeting we picnicked in a local park which turned out fine, as we had the area almost exclusively. For the second, David and Jenny McCullagh hosted us on their back lawn, which has a great view overlooking Moreton Bay. Our AGM was held at this lunch resulting in most of the committee being re-elected! Pauline Denisenko vacated the secretaries' position and Marion Pollock was elected to replace her. As usual the whole agenda was done in minutes.

Wynnum Manly 20 kms east of Brisbane

Their next function will be MELBOURNE CUP - Tuesday 3rd November 2020, at Des & Denice Clements home at Wakerley. Morning tea, Lunch and sweeps included.

XEPA Great South East 30 kms south east of Brisbane

26 July. Breakfast at Harvest Cafe in Victoria Point.

4 October Small gathering of members sharing morning tea at Thompson's Beach, Victoria Point.

## **South Australia**

Adelaide Hills 35 kms south east of Adelaide

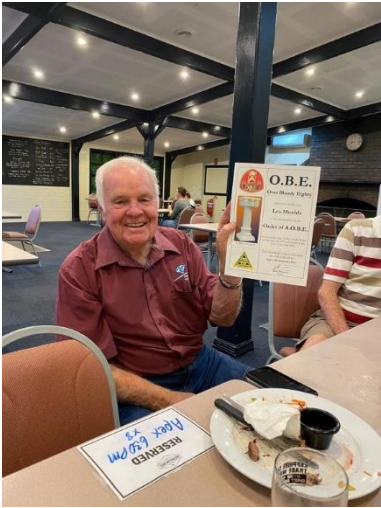
## **Tasmania**

Devonport 255 kms north west of Hobart

Launceston 200 kms north of Hobart



*Nepean Valley enjoying the sunshine.*



*Les Moulds presented with his OBE*



*Great 8 enjoying Christmas in July.*



*Laurie Jackson's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday*



*Caloundra's breakout lunch.*



*XEPA morning tea on the beach and breakfast at Victoria Point*



*Redlands enjoying a picnic in the park, in family groups or keeping our distance.*



*Redland's AGM venue — David McCullagh's backyard*



*Blue Mountains Crest September picnic.*

# International Groups News

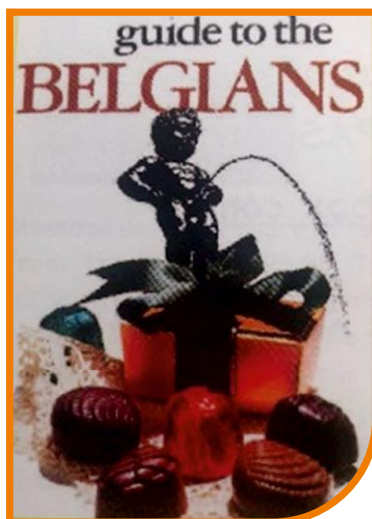
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## **Know your Neighbour, Belgium**

Guide to the Belgians

Number 1. of a series

### **“Know your Neighbour in 41 INTERNATIONAL”**



Belgian families need to be enormous. This was officially condoned, and indeed there is still a tradition by which the seventh consecutive son becomes a godchild of the King and is baptised with the King's name. At the funeral of King Baudouin in 1993 a church was set aside to accommodate this rather specialised form of royal god children, and the service was relayed on screen from the cathedral of Brussels. There were no fewer than 600 seventh sons, all called Baudouin/Boudewijn.

The seventh consecutive daughter likewise becomes the Queen's godchild, but the incidence of this is, apparently, much rarer.

Most Belgian children are balanced, sensible, constructive and polite, the younger ones – fresh-faced, natural and

neatly turned out – are often absolute winners. (Like our Luc!) In fact, Belgian children are so well behaved that British parents tend to think there must be something wrong with them. Even adolescents become bad tempered in a rather endearingly old-fashioned way.

If a youth misbehaves, has his headphones on too loud in the metro, or drops litter, he or she is liable to be berated by another member of the public, probably a busybody pensioner brandishing a walking stick.

Offending children found guilty in court of vandalism will face the ultimate sanction – their parents will be fined. Wait until they get home!

### **SEX**

The Belgians are practical about sex, but not prudish. “On garde un homme par son ventre et son bas-ventre” a characteristic piece of Belgian wisdom (“you keep your man by (catering for) his stomach and what lies below it”)

Georges Simenon claimed to have slept with 10,000 women – perhaps in defence of her cooking – contested his total: she put the figure at 1,200 women.

**Bob Parton**

Old Tablers Deutschland, OT 46 Karlsruhe

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South Africa 2021

**From:** Ingonyama-Nicon

I trust that the virus has not knocked you guys down. We are still healthy and enjoying the spring sunshine, but once again desperate for rain.

I am just updating you on our plans for the AGM so you can start the ball rolling again. I attached the flyer for the AGM.

NB! The tours will again start on the day before the AGM – namely 2<sup>nd</sup> September and will continue until the 13<sup>th</sup> September (Short Tour) in Johannesburg or until 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Long Tour) in Cape Town. The updated tour costs should be available by the beginning of 2021.



# Invitation

to the

## 51st AGM

### 41ers Association Southern Africa

*Kwazulu Natal Midlands, Lidgetton at Lythwood Lodge*

**3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### 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 235.00**

**Meet and Greet - Theme Party - R315.00**

**AGM, Lunch & Gala Dinner - R 950.00**

**AGM & Lunch - R 425.00**

**Ladies Tour, Lunch & Gala Dinner - R 925.00**

**Ladies Tour & Lunch - R 390.00**

**Gala Dinner - R 535.00**

**Farewell Brunch - R 155.00**

(If not staying at Lythwood)

#### ACCOMMODATION TO BE BOOKED DIRECTLY

Contact Alison at [alison@lythwood.com](mailto:alison@lythwood.com)

Ref: 41ers AGM

Accommodation at Lythwood  
is limited.

#### PROGRAMME

##### FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

##### SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

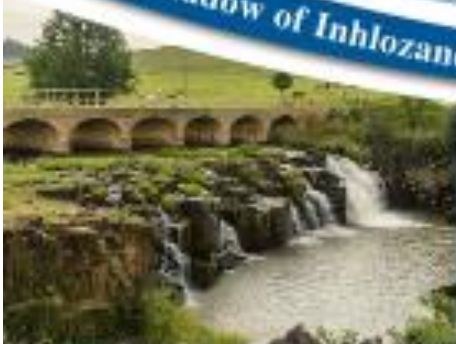
08h00 - 09h30	Registrations
10h00 - 13h30	AGM
10h00 - 13h30	Ladies and YAPs - Meander Tour and Lunch
13h30 - 14h30	Delegates Lunch
14h30 - 18h00	Free time and relaxation
18h15 - 19h00	President's Cocktail Function
19h30 - 24h00	Gala Dinner

##### SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

09h00 - 10h30	Farewell Brunch
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Register at [www.41ers.co.za](http://www.41ers.co.za)  
Post Tour Optional - details to follow  
by 01-01-2021

*In the shadow of Inhlozane Mountain*



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#### Message from National President

It is a great honour to become the National President of Apex Australia, an Association with a proud past and an exciting future. I wish to acknowledge the achievements of our outgoing president, Michael Godfrey. His leadership was steady, calm and pragmatic and we couldn't have asked for a better bloke. I congratulate Mick on a great year.

Thank you to our incoming board members for stepping up to the plate, many for another term, and we welcome

Tara Spotswood and Simon Grant to the team. Our 2020-2021 board is as follows:

<b>Bethany Paterson</b>	National President
<b>Adam Stewart</b>	National Secretary
<b>Jared King</b>	National Treasurer
<b>Tara Spotswood</b>	National RC Coordinator
<b>Simon Grant</b>	National Awards and Special Projects
<b>Neal Molineaux</b>	National Communications
<b>Leon Budden</b>	National Membership
<b>Craig Martin</b>	National Bursary
<b>Liam Scott</b>	Legal and Compliance
<b>Michael Godfrey</b>	IPNP/International Relations

They say a smart person surrounds themselves with even smarter people and I am indeed very fortunate with this amazing group of people who all have their own unique attributes and skills, yet are united in their passion for Apex. In addition, congratulations to our incoming RCs, club presidents and all members who have taken on responsibilities within their respective clubs. May you continue to grow, learn and have fun while helping others.



Adam Stewart



Jared King



Simon Grant



Neal Molineaux



Leon Budden



Tara Spotswood



Liam Scott



Craig Martin



Michael Godfrey

As we head into the 90th year of Apex, we need to be respectful of our past, but also look toward the future. We need to build on our strengths and take on new directions. If Covid-19 has taught us anything, it has taught us the importance of social connectedness. Sometimes we only realise how important something is when it's gone. As we emerge out of Covid 19 restrictions, it is our time to shine. Our strength within Apex is our ability to connect people in a meaningful way for a common purpose. When I was a child, my father Neil Paterson and his best mates were all Apexians and what they taught me was that fun and friendship comes disguised as service work.

We also need to stay relevant so that Apex can continue to thrive and grow into the future. As a psychologist, I often encourage others to do self-reflection, and I encourage all Apexians to think "Is my club a club where new members want to come? Is my club a club where new members want to stay? How do we attract younger members, the future leaders of Apex?" I want to remind all Apexians around Australia that membership is everyone's responsibility. It has been heartwarming to see clubs embrace the 20 for 20 campaign with fantastic outcomes, and I have faith that the future will see our Association grow even further.

As this year's President, my goal is that, for myself and all Apexians, the year ahead is guided by a set of values that are intrinsic in our ideals: teamwork, discipline, leadership, altruism, inclusiveness, respect, growth, mateship and fun. When we work together to uphold our ideals, our Association can grow and prosper, and continue building better communities for another 90 years. I am mindful of the challenge ahead, humbled by the trust my fellow Apexians have bestowed in me, and grateful for the opportunity to give back to this Association which has given so much to me and my family.

Yours in Apex,  
**Bethany Paterson**  
National President



## Apex Australia Bushfire Appeal National President's Report - UPDATE

In January 2020, the Apex Foundation joined forces with the Apex Association to start a Bush Fire Appeal to assist those affected by this national disaster. The goal for the Association was to raise \$25,000 and the Foundation would match it dollar for dollar up to the target. Donations came in from all over Australia, from the Mum's and Dad's and small community groups, kids wanting to donate their hard-earned pocket money, and companies helping with donations. Apex members past and present also did what they could and our Apex families through South East Asia and the Subcontinent also made generous donations, despite themselves also facing Natural Disasters including a Typhoon and Volcanic eruption. In total just over \$57,000 has been raised assist Families and Communities to rebuild.

The appeal funds were distributed through various Apex Clubs to support several ideas that will help to rebuild communities and make a difference in the lives of those who were affected by this natural disaster. Much of the money was used in conjunction with programmes and projects already on the go, including assisting Blaze Aid and Landcare groups, even the hard-working sheep dog was not forgotten as they play an important role for those on the land. Funding was spread from the Darling Downs in Qld, parts of NSW and Victoria through to Kangaroo Island and the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia.

A big thanks to everyone who supported this appeal your donations were greatly appreciated and will make a big difference to many. 100% of the funds were spent directly to where it is needed and no funds were spent on administration.

**90th**  
**Year of Apex**  
**Building**  
**Better**  
**Communities**

## Apex Foundation News

A link to the latest newsletter from the Foundation is:

<https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Winter-Edition.pdf>

Click on the link for the quarterly report on activities.

### Latest News & Announcements

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



# A test of your powers of observation



*Do you see the arrow between the "E" and "x" (in white)? never noticed it before.*

*The 2nd and 3rd "T's" are two people sharing (or fighting over) a tortilla and a bowl of salsa.*

*The world's most famous bike race. The "R" in "Tour" is a cyclist. The yellow circle is the front wheel of a bicycle, the "O" is the back wheel*

*The arrow means Amazon has everything from A to Z*

*There is a dancing bear above the "ble".*

*Toblerone chocolate bars originated in Berne, Switzerland, whose symbol is the bear.*

*See the "31" embedded in the "BR"? Thirty-one-derful flavors!*