


# ROARING 40'S

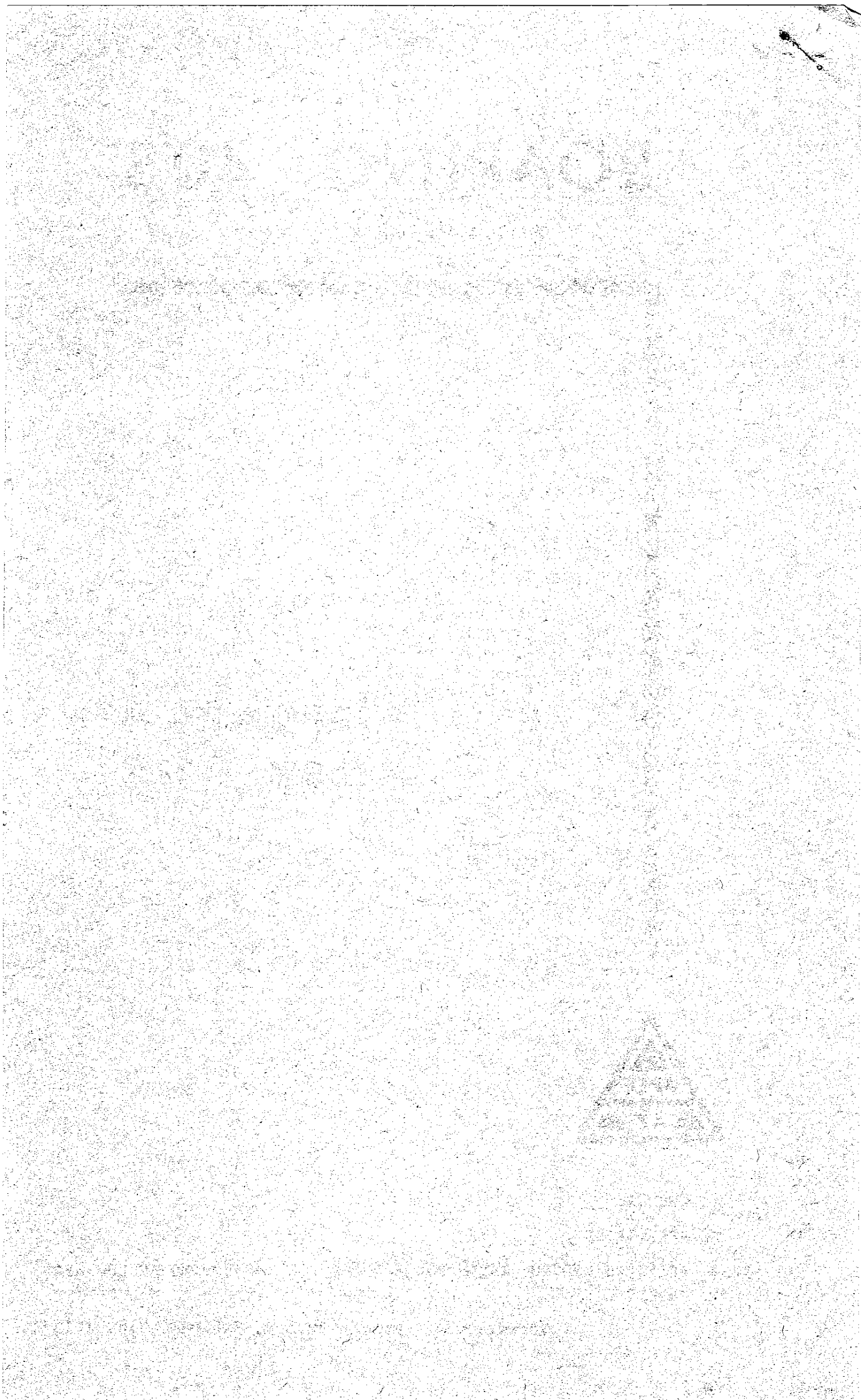
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COUNCIL  
OF AFFILIATED  
PAST APEXIANS GROUPS  FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary - 1 Danman Street, Mitcham, Vic. 3132



### President's Message.

Firstly, I would like to thank those present at the Annual General Meeting (or Rorty business session) for electing me to the position of National President of Apex 40. I am proud to have been part of Apex 40 from the outset and will do my utmost to ensure its continued success. On behalf of all members I would like to sincerely thank Lionel Mussell for shouldering the responsibility of getting this organisation off the ground, and guiding it so effectively through its infancy. Lionel will continue to play a major role as Extension Chairman and his enthusiasm will no doubt result in significant growth. Hopefully this aim will be assisted by the co-operative attitude shown by the new National President of Apex, Graham Sampson of Queensland.

Our thanks must also go to Kevin Frazer whom, as Secretary/Treasurer since inception, has been the willing work-horse of the organisation and a large part of its success.

Congratulations to Geoff Angus on election as Secretary/Treasurer. Geoff has a hard act to follow, but many of us are well aware of his enthusiasm and dedication to any job he takes on.

Well the '78 Rort has come and gone - but will linger long in the memories of those who were part of it. A few weeks before the event, the Rorty Chairman, Owen Ballinger and his committee were looking decidedly dejected and worrying about lack of numbers, costs, etc. and expecting the worst. As early as lunch time Friday you could see the smiles starting to reappear on their faces and by Monday they were positively aglow. And deservedly so - thanks Owen, and Lorna, Brian and Barbara Roach, Kevin and Rosemary Frazer and Ern Butler. Melbourne-Gippsland President Alan Flaherty and Marge were also very involved in the organization. It was a really great week-end; it was what Apex 40 is all about.

There was no hesitation in accepting Arthur Boyce's offer on behalf of Launceston Branch to host next year's Rort over the week-end of 10/11 March - obviously many present recalled Devenport in '77 and were eager to taste some more Tasmanian hospitality (Boags XXX ?). Arthur and his fellow Launceston members have the job ahead of them and we wish them well in their planning and organisation. We need to do more than that of course - we need to support them; by attending next year. No doubt Arthur and his crew are already doing some forward planning, and I would ask all members to give serious thought as to whether they are able to attend next year and start planning right now to be there. We appreciate that it is more difficult, and more costly, for members from the further distant branches, but how about deciding right now and giving yourself nine months to budget for it. We can guarantee it will be worthwhile.

I would like to extend a personal welcome to our newest branches at Nunawading and Wollongong. I expect I will know many of the faces at Nunawading and look forward to renewing some old friendships. Likewise, I hope I may have the opportunity to meet some new friends at Wollongong.

Alan Kinder.

RORTY RAVINGS:

Our third Rort is safely behind us (I say safely because anything can - and usually does happen) and through the Bacchanalian haze I seem to recall some incidents worthy of a second or third laugh.

Like:

- Ern Butler, completely bombed, sitting on the edge of the stage on Friday night playing a beer bottle "banjo". That's before he did his acrobatic dive off the stage.
- A bus-load of thirsty Rorters saying "bewdy" when torrential rain prevented us getting out of the bus at the Rickett's Sanctuary, so making for an earlier return to the pub. (Rosemary Fraser being the only dissident voice). The bus driver saying it was a pity we couldn't see the "sculpings".
- The business session. (The laugh is our effrontery at calling it a business session).
- The looks on the faces of the young Littler and Whybrow girls from Tassie when they were presented with real live carnations by real live pop-star Mark Holden at the Saturday Night Dinner.
- The obviously tone deaf Irishman who came to put a stopper to the singing in the Banksia Room in the early hours of Sunday morning.
- The front seaters on the Sunday bus trip who declared a return to daylight saving so they could knock the top off one at 11 a.m. Of course that didn't worry Arthur Boyce and the Whiz Kid who were onto their second by then.
- The many, many verses of "In the Quartermaster's Store" lasting for a greater part of the trip to Walhalla. (President Alan has suggested that we make it "At the Rort, at the Rort, at the Apex 40 Rort", and it become an annual feature like the Rort Song.) Voila Ritchie has vowed she will bring a tape recorder next time - she either wants to record some poetic gems for posterity, or is going into the blackmail business.
- The various meanderings of Rorters at Walhalla - some climbed the mullock heaps, some visited the cemetery and others just had a nice cup of tea.
- Ern again. Busting for a "Whizzy" on the bus back from Walhalla and stirring the bus driver.
- John Davies saying he couldn't eat any of that delicious pig-on-spit because having watched him all day he felt like an old friend.
- The terrific feed the Drouin folk served up complete with specially chosen wines. According to lyrical wine auctioneer Gerry Lynch, the white had been trodden by six vestal virgins. (There must have been something wrong with the red I drank because it had the odd effect of making the third verse of the Rort Song composed on the bus fail to scan, although it did when we sang it again at the Melbourne/Gippsland meeting.)
- The widespread use of the term "Old Bastard" after I produced the Rules of Association, or whatever they were. (We were probably acting like a lot of stupid old bastards the whole weekend but who cares?) Colin Speirs - who did an excellent job of bus driving on Sunday - ringing up his Canadian OB mate in the early hours to get his OB membership number for our membership applications.
- It was a great Rort - good to have so many Tasmanian Rorters over with us - and a wonderful job of organisation by Owen Ballinger and the Rort Committee.

.....Rorty Ravings per courtesy of LM & AK.

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RORTING IS FINE IN '79  
LAUNCESTON - MARCH 10 - 11 - 12th.  
SEE YOU THERE

RORT SONG - Tune "Men of Harlech"

CHORUS -

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

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VERSE 1.

First we Rorted Ballarat,  
Best event we'd ever had,  
We all came from miles around  
To gather at a Roaring Rort at Ballarat.  
Vineyard, lakeside, bus trip, cricket,  
Craig's Hotel, John Davies Knickers,  
That's the reason why we came  
'Cause Rorting is our Game.

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VERSE 2.

Then we rorted Devonport,  
Better than we'd ever thought,  
Round the town and up the bluff  
And then a rorty barb-b-que at Littler's.  
Braddon's Lookout, Mersey Cook-out,  
Boag's 3X and apple cider,  
Round the pool we did proclaim  
That Rorting is our Game

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VERSE 3.

At the Dorset Gardens,  
There were no 'beg-your-pardons',  
Rorty songs 'round the Dendenongs,  
Then on the buses driving to Walhalla,  
Lunch at Moe, getting toey,  
Pig-on-the-spit was Drouin's big hit,  
Getting tighter at the Mitre,  
Rorting was our game.

----- (is there no end to this song?)

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT  
DORSET GARDENS HOTEL-MOTEL CROYDON, MELBOURNE, ON  
SATURDAY 25th MARCH, 1978.

PRESENT: Approximately fifty (50) Rorters representing Melbourne-Gippsland, Devonport and Launceston Branches.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Barbara Roach appointed Sgt-at-Arms.

WELCOME: President Lionel extended a rorty welcome to all present indicating that he would not be presenting a report this year. Fortunately he did offer a few words of wisdom - like "on with the Rort".

GREETINGS: Received from:

- Allen Young - Chairman Assoc. 41 Clubs. Ashburton, New Zealand.
- Joe Tanner - Orbost Branch Apex 40
- Brian Walsh - Shepparton Oasis
- Bob Orton - Woollongong Branch Apex 40
- Barry & Margaret Simpson - Devonport Branch.

FINANCIAL: FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 1977-78.

	Opening Bank Balance \$295.32
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Subs. from Affiliated Branches Melbourne-Gippsland, Devonport, Orbost, Shepparton, Launceston	100.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Postage	22.83
Bank Charges	5.73
	\$28.56
	Closing Bank Balance \$366.76

E. Butler/D. Blackley -

1. That the Financial Statement be accepted.
2. That Branch Affiliation Fees for 1978/79 be set at \$20.00. Carried.

EXTENSION REPORT - Alan Kinder

New Branches have been established during the year at Woollongong, N.S.W. and Nunawading, Vic. Welcome to all members of those branches.

Recent reports indicate that Orbost and Shepparton branches are active, as is Maryborough, Qld. Devonport and Launceston are well represented at the Rort. Brisbane is still moving slowly - Peter Dawson and Corinne were in Melbourne during the year and were suitably entertained.

Most recent correspondence has been with the Bendigo Apex Club and past member Ian Morris. No positive reaction to date, but this looks a possibility for a new Branch.

EXTENSION REPORT (Cont.)

President Lionel has recently received a call from incoming Apex National President Graham Sampson inviting us to talk. A more favourable response from Apex National Board appears likely and should facilitate extension.

RORT VENUE - 1979

J. Davies/M Blackley

That the offer from Arthur Boyce on behalf of Launceston Branch to run the 1979 Rort be accepted.

Carried.

A. Flaherty/E. Butler

That 1979 Rort be held on the Victorian Labour Day Week-end being 10th, 11th and 12th March, 1979.

Carried.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL  
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Results of election for 1978/79 Executive -

President	-	Alan Kinder
Vice Presidents	-	Arthur Boyce
	-	Rosemary Frazer
Secretary/ Treasurer	-	Geoff Angus
Extension	-	Lionel Mussell.

I. Gaffney/S. McInnis.

That the Co-ordinating Committee be increased by two (2) Members.

Carried.

New Members appointed -

Jock Littler

Kevin Frazer.

GENERAL BUSINESS -Constitution

R. Frazer/I Gaffney

That the Constitution be amended as follows:

"That the President shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms".

Carried.

Co-ordinating Committee

Incoming President - Alan Kinder thanked the former President Lionel and former Secretary Kevin for their efforts and good work since the formation of Apex 40, and extended a warm welcome to new Committee Members - Geoff Angus and Rosemary Frazer.

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PEN PORTRAITSALAN KINDER

Alan has lived all his life in Melbourne.  
Born in Kew in 1930. Married Nola in 1958 and lived in East Melbourne then moved to Blackburn in 1960 where they have lived since.

Two children - Leonie (17) and Steven (15)

Alan started his working life as a surveyor - first with a private firm then with the Camberwell Council and later with the State Electricity Commission working around country Victoria. Left the S.E.C., married and started a new career in town planning all within two weeks in 1958. Has been with the Town and Country Planning Board ever since where he holds the position of Assistant Director of Planning.

Apex membership was with Box Hill Club -  
President 1969/70  
Zone 12 Secretary/Treasurer 1967/68  
Life Member Box Hill 1970.

Other interests include golf (handicap 18), camping, woodwork, music - not to mention good food, good wine (or even just reasonable) and of course the odd ale.

GEOFF ANGUS

Born in the northern Victorian country town of Kerang. Spent most of his early years living in the country but later became a city lad. Studied Agricultural Science and Education at Melbourne University before marrying Lynette in 1960. Between them they produced four children - Andrew (nearly 16 Marilyn (14), Karin (12), and Peter (10). Lives in the Melbourne suburb of Mitcham.

Commenced his working life as a secondary school teacher, but decided to forego long holidays for a job in the chemical industry. Has worked for Shell Chemical (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. since 1962, except for 2½ years working in the U.K. Is currently the Agrochemicals Research and Development Manager in Shell Chemical's Head Office.

Began his Apex career in 1959 at Warracknabeal in the Wimmera of Victoria. Then followed membership of Sale, Croydon and Nunawading Apex Clubs. Has been Club President, District Governor (twice) and Zone President. Became a Life Member of Nunawading Club in 1974 prior to his departure for the U.K. where he transferred into Sittingbourne Round Table. The age of 40 overtook him and he became a member of Forty one Club - counterpart to Apex 40 in Round Table. After returning to Australia at the end of 1976 he became actively involved in Apex 40.

Helps run a football clinic on Saturday mornings at the local primary school, is a committee member of the local High School P & C. Association, and is again a Director of the Apex Foundation for Research into Mental Retardation. Likes to consider himself a handyman around the house. Always does as Lynette tells him !!!

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LAUNCESTON MARCH 10 - 11 - 12th

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE APEX 40.  
1978 - 79.

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO:-

Ex-Apexians Ex World Councillors who retired at the normal retiring age.

Apexians elected to Life Office.

Other Ex-Apexians Ex world councillors as approved by the Apex 40 committee.

Wives (Widows) of eligible members.

EXTENSION NEWS

IF our present growth rate continues and we report two new branches in each edition of the "Roaring Forties" and assuming four editions a year we should have 809 Branches by the year 2078 !

Seriously though we are delighted to welcome our latest new/old friends at Wollongong and Nunawading and Nunawading and hope they get the same satisfaction and enjoyment from membership as we do.

It is particularly good to have a Branch in NSW and we hope it is the fore-runner of many more - we look forward to hearing progress reports of wild nights from both Branches.

We are hopeful that we will soon be enjoying a happy dialogue with Apex top brass and encouraged by the "thaw" in relations we intend pushing the extension barrow through an article we will send to all Apex Dinner Notice Directors. The release is aimed at those members about to retire besides the retired and Life Members and a copy is reproduced here for your interest.

An article has also been written for the Rotary and Lions magazines because we believe many members of these organisations are former Apexians who may welcome the opportunity to get together with old mates from time to time.

It was good to have a visit from Life-Member Jamie Shepherd on the Saturday of the Rort and we hope Jamie can stir up some interest among the oldies in South Australia.

....Lionel Mussell.

COPY OF ARTICLE FOR APEX DINNER NOTICE DIRECTORS

THE SWINGING OLDIES

You would imagine that once a fellow reaches the ripe old age of forty and retires gracefully from Apex, he would settle down with his pipe and slippers in front of the fire and between naps reminisce about the good old days when he was young and active in Apex.

Strangely enough when you get to forty you don't feel old at all, nor do you feel any wiser than when you were young and foolish.

A group of retired Apexians got together for a bar-b-que in Melbourne in 1973 and after a few reds (white hadn't become fashionable in those days) they decided that the friendships made in Apex were too precious to lose just because they were no longer active members.

Rather than leave fellowship with other former Apexians to chance meetings, these old guys formed an organisation known as Apex 40 which exists purely as a "fellowship" group and regular meetings have been held ever since.

Besides the Melbourne/Gippsland Branch, other branches have been formed in Nunawading, Orbost and Shepparton (Vic), Devonport and Launceston (Tas); Brisbane and Maryborough (Q'land), and in Wollongong (N.S.W.). Most branches are set up on a regional basis with past members from a number of Apex Clubs.

COP THIS

Ladies are FULL MEMBERS in Apex 40 - this has been the case right from the first meeting and has proved to be a tremendous advantage.

No more creeping home late after the meeting and explaining why the "business" has taken so long - this time she's right there with you enjoying the fellowship and feeling part of the organisation.

Each year a "Rort" is held where all Apex 40 members can get together and have a ball.

Next year's RORT will be held in Launceston, Tasmania and a wild time is confidently expected.

Business is kept to a minimum - the Annual Meeting held during this year's RORT in Melbourne only lasted about one hour.

Dinners are held about six times a year with social events sometimes in between and the only similarity to an Apex Dinner is the "fines session" which is usually long and hilarious.

#### NOT OFFICIAL

Apex 40 is not officially recognised by Apex and has no desire to become part of Apex. Members just enjoy the opportunity to get together and talk over old times and continue those "enduring friendships".

#### OTHER WORLD COUNCIL GROUPS

Other World Council member organisations have similar groups of past members - Round Tables have their "41 Clubs" and Kin of Canada have "K 40".

Some criticism has come from Apexians who have seen "Oldies" in Canada still attending Kin meetings and taking an active roll in Kin meetings. The Kin Constitution allows all members to become privileged members at forty and continue on - PROVIDING they keep up regular dinner attendance and service work. This means a member could still be active at 60 or 70.

This has NOTHING to do with him being a member of K 40.

#### GROWTH POTENTIAL

Former Round Tablers who have joined the officially recognised organisation for ex-Tablers (41 Clubs) number more than 16,000 and they have their own "International Board".

Although that size membership is not contemplated in Australia, there is a terrific potential for growth when you think of the number of people who have been members of Apex at some time.

Apex 40 is not another service club - many members are in Rotary or Lions but welcome the chance to meet up with their old Apex mates a few times a year.

The name Apex 40 has caused some raised eyebrows - and more - but while this is the most used name, branches are free to adopt their own title, eg. Shepparton Oasis. A group of former members by any name can affiliate for the sum of \$20 a year which is necessary to cover a few administrative costs and distribution of a quarterly newsletter.

Enquiries about Apex 40 (or to give its official name - "The Council of Affiliated Past Apexians Groups") can be made by writing to -

Geoff Angus,  
Secretary Apex 40,  
1 Denman Street,  
MITCHAM Vic. 3132

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AROUND THE BRANCHES

ORBOST - (Victoria) - Contact - Joe Tanner.

The Orbost branch is set up on a rather informal basis where I act as co-ordinator and every so often rally the troops around for a night out. We have twenty one members (eleven retired Apexians and ten wives) and expect to expand our ranks by four or five during 1978. It took a while to get over our pre Christmas binge and our first get together for 1978 was held a fortnight ago when we athletically engaged in a table tennis evening with a B.B.Q., which was highly successful.

We intend to attend the Orbost club's 500th on June 3rd, hold a card night in August, a sing-a-long in October and our usual December dinner out.

We find it necessary to limit the number of functions per year as most of our members are heavily involved in other organisations (five are Rotarians, one is a Lion, three are Shire Councillors etc. etc.) and four are residing away from Orbost.

I am sure, however, that all of us are keen to maintain the friendships developed through our time in Apex and each member makes a real effort to attend functions.

DEVONPORT (Tasmania) - Secretary - David Mansfield, 35 Hilltop Avenue, Devonport, 7310

This Club covers Life Members and retired Apexians from Apex Clubs in Zone 3 District 3 comprising Apex Clubs of Ulverstone, Devonport, Mersey, Latrobe, Kentish and Deloraine.

PRESIDENT: Jock Littler, Niela Crescent, Miandetta Park, Devonport  
Phone 24.1138

SECRETARY: David Mansfield, 35 Hilltop Avenue, Devonport.  
Phone 24.3659

TREASURER: Margaret Simpson, 9 Broadhurst Avenue, Devonport.  
Phone 24.4413

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 56

MEETINGS: Second week of the month, counter teas at various Hotels in the area followed by meeting and supper at members houses in rotation. Ladies take a plate and gentlemen knock with their elbows.

Forthcoming Programme:

- May 13th: Whist night at Geoff and Barb winspears.
- June 8th: Forth Hotel for counter tea afterwards at Jim and Val Holbrows.
- July 8th: Annual dinner (venue to be finalised probably Gateway Motor Inn)
- Aug. 10th: Dinner at Chinese Restaurant, afterwards at Graeme and June Pease.

Our last meeting was held on April 12th and took the form of a counter tea at Stones Hotel, Ulverstone followed by a meeting a films at the home of Clem and Helen Adams. President Jock gave a full report on our visit to Melbourne for the Rort followed by films of the Rort and the Devonport Apex Regatta.

SHEPPARTON - (Victoria) - Contact - Brian Walsh  
P.O. Box 833, Shepparton 3630.

Unfortunately, little has been happening up our way, actually I have missed the last couple of meetings, but from all reports they have been great.

As you may know, we only meet four times a year, and our next meeting will be held on Thursday May 18. As yet, the venue is not decided, as we use a different venue for each meeting. Each meeting actually is a Dinner, with very few speeches etc. Usually large quantities of booze are consumed with each Dinner, but everyone always has a great time.

The last meeting was held at Murchison, about 25 miles away. A bus was hired for the night, so you can imagine the antics travelling to and from the venue.

Our strength at present is about 22, plus wives/girl friends, and the members are all ex-members of the Shepparton Apex Club.

NUNAWADING (Victoria) - Secretary - Jeff Mayne,  
1 Colombo Street,  
Mitcham. 3132. PH. 873.1111

As you no doubt know our group is known as the Nunawading Apex 40 Club. Bruce Lamb is Treasurer.

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of every 2nd Month. Our next meeting is on June 10th.

The venue is either Empress of China or Oriental Gourmet (to be confirmed in newsletter). Future formats and venues are not yet specified.

Our membership is 41.

LAUNCESTON (Tasmania) - Secretary - Barry Baldwin,  
14 Coniston Place,  
Trevallyn, Launceston. Tas. 7250.

Club - Launceston Apex 40

President - Arthur Boyce, 82 Riseley St., Kingsmeadows 7250.  
Phone - (003) 44.4242.

Secretary - Barry Baldwin, 14 Coniston Place, Trevallyn, Launceston  
7250. Phone. (Bus) 32.0242 (H) 31.2960 (area codes 003)

Treasurer - Jan Storay.

Present Membership. - 30

Activities - The Club meets once monthly (usually the second Wednesday of the month although this can vary according to our desires and plans) for dinner which is usually followed by a social gathering at a members home. These social gatherings involve suppers with games i.e. 8-ball, darts etc washed down with the appropriate amount of liquid refreshment.

Our recent New Years gathering took the form of a Bar-B.Q at Bill and Glenis Goodman's shack at Bridport. The balmy summer night and the informality of the affair made it an ideal occasion for our Scottsdale members (some 40 miles from Launceston) to join in and continue in fellowship.

Our next dinner will be held on second Sat. in May and is going to be a real posh do at an intimate new restaurant just opened (Quigley's) in Launceston. The girls are looking forward to this as the poshier do's are more akin to their feminine tastes.

Next Rort - 10/11th March to be held in Launceston and surrounding District (Can't give too many details yet). Our last meeting welcomed the opportunity to conduct the Rort and some wild and imaginative ideas were thrown in to the discussion. We believe we can provide a very enjoyable 3 days for Rorters to Rort and go away richer (figureatively speaking) for the experience. More details will be advised later but intending Rorters can expect a show similar in costs to the Dorset Gardens one but with the added value of that internationally known Tasmanian Hospitality. So don't be disappointed 'you missed out' - start planning to come to the Apple Isle N O W.

MELBOURNE-GIPPSLAND - Secretary - Col Speirs.

Ph. (H) 792.1667  
(B) 544.2022

President - Alan Flaherty.

Membership - 81 which includes 53 Financial Members.

Dinners - Held every 2 months - Monday - Wednesday - Friday.  
Meeting places are in Blackburn, Dandenong and Beaconsfield.  
Average attendance - 36.  
Format is minimum of business with a maximum of fellowship.

Social - We have held various picnics, Bar-B-Ques, and House Parties.  
An annual event is our Birthday Bar-B-Q, held in early July, this year to be at the home of Lionel and Vi. Mussell. We are trying to arrange a family luncheon at the Barron of Beef as our Christmas Meeting. An attempt is made to hold a social outing on alternate months to the Dinner meetings.

WOLLONGONG - N.S.W. - Contact - Bob Orton,  
37 Royal Crescent, Woonona 2517.

We held our first Dinner Meeting on 13th February 1978, and 34 over 40 Ex-apexians attended. They all behaved as you would expect and a good time was had by all.

Briefly, the meeting decided to form a Club, and a Constitution was adopted. A committee of six was elected with our President John Arnold, ex-Zone 2 President (thought you may know him), and yours truly as Secretary. Meetings will be held monthly. The Aims of the Club and the membership requirements will be much the same as yours.

An interesting aspect of meetings, I think, is that the Club decided to rotate the meeting nights for a trial period, by holding the meeting say on Monday in February, Tuesday in March and so on up to Thursday, and then back to Monday. It was thought that the member with set commitments on any one night of the week, would still have the opportunity to perhaps attend three out of four meetings.

I think we have a goer with this Club and I will certainly keep you in touch if anything interesting develops.

BRISBANE 'Grouper' Contact - Peter Dawson, 29 Kileby Street,  
(Qld.) The Gap. Qld. 4061.  
PH. (H) 30-2774  
(B) 221.3261

Throughout the past year Brisbaneites have continued to meet about every 10 or 12 weeks. Meetings have taken the form of drinks after work or barbeques, with the highlight of the year in November a night at the 'dogs' at the 'Gabba' where dinner was enjoyed in the pleasant atmosphere of the Queensland Cricket Club.

Numbers are still small, with 10 or 12 couples generally attending, but meetings are none the less enjoyable. A welcome awaits any other Apex 40 members who may be visiting Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH - Queensland, 4650 - Secretary - Beverley Hodges,  
59 Creek Road,  
Maryborough Qld. 4650.

At the moment we have 22 interested members - <sup>Ph</sup> unfortunately we lost a very strong member when Merv Kidd, the City Administrator accepted Town Clerk position with the Rockhampton City Council,

There is no Apex 40 group active up there and Merv has indicated his continued interest in our Group. David and Anne Praed also have left our fair city to reside in Bundaberg, but we have hopes of travelling for a social day to his residence during the year.

We were pleased to accept into our ranks this year Col. and Norma Wolstencroft of "Maryborough Convention" fame - Col having been presented with Life Membership and Brian and June Phillips from the Wide Bay Club. We are hopeful of having a further couple of members after Maryborough Handover Dinner this year.

I feel an outstanding feature of our small group is the retaining of interest of three members of Apex who went through Apex in Maryborough in the formative years, namely Clive Kehl (1948) (the first President of Maryborough Club and the first District Governor). Eric Sherwin (President 1952) and Pat Cody (President 1953).

As far as meetings to, we have four dinners and four socials per year. For our dinner this year, we travelled to a restaurant situated on the banks of the Burrum River (approx. 20 miles away) and for the next dinner, we intend to travel to Hervey Bay (22 miles away). This dinner will be held on Friday 19th May. William House (in Maryborough) will be the venue of our next dinner - 25th August, which will also be our handover, and the venue of the final dinner Friday 17th November has still to be decided. Unfortunately it is a little hard for our Club to give meeting venues and social dates before hand, as we take a vote at the dinner when and where the next social will be held, or where the next dinner will take place - majority ruling.

Should anyone travelling through our District wish to contact members they could contact my husband (and President) at Jack Casey's Toyota - Cnr. Lennox and Alice Streets, Ph. 21 2545 or our private 'phone - 21 4675. Eric Sherwin (Treasurer) may be contacted PH. 21 4066. Committee members are George Oldershaw, Clive Kehl, and Merv Kidd - (who recently shifted).

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#### MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO --

Ex-Apexians Ex World Councillors who retired at the normal retiring age.

Apexians elected to Life Office.

Other Ex-Apexians Ex world councillors as approved by the Apex 40 committee.

Wives (Widows) of eligible members.

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SPORTING IS FINE IN '79.

LAUNCESTON MARCH 10 - 11 - 12th

SEE YOU THERE

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for the company's financial health and for providing reliable information to stakeholders. The text also mentions the need for regular audits and the role of the accounting department in ensuring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of internal controls. It describes various measures that can be taken to prevent fraud and errors, such as segregation of duties, authorization requirements, and regular reconciliations. The document also highlights the importance of training employees on these controls and the need for a strong ethical culture within the organization.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of the accounting department in providing financial information to management. It explains how the department can help management make informed decisions by providing timely and accurate data. The text also mentions the importance of clear communication and collaboration between the accounting department and other departments in the organization.