

# ROARING 40'S

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COUNCIL  
OF AFFILIATED  
PAST APEXIANS GROUPS  FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary - 1 Denman Street, Mitcham, Vic. 3132

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions.

2. It also highlights the need for regular audits to ensure compliance with financial regulations.

3. Furthermore, the document emphasizes the role of transparency in building trust with stakeholders.

4. The document also notes that proper record-keeping is essential for identifying trends and anomalies.

5. In addition, it stresses the importance of data security and access control.

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7. The document concludes by stating that robust financial controls are vital for long-term success.

8. It also mentions that regular communication with management is key to effective implementation.

9. Finally, the document suggests that ongoing training and updates are necessary to stay current.

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11. The document is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of best practices.

12. It is hoped that these guidelines will help organizations improve their financial management.

13. For more information, please contact the finance department.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Presented to Annual General Meeting,  
Launceston, 10th March 1979.

I am happy to report that Apex 40 is alive and well and continuing to expand. Growth of our organisation has been slow but steady and during the year two new branches were established in Victoria at Bendigo and Warracknabeal.

The National Committee has been active during the year in the following areas:

- \* Letters about Apex 40 sent to all Apex Clubs.
- \* Three issues of Roaring 40's published.
- \* Contact made with ex-Round Tablers organisations in New Zealand and Britain.

There is little opportunity to get interstate committee members involved as there is not sufficient business to be conducted to require calling a meeting during the year - which is a happy situation. Arthur Boyce was, of course, very much involved in organisation of the Rort, and we managed to get Jock Littler involved in a mailing effort during a visit to Melbourne.

Following my election at the last Rort, I wrote to the newly elected Apex National President, Graham Sampson of Queensland, inviting him to comment on the letter we proposed to distribute to Apex Clubs for use in dinner notices, and looking forward to happy relations with Apex. I followed this up shortly after with a further note and a copy of the May issue of Roaring 40's. I might as well not have bothered as I didn't receive the courtesy of a reply on either occasion.

On a happier note, we were thrilled during the year to meet and entertain Ray Northcott, Vice-President of 41 Clubs of New Zealand. Resulting from this meeting, I received an invitation for myself and members of Apex 40 generally to attend 41 Clubs Annual Reunion, to be held at Hutt Valley, Wellington in June this year. I must confess that I did not publicise this offer immediately in case it could have some effect on attendance at our own Rort which I felt should be given first priority. (Elsewhere in this issue is a copy of Ray's letter and an extract from my reply). Perhaps we may be able to take up this offer on some other occasion.

Since our meeting with Ray Northcott, he has sent over copies of "The Hinge" the official publication of the Association of ex-Round Tablers Clubs in Britain and throughout the world. I have written a letter for publication (hopefully) in The Hinge telling of the existence of Apex 40.

Contact with branches has been maintained through receipt of news items for Roaring 40's and the indications are that fellowship is continuing throughout our organisation, albeit in differing degrees. Brisbane Groupex appears to be barely active, but Lionel Mussell and myself were pleased to meet Peter and Corinne Dawson recently when they visited Melbourne.

In the past we have written to branches prior to compiling an issue of Roaring 40's, seeking contributions. Recently we have suggested that it would be easier if branches were to send to Secretary Geoff copies of notices, etc from which we could gather information of activities for publication. The support of branch secretaries (or whatever) is requested in this way.

In closing, I must express my thanks for the work they have done during the year to Secretary/Treasurer Geoff Angus, Extension Chairman Lionel Mussell, Kevin Frazer for assistance with printing Roaring 40's. Particular thanks is offered to all members of Launceston Apex 40 for organising and hosting this Rort. Finally I would like to thank all members of Apex 40 who by their participation ensure the continued success of our organisation.

It seems that our constitution remains valid - there have been no requests for change. I believe the future of Apex 40 is assured and look forward to the formation of more branches in the future.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS ON THE RORT

- \* Voila Ritchie officially launched the Rort at 3.00 pm in the bar at Tullarmarine when she took John's mother out to catch an earlier flight.
- \* A few Rorters were ready to put on a blue when they found they were not booked into the Colonial - but they finished up with the best accommodation after all.
- \* How can you write amusing items about the Rort without mentioning Ern?  
  
Ern Butler and Lionel discovered that eating a large Tasmanian apple after the welcome social ensured a bright-eyed start to Saturday. "We'll have an apple every night", they vowed.  
  
Sunday morning, red-eyed and jaded, they mourned their lack of follow-through - "we forgot the apple last night", they muttered dejectedly.  
  
Ern was telling all and sundry about this later at the "champers and crumpets" when someone reminded him that he had tried to eat one in the car on the way home the night before but couldn't hit his mouth!
- \* Perhaps that accounts for the fact that Alan Flaherty was the only one in the motel who didn't wake up when the boys decided he might need a beer - at 3.30 am after the turn.
- \* If you got lost in rambling, historical Entally House - you just followed the sound of bawdy laughter to the library where Nola Kinder was giving a rorty reading from the Victorian tome "The Glory of Woman".
- \* At the souvenir kiosk at Entally House you could buy a genuine Huon Pine fly-trap. Two small polished blocks of pine - block A and block B.  
Instructions: When fly lands on block A, hit hard with block B  
- clean and re-use!
- \* There were a few 'nervous nellies' lined up in the queue for the chair lift across Cataract Gorge - and a few even more nervous who walked across the bridge instead. Don Addison was a bit apprehensive, but enjoyed the trip across with Val so much that he tried to hitch a ride back with a pretty young blonde.
- \* Congratulations to Alan Kinder on two counts. He was re-elected National President for another year and, more importantly, he got the business session over in about 45 minutes.
- \* At the Devonport Rort two years ago, John Beattie finished up with a few dollars left over from the drinks pool at his table. John was to buy a couple of Tatts Tickets in shares with fellow diners Peter Swift, Don Addison and Alan Kinder. True to his word, he produced two tickets in the bar at the Colonial after the business session - he'd bought them just that morning!
- \* Kings Meadows hotel proved to be an excellent venue for Saturday night's dinner-dance. Excellent food, abundant wine and a band that proved to be right on - after a bit of a rough start on the Rort Song!

Welcome guests were local Apexians, District Governor Larry Gofton and Henny; President of Kings Meadows Apex Robert McLean and Gaye and President of Launceston Apex John Lochwaters and Judy.

- \* The 'late show' at Arthur and Jean Boyce's home continued on where the dinner dance left off. After missing the '78 Rort because of ill-health, Frank Rose made a welcome reappearance - with Greta, of course, and his guitar which provided accompaniment for a great sing-along.
- \* Sunday's morning tea of crumpets and champagne at picturesque Holly Bank proved to be a real winner, despite the fact that one of the fires was built right next to a 'jumping'jack's' nest! David Mansfield invented a new dance trying to shake a hoard of ants off his legs.  
Ern Butler was presented with 'The Wizzy' (a functional stainless steel vessel presented by Launceston Branch) for meritorious endeavours in the field of urinology at the previous Rort. 'The Wizzy' will be appropriately inscribed and awarded (by the current holder) as a perpetual trophy at future Rorts - so watch your 'pees and queues'!.  
Cooking crumpets over the open fire resulted in plenty of burnt offerings - but it was amazing to see how fast that enormous stack of crumpets disappeared. It was unanimously agreed that the 'crumpet and champers' bit should become an annual event (Bendigo members please note).
- \* What should have been a highlight of the Sunday bus trip - the view of 'God's Own Country' (according to Arthur Boyce) from the top of the Sidling - turned out to be a lowlight when a cloud settled on the mountain. Most exciting view was of Mary Cunliffe disappearing at speed into the bush (a definite 'Wizzy' contender!).
- \* For those game enough to try - the fresh oysters off the rocks under the impressive Batman Bridge were a gourmet's delight. The great mystery of the weekend occurred while stopped at the Bridge - just what did Jenny Littler get up to in the comfort station that set off the alarm? (Another contender?)
- \* A few hardy Rorters got up early on the Monday for a game of golf at Mowbray Golf Club. John Ritchie started off on the wrong foot (apart from the fact he stands on the wrong side of the ball) - he bought a brand new ball, teed up on the first, then promptly socked the new ball straight over the fence into the jungle. Then he realised the grip on his borrowed 3 iron was loose!
- \* Who said they don't have trams in Launceston any longer? They do on the first floor of the hotel where we lunched on Monday. I doubt that any tram ever had such a wild ride - just as well it was firmly fixed to the spot. Col Speirs showed that he must have spent a lot of time on the old Melbourne 'all-nighters' with his riotous impressions of driver, conductor, drunk, strap-hanger, nork nudger, etc.
- \* In keeping with tradition, and with help from a number of Rorters, a new verse of the Rort Song miraculously appeared towards the end of the weekend. Here it is:
- At Launceston in '79  
'Twas said that Rorting is Divine  
So to the Tamar we all came  
To get together at the Guvnor's Table  
Gorge cliff, chair lift, feeling jolly  
With crumpet and champers in the 'Holly'  
Then at Scottsdale - God's own country --  
Rorting was our game.
- \* Congratulations to all members of Launceston Apex 40 who put a lot of work into organisation and ensuring that everything went off just right.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE COLONIAL MOTOR INN, LAUNCESTON, ON SATURDAY 10TH MARCH, 1979

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**Present:** Approximately fifty Rorters representing Devonport, Melbourne-Gippsland, Nunawading and Launceston Branches.

**Welcome & President's Report:** President Alan Kinder extended a welcome to all Rorters in attendance and presented his report on activities over the previous 12 months (Alan's report is printed at the start of this issue of the "Roaring 40's").

**Sergeant at Arms:** Ern Butler was appointed as Sergeant at Arms.

**Greetings:** Secretary/Treasurer Geoff Angus announced that greetings had been received from:  
Maryborough, Qld Apex 40 - Bev Hodges (Sec)  
Bendigo, Vic Apex 40 - Ian Morris (Pres)  
Nunawading, Vic Apex 40 - Jeff Mayne (Sec)  
Illawarra, NSW - Bob Orton

**Secretarial & Financial Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Geoff presented the following report and Financial Statement.

Secretarial Report

1. Three issues of 'Roaring 40's' were produced during the year, including one issue specifically aimed at encouraging attendance at the Rort. This publication is our main form of contact with and between Branches. Special emphasis has been placed on publicising the events and escapades of individual Branches.
2. Extension Chairman Lionel Mussell organised a circular letter and dinner notice item which was sent to all Apex Clubs. Despite Lionel's efforts and a pleasurable working-bee by members of the National Executive, the response to the promotion of new Apex 40 Branches was not great. Never-the-less some useful leads were obtained and Lionel will provide more specific details during his report.

The postage of the letter, etc. has been the major item of expenditure for the last year.

3. To assist communications and to promote fellowship between branches, it would be greatly appreciated if Branch Secretaries or PR Officers would forward copies of notices of meetings, etc to the National Secretary. We will be able to use such news and information in future issues of 'Roaring 40's', as well as keep the National Executive informed of developments within Branches.

Financial Statement for the year 25th March 1978 -  
28th February 1979

	Opening Bank Balance	\$346.76
<u>Receipts</u>		
Affiliation fees from Branches	\$120.00	
Launceston		
Melb/Gippsland		
Devonport		
Maryborough (Qld)		
Nunawading		
Warracknabeal (1979 fee)		
Bank charge allowed for in financial statement 25.3.78 but not incurred	3.00	
Refund of unused cheques	0.77	
	<u>\$123.77</u>	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Postage	45.86	
Circular to Apex Clubs - postage	153.60	
Stationery - envelopes	6.75	
	<u>\$206.21</u>	
<u>Deficit for year</u>	\$82.44	
	Closing Bank Balance	\$264.32

Suggested budget for 1979/80

<u>Receipts</u>		
Affiliation fees 8 x \$20	\$160.00	
	<u>\$160.00</u>	
<u>Expenses</u>		
Postage - 4 x 'Roaring 40's'	\$60.00	
Stationery - letterhead or leaflet	80.00	
Other - contingencies	20.00	
	<u>\$160.00</u>	

Recommended Affiliation Fee for 1979/80

Based on past expenditure patterns and the current level of the bank balance, it is recommended that the Branch Affiliation Fee remain at \$20.00.

Moved Geoff Angus, Seconded Ian Goff -

"That the Branch Affiliation Fee for 1979/80 be \$20".

Carried



Extension Report: Extension Chairman Lionel Mussell presented his report on the expansion of Apex 40 during the previous 12 months. (A written report from Lionel is printed in another section of this issue of "Roaring 40's").

1980 Rort Venue: President Alan read a letter from Bendigo Apex 40 offering to host the next Rort. The Rorters were very happy to accept the offer "to allow us to get matey in 1980".

During discussion on the timing of the 1980 Rort, it was suggested that a holiday common to all States be selected - Labour Day holiday varies according to State. Queens Birthday and Anzac Day (occurs on a Friday in 1980) were suggested. President Alan agreed to discuss the timing of the next Rort with Bendigo Branch.

Election of Apex 40 National Committee: Moved Alan Flaherty, Seconded Ern Butler - "That the retiring committee be re-elected for the next 12 months".

Carried

General Business: Nil.

"ON WITH THE RORT"

RORTY RECEIPTES

"VOILA THE WAMP'S IRISH CREAM"

250 ml whisky ( $\frac{1}{3}$  bottle)  
 1 tin sweetened condensed milk (400 g / 300 ml)  
 1 bottle chocolate essence (25 ml)  
 1 teaspoon instant coffee  
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons gelatine

Mix whisky, milk and chocolate essence. Dissolve gelatine in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of hot water and add instant coffee. Mix all ingredients and bottle in 750 ml bottle - top with warm water. Refrigerate and leave 2 hours before imbibing.

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No kidding - you can't tell the difference, it's just like 'you know who's'. And a lot cheaper -  $\frac{1}{3}$  cost of a bottle of whisky plus about 75 cents. A genuine, rorty bargain.

Voila says that after John has had three or four nips he goes out and plucks the chooks live!

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NEXT ISSUE - "NOLA'S NAUGHTY CHOCOLATE DROPS"

If you have a special Rorty Recipe - please send it in.

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APEX 40 - EXTENSION REPORT TO 1979 RORT

President Alan and fellow members,

I am happy to report a year of steady progress in our aim of spreading the philosophy of Apex 40 - retaining and expanding the fellowships and friendships made in active Apex years.

During the year President Alan and I had the pleasure of being present at the first meeting of Bendigo Apex 40 - a great night despite torrential rain and ear-bursting music in the next room.

The visiting Apex DG soon showed his mettle and within minutes of taking the chair had the branch formed and under the name of Apex 40. We enjoyed the fellowship which lasted into the small hours and the promise shown that night for a first-class branch has since been realised by their willing invitation to host next year's Rort.

A chance visit I made to Warracknabeal to attend the Annual Meeting of the local Hospital resulted in a contact being made with a FAC's Club (Former Apexians Club).

Correspondence with them has happily resulted in them affiliating with us and we are delighted to welcome them as a branch of Apex 40 with the hope that next year we may see them represented at our Rort. The Melbourne/Gippsland Branch - which continues to thrive - have invited Warracknabeal to join them in a Mini-Rort later this year.

Almost got 'em

An active Apex 40 group has been formed in the Wollongong area under the title "Illawarra Apex 40" and we are in contact with them through Bob Orton.

Unfortunately, they have decided not to affiliate at this time although it was a close vote. The important thing is that they are meeting and carrying out the same aims as us.

In their meeting notice we have noticed reference to a couple of other former Apexians' groups - one at Nowra - and we are trying to get contacts in these to try to achieve affiliation.

Inquiries have been received during the year from Ipswich in Queensland and from South Australia and we hope to hear news of branch formation in these areas soon.

Promotion

These inquiries came as the result of a promotion we made to Apex dinner notice directors - Jock Littler turned up to help stuff the envelopes.

A further promotion through the "Apexian" is a suggestion for this year following the Rort.

Summary

I believe our progress to be satisfactory, considering the early problems we encountered, but now feel that an accelerated growth can be achieved as the word spreads.

Interest is reported from Seymour, Victoria and we will be in touch there after this weekend.

Our current branches continue to thrive and members are enjoying their fellowship. We are now active in Melbourne/Gippsland, Nunawading, Orbost, Shepparton, Warracknabeal and Bendigo in Victoria, Devonport and Launceston in Tasmania and Maryborough in Queensland. Expansion moves are being made by Maryborough in Queensland and we wish them success.

Brisbane still has a nucleus of interested people and we hope they can really get "with it" soon.

President Alan and I spoke to a meeting of Altona Apex and a committee was formed to investigate formation of a branch there. A number of former members were present and very interested.

I believe we are on the brink of a watershed, to mix the odd metaphore. Apex 40 could really take off in this coming year as word spreads about our activities and aims plus the good times we are having together.

My early dream of Apex 40 was for a large, informally-linked organisation with thousands of people enjoying the opportunity of meeting and renewing Apex fellowships.

I still believe in that dream and hope it becomes a reality sooner, rather than later.

Lionel Mussell. Extension Chairman.

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#### 41 Clubs of New Zealand

The following letter was received from New Zealand:

" Mr Alan Kinder  
National President Apex 40

Dear Alan and all Apex 40ers

We would like to extend to your club an invitation to visit the New Zealand 41 Club 2nd Annual Reunion to be held at the Hutt Valley, Wellington, next Queen's Birthday weekend 1-4th of June 1979.

We offer billets for you and your wife and to the wives of any other club members wishing to attend. We would also suggest that you make up a party and after the reunion do a tour of New Zealand. We can offer billets in most N.Z. centres as indicated on the enclosed map.

If you accept our offer could you please send me the names and numbers attending, including wives. It would also be helpful if you could indicate how long you wished to stay over here so we can arrange some form of itinerary.

We will be looking forward to the pleasure of your company and await your reply with anticipation.

Regards,  
Ray Northcott  
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT  
41 CLUBS OF NEW ZEALAND "

President Alan's reply included the following:

"My apologies for not replying earlier to your letter, but I must confess I have deliberately deferred doing anything about the invitation to your June A G M. It is a wonderful offer, so good in fact that I was not prepared to publicise it in case it may tempt some of our members to attend that rather than our own annual gathering (Rort), which is coming up at Launceston, Tasmania in March. I hope you will forgive me for this action and understand my own desire to give priority to ensuring the success of our own meeting.

For that reason, I was unable to relate your offer to our Melbourne/Gippsland Branch members until Monday this week - our first meeting for this year. The invitation was greatly appreciated but there was only one member who indicated that he might be interested. I have given him all the details I have and would appreciate it if you could send over any forthcoming information which I can pass on to him.

The general feeling was, however, that the idea was great and, given say a two year lead time to plan and budget, it could be a real possibility.

As for our other branches, we will not be sending out another issue of Roaring 40's until after the Rort, probably during April, and that will be a bit late for this year. I will have something to say about your invitation in this issue and perhaps canvass the possibility of doing something in the future. Perhaps you could let me know in the meantime if this sounds reasonable.

As you are no doubt well aware, WOCO is to be held in Christchurch next September, and it appears that a few of our fellows (who are life-members of Apex) may be attending. It may well be that they could organise a subsidiary tour to meet up with some of your Clubs rather than one of the scheduled tours. We have a couple of fellows who are very able tour organisers - perhaps you might like to think about this since we, regrettably, appear unable to visit you in June."

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If any members of Apex 40 are interested in a visit to New Zealand in June they will obviously be made very welcome. We have not yet heard back about the possibility of arranging something for people attending WOCO in September.

Please contact Secretary Geoff if you are interested.

MORE RORTY REFLECTIONS:

- \* Colin Speirs was busy telling the gathering about the way Maricn had fallen A over T in the shower - twice - when she interrupted to say it wasn't that way at all. She had gone anti-clockwise and therefore it was T over A.
- \* Couldn't stand the smug look on the Angus face when he and Lyn left every function early!
- \* I'm quite certain the two old ladies who had the room next to the Kinder's on Sunday evening would have had a few things to tell the rest of the coach passengers next day, after the party they were almost at - just a dividing door of doubtful insulating quality between them and us.
- \* How about the Scotsman in Ern's story during Sunday's fines session? Tam O'Shanter!

\* \* AROUND THE BRANCHES \* \*MARYBOROUGH APEX 40

Secretary - Bev Hodges  
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Maryborough Apex 40 is still proceeding at a steady pace with a few sociale and dinners - hopefully something every six weeks.

Unfortunately none of our club was able to make the Rort again this year but we sincerely trust you all had an enjoyable time and we look forward to receiving news of it in the near future.

We have already had our first dinner at a little restaurant at Dundouran (those of you who came to the Maryborough Convention will remember the place where we had our Sunday picnic) which is delightfully unconventional. After eating we were able to swim or go disco dancing. Not a one of us went swimming, but quite a few could be seen in "suspended animation" in the disco room.

Our next meeting will be a Cabaret on 7th April when we shall again go dancing for the evening, as well as acquiring headaches. A follow-up social is planned for the Hervey Bay Sportsman Club one Sunday evening and the Maryborough Apex Club have extended, en masse, an invitation to their forth-coming I.R. dinner for those of us that can last the distance on Saturday, 28th April.

We have planned a further trip to Round Island, a trip up the Mary Valley, an afternoon at Tuan Forestry Reserve, as well as a few other suggestions which we hope to have definite ideas on before long.

Our next dinner will be held on Saturday, 26th May followed by a Progressive dinner on 14th July when prospective Apex 40's will be invited. We have set our Handover Dinner date as Saturday, 5th September.

May Maryborough Club take the opportunity to congratulate all members of the National Executive on their re-election and we look forward to receiving our copies of the Roaring 40's when published.

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MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND APEX 40

Secretary - Lorraine Burgess  
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February dinner was held at the Beaconsfield Hotel, the 'half-way house' between Melbourne and Gippsland - as usual a rip-roaring time was had at this pleasant venue.

Also in February we had a pool party and barbeque at the Ritchie's chook farm. It turned out to be a cool night and only the youngsters braved the water - the oldies were content with pool on the green-top table.

Following the outstanding success of last October's 'Bingo' night, a repeat effort was held in April. Proceeds, which amounted to \$200, will go to the Nunawading and District Retarded and Spastic Children's Association - an appropriate charity in this year of the Child. With a 4 to 1 grant from the government, this will amount to a neat \$1,000 - not a bad effort for a cheap fun night out.

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WARRACKNABEAL F.A.C.

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We are, at the moment, in the throes of preparing for our Annual Fritzenfrocken to be held on Tuesday evening, 24th April. Venue is the local Town Hall which we decorate to resemble a German Beer Hall. Bunting, spears, swords, shields, flags draped round the walls, band rotunda and a large circular stall in the centre of the hall to dispense the 'grog'. We provide International and Australian beers, also a limited amount of wines. Food is arranged on trestles, served at 9.30 pm and includes decorated hams, turkeys, large fish, continental sausages, cheeses and of course salads, and a continuous coffee bar operates. Food is carved at the trestles. The band is from Melbourne and specialises in brass instruments and alternates dance music with German drinking songs. We cater for 300 guests.

All Club members and their wives 'dress up' in Tyrolean outfits, mingle with the groups of guests and encourage them to participate in the singing, etc. It is a very informal evening and its popularity can be gauged from the fact that we limit the number attending and it is booked out weeks beforehand. The cost is \$25.00 per double which includes all food and drinks. As you can imagine, we do not make a large profit, but everyone has a 'hell-ava' good time.

(Sounds like a Rorty old turn - better give us earlier notice next year Max!)

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DEVONPORT APEX 40

Secretary - David Mansfield  
35 Hilltop Avenue  
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April meeting will commence with a counter tea at the Hotel Formby, followed up with supper, etc at the Mansfield's.

Our first function for 1979 - a Sunday barbeque - was blessed with a fine sunny day; but only the President, Secretary and Treasurer turned up. Shortly after, a combined dinner proposed with Launceston Apex 40 at Deloraine was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of support!

If February was a bad month, we made up for it in March with about 20 members, plus some children, attending the Rort. What a rorty time we had, and we were pleased to be able to assist by providing refreshments for the Saturday night late show from the proceeds of Devonport Branch's raffle. It was a memorable weekend - unfortunately, we had to leave after the evening meal at the Colonial on Sunday to get back to work on Monday while the Melbourne members rorted on for their Labour (?) Day Holiday.

Our congratulations to President Arthur Boyce, Secretary Barry Baldwin and all the Launceston members for their efforts in organising such a great weekend, and giving us the opportunity to meet President Alan Kinder and the mainland troupe again.

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BENDIGO APEX 40

Secretary - Lola Morris  
 "Orana"  
 5 Mill Street  
 BENDIGO VIC 3550 (Phone (054) 43:2379)

At our February Meeting a family barbeque was held at the White Hills Botanical Gardens. Those present enjoyed it very much. A cricket match was held following lunch.

We had an attendance at our March Meeting of 27 people: 17 Financial Members, 6 Guests from Castlemaine, who are interested in forming a Club at Castlemaine, and 4 Prospective Members.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Cumberland Hotel.

Bendigo Apex Club asked for assistance at the Bendigo 5,000 Carnival held over the Labor Day Weekend in March. Six of our members were able to assist them.

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NUNAWADING APEX 40

Secretary - Jeff Mayne  
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Nunawading members continue to be active with a range of enjoyable meetings. A very pleasant Christmas gathering was held at the home of Barry and Shirley Oakley. A smorgasbord dinner with half a crayfish was a highlight of the evening. The billiard table was well used with a few of the ladies showing they also had a misspent youth.

The warm summer weather stimulated a desire in many of the male members - to test their skill at cricket of course. Practice batting and bowling at the private practice wicket at Bill and Elaine Smith's home was followed by a short swim in the pool. A BBQ meal finished a very relaxing (?) afternoon.

The standard of cricket was purely astounding. So much so, that a game against the young fellows of Nunawading Apex was held. The result? Somewhat confused but from an impeccable source it can be announced that the oldie's did the youngsters - by one run.

The next meeting, planned for the 21st May, is somewhat of a mystery. Where and What have yet to be announced, but whatever it is, the Nunawading Apex 40 members are sure to have themselves a good time.

1980 RORTY - "LET'S GET MATEY IN 1980"

A big thank you to Bendigo Apex 40 for offering to host next year's Rorty in the Golden City -aa Golden Rort!

In the hope of attracting more interstate Rorters it has been decided to hold it over the long-weekend which includes Anzac Day - Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April.

Bendigo members have already started planning for the weekend and invite all Apex 40 members to start planning now to join them in 1980.

1980 RORT - 25th to 27th April

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