

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the festive season rapidly approaches, I hope and trust that whatever function your branch has arranged for a Christmas break-up turns out to be a great success.

I would like to congratulate all new office bearers recently elected at their branch A.G.M. I was particularly pleased to see Lorraine Burgess and Jean Goff elected as President and Sec./Treasurer of Melbourne/Gippsland. In my opinion, the fact that these ladies were keen enough to nominate and accept these positions can only strengthen the bonds of our association.

As Anzac weekend will see the end of me as President and Alan as Secretary, and also Ron as extension Chairman, I would urge all branches to give consideration to Alan's comments later on in this "Roaring 40's" edition.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SECRETARIAL

All branches will have received by now a supply of Registration Forms for next year's Rort, to be hosted by Melbourne/Gippsland branch at Marysville, Vic. over the Anzac Day long weekend 22nd - 25th April, 1983.

Please arrange to distribute these to your members as soon as possible - if you have not already done so - as, what with the Christmas holiday break coming up soon, it will not leave long until 4th February 1983 which is the latest date that Registrations are required to be returned. The deadline for registration is critical to finalise bookings so please don't be late.

As like another great weekend for old Rorters and let's hope we see many fresh faces - although we can't guarantee they'll be fresh for the whole weekend. The theme for the weekend will be togetherness with plenty of opportunity to just get together and enjoy the company.

"LET'S HAVE A SPREE IN '83."

At the next Rort, all positions on the National Co-ordinating Committee will become vacant. Pres. Ern will have completed his two year (maximum) term and I will be bowing out (not before time!).

Our constitution - which we can hardly be accused of following rigidly - provides that "nominations shall be sought by the Secretary in time to circulate with the Notice of Meeting". In the past, we have not bothered to call for nominations before the Rort since we were always able to con someone to accept nominations 'from the floor' at the A.G.M. This has resulted so far in most senior positions going to Melbourne/Gippsland members, understandably of course as they have generally provided the bulk of members attending Rorts as well as initiating the organisation.

It has been decided, therefore, to adopt the constitutional procedure and call for nominations for 1983/84 which will be listed in the next issue of "Roaring 40's" to be published prior to the next Rort in early April.

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NOMINATIONS ARE HEREBY CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON THE APEX 40 NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT (2)  
SECRETARY/TREASURER  
EXTENSION CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2)

NOMINATION FORMS (PAGE 6 OF THIS ISSUE) TO BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN 20th FEBRUARY, 1983 TO -

Alan Kinder,  
Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40,  
34 Shafer Road,  
BLACKBURN. Vic. 3130.

NAME BADGES - Branches ordering badges are reminded to send money (\$5 per badge) with orders. Free sample available on request - please advise name.

All the best for Christmas and the New Year -

Alan and Nola Kinder.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

BENDIGO

President: Ron Clarke	Secretary: Meryl Clarke,
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Our activities over the past few months have been dining out at a Chinese Restaurant, golf day and barbecue, and a week-end of fellowship with the city folk from Melbourne/Gippsland group.

Our thanks to all members who arranged billets, the most enjoyable evening at the Swagman Restaurant, rounded off with a barbecue on the Sunday, at the home of Lois and John Ritchie.

On 27th November, our members are travelling to Daylesford for an evening at "The Austrian Inn", looking forward to a great night with authentic Austrian food and music.

Our last get-together for 1982, is to be held at Lois and Bob Stanfords' home. Commencing with a barbecue at noon followed by a short business session, annual report and election of office bearers. Our membership is 35 with 6 new couples very interested in joining.

Although, at time of sending off this report, it is still many weeks before Christmas - may I on behalf of Bendigo members, wish one and all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

MARYBOROUGH

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Our membership has grown by 5 couples since the annual Handover dinners of the 2 Apex Clubs in Maryborough. Welcome into the

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Club our new Apex 40 members.

Our Handover dinner was most successful with the majority coming along in fancy dress, and those who didn't felt the "wrath" of the Sergeant at Arms. After a jovial fines session by Herb Neil (stories true or false only the guilty and innocent know!) our bank balance looks healthy. The Christmas break up is to be a chicken and champagne breakfast at Brian and Lyn Frederiksen's on 12th Dec. We are looking forward to this, not only because our last was such a success, but for a rest before the 1983 year gets into swing as Graham has an interesting line up of social events for the Club. We might be growing old but we're not growing lazy.

To our fellow Apex 40 members, we wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

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MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND

President: Lorraine Burgess 16 Bullen Street EAST DONCASTER. Vic. 3109 (03) 848 1777	Secretary: Jean Goff 985 Centre Road. STH. OAKLEIGH Vic. 3167 (03) 579 5275
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As you can see by the above we are under new management but hope to get continued support from our members - at least we are off to a good start - 66 members have booked in for our pre-Christmas dinner at Bundy's tavern at Monbulk.

We are still recovering from the invasion by Bendigo Apex 40. Sixteen of them descended on us in October, some being billeted with our members and others with their relations. We had dinner at "The Swagman" who forgot to allow for middle-age spreads when setting the tables. However, the company was great and the food plentiful as long as one didn't collapse while waiting in the queue. The high-light of the weekend was the barbecue at Lois and John Ritchie's Chook Farm, where we could really relax and enjoy each others' company. Shirley Harvey is not allowed back unless she brings more pavlovas next time.

Other Branches should have their registration forms for the Rort by now. We are looking forward to seeing you at Marysville. We have booked the entire Mary-Lyn Guest House in hopes of your support. Please assist us by registering well before the deadline - 4th February 1983.

Christmas greetings and best wishes for '83 (Let's have a Spree!) to our friends throughout Apex 40 from all at Melbourne/Gippsland.

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MORELLA

President: Greg Spencer 80 Salisbury St. INGLEWOOD. W.A. 6052 (09) 2712058	Secretary: Len Rankine 18 Headley Place. BAYSWATER. W.A. 6053 (09) 2794582
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Western Australia's APEX 40 MORELLA CLUB has been going for over twelve months. First Apex 40 Club in this state. The name MORELLA comes from the MORLEY and DIANELLA, which are suburbs of PERTH...WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Our first meeting was held on 10/9/1981. We have just had our eleventh meeting on 2/11/82. Our membership now stands at eighteen, including five ladies.

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President Greg Spencer, who is our inaugural President, has done a lot of work to get this W.A. Club under way, and has achieved the following:

1. 18 members.
2. A club T/shirt, white with a royal blue collar and stripe on the sleeve, and the Apex 40 emblem on the pocket. Looks very smart, too.
3. Club badges are being worn by members.
4. Raised funds at local Morley Fair 1981, \$188.00 plus \$50.00 donation, re some service work.
5. Attended other local Clubs (Apex), to help with service days.
6. Cooked for over 300 adults at the Zone 4 Convention run by Morley Apex, while ladies ran the bar at the same lunch venue.
7. Held social outings. One was a tour of W.A.'s Swan Brewery at which 98 (yes 98) people attended on 2/2/1982. Fabulous evening. A.G.M. Dinner 3/4/1982, 17 present plus other dinners out and attending Apex District Fun Day. On 23/10/82 Morella held it's first Progressive Dinner. Theme was "Mad Hats". At which Secretary Len Rankine wore a western hat with a pair of binoculars on the front and a toilet roll attached to the back, caption for his hat was "Gone to the Trots". His wife by the way had a pair of gloves on her hat, holding a large red balloon between the gloves with the caption, "It takes two hands to handle a Whopper"????? Christmas Party on 5/12/82 is to be a Champagne Breakfast, what a great way to start a day. Merry Christmas to all Roaring 40's readers.

Nominations are in for our office bearers for the following 1983/4 year.

Apex 40 (Morella) is an on going Club here in the West. We would like to extend a WELCOME to any Eastern States visitors who happen to venture this far west, to contact President Greg Spencer or Secretary Len Rankine and wife Jan, or any other members and enjoy some fine fellowship with our members.

#### SUNRAYSIA

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Annual Report of Past-President Norm Deering:

Dear Members,

How the time has flown since we first met at the "Grand" and really what a wonderful 12 months it has been in renewing past friendships and establishing new ones, especially with the ladies as equal members. Your executive resolved and you concurred to hold meetings every 2 months and I'm sure this has been a success and has seen plenty of variety - both venue and type.

It goes without saying the highlight of the year was the "annual Rort" held in June. Although not able to compare our effort with previous "Rorts" your organising committee was more than pleased with the result and our National President Ern was very complementary in his thanks to us all. Please keep in mind the '83 "Rort" to be held on the Anzac weekend. Full details will be advised when they come to hand - it will have to be a wonderful weekend so be sure to make a real effort to attend.

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Looking back on our years meetings - I feel they were all successful and that means being enjoyed by all attending. The first couple at Mildura Golf Club - the next at the "Grand" was a real success - a combined dinner with Mildura Apex Club. The day at Chaffey's Landing and our trip to the Hattah Lakes - probably a programme that will be a hard act to follow in the next 12 months.

Our Membership continues to increase and now stands at 85 - but don't be backward in seeking out new members - all the more the merrier.

I think our past 12 months of enjoyment were the more successful because we had a goal to achieve - the "Rort". It was a good binder, so I wonder if we can continue to be a happy and successful club without a bind. I suggest that with all the talents and obvious experience the club can muster we could perhaps do one worthwhile altruism each year. That could be the bind we need. However, having said all that I would not, repeat not, support any move for "Apex 40" to become another service club.

In closing I would sincerely thank the executive of the past 12 months - Shirley West (Treasurer) Pauline Forster (Wentworth) Neville Kirwin (Merbein) Gordon Wake (Red Cliffs) and last but with special thanks to Jim Banks (Secretary & "Vintage Vine" editor) who has set such a high standard in this dual role. Also thanks to Mike Israel and Les John who came on the committee to help with the "Rort". Thanks to you the members for your support at all times which has given both Pat & I one hellava lot of fun over the past 12 months.

Norm.

WARRACKNABEAL F.A.C.

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Warracknabeal Former Apexians Club meets every six weeks, generally on a Monday night.

Our special function each year is a "Fritzenfroken", for which we engage a German Band, serve an excellent smorgasbord meal and provide a wide variety of beer for tasting. With the profit from this night donations are given to various worthwhile organisations in our town.

It is with regret that we mention the loss of one of the F.A.C.'s most valued members. Miles Bourke passed away on 11.10.82 at Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne, following a heart attack; he was 56 years old. Miles moved the motion that our Club be named the F.A.C.'s - Former Apexians' Club - not only was he an inaugural member, but has held the position of President as well. He will be missed not only in our Club but as a member of our Community as well. He is survived by his wife, Ida, his son Carron, his daughter Claire, and a grandson.

We are sorry to be losing Jack Albers from our midst. Jack, with his wife, Helen, and son Chris., are moving to Bateman's Bay. Jack was our Club's first President.

Membership at present stands at 20, with an average of 14 attending our Dinner Meetings.

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Alan Kinder recently spent an enjoyable weekend at Rich River Country Club, Moana, N.S.W., playing golf and the "pokies" with fellow members of his betting syndicate (\$2 a week - not likely to make anything favorite!)

Also there enjoying the machines and the malt were David and Barbara Dickenson (Melb./Gipps and Waverley) with a group of friends.

Out on the course on the Sunday morning, Alan's four called a couple following them to play through - turned out to be Ron Gove, ex-President Warracknabeal F.A.C. and wife.

Small world!

IT'S SURE TO BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN .....

You wake up face-down on the pavement.

Your car-horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway.

You see "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.

You turn on the news - they are showing emergency routes out of the city.

Your income tax cheque bounces.

You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

Did you hear about the cement mixer that collided with a police van?

They're looking for half a dozen hardened criminals.

Did you hear about the ship carrying a cargo of blue paint that collided with another ship carrying red paint?

The crews were marooned!

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APEX 40 NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE  
NOMINATION FORM - 1983/84

.....(Name)

of ..... BRANCH

IS HEREBY NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF

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Signed .....(Member)

.....(Member)

I accept the above nomination .....(Nominee)

PLEASE FORWARD TO = Alan Kinder, Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40,  
34 Shafer Road, Blackburn. Vic. 3130.  
NOT LATER THAN 20th FEBRUARY, 1983.