



This amount has come from 11 branches plus 3 donations from other contacts of Pres Ern, as follows:

Bendigo Apex 40	-	\$100
Launceston District Apex 40	-	\$ 60
Maryborough	" "	\$ 90
Melb./Gippsland	" "	\$200
Morella	" "	\$100
Nunawading	" "	\$ 50
Orbost	" "	\$110
Stawell	" "	\$102
Sunraysia	" "	\$200
Warracknabeal F.A.C.	-	\$150
Waverley R.A.W.	-	\$ 20
Delwood Bldg. Supplies	-	\$126
R. D. Jones	-	\$ 30
A & E. M. Jones	-	\$ 50

All donations received have been sent on as they were received via the Apex National President's Bushfire Appeal which was set up specially to accept donations for victims of the recent fires.

Your generous support for this appeal is appreciated.

ALAN KINDER.

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EXTENSION

Word has just been received that a new branch of Apex 40 has been formed in Bundaberg, Queensland. Maryborough members have been working towards this end for some time now and their efforts have obviously shown a result. The branch was formed at a meeting called by Bundaberg Apex Club and office-bearers elected were Ken Ryan, President; Don Sparkes, Secretary; Joan Dunn, Treasurer.

Best wishes to all members at Bundaberg - welcome to Apex 40; our sixteenth branch.

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BENDIGO

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Our November meeting took the form of a bus trip to Daylesford where 35 members wined, dined and danced at the Austrian Inn.

December saw our Annual Meeting being held at the Stanfords. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by 23 members and their families who joined together for a barbecue lunch and frolic in the pool. New office bearers were elected, these being President Bob Stanford and secretary/treasurer Lois Stanford.

Our next meeting was held in February at the home of Elayne and Mal Andrews. After a short meeting to plan our itinerary for the coming year a fun game of billiards was played followed by supper.

During the past few months we have been happy to welcome to our club the following new members - Bev. & Alan McCaig, Nola & Ian Nankervis, Shirley & Doug Stevenson, Bev & Laurie Leeson and Bev & Alan Clements.

Those of us who are going to the Rort at Marysville are certainly looking forward to "Having A Spree in '83" and we wish the Melbourne/Gippsland club a very successful week-end.

We are still taking REGISTRATIONS FOR THE RORT. Present number attending 43. We would like to make this at least 70; so come along and join us and have a wonderful weekend making new friendships and cementing the old.

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MORELLA

Morella branch held its Annual General Meeting on 19th March and the following new office-bearers were elected:

President: Ian Foss, 19 Hamilton Road,  
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STAWELL

President: Bill Davis  
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Bill and Marilyn were elected as office-bearers at our annual meeting on 24th February.

The year has passed quickly with enjoying our dinner meetings at several different venues. The highlight of the year being a trip to Barham-Koondrook in November. Several members enjoyed the weekend, and it enabled up to pay a return visit to two of our members living in the area. It wasn't hard to pass the time, particularly if one had plenty of coins.

We enjoyed several barbecues that weekend, out to dinner at the R.S.L. Club, and of course attacked the poker machines at night.

The new office bearers seem to have plenty in hand this year to keep us on the go, so we will all be looking forward, with enthusiasm to the next 12 months.

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SUNRAYSIA

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This is always a quiet period for Sunraysia group with most of the district involved in the grape harvest and drying fruit. Most dried fruit should weigh well with the dust we've had.

Our last mini-rort was a cruise on the M.V. Loyalty from Wentworth - a 23 seater bus carted the Red Cliffs and Mildura starters over to Wentworth and home again whilst the Merbein, Dareton and Wentworth people had to find their own way home.

This was the lightest attendance we have had for a function (about 30 starters) but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of those stalwarts. The cruise up the Darling for dinner on the river bank - and the subsequent sips of cheer - was a great start to the evening.

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MARYBOROUGH

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We've had a great start to the year with a well attended barbecue at Graham and Ann Gauld's new residence in the country and a pleasure to see some folk who are retiring from Apex this year joining in our activities in preparation for their joining Apex 40 shortly.

Last night seven members travelled to Childers to meet seven members of the newly formed Bundaberg Apex 40 branch. A big welcome to these folk and by all accounts it won't be too long before Maryborough and Bundaberg will not be the only 2 Apex 40 branches in Queensland. It's a nice feeling to have another branch so near.

At our next meeting on 22nd March, we will be making arrangements for our progressive dinner in early April. This has always been one of our most popular functions and eagerly looked forward to. We have several members who are top class chefs.

It's nice to know once you're old, you're not forgotten! The Maryborough Apex Club has sent us invitations to attend their I.R. Dinner and Progressive Dinner this year and we appreciate the thought.

We trust our fellow Apex 40 Members in Victoria who may have suffered through the bushfires are recovering from this ordeal. Our thoughts are with you.

MELBOURNE/GIPPSLAND

President: Lorraine Burgess, Secretary: Jean Goff,  
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We decided to make our first dinner meeting for 1983 a fund raising effort for the Rort. The Rort committee girls headed by Marj Flaherty and her daughter Anne put on an excellent 3 course meal. As the date was the 12th February we adopted a Valentine theme. Marj even made heart-shaped aprons for the girls to wear when waiting on the tables. The only disappointment was the numbers - we could have doubled our profit if we had had another 5 couples, however we had to settle for \$104. I might add Alan Flaherty was away overseas while all this was going on - you should go away more often Alan!

We had our pool party at the Goff household just one week too late. 22 turned up on the 12th March to a barbecue tea. We were fortunate that the fire ban was called off, but the lack of daylight saving and the sudden drop in temperature deterred anyone from entering the pool. Our president Lorraine and husband Charlie were celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary, and a little bird told us Lorraine would reach a very important age on Monday so we presented her with a cake and posy of dried wildflowers.

I think we have all been very conscious of the devastation and misery caused by the recent bushfires, floods and the ever present drought. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all members who may have been personally affected. We hope our donation of \$200 from the Club will help in a small way.