



ROARING 40's

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Once again, nominations for National Board was the usual torrid affair, with yours truly, Kevin Harvey and Garth Whitchurch, apparently the only nominees who did not decline fast enough.

I would suggest, as have Presidents before me stressed the point, to encourage past members of Apex to join our happy throng. As Jock Littler suggested last year, lets all try to spread the word to all Apex 40 members to make an effort to attend an Apex 40 'Rort'.

With Bendigo being the venue for the next 'Rort', the date has now been set for Anzac Day holiday extending to the following weekend, (25th, 26th, 27th, 28th April, 1985).

We hope this longer time of four days will encourage members from interstate to attend, and maybe have a holiday in our garden state at the same time. A full program of the 'Rort' will be published in the next "Roaring 40's", so start saving those new dollar coins -

"TO COME ALIVE IN '85"

Welcome to our newest club, Manly West (not far from Brisbane). Bill Jessop is President and by all accounts he has a very enthusiastic membership.

Ron Clarke.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT DEVONPORT GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 12TH MAY 1984 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

About 90 Rorters from Bendigo, Devonport, Launceston, Melbourne/Gippsland, Nunawading and Sunraysia plus 2 Members at Large Blue & Lola Wright from Somerset (Tas)

WELCOME AND
PRESIDENT'S
REPORT:

National President Jock Littler welcomed all in attendance at the 9th Annual Rort and thanked Secretary/Treasurer David Mansfield and Extension Officer Garth Whitchurch for their efforts during the year. He reported that we were delighted to have visitors from the mainland during the year and had welcomed 6 members from Sunraysia to a "mini rort" at Devonport in December.

SERGEANT
AT ARMS:

Alan Kinder was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.

GREETINGS:

A letter from Sunraysia branch was received conveying greetings and best wishes for a successful rort from President Michael Israel and members.

SECRETARIAL
AND
FINANCIAL
REPORTS:

1. Secretarial Report

- (a) Two issues of "Roaring 40's" were produced during the year in August and March.
- (b) About 50 more name badges were issued during the year. These are proving very successful particularly at our annual rorts. Alan Kinder will continue to arrange supply of the badges which can be ordered through club secretaries.
- (c) Annual Subscriptions - 12 branches (out of 15) had paid affiliation fees, also 2 members at large. Subscription rates had operated satisfactorily and should be continued as before. Due to the satisfactory financial position it did not appear necessary to continue with a minimum of \$20 per club.

2. Financial Report

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/5/83 to 30/4/84

OPENING BANK BALANCE

363.35

RECEIPTS

AFFILIATION FEES FROM BRANCHES 1983/84

Bendigo	\$ 17.00	
Bundaberg	20.00	
Devonport	27.00	
Launceston	20.00	
Maryborough	23.00	
Melbourne/Gippsland	50.00	
Morella	20.00	
Nunawading	20.00	
Stawell (2 years)	40.00	
Sunraysia	48.00	
Waverley	20.00	
Warracknabeal	20.00	
Members at large		
Peter Dawson	2.00	
Arthur Holden	2.00	329.00

Bank Interest (S.I.A.)	67.72	
Bank Interest (Current A/C)	6.23	
Excess on Name Badges	<u>26.00</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		428.95
Postages/Telephone	63.20	
Printing Roaring 40's	92.10	
Stencils/Paper	23.00	
Cheque Book	7.50	
F. Debits Tax	1.20	187.00
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		241.95
RORT CONTINGENCY FUND		424.00
CLOSING BANK BALANCE		<u>\$1029.30</u>

ANNUAL
SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Moved David Mansfield seconded Rosemary Fraser that subs for 1984/85 be payable at the rate of \$1 per single or double with members at large \$2.

An amendment by Jean Goff seconded Ern Butler that there be a maximum of \$50 per club included in the motion was carried.

EXTENSION
REPORT:

Extension Chairman Garth Whitchurch reported on developments during the year. It was hoped that interest by Chris Trevor-Jones in Brisbane will lead to the formation of a club.

1985 RORT:

Don Kennedy (Bendigo President) offered to host the 1985 Rort. Seconded by Ern Butler and carried unanimously.

Kevin Frazer drew attention to the suggestion from Morella club (W.A.) that consideration be given to having the 1988 Rort in Perth to coincide with the America's Cup. About 22 members indicated their interest in attending.

WIZZY TROPHY:

It was decided to hold this over till Sunday (Won by Jean Matthews, Devonport)

ELECTION OF
APEX 40
NATIONAL
COMMITTEE:

President - Ron Clarke (Bendigo) nominated by Ern Butler, seconded John Ritchie

Secretary/Treasurer - Kevin Harvey (Bendigo) nominated by Ern Butler, seconded John Ritchie

Extension Officer - Garth Whitchurch (Melbourne/Gippsland) nominated by Ern Butler, seconded John Ritchie

GENERAL
BUSINESS:

Norm Deering (P.P. Sunraysia) wrote suggesting we have a lapel badge.

Moved Jim Banks seconded Helen Gaffney that we have a lapel badge. Moved Don Addison seconded Alan Kinder that this be referred to the incoming committee for investigation. CARRIED

INCOMING
PRESIDENT:

Ron Clarke thanked members for the opportunity to be National President and looked forward to a successful year.

MEETING CLOSED 7.50 PM

"ON WITH THE RORT"

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Friday

Among the welcoming party at the airport on Friday night were the earlier arrivals, Jim & Melva Banks (Sunraysia), Ian & Helen Gaffney, Max & Jean Reid, John & Kath Buchanan (Melbourne/Gippsland). After much kissing and handshaking the visitors were transported to the Formby Hotel. Following registration and distribution of goodie bags, supper was eagerly devoured. Sales of windcheaters with map showing Tassie on top of Australia boomed with over 40 being sold.

A film of an Ulverstone Apex Club "working bee" made about 15 years ago was thoroughly enjoyed by the 75 members attending. Glad we didn't end up like the Apexian who turned 40 or the International relations visitor from Saudi Arabia.

Saturday

Heavy rains during the night and early Saturday upset the pre arranged golf and 16 disappointed golfers didn't get a game. Fortunately the sun broke through mid morning and many of the Tassie windcheaters were seen in the city mall. Lunch at the Elimatta Hotel on the banks of the Mersey river was a drawn out affair!

8 Rorters watched Devonport win the footy whilst a bus load proceeded through the rich agricultural Edgell country gardens of Kindred, Sprent and Gawler with its cash crops of Potatoes, Cauliflowers and Brussell Sprouts. A stop at the "bottom" hotel (River Arms) at Ulverstone proved popular with its photographic displays in the bar and its souvenir beer packs.

From the "Weeda" copper factory, several Rorters were observed boarding the bus with early Christmas presents.

About 90 members sat down to a very enjoyable dinner at the Devonport Golf Club preceded by the A.G.M. Disc Jockey provided dance music and we were entertained by Angela and her troupe, periodically interjected by Ernie.

Sunday

First stop on our bus trip to Launceston was Deloraine by the Meander river at Bonneys Inn, (a 19th century Georgian coaching inn) for hot scones and coffee. The history of the inn with its ghost was related by the host in period dress.

About 62 rorters enjoyed the smorgasbord lunch at Launceston's Country Club Casino (An invitation to attend the International floor show at a special cut rate was eagerly accepted and enjoyed by all).

At least one mainland visitor left with his pockets full after visiting the gaming room.

On return via the Exeter Highway we visited the Swiss village of GRINDLEWALD with its chalets on large allotments and fine views of the Tamar river.

Last stop before returning to Devonport Airport was Bradley's Lookout overlooking the Tamar River. Fond farewells were said at the airport before the weary revellers boarded their jet to return to Melbourne.