

THE GREAT 8 APEX 40 CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Robyn's Ravings

Hi Everyone,

As I write this, Christchurch NZ is a disaster zone, with many lives lost and casualties unknown. I watched many acts of heroism during news broadcasts today, I'm sure that everyone's thoughts are with our fellow Roundtablers in Christchurch in their time of crisis.

On a lighter note, great to hear that the Foster weekend was a success and that those attending had a relaxing time. Thanks for the report Trish, thanks for organising the weekend Richard & Marilyn, sounds like you arranged another great weekend!! Great to hear that Dave Taylor has had a good report from his specialist & doesn't have to go back for 6 months!

We have had a change of venue for our breakfast meeting, see details elsewhere in the DN. Thanks to Graham & Lyn for organising the next meeting venue.

At the next meeting we will be discussing our 20th Birthday - if anyone has ideas, thoughts or suggestions please bring to the next meeting (with some details) to vote on. Day or Night? Formal/Informal/Cocktail? Maitland or ????, Official Guests and/or old friends? Many may remember our 10th anniversary at a formal night at Mansfield's in Maitland, Leon Squires was then National President, we were welcomed by the Mayor, the then present Apex DG proposed the toast to Apex 40, several Apex clubs were represented, we had a cake, and raffles. We had almost as many apologies as acceptances but we celebrated well!

Maitland Library has it's 2011 'Look who's talking' calendar out - if anyone is interested in going to an evening look on the website maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/events . Gilmore's and Thorley's have already expressed an interest in some of the programs which include a local history section as well. We are attending "Washed Away : the 1955 Maitland Flood' by historian Peter Bogan (who was on ABC's Insight Program tonight) on Thursday night at the Maitland Gaol. The next night of interest will be at Maitland Art Gallery on 25 March with satirist Jonathan Biggens, author of *'The 700 habits of highly ineffective people'* and *"... ineffective parents'* - unfortunately we can't go that night!

Looking forward to catching up for breaky, see you all then

Robyn



PROGRAM

MARCH Sunday March 6th Breakfast at Bolwarra Café
22 Paterson Road, Bolwarra
9.00 am

Sunday March 6th Breakfast

I was informed by management this week that Shannanigans no longer have a Sunday breakfast. We are now booked in at Bolwarra Café, 22 Paterson Road, Bolwarra. Travel through Lorn, over the levy bank, across the flood plain and back up the levy. The Café is on the left nearly opposite Mother Goose Childcare Centre. Breakfast has been booked for 9.00 am at the back of the Café. Food can be ordered on the day from the menu.

For those interested there will be an opportunity to go to Telarah Bowling Club after breakfast where we can have a game of Bowls and Croquet. All you need for Croquet are flat shoes and a hat. If you have a set of lawn bowls please bring them. Drinks, food and other facilities available at the Club.

Please let me know by phone (0412 532 568) or Email(gralyn52@bigpond.com) if you will be attending on the 6th March. I will need to know numbers for the breakfast and also for bowls/croquet at Telarah Bowling Club.

APRIL Golf at Kurri Kurri.??

MAY ???

JUNE APEX 40 20th anniversary. ??

Report on the Foster Weekend Friday 11th –Tuesday 15th February 2011 Courtesy of Trish

The Kinghams, Rickey's and Taylors all arrived at the Tuncurry Beach Caravan Park at lunchtime on Friday, to a bright sunny day. Quickly setting up and heading down to the Rock Pool.

We swim and splashed contentedly in the lovely crystal clear "shark safe" water all afternoon, Col and David were talking about southern rights and humpbacks as Janine and I were getting out of the water, don't know what that was about?

That evening we enjoyed a BBQ onsite with the Preston's and the red wine flowed well, as did the food, cooked to perfection by the boys.

Marilyn and Richard are both well, and had put together a suggested itinerary for our perusal.

On Saturday, some shopped, some ate cream buns, and again we enjoyed the rock pool and just relaxing around. Lots of talking, not only by me!

Saturday night we dined at the Tuncurry Bowling club, table being organized by the Preston's. This was al la carte and nobody left hungry. Marie diligently stuck to her reduction diet, others didn't

Sunday we had a cooked breakfast at Julliennes Coffee Café (friends of the Preston's) and the savoury mince was a big hit.

Next we girls went off to the markets; I bought a nice crocheted top and handy carry basket. Janine and I languished our way through a 20 minute neck and shoulder massage for \$10. Oh ! the look on our faces was priceless.

Then back to the rock pool to cool off and exercise. Some slept.

Sunday the Rickey's had to depart to work the next day with their (jealousy) lovely big van.

That afternoon the weather turned and it started to rain, we didn't care, it was nice to read, talk and sleep.

Dinner that night for 6 of us was at the Sporties at Tuncurry. Unfortunately being Valentines Day it was a little crowded but we eventually were fed. After a couple of hours listening to some old country/ easily listening music by a man (forgot his name.)

Taylor's even were on the dance floor trying to remember what it was about.

We won the meat raffle, which contributed to the BBQ Monday night at Preston's home.

Thank you to Marilyn and Richard for organizing the weekend, and for Richard's chief expertise at the BBQ.

I hope more people are available to attend next year. I know there were some genuine reasons for not attending, but we had a ball last year and again this year.

Returning home much refreshed.

Trish Taylor

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Birthdays

Robyn Thorley	25th January
Barbara Humphries	2 nd March
Colin Kingham	4 th March
Trevor Green	29 th March

Wedding Anniversaries

Richard and Marilyn Preston	14 th March
Leon and Cheryl Squires	24 th March
Colin and Marie Kingham	3 rd March

If I haven't mentioned your birthday or anniversary I haven't got it so please let me know by phone or Email. (0412 532 568) (gralyn52@bigpond.com)

Joke

So Paddy asks, "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"
To which Murphy replies, "Well, if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the f...in boat."

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When I was young I used to pray for a bike, then I realised that God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and prayed for forgiveness.

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A little boy went up to his father and asked, "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?"
His father replied, " Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, because I still have mine."
