



**2008/2009 ANNUAL REPORT**



**APEX 40 NEPEAN VALLEY  
(SYDNEY WEST)**

**EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
(2008/2009)**

**19th NOVEMBER 2009**

**AGENDA**

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### AGENDA

**APEX 40 NEPEAN VALLEY – AGM No. 8**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

- The Presidents Report – Keith Miller
- Budget – Bryan Spencer
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- Social – Louise Rumble
- Membership Liaison – Joyce Leavett-Brown
- Dinner Notice – Ken Wright
- General Business
- Closure
- Fellowship
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- Elections – Announcement of Board 2009/2010
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary/Treasurer
  - Social
  - Dinner Notice
  - Membership Liaison



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# President's report



### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for Apex 40 Nepean Valley.

Another great Apex 40 year of fellowship under the direction of our Social Coordinators Louise & Garry Rumble. Thank you again Louise & Garry for providing us with a variety of functions to achieve "Continuing Fellowship".

### 2008/2009 FELLOWSHIP SUMMARY (What did we do?)

MONTH	FUNCTION	LOCATION
November	Lunch	Norman Lindsay Gallery Springwood
December	Xmas function	Home of Ken & Janice Wright
February	Brunch	Nepean Rowing Club followed by walk along "The Great River Walk"
March	Visit to Careflight Facility	Westmead – Tour &Talk and BBQ
March	National RORT	Wyong NSW
April	Picnic Lunch & Visit to "Born to be Wild" Exhibition	Regatta Park Emu Plains and Lewers Gallery
May	Morning Tea and visit to Cinema	Post Office Café Wentworth Falls followed by a visit to The Edge Cinema at Katoomba
July	Lunch	Coffee Club Tench Reserve Penrith
September	Lunch	"Casserole Capers" at the home of Barry & Joyce Leavett Brown
October	Zone 9 Reunion	Bathurst

A special thankyou to all those members who supported some or all of the functions.

### NATIONAL RORT – WYONG (NSW)

A small contingent from Apex 40 Nepean Valley headed off to the annual "RORT" in March 2009 at Wyong NSW

Barry & Joyce Leavett-Brown, Bryan & Bonny Spencer, Keith, Racheal and Scott Miller all made the effort to travel to Wyong to experience another great RORT.

Ken Wright was announced as the winner of the "Penultimate Dinner Notice Award" for the best National Dinner Notice. Congratulations Kenny boy.



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The 2010 National RORT will be held in Bendigo 3-5 May 2010. If you haven't been to an Apex 40 RORT, now is the time to schedule your annual holidays around this event. The RORT has a minimal business session with the emphasis on the whole event of Fellowship (just like a Zone or National Convention without all the business sessions).

### **ZONE 9 REUNION 2009 - Bathurst**

We hosted another Zone 9 Reunion at the Bathurst Goldfields Function Centre on Friday 16th – Sunday 18th October 2009.

This was another successful reunion, with 80 past Zone Niners and partners in attendance.

The weekend was great with good food, good fellowship and the privilege of being with other past Zone Niners.

We implemented a new feature on the Friday night of the reunion – the Zone 9 Public Speaking Repechage which included 4 speakers – Peter Moore from Forbes, Terry Dwyer ex Canobolas, Ann McGill (Katoomba) and our very own Janice Wright, who went on to win the contest. Congratulations Janice.

We made a small profit on this venture – refer to Bryan's Annual Report.

Special thanks to Ken Wright for all his efforts in putting together yet another high quality Zone 9 DVD, and for all his efforts with registrations, electronics, music etc.

We also had past Zone Niner Editor Mark Olsen produce a special edition of the "Zone Niner" magazine. This copy has been circulated to Board members and Past Zone 9 Presidents who could not make the reunion this year. Mark produced the "Zone Niner" at no cost to Apex 40 Nepean Valley, so we are most grateful for the kind donation made by Matthews Williams Solicitors at Forbes.

### **PENRITH MESS**

Ken Wright surprised us all with a Special Edition of the Penrith Mess newsletter on 1<sup>st</sup> April (April Fools day) - a flashback to the 70/s/80's where Penrith Apex regularly published the Mess as a fundraiser.

A great read and very topical. Ken was assisted by Bryan Spencer who wrote a couple of articles. Well done Ken – we look forward to another issue in 2010.

### **GENERAL**

Our very own Garry Rumble was awarded with an Order of Australia medal on Australia Day 2009 – Congratulations Garry & Louise.



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Joyce Leavett-Brown was inducted into the Penrith Wall of Honour Awards for her many years of community service contribution. Great work Joyce.

In November 2008, we lost a great Apex mate, Past Zone 9 President 1981/82 and member of Apex 40 Nepean Valley who passed away after a long battle with the “big c” – RIP Rhys – we all will miss you!

### THANKS

To our energetic Club Board, on behalf of all Apex 40 Nepean Valley members, we express our sincere gratitude for another year of enthusiasm. To the following Board members, we say;

- Garry & Louise Rumble – Vice President & Social Co-ordinator– thanks for all your help, guidance & support and for a fun filled year.
- Bryan & Bonny Spencer – Secretary/Treasurer – thanks again for your very thorough work and support.
- Barry & Joyce Leavett-Brown – For your sincere efforts showing the care and compassion to various members throughout the year.
- Ken Wright – Dinner Notice – Another interesting year of our Dinner Notice – the Nepean Valley Droppings!

Most importantly, we say thankyou to all our members for your support at either fellowship functions and/or for being part of Apex 40 Nepean Valley.

Once again, to Racheal and Scott, thank you both for all your support and enthusiasm. “Life is great, just enjoy yourselves” – and we hope you did!

For Continuing Fellowship  
Keith Miller  
President  
Apex 40 Nepean Valley – 2008/2009



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# Social director's report

It is with pleasure that I present my annual report for 2008/9.

Seven social functions were held this year.

In November we visited Norman Lindsay Gallery at Faulconbridge, where we enjoyed morning coffee, a tour of the house and garden. Lunch in the café was followed by a very informative tour of Lindsay's etching studio.

In December our Christmas Party was at the Wright's home, with an encore performance of the fun game of swapping Christmas gifts. Thank you Janice and Ken for your great hospitality.

At our "Back Into It" Brunch in February, we gathered at the Nepean Rowing Club for great food, great company and great conversation, and topped it off with a 'Great River Walk'.

In March we travelled to Westmead for a tour of the Careflight Helicopter Base. John Ebbott, Life Member Baulkham Hills Apex was our excellent guide and organiser of a delicious BBQ. We finished the night with President Keith presenting John with a donation to Careflight.

In May, the Ulysses Bikers were in Penrith in their thousands for their AGM. There was a special exhibition "Born To Be Wild" on at the Penrith Regional Gallery. So we had lunch at Regatta Park – joined by Vic and Daphne Ashby – then visited the gallery to see a very interesting show of motorbikes and all things related.

Also in May, we had a day in the Mountains. We met for coffee at Wentworth Falls, then up to Katoomba to 'The Edge' Cinema for an Imax view of Blue Mountains Wilderness. We explored the Tourism Expo stalls at The Edge, and then adjourned to Jack Thompson's pub, Hotel Gearin, for lunch and a bit of Jazz!

In July we gathered for a cosy Winter lunch at the new Coffee Club on the River, lots of good food and chat. Alan and Janelle joined us for coffee afterwards.

September saw another Casserole Capers at the home of Barry & Joyce Leavett-Brown – a very hot spring day, with a cooling breeze blowing under the balcony

Louise Rumble  
Social



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### APEX 40 NEPEAN VALLEY SECRETARY'S REPORT

One requirement of an Apex 40 Club in an Annual General Meeting must be held before the end of November. Believe it or not, but this is our 8<sup>th</sup> A.G.M.

Another requirement is as Secretary, I must submit names of members, along with a cheque to cover our affiliation fees (currently \$2.00 per member).

On Club level, I can report 6 Board meetings were held and thanks go to Janice, Joyce and Louise for their wonderful hospitality and suppers.

Club membership is unchanged from previous years, but on the “social front” we could do better at attending events. May I encourage all members to give support to as many social activities as possible. I believe events are the “glue” which holds the Club together.

To Louise and Garry, many thanks for organizing our social calendar; which I'm sure deserved greater attendance.

Ken, congratulations on winning the National “Dinner Notice” award. You are indeed our “Champion Editor”. **WELL DONE**

On behalf of everyone, I publicly offer much thanks and gratitude to President Keith. He remains an enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate advocate for Apex in general and our Apex 40 Club in particular.

To all members, please be involved in **YOUR** Apex 40 Club and let us all enjoy “continuing fellowship” in true Apex tradition.

Bryan Spencer

Secretary.



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**FINANCE REPORT 30th OCTOBER, 2008 - 19th NOVEMBER, 2009**

**Income:**

Membership Fees	400.00
A.G.M. Fines	18.00
Bank Interest	10.72
Social Dinners	360.00
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**Expenditure:**

Apex 40 National Fees	80.00
A.G.M. Guest Dinner	20.00
Penrith Salvation Army	500.00
Apex Foundation	500.00
Australian Red Cross	500.00
Careflight	100.00
Dinner Costs	270.00
Postage & Stationery	498.10
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	2,468.10
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Balance brought forward 29th October, 2008	\$5,126.98
Add income	<hr/>
	788.72
	5,915.70
Less expenditure	<hr/>
	2,468.10
Account as at 19th November, 2009	<hr/>
	\$3,447.60
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It is with pleasure I present this Finance Report for 2008 - 2009.

Bryan Spencer  
Treasurer



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**FINANCE REPORT: APEX ZONE 9 REUNION 16/18 Oct 09**

**INCOME:**

Registrations	15,808.00
Fines	116.05
Raffle (A)	300.00
Raffle (B)	265.00
Big 4 Refund	165.00
Donation	20.00

**EXPENDITURE:**

Bathurst Goldfields	12,452.50
Early Bird Refund	260.00
Apex Foundation Raffle	300.00
Country Lodge	315.00
Big 4 Caravan Park	175.00
Bus & Fuel	317.64
Refund - A. Mills	130.00
Refund - D. Knight	99.00
Refund - T. Knight	400.00
Refund - D. Marks	10.00
Refund - S. Miller	65.00
Refund - P. Garske	90.00
Refund - M. Olson	30.00
Prizes - Wine	78.00
Postage & Stationery	1,539.90

	<u>16,674.05</u>	
Reunion Total Income	16,674.05	
Less Total Expenditure	<u>16,262.04</u>	
Zone 9 Reunion Profit	<u>412.01</u>	
Bryan Spencer Treasurer		

16,262.04



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### MEMBERSHIP LIAISON REPORT

– **Joyce & Barry Leavett-Brown**

At the beginning of the year, we heard that Neil Williamson, our very first Treasurer for Apex 40, was not well and having tests. We sent Get Well cards and visited him and Sue throughout the year. He was able to get back to his beloved “farm” in the country occasionally, and in between hospital stays, he was at Werrington.

We had many interesting outings this year, and about 9-10 members attended each time.

In March, the project was the Blacktown Show, and we always hear back from the Blacktown Apex Club with thanks for our help with Car Parking etc. Our attendance each year is really appreciated.

In June, Janice Wright appeared on lunchtime television in a programme for new mothers, about helping babies to get to sleep. She was named “The Baby Whisperer”.

A card was sent to Jim Harris who had a back operation this year, from which he is recovering very well. Also, Ernie Campbell is gradually getting around easier after his knee replacement.

Ken and Janice Wright have joined Garry & Louise Rumble with motor-home trips away.

Lesley & Andrew Jarvis have been unable to attend many functions, but their help at the Blacktown Show was invaluable and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

Thank you to everybody who participated with Apex 40 Nepean Valley in 2009.



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### **Nepean Valley Droppings (NVD) - Dinner Notice Report 2008/2009**

It is with pleasure that I present my annual report for 2008/9.

During the year, including November 2008 and extending to November 2009, I have produced 10 Dinner Notices' on an almost monthly basis. Each edition includes the President's Prattle and an update on our next social function. At various times and when applicable we had further reports from Membership, Social, Treasurer and our guest Phantom Reporter. The print run of 26 copies (usually 2 double sided A4 pages) was posted in time to be received just prior to the next social event.

In addition to the 10 Dinner Notices, a special April 1<sup>st</sup> - Penrith Mess was produced with the help of Bryan Spencer.

The Nepean Valley Droppings again won the Annual Dinner Notice Award (The Penultimate Award) presented at the Apex 40 Rort on the Central Coast. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> time out of its 19 year history that we have received it.

To all those who supply me with articles and to the readers of the NVD – I thank you

Ken Wright  
NVD editor