

## XEPA Great Southeast Report October 2009

Since the Redland Bay Hotel Dinner in April XEPA Members have ventured to a number of venues for fellowship and entertainment. XEPA members also have met up with visiting Apex 40 Members from New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania (on their Annual Pilgrimage North) and also visited and have been visited by Wynnum/Manly Apex 40. Members had the pleasure of celebrating with well known Rorter Bill Jessop for his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



A small number braved inclement conditions to make the crossing of Moreton Bay to meet and have lunch at the Little Ship Club at The One Mile on Stradbroke Island. The bad weather had frightened some members away at the last minute. Others were weathering the aftermath of a big birthday party. Once the boat set sail for the island, the weather cleared and a great afternoon of fellowship followed.



Past Redland Apex member, Hilton (Noddy) Marsh invited Apexians and friends to come and see him perform with The Volcanic Rock Explosion at the Kedron Wavell Services Club. Some XEPA Members took up the challenge and were entertained with 3 acts of Rock Music from Australia, the USA and the UK.

XEPA members also joined with Redland Apex Club members and the renowned 'Survivor Camp' at the Gympie Music Muster held in the Amamoor Forest during the last week of August. Members camped out on Poulsen's Hill adjacent to the forest, for up to 9 days, and thoroughly enjoyed the wide and varied entertainment put on by the Gympie Apex Club. Moree Apex 40 members Mark and Rosemary Tramby joined in the fun at the Muster also.

The 2009 Redland Apex Club Changeover Dinner at the Capalaba Koala Tavern was attended by a number of XEPA members. James 'Bongo' Robertson was installed as Club President by State President, Richard Colwell. Club history was created when Melodie Petersen, (Mel) seasoned Gympie Muster Survivor, inducted as the first female member of the Redland Apex Club.



The Victoria Point Sharks Sports Club was another venue where the club met for lunch and an afternoon of fellowship.



Four members have booked into the Bendigo Rort and are organising a Pre Rort Tour from the Gold Coast with Club 41 visitors.

The next function is the XEPA's AGM and Afternoon Tea at Ney Road on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Members, their children, and guests are welcome to stay on for a BBQ Dinner afterwards if they wish.