

# **NATIONAL BOARD**



**A BODY OF AFFILIATED PAST APEXIAN GROUPS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2007-2008**

**APEX 40 HONOUR ROLL**

**List of Past Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers**

1976-1978	Lionel Mussell	Melb/Gipps VIC	Kevin Frazer
1978-1979	Kevin Frazer	Melb/Gipps VIC	Geoff Angus
1979-1981	Alan Kinder	Melb/Gipps VIC	Geoff Angus
1981-1983	Ern Butler (dec'd)	Melb/Gipps VIC	Alan Kinder
1983-1984	Jock Littler	Devonport TAS	David Mansfield
1984-1985	Ron Clarke	Bendigo VIC	Kevin Harvey
1985-1987	Brian Roach	Melb/Gipps VIC	Garth Whitchurch
1987-1989	Ian Foss	Morella WA	John Rowe
1989-1991	Kevin Huxham	Alstonville NSW	Noel McAuliffe
1991-1993	Neil Hookey	Melb/Gipps VIC	Sam McInnes
1993-1995	Glen Rossiter	Caloundra QLD	Andrew James
1995-1997	Garth Whitchurch	Melb/Gipps VIC	Brian Roach
1997-1999	Malcolm Clark	Wyong NSW	John Bowman
1999-2001	David Cameron	Redlands QLD	Ray Despot
2001-2003	Leon Squires	Moree NSW	Pam Swayne
2003-2005	Max Cheney	Melb/ N'Westers VIC	Wendy Smith
2005-2007	Bob McKernon	Redlands QLD	Marcie Irvin

**THE INVOCATION**

For good food  
And good fellowship  
And the privilege to be with friends  
We give thanks

**FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP**

**MINUTES OF AGM  
HELD AT HALLIDAY BAY, MACKAY  
SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2007**

1. The Chair, President Bob McKernon, opened the meeting at 1.30 pm, with a welcome to all Rorters as detailed on the attached list.
2. Secretary/Treasurer, Marcie Irvin, read the list of Apologies (see Addendum to Minutes). President Bob asked that the Apologies be accepted; moved Ian Foss (Perth) seconded Brian Fulmer (Maryborough). Carried. Special mention was made of Member of Wyong, Lynn Sawyer, who has had a severe stroke, leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to speak. Lynn was to be admitted to a Nursing Home at the time of the Meeting.
3. Acknowledgement of passed Members during the year recognized Gay Duncan of Moree Club. A short period of silence ensued in Gay's memory.
4. The Minutes of the previous AGM having been circulated were accepted as a true record on the motion of M. Clark (Wyong), seconded by A. Bach (Redlands), and Carried.
5. Correspondence - Inward
  - a. Letter from Rob Beveridge, Vice President, and Kaye Dixon greeting Rorters.
  - b. Letter from Trish Tonkin tendering her apologies for the meeting and greetings.
  - c. Two letters from Redlands Club accompanying cheques for repayment of Rort Float and payment of Rort Proceeds (\$1000 ea)

The Correspondence Inward was accepted on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by P. Swayn (Moree) and carried.  
Outward – NIL

6. ADOPTION OF REPORTS 2007
  - a. Presidents Report, moved by Bob McKernon that his report be accepted, seconded by B. Fulmer, carried.
  - b. Secretary/Treasurers Report moved by M. Irvin, seconded by B. Hegarty, and carried.
  - c. International Relations and Apex Liaison moved by Rob Noble, seconded by B. Clarke, and carried.
  - d. Financial Report moved by M. Bach, seconded by M. Cheney, and carried.
7. GENERAL BUSINESS
  - a. Confirmation of Perth as hosts for 2008 Rort and site of Rort activities. A cheque for \$1000 float was presented to I. Foss on behalf of Perth.
  - b. Nomination of Host for 2009 Rort. Two prospective Clubs were cited - Wyong and Bendigo. On a show of hands, Wyong was chosen on the understanding that this would be taken to their Committee. A possibility of the 2011 Rort being held in New Zealand was mentioned, again on the understanding that this was to be discussed with Club Committees

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- c. Golf Competition - Secretary Marcie presented New Rules for the conduct of the Apex 40 Golf Competition. It was suggested that Rule 7 be amended to read "The winning team will be the one with the lowest Nett Aggregated Score against the Par of the Course played." After more discussion it was decided by the majority to run the Competition under the new Rules during 2007.
- d. Des Clements (Wynnum-Manly) gave a brief presentation on the proposed Apex 40 Caravan Club, and advised any interested parties to direct enquiries to him.
- e. Rob Noble extended a welcome to New Zealand Clubs (IR & Apex Liaison) and a presentation of Banners made to:
  - 1. Andrew & Jenny Farr (Upper Hutt 41 NZ)
  - 2. Gavin & Jean Bridgman (Dunedin 41 NZ)
  - 3. Bruce & Sue McConnon (Palmerston North 41 NZ)
- f. Thanks were extended to Redlands Club for an excellent effort in organizing a Rort from long distance, which has been enjoyed by all.

### 8. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Malcolm Clark (Wyang) made a presentation of a Commemorative Book to the National Board printed to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Apex Malaysia, and spoke on the Tour to celebrate this anniversary.
- b. Paul Gallagher, Vice President Elect, Apex Australia, thanked the Board for the hospitality extended to the visiting Apex Executive Members, and extended apologies from President Phil Pregnell and also Rick Hose who had returned home prior to the Meeting. Paul thanked President Bob for his work in achieving the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Apex Australia and Apex 40. He also gave a commitment to attend future Rorts from the current Executive, and continuing the growth of understanding between the two Organizations. President Bob was then presented with a Tie and a Founders Medallion (no 138) as a memento and in recognition of his work during 2005-7.
- c. A warm welcome was extended to three newly Affiliated Clubs: -
  - Geelong Oasis
  - Millicent SA - to be known as MAC RAMS
  - Maryborough, with the inaugural President Brian Fulmer in attendance.
- d. A presentation by Kevin Huxham (Alstonville) on the coming Tour by UK Round Table Members detailing the itinerary of this home stay based visit from Caloundra south to Tasmania. 34 visitors are to be hosted by 10 Clubs.

### 9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- a. PRESIDENT -Rob Beveridge (Devonport) was nominated by Barry Richardson (Devonport), Seconded by Pamela Richardson (Devonport). Carried.
- b. SECRETARY/TREASURER - Pamela Richardson (Devonport) was nominated by Rob Beveridge (Devonport), seconded by K. Dixon (Devonport). Carried
- c. IR & APEX LIAISON - Sandy Harmer (Wyang) was nominated by Malcolm Clark (Wyang), seconded by B. Fulmer (Maryborough).

Carried.

- d. ROARING 40's EDITORS - Mary & Alan Bach are to continue and were thanked for their efforts over the past year.
10. Max Cheney spoke on behalf of Rob Beveridge on his election to the Office of President, extending a vote of thanks to President Bob McKernon and Secretary/Treasurer Marcie Irvin for their efforts over the past 2 years.
11. Peter Skirving (Devonport) accepted the Chain of Office on behalf of Rob and undertook to carry it safely to Devonport for Presentation to the new President.

The Meeting was closed at 2.15 pm with the call to the Next AGM at Perth on Sunday 5th May 2008.

#### ANNUAL AWARDS

Bullhorn - Best Skit- Redlands  
Penultimate - Best Newsletter - Grafton  
Boomerang- Next Rort Hosts - Perth  
Bill Cunliffe Attendance Award - Devonport  
Wizzie Award - Compromising Situation -Glenn Rossiter (Caloundra)  
Golf Competition - not conducted 2007

Letter received after AGM

M Flaherty Secretary Melbourne Gippsland – wishing all Rorters a great wonderful time in Qld.

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Perth Rort is upon us and how quickly a year disappears. Unfortunately, Kaye and I were unable to attend the Mackay Rort in 2007, which was hosted by the Redlands branch. We certainly missed the wonderful fellowship and company of all the rorters who attended.

Since becoming President, I have received newsletters from most Apex 40 branches. I have been enlightened as to how various branches function. Some operate on a more formal format, while others operate on a very casual basis. The Devonport branch, of which I am a member, is the latter and meets ad hoc. This seems to work very well for us and I am sure the formal monthly meetings, and anywhere in between, suits the style branch members want. So, the message is keep the newsletters rolling in and enjoy Apex 40 for its great fellowship, whether at branch level or attending Rorts or traveling around Australia.

During the year Apex 40 members hosted the 41 Club and Past Round Tablers of Great Britain and Ireland on a tour of the eastern states. I am sure members who had the opportunity to host or meet our UK visitors are all the richer from meeting them. It was obviously a great tour and thanks to Kevin and Liz Huxham on your efforts in making this tour possible.

Behind every President is a great Secretary and Pamela's dedication has made my position as President a much easier task. Thank you does not seem adequate for support and hours Pamela has given to this position.

Sandy has done an exceptional job as International Relations and Apex Liaison Officer. Thank Sandy, also, for your commitment and wonderful effort.

Many thanks to Mary and Alan Bach on producing Roaring 40's and Alan Padgham for managing the Apex 40 web site. The countless hours that you spend are certainly appreciated by all Apex 40 members.

**This is a wonderful organisation and every year it is fantastic to catch up with old friends and also to meet new ones. May it never end.**

**Rob Beveridge  
National President Apex 40  
April 2008**

## **NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am delighted to say that the number of financial branches has increased to 28, and Members at Large has increased to 10. We have a total membership of 998. Only one branch which was affiliated last year has not paid for the current year. A number of branches have paid retrospective fees to ensure continuity in membership. I must thank branch secretaries and treasurers for their response to my "harassment".

It appears from the attached Financial Statement that we have a deficit for this year. Actually we have an excess of \$940 as we prepaid the Wyong Rort Committee \$1,000. We also outlaid \$500 on lapel badges which will provide income over the next few years.

I attach a budget for 2008/2009. For the past few years the branch holding the rort has been asked to contribute \$1,000 towards the running of National Apex 40. The National Board considers this has put undue pressure on rort committees and that 16% of Apex 40 members are contributing an extra \$7 each year. We believe that all Apex 40 members should contribute equally to the running of National Apex 40. Therefore, I propose that each branch be required to contribute \$2 for each Apex 40 member (\$4 per couple an increase of \$1 per couple) and that the current limit of \$80 maximum per branch be removed. I recommend that there be no change to the affiliation fee of \$10 per annum for Members at Large.

This proposal will result in an extra \$500 income for the year. We have recently transferred a deposit to an interest bearing account which should contribute approximately \$200 per annum. As you will see from the attached budget I anticipate an excess of over \$1,000 for 2008/9. As the Wyong Rort is to be held in March 2009, the Bendigo Rort Committee will be presented with the additional Rort Float of \$1,000 at that time. For this reason it has been budgeted in 2008/9

The Wyong Rort Committee has submitted a proposed budget for the Rort in March 2009. They are also operating from the National Apex 40 Number 2 bank account. The Bendigo Rort Committee will be offered the same assistance. The Board thanks the Wyong Rort Committee for their collaboration.

The National Board has been supportive of one another in what has been a very interesting year. Telephone calls and emails have diminished the physical distances between us. The following people have all contributed to the proposed Constitution amendments: Rob, Bob and Sandy; Don and Wendy Smith, Alan Kinder, Alan and Mary Bach, Max Cheney, Bob Ireland and Brian Roach.

Stimulating, challenging, rewarding—these are some of the words I would use to describe my year. I look forward to meeting in Perth many individuals with whom I have formed a friendship via telephone or email. I particularly thank the branch secretaries who have worked in partnership with me.

**Pamela Richardson  
National Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40  
April 2008**

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & APEX LIAISON REPORT**

What a wonderful year of communication it has been and how could we have done it without email! Thank you to Redlands for another great Rort in Mackay – the Whitsundays was very relaxing.

We enjoyed the friendship and company of several Kiwis in Mackay and look forward to their return visit at this Rort in Perth. I have written and talked to Derek Johns, my counterpart in New Zealand, and we have been invited to hold a combined Rort in Nelson, New Zealand, in 2011.

Our Mass Tour to Malaysia to celebrate 50 years of Apex was another great journey of friendship, food and pride in our family of Apex and Apex 40. We met our Singapore Apex friends again and further cemented our new relationship with the National Board of Apex Australia.

Several clubs home hosted 34 members from 41 Club of United Kingdom and Ireland last November. It was a wonderful time of fun, frivolity and friendship and one couple will be returning to join us in Perth. Many thanks to Kevin and Liz Huxham for arranging this tour. I met my English counterpart, Ken Boden, who has been an enormous wealth of information. I am currently exploring further options with 41 Club International. There is a 41 Club here in Perth who have been invited to our Rort.

We have had contact with Apex 40 in the Philippines where they have approximately 50 members and are reviewing their guidelines on admission to enlarge their membership.

Darrol and I have attended our local Apex Club of Gosford and are supporting the Apex Reunion they are organising for June 2008. We are registered for the National Convention of Apex Australia in Toowoomba in July and look forward to renewing friendships made in Malaysia, Singapore and Australia.

I have enjoyed working with Rob Beveridge, Bob McKernon and Pamela Richardson over the last year and thank them for their support. Brian Roche has also been very helpful – thank you, Brian. Many thanks to my darling Darrol who is such a gem!

**Sandy Harmer**  
**International Relations & Apex Liaison Officer**  
**April 2008**

**PREVIOUS RORTS HAVE BEEN HELD AT**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>HOST CLUB</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
1976	Melbourne/Gippsland (Vic)	Ballarat
1977	Devonport (Tas)	Devonport
1978	Melbourne/Gippsland (Vic)	Croydon
1979	Launceston (Tas)	Launceston
1980	Bendigo (Vic)	Bendigo
1981	Maryborough (Qld)	Maryborough
1982	Sunraysia (Vic)	Mildura
1983	Melbourne/Gippsland (Vic)	Marysville
1984	Devonport (Tas)	Devonport
1985	Bendigo (Vic)	Bendigo
1986	Morella (W A)	Perth
1987	Alstonville (NSW)	Alstonville
1988	Riverland (SA)	Renmark
1989	Wynnum/Manly (Qld)	Brisbane
1990	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	
1991	Launceston (Tas)	Launceston
1992	Grafton NSW)	Grafton
1993	Guildford (W A)	Perth
1994	Melbourne/Gippsland (Vic)	Melbourne
1995	Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)	
1996	Wyong (NSW)	Wyong
1997	Sunshine Coast (Qld)	Caloundra
1998	Port Lincoln (SA)	Port Lincoln
1999	Bendigo (Vic)	Bendigo
2000	Moree (NSW)	Moree
2001	Heywood & Portland (Vic)	Hall's Gap
2002	Redlands (Qld)	Cleveland
2003	Sunraysia (Vic)	Mildura
2004	National Executive	Norfolk Island
2005	Devonport (Tas)	Devonport
2006	Nepean (NSW)	Penrith
2007	Redlands (Qld)	Mackay
2008	Perth (WA)	Perth