

NATIONAL BOARD



A BODY OF AFFILIATED PAST APEXIAN GROUPS

ANNUAL REPORT

2008-2009

APEX 40 HONOUR ROLL

List of Past Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers

1976-1978	Lionel Mussell	Melb/Gipps VIC	Kevin Frazer
1978-1980	Alan Kinder	Melb/Gipps VIC	Geoff Angus
1980-1981	Kevin Fraser	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 Swayn
2003-2005	Max Cheney	Melb/ N'Westers VIC	Wendy Smith
2005-2007	Bob McKernon	Redlands QLD	Marcie Irvin
2007-2009	Rob Beveridge	Devonport TAS	Pamela Richardson

THE INVOCATION

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

FOR CONTINUING FELLOWSHIP

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CICERELLOS,
FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY 3 MAY, 2008.**

1. The Chairperson, President Rob Beveridge, opened the meeting at 1:10 pm with a welcome to all Rorters and visitors.
2. President Rob read the following list of apologies and asked that these be accepted:

Charles and Marcie Irvin, Malcolm and Marian Clark, Alan and Marj Flaharty, Trish Tonkin, Jan and Ron Storay, David and Margaret Cameron, Rob and Helen Noble, Jock Littler, Len and Di McKay, Neville, Margaret, John and Sandra Bowman, Bob and Pam Hortle.

MOVED Peter Chessell
SECONDED Max Cheney CARRIED

3. The passing of former Apex 40 Members was acknowledged.
Rod French, Bill Porter, Di Mussell, Sam McInness
President Rob asked for a short period of silence in their memory.
4. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. These were accepted as a true record.

MOVED Brian Roach
SECONDED Peter Chessell CARRIED

5. Adoption of the 2007/8 Reports from the National Board.

5.1. President's Report.

MOVED Rob Beveridge
SECONDED Bob McKernan CARRIED

5.2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report.

MOVED Pamela Richardson
SECONDED Darrel Harmer CARRIED

5.3. International Relations and Apex Liaison's Report.

MOVED Betty Rossiter
SECONDED Bob McKernan CARRIED

5.4. Financial Statement.

5.5. Treasurer's Budget and Fee recommendation.

MOVED Gayl McKay
SECONDED Roz Chessell CARRIED

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6. Election of National Board.

PRESIDENT:	Rob Beveridge
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Bob Ireland
SECRETARY/TREASURER:	Pamela Richardson
APEX LIAISON & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:	Sandy Harmer

MOVED	Brian Roach	
SECONDED	Alan Kinder	CARRIED

ROARING 40's EDITORS - Mary & Alan Bach are to continue and were thanked for their efforts over the past year.

7. General business.

7.1. Wyong Branch was confirmed as Branch Host for the 2009 Rort. Darrol Harmer talked about the proposed itinerary for the Rort and the Post-Rort Tour. New Zealand invited Apex 40 to attend the 41's Annual General Meeting in June 2011. President Rob asked for a show of hands of those interested in attending and perhaps touring later. A number of people showed interest.

7.2. Bendigo Branch nominated as Hosts for 2010 Rort.

7.3. The modified Constitution was approved.

MOVED	Alan Kinder	
SECONDED	Don Smith	CARRIED

7.4. Wyong branch withdrew its motion regarding affiliation fees.

7.5. Brian Roach spoke of the need to liaise with Apex Australia to promote Apex 40.

8. President Rob welcomed the New Zealand contingent, members of Apex Australia (including Vice-President Paul Gallagher) and Round Table representative Paul Ankcorn. Both guests addressed the meeting.

9. The meeting was declared closed at 1.46 pm.

10. Presentations were made on Sunday evening.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Bullhorn	Best Skit	No entries.
Penultimate	Best Newsletter	MELBOURNE GIPPSLAND
Boomerang	Next Rort Hosts	WYONG
Bill Cunliffe	Attendance Award	WYNNUM MANLY
Wizzie Award	Compromising Situation	SANDY HARMER
Golf competition		DEVONPORT

Pamela Richardson
National Secretary/Treasurer Apex 40

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

How time has flown. The two years that I have been National President have certainly passed quickly. I have enjoyed my two year roll as National President and it does not seem to matter how old we are, we can always learn something new.

The changes to the Apex 40 Constitution at the last Rort in Perth were well received. From time to time we need to re-visit our Constitution as this enables us to make changes as we move on. I, for one, am pleased to see this, as it gives our organisation clearer guidelines for Rort and Post Rort activities. My many thanks go to all who were involved in this process.

It is wonderful to see new Apex 40 clubs being formed. A big welcome to Leeton, Curtis Coast, Adelaide Hills, Xepa Great South East and the re-formed Dandenong Valley and Portland after five (5) years. Perhaps we will be meeting a few of the members from these new clubs at the Wyong Rort.

I believe having the National President and the National Secretary from the one branch helps with the efficient operation of the National Board. Pamela, your dedication to the position of National Secretary has been above and beyond the call of duty. My many thanks to you for the outstanding work you have done and also thanks for being a great sounding board for me.

Once again Sandy has done an excellent job as the International Relation and Apex Liaison Officer. Quite a bit of travelling is involved in this position; but when one enjoys the job they are doing it certainly makes it so much more enjoyable. I am sure this applies in Sandy's case and it would be great to see her carry on this portfolio. Once again Sandy, thank you for a job very well done.

My thanks also to Alan and Mary Bach for the outstanding work you do on producing the Roaring 40's. Also thanks to our new web site manager Keith Haddon. The work done by these members is certainly appreciated by all Apex 40 members. I am sure we do not comprehend the countless hours that they spend keeping us informed on Apex 40.

Thanks also must go to Alan Padgham for the many years he managed the Apex 40 website. I hope Alan is having some well deserved R&R.

In closing I wish the incoming President and Secretary all the best for the next two (2) years.

To all members, have a great Rort at Wyong and to those who cannot be there I look forward to seeing you Bendigo.

MAY THE FRIENDSHIP NEVER END

Rob Beveridge
National President Apex 40
March 2009

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

As our financial year ends on 31 March, I have had to close the books on 16 March to present an interim report. I do not envisage the bank balance will change very much. I predicted in the budget last year that we should have a surplus of \$1,068. I am happy to advise that we have a surplus of \$2,415. Last year we had a deficit because we prepaid the Wyong Rort Committee \$1,000. So, effectively, the surplus this year is \$1,415.

The number of branches has increased to 33. However at this date two clubs have not paid registration fees. I have been assured these branches wish to remain affiliated. We have eleven members at large and a total membership of 984 (949 are currently financial).

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The National Secretary shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full name and address of every Member.

Membership may appear to have decreased over the last two years. Some branches comprise only ex-Apexians. Previously their partners were included as members. The National Apex 40 database now only covers affiliated members for public liability insurance.

VOTING RIGHTS

To be eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting of the Organisation, the person must be a financial Member of a financial Affiliated Branch, or financial Member at Large.

May I remind branches that our Constitution also states:

All branches are to hold an Annual General Meeting between 1 October and 30 November each year at which Office-Bearers are elected and Annual Branch Subscriptions set.

If all clubs followed this direction and forwarded their National Apex 40 registrations by 31 December the National Secretary/Treasurer would not have to spend many hours following up on unpaid subs. It is a demeaning task to do immediately following the Festive Season. I must once again thank branch secretaries and treasurers for their response to my "harassment".

I attach a budget for 2008/2009. I recommend that there be no change to the affiliation fees. Each branch is required to contribute \$2 for each Apex 40 member. Members at Large are required to pay \$10.

The Bendigo Rort Committee has submitted a proposed budget for the March 2010 Rort.

Stimulating, challenging, rewarding—these are still the words I would use to describe the past two years. I thank the branch secretaries, some of whom have been challenged by this technical age. They have overcome the conundrum. It is a joy to work with President Rob. He just smiles that big smile—"Don't you worry Pamela, it will all work out." He is also the person who told me this job wouldn't take much time!!!! Rob has thanked the people who have supported us. I also thank Alan Kinder for his mentoring.

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

March 2009

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & APEX LIAISON REPORT

The last two years have disappeared very quickly and the 2009 Rort is here! This portfolio has been a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and enhance our relationship with Apex Australia.

For International Relations, Apex 40 Australia now has our own entry in the International Directory of Club 41. This means you can make contact with Club 41 in many overseas countries where you might be travelling to enhance your cultural experience.

I have been involved in trying to provide moral support through Club 41 in Perth to the wife of an Englishman who had a stroke whilst there on holidays. Darrol and I have been tourist guides to English members and also to Peter and Jane Watts whom we home hosted on the UK bus tour and they returned last month to Sydney on the Aurora ship. Some French clubs were also assisted in contacting Apex in Singapore for a visit to that country.

We warmly welcome Apex National President, Paul Gallagher, and his wife, Vicki; Mick Godfrey, National Community Chairman, and Brian Drinkwell, W.A. State President, to our 2009 Rort.

Darrol and I have attended Apex National Convention last year in Toowoomba and NSW/ACT State Convention last month in Gosford where Darrol and 2 former Apexians were adjudicators for their public speaking competition involving primary school children. The speakers were simply awesome!

Two of our new Apex 40 clubs have been formed from the renewed friendship with Apex Australia and there is a possibility of another one in Wagga Wagga NSW where discussions are underway. Apex is serious about this reconnection and encourage us to participate at their conventions to promote Apex 40.

Thank you to Rob, Pamela and Bob – it has been a pleasure to work with you. Mary and Alan Bach are doing a great job with Roaring 40's and no (not much) harassment. Keith Haddon is a wonderful webmaster and to Alan Padgham – we are forever in your debt!

Sandy Harmer
International Relations & Apex Liaison Officer

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PREVIOUS RORTS HAVE BEEN HELD AT

YEAR	HOST CLUB	VENUE
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
2009	Wyong (NSW)	Forresters Beach

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