



# APEX 40

MELBOURNE – GIPPSLAND BRANCH

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## DINNER MEETING – No. 230

**Time:** 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm

**Date:** THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2012

**Venue:** CLAYTON BOWLS CLUB, Springs Road, Clayton, Mel 79 A4

**Cost:** \$20 per head. Drinks at bar prices.

**Bookings:** To Marj Flaherty by Monday 20 February. Phone 9802 7655.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope all members had an enjoyable Christmas and, now that 2012 has arrived, may I wish you all good health and happiness for the year ahead.

We had 24 members at our Christmas dinner meeting, which was somewhat less than last year but about what we are now averaging at our meetings. This being our Annual General Meeting saw me agreeing to continue in the role of President for another year, along with our long-serving and very efficient Secretary Marj and Treasurer Colin. A copy of my report for the year is included in this newsletter.

At the Christmas meeting we had a collection for Cottage by the Sea which raised \$200. To this we added \$7 which was left over from the "tote" on Cup Day and then added from Club funds to make a total donation of \$250. In a letter of thanks from Tony Featherston, General Manager, he thanked the Club for our very valuable ongoing support and said:

*"Cottage by the Sea is committed to providing quality, short term relief care for children whose families are experiencing extreme difficulties. This care is in a safe, enjoyable and relaxed holiday environment, and at the same time gives their families the opportunity to deal with their difficulties, secure in the knowledge that their children are being looked after by caring, fully trained professional staff. Each year more and more children are identified as being in need of our services, and we at the Cottage, relying totally on support such as yours, strive to continue to provide these children with a holiday experience and the opportunity to develop self-esteem, enjoy life's simple pleasures, learn new skills and make new friends."*

For a while it was thought that the Kinder Klassic golf day would not be held this year due to problems in getting lunch at Box Hill Golf Club but, after some good work by Mike and Garth, an alternative venue was found and the Klassic was played at Yarra Bend public course on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. A report by Garth on the day is in this newsletter. Thanks to Mike and Garth for again organising this day which has been going since 1983.

While our next dinner meeting is not until 23<sup>rd</sup> February, we have got this issue out early to remind members about our next social function which will be our annual visit to the Healesville picnic races on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not been before, please think about joining us this year as I am sure you will enjoy the day. Bring a picnic lunch, something to drink and a chair. We are always able to get a shady spot – under the trees just past the totalisator. Entry to the course is from the Healesville-Kinglake Road, Melway reference 269 J 12. Arrive any time after about 11.00 am.

Alan Kinder



### HEALESVILLE PICNIC RACES

**WHEN:** Sunday 5 February 2012  
**ENTER:** Via Healesville-Kinglake Road (Melway Map 269, J 12.)  
**WHERE AT COURSE:** Shady spot just past the totalisator  
**TIME:** Arrive any time after about 11:00 am  
**BRING:** Picnic Lunch, and a chair



## APEX 40

### MELBOURNE – GIPPSLAND BRANCH

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2011**

As we come to the end of the first term of my second time around as President of our Club, I must record my thanks to Marj Flaherty and Colin Speirs who have carried out the duties of Secretary and Treasurer for so many years now that we can't remember when they first took on those jobs. Where would we be without them? It is unfortunate, but a fact of life, that we have arrived at the stage where we have had to start recycling our Presidents. Sadly, it seems most unlikely that we can expect to get an influx of new members and perhaps we must face the probability that our branch of Apex 40 will eventually disappear. Nevertheless, we are still going along nicely and I believe that all of our members are still getting a lot of pleasure from their attendance at our dinner meetings and social functions.

On the other hand, there has been a significant growth over recent years in the organisation overall with new branches at Curtis Coast (Gladstone area), Gympie and the resurrection of Maryborough, all in Queensland, Leeton and Byron Bay in New South Wales, and Adelaide Hills in South Australia. With quite a lot of younger blood in these branches, I am sure that the future of Apex 40 is in good hands.

Of our six bi-monthly meetings, four have been held at Clayton Bowls Club which has served us well as a meeting venue for quite a few years now. During the cooler winter months we again had our June meeting as a luncheon meeting at Dava Hotel at Mount Martha and, also this year, we had another luncheon meeting in August at the Lakeside Café at Ringwood. This latter meeting was particularly well attended and demonstrated the benefit of holding luncheon meetings during the winter months.

A number of planned social functions during the year had to be called off but those that did happen were well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. On the down side, the annual visit to the Healesville races did not eventuate as the races were cancelled because of flooding of part of the course. Then our proposed few days away at Apollo Bay was called off due to a lack of numbers and, similarly, the proposed visit to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens was also cancelled through lack of interest. On the other hand, our Apex 40 birthday in July drew a good attendance for lunch at Madeline's Restaurant in Jells Park and the always popular Melbourne Cup Day barbeque was again a great success.

We didn't have any members attend this year's Apex 40 Rort which was held in Nelson, New Zealand and this was only the second time in 36 years that Melbourne-Gippsland was not represented at the annual Rort. Next year's Rort will be at Hervey Bay in Queensland and I am hopeful that we will have a good number of members there for the "Fraser Coast Bush 'n' Beach Rort".

The Kinder Klassic golf day was again held at Box Hill Golf Club and, at my suggestion, a number of ladies joined the golfers for lunch. I am again inviting members other than those playing golf to come along for lunch on this day and hope that we get a good attendance to congratulate the trophy winners.

In September we were well represented at the combined Apex 40 lunch at Woodend when we had 13 members present. This was an enjoyable function that enabled us to meet up with members from Bendigo, Geelong and Melbourne-Norwesters branches. This was a repeat of the first combined lunch held two years earlier and is a function that we might well continue, perhaps every second year again.

It appears to me that we have reached a stage where members are not looking for too many social outings in addition to our bi-monthly meetings and I feel that it will be sufficient to only plan next year for those events which always attract a good attendance, they are the Healesville picnic races, the birthday barbeque in July and the Cup Day barbeque.

Finally, I must compliment Alex Jurga on the high standard of the newsletter he is producing for each meeting. I am sure that all members agree with me in this and I can only hope that he will be prepared to continue in this role.

I look forward to a further year as President which will complete my commitment before handing over to another, again probably recycled, President.

Alan Kinder  
President

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## **KINDER CLASSIC FINDS A NEW VENUE**

by Golfing Reporter Garth Whitchurch

After many years playing at Box Hill Golf Club we had to find a new venue (the restaurant was being refurbished and had not been finished) for the annual Kinder Classic Golf Tournament.

While numbers were down to only 7 of our regular golfers; with help from Neil Hookey we ended up playing at one of the top public courses in Melbourne, Yarra Bend in Fairfield and afterwards lunch at the Fairfield Park Boathouse & Tea Gardens only a few minutes away from the golf course.

A most enjoyable day was had by all and after the golf we were joined by our President Alan & Nola, our editor Alex Jurga, past Box Hill member Brian Skelley with his wife Judy and Garth's fiancée Carol for lunch. It was agreed that for value the golf was good (at \$20 for Seniors) and it was a challenging course while afterwards our choice of menu was excellent. More importantly both are open during the holiday period (most of the private courses close their restaurant between Christmas and New Year).



Alan Kinder, Brian & Judy Skelley



Max Cheney, Neil Hookey, Alan Witham

The Kinder Classic Cup was presented to past Waverley Apexian and long time supporter Alan Witham with 39 Stableford points, while Second place went to Alan's son Steven Kinder who won on a count back from Mike Pavey on 36 points.

All golfers who participated by some miracle of calculating (just luck of the drawer) won a prize and they included:-

Best 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine	Rod Sands
Best 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine	Garth Whitchurch
Nearest the Pins	Steven Kinder, Alan

Witham, Mike Pavey.

NAGA. Neil Hookey. and  
A new award "The Tree Huggers & Hitting Wrong Ball" to our old friend Max Cheney.

As was mentioned a great day by all, good weather and it seems we will return to Yarra Bend next year, perhaps on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> December.

*Presentation of  
the Kinder Classic Cup  
to  
Alan Witham*

*By  
President Alan Kinder*

*6 January 2012*



### **While on the subject of golf...**

A golfing parson, badly beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse depressed. "Cheer up," said his opponent, "remember, you win eventually. You will be burying me some day." "Yes," replied the parson despondently, "but even then it will be your hole!"

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### **Aggravating Neighbour**

This girl lives on the 4th floor of an apartment, and even though it is a fairly good neighbourhood, she has been having trouble with a Peeping Tom that lives next door...

Every time she goes out on her balcony to catch a bit of sun while wearing her bikini, this Peeping Tom looks over from his balcony as soon as she removes her top, and stares at her...

She has complained to the superintendent about this Peeping Tom, but he says she must have positive proof before he can do a thing -

She FINALLY got a picture of him while he was staring at her..(turn to Page 6)

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**BACK-TO-  
SCHOOL**

#### Section 1

What is the name of the last person hanged in Victoria?

In what year did this occur?

#### Section 2

Captain Cook's cottage was brought to Australia.

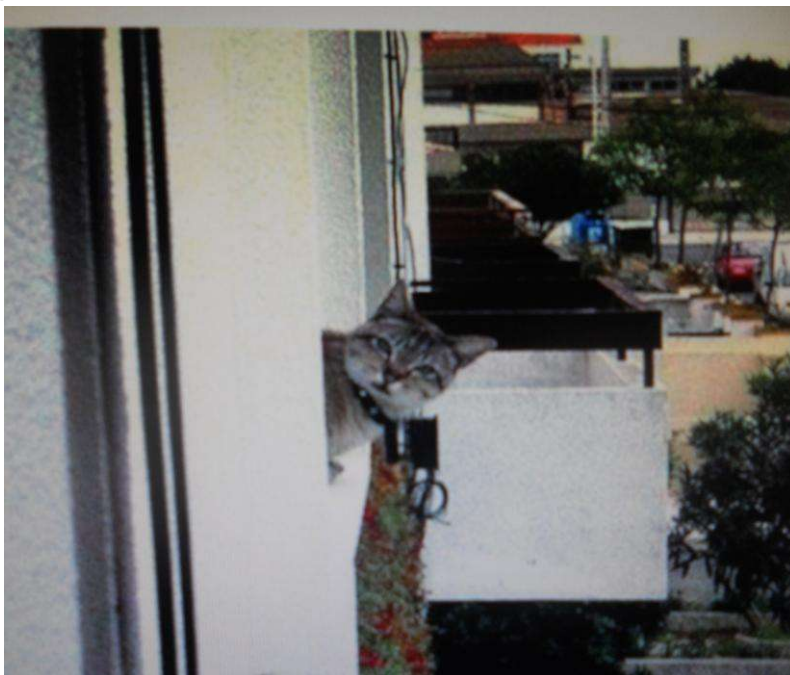
Where is it located?

What was the purchase price to buy it from the English owner?

Who paid the purchase price?

What year was it donated to the people of Victoria?

What the girl saw...



What were you thinking you would see!

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### Home Sweet Home

A young husband has given up his habit of working late nights at the office. It seems that one week he telephoned his wife three nights in a row to tell her he wouldn't be home. She accepted the situation with remarkable composure. She was composed too, when he called her the fourth night. But, just before hanging up, she inquired sweetly, "John, can I depend on that?"

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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday 5th February</b>	<b>Healesville Picnic Races</b>
<b>Thursday 23rd February</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting No. 230 Clayton Bowls Club</b>
<b>Thursday 19th April</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting No. 231 Clayton Bowls Club</b>
<b>Friday 25th May – Monday 28th May</b>	<b>Apex 40 Rort, Hervey Bay, Q.</b>
<b>Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June</b>	<b>Post-Rort Tour</b>
<b>Friday 22 June</b>	<b>Luncheon Meeting No. 232 TBA</b>
<b>Sunday 8th July</b>	<b>Apex 40 Birthday Lunch TBA</b>
<b>Friday 24th August</b>	<b>Luncheon Meeting No. 233 TBA</b>
<b>Thursday 11th October</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting No. 234 Clayton Bowls Club</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th November</b>	<b>Cup Day BBQ</b>
<b>Thursday 13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Meeting Clayton Bowls Club</b>

### Other Important Dates

<b>14 February 2012</b>	<b>Valentine's Day (For the romantic at heart)</b>
<b>17 March 2012</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Day (For the wearing of the green)</b>