



# APEX 40

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## DINNER MEETING – No. 229

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

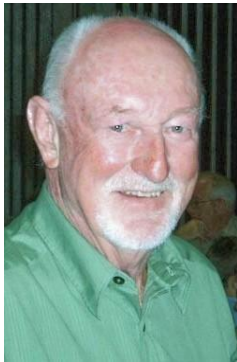
**Date:** THURSDAY 08 DECEMBER 2011

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

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

**Bookings:** To Marj Flaherty by Monday 05 December. Phone 9802 7655.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, 2011 is fast coming to a close and that means that this meeting, apart from being our Christmas Dinner Meeting, is also our Annual General Meeting. Which, of course, means that we will need to have elections for office-bearers. But rest easy, your current Committee have all agreed to carry on. But, if anyone really has a strong desire to nominate as either President, Secretary or Treasurer, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Since our last meeting two of our members, indeed the two men who started the whole thing, have had their 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays and your attention is drawn to an article and a few photos elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations Neil and Lionel on achieving the OBE!

Unfortunately, at our last meeting we decided not to go ahead with the planned trip to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens – again – so it looks like there is not sufficient interest in this outing. On a much brighter note, we had a good attendance at the Cup Day barbeque and the weather was just about perfect. Thanks to Mike and Helen who once again ran the two-bob tote.

Mike and Garth have organised for the Kinder Klassic golf day to be held again at Box Hill Golf Club on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. There will be the usual after golf lunch, this time in the Club's new bistro which is soon to open. Last year a few of us who didn't play golf joined the golfers for lunch and that was very enjoyable. So I will again this year be inviting other members to join the golfers for lunch and will be taking names at the Christmas dinner meeting.

Our first social event for 2012 will be a return visit to the Healesville picnic races on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, an event which has proved popular in the past. We usually get there at about 11.30 am and we always manage to get a spot under shady trees where we can enjoy a picnic lunch before the races start at 1.00 pm. I hope we can get a good attendance for this fun day.

It has become the custom at our Christmas meeting to take up a collection for donation to a worthy charity, rather than exchanging gifts among ourselves as we once did. Last year we were able to make a significant donation to Cottage by the Sea which was very welcome and to which we received a very appreciative response. I hope that you will agree to support this worthy organisation again this year and we ask that you bring your donation in an envelope for collection at the meeting. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please include your name inside the envelope and we will arrange to get receipts.

I look forward to a good attendance at this our Christmas dinner and Annual Meeting.

Alan Kinder





*OBE's for Apex 40 Founders*

*Neil Hookey and Lionel Mussell, the two founders of Apex 40, both turned 40 in November 1971 and retired from Apex in August 1972. It was at the Apex National Convention that year in Perth that Neil and Lionel decided to do something about establishing some form of association for retired Apexians that would enable them to retain the friendships they had made during their years in Apex. Later that year they gathered together another six past Apexians and from that and a few subsequent meetings Apex 40 was born in July 1973.*

*Forty years on Neil and Lionel, though not officially recognised by Her Majesty, have nevertheless attained the **Over Bloody Eighty** and are still going strong. Neil celebrated his birthday with a gathering of many friends for dinner at Kew Heights Sports Club where Neil plays bowls. Lionel's daughter surprised him by inviting a number of friends to join them at the Balnarring picnic races. Lionel had a couple of other surprises that day when he was "arrested" by the police and when he found himself surrounded by a bevy of young ladies.*



## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL**



What is the name for each of the flora and fauna shown above?

What is special about them to Victorians?

If you cannot answer, President Alan will reveal all!

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### **Three old guys are out walking...**

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer!'

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

6 January 2012  
5 February 2012  
23 February 2012

Kinder Klassic at Box Hill Golf Club  
Healesville Picnic Races  
Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club