



# APEX 40

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**Winter Solstice 21 to 22 June**  
*The longest night*

**DINNER MEETING – No. 226**

**Time:** 12:00 NOON

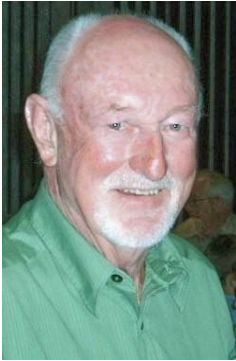
**Date:** FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2011

**Venue:** DAVA HOTEL, 610 ESPLANADE, MT. MARTHA, just south of Bentons Road,  
(Melways Map 145 C6)

**Cost:** Seniors Meal Cost.

**Bookings:** To Marj Flaherty by Friday 17 June. Phone 9802 7655.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to winter! It was indeed a sensible idea a few years ago to change our June meeting to a luncheon rather than have to come out on a cold winter's night and this year we will be again lunching at Dava Hotel at Mount Martha. This year we will also be having our August meeting as a luncheon meeting.

As you read this, spare a thought for those members who have gone over to New Zealand for the Apex 40 Rort. At some degrees further south than Melbourne, Nelson and other parts of the South Island will no doubt be even chillier than here. Sadly, the number attending the Rort is well down on what would normally be expected and this will be the first time ever, at 36 annual Rorts, that Melbourne-Gippsland will not be represented. At the Annual General Meeting Bob Ireland, National President for the past two years, will step down from that office but will remain a member of the National Board for a further 12 months as Immediate Past President. I believe that Bob has done an outstanding job as National President and ensured that our organisation is very much alive and kicking, and especially I believe he has achieved much in the way of furthering our relations with Apex.

Our new National President will be Alan Bach from Capalaba in Queensland who has been National Vice-President for the past 12 months. Alan and his wife Mary were originally members of Redlands Club but are now members of Xepa Great Southeast Club. Alan is very enthusiastic and I am sure he will carry on the good work done by Bob and others before him. Some of us will probably catch up with Alan and Mary at the Gold Coast in July or August. Alan's Secretary-Treasurer will be Col Ramsay from Wynnum-Manly Club. Col will take over from Wendy Smith who has again been a very willing and efficient Secretary/Treasurer, having also held that position a few years ago while Max Cheney was National President.

The 2012 Rort will be hosted by Maryborough and Hervey Bay Clubs at Hervey Bay and a brochure and registration forms for the Rort and the Post-Rort Tour will be available soon. At this year's Rort in New Zealand, a proposal for the 2013 Rort will be submitted by Wynnum-Manly and Xepa Great Southeast Clubs. A copy of their proposal is included in this newsletter.

Our Annual Birthday Lunch (our 38<sup>th</sup>) will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Madelines Restaurant at Jell's Park at 12.30 pm. We will need to know numbers for this social function at our forthcoming meeting and will require a deposit of \$10 per head at that meeting. If you will not be coming to the June meeting and will wish to come to the Birthday Lunch, would you please let Marj know before this coming meeting, ie. Before 24<sup>th</sup> June.

I look forward to seeing our usual good number at Dava Hotel for our June meeting.

Alan Kinder

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**Paddy tells Mick he's thinking of buying a labrador.**

**"No, don't do it" says Mick "Have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"**



## **2013 Apex 40 Rort Proposal**

Apex 40  
National Secretary/Treasurer.

Dear Wendy,

Wynnum/Manly and XEPA Great Southeast members wish to nominate as joint hosts of the 2013 Apex 40 Rort and Post Rort Tour.

The proposal is for the Rort and Post Rort Tour to be held on a 7 night South Pacific Cruise departing from Brisbane and visiting places like Noumea, Lifou and Vila in the South Pacific.

At this stage it is envisaged that the Cruise would be held around the second week of June 2013, departing from Brisbane on a Saturday and returning to Brisbane on the following Saturday.

Initial research shows that the cost for the cruise would be comparable to that of our usual land based Rort and Post Rort Tour.

Yours Sincerely,

Phyl Ramsay (Wynnum/Manly).  
Mary Bach (XEPA).



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**My wife and I were watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed.**

**I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have Sex?'**

**'No,' she answered. I then said,**

**'Is that your final answer?'**

**She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes..'**

**So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."**

**And that's when the fight started...**

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## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

### HISTORY QUESTIONS...

In the news recently has been the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Gallery of Victoria, and mention was made in the newspaper article of the Felton Bequest.

Who was Felton? What was the value of the bequest originally, and current estimate of the value the bequest has given to Australia?

Please have your answers ready at the Dinner.

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### CAST ASIDE

He grabbed me round my slender neck  
I could not shout or scream,  
He carried me into his room  
Where we could not be seen;  
He tore away my flimsy wrap  
And gazed upon my form...  
I was so cold and still and damp,  
While he was wet and warm.  
His feverish mouth he pressed to mine-  
I let him have his way...  
He drained me of my very self,  
I could not say him nay.  
He made me what I am. Alas!  
That's why you find me here...  
A broken vessel – broken glass  
That once held bottled beer.

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### **PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF 2011**

<b>Sunday 10 July</b>	<b>Apex 40 Birthday Lunch – Jells Park</b>
<b>Friday 26 August</b>	<b>Lunch Meeting – Box Hill Golf Club</b>
<b>Sunday 11 September</b>	<b>Combined Lunch – Melb/Gipps, Bendigo etc at Woodend</b>
<b>Thursday 13 October</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club</b>
<b>Thursday 17 November</b>	<b>Botanical Gardens, Cranbourne</b>
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner Meeting – Clayton Bowls Club</b>



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