



# Roaring 40's Magazine JUNE 2026

Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.  
Apex 40 Australia Inc. is the recognized  
body of affiliated past Apexians groups.

A horizontal banner with a light blue background and a yellow and orange border. On the left is a smaller version of the Apex 40 Australia logo. To its right, the text reads: 'Apex Zone 9' in red, '2026 Reunion' in red, and '30th Oct 26 - 1st Nov 26' in blue. On the far right, there is a vertical orange bar with the text 'ORANGE NSW' in white.

**Apex Zone 9**  
**2026 Reunion**  
30th Oct 26 - 1st Nov 26

ORANGE  
NSW

# 2027 Central Coast RORT

Sunday 16th May to Friday 21st May 2027

# Vale Lionel Mussell



It is with profound sadness that the National Board and Apex 40 members recognise the passing of founding member Lionel Mussell on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

Lionel was a founding member of Apex 40 Australia & Charter President & attended many Apex 40 RORT's in his infamous Motor home "Yemmy".

Our sincere condolences are extended to Lionel's family, Sue, Jackie & Chris.

For good food, good fellowship & the privilege to be with friends, we give thanks.

## *For Continuing Fellowship*

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is not a Service Club, but an organisation formed to foster fellowship among past Apexians and their partners, and to retain the many friendships formed during their Apex years.

It also exists to assist Apex, when asked, and not to operate in opposition to Apex. It is open to past members and their partners, and Ex-World Councillors who have retired from their respective organisations.

Some Apex 40 members decided to form sub-committees which are based around past or present Apex Club locations. These sub-committees may meet monthly or less regularly, but all with a view to maintaining and fostering friendships and occasionally helping Apex Clubs.

The socialising of individual members with each other, across the whole organisation, never ceases. When on an interstate holiday, for example, members invariably look up acquaintances and friends made during the Rorts. It is a huge social club and fosters friendships among whole families.

Membership is open to all past members of Apex, their partners, and members of affiliated clubs.



## President's Report

Vic Ashby. Nepean Valley. NSW.

So much has happened since my last report that I don't really know where to start.

A good starting point for me would be the 2026 RORT/Cruise. What a great time was had, and it certainly was different. The fellowship on the cruise was fantastic with the daily happy hour something to withhold. Princes Cruises supplied an area at the stern of the ship just for us and the wine waiter really looked after us.

Colin's organisation was faultless and he is to be congratulated.

I had no sooner got home from the cruise when I was off to Blenheim on New Zealand's South Island for Club 41 New Zealand's AGM. This was certainly quite an adventure for me as I hadn't travelled overseas before. It was an honour to be there representing Apex 40 and welcoming their incoming President Barry. The welcome I received was great, I was made to feel so welcome, so much so I've promised to return next year.

One issue that was discussed at their AGM was the aging membership of Club 41. Unfortunately, their member base is not there as Round Table New Zealand is declining. I was able to talk about our situation which is similar however Apex is still available to supply members for us. Our task is to try and attract members from Apex.

One event that has been going on since the cruise has been Mark Tramby's Tag-A-long caravan tour. I had the opportunity to join the tour for three days and what experience it was. Twenty two caravans, two motor homes and one camper plus three couples in cabins have spent 11 days touring Southeast Queensland staying in caravan parks. The fellowship has been typical Apex 40.

Robyn Thorley has been utilising Facebook to advertise when they were in town and it has attracted quite a few past Apexians were informed about Apex 40 and I believe some have joined our Facebook page.

As I mentioned in my last report Maggie Vincent has done a sterling job attracting members, with quite a few new members joining us. Our task is to try and get them active within their sub committees and hopefully onto National Board.

Since my last report there have been some changes at National Board Level. Col Ramsey, who has been National Secretary for some 14 years decided it was time to move on, so we needed to replace him. A very difficult task.

Mark Tramby has stepped up and was elected Secretary, at the AGM, Treasurer Keith is undertaking some of the more onerous tasks of the secretary and Maggie Vincents as Membership will be more pro-active with the membership data base.

Keith has been working flat out to ensure the transition from Col has been as stress free as possible and he has done a great job. Well done you Keith.

On a sad note, we lost one of our founding members in Neil Hookey. Neil certainly was a very valuable member of Apex 40 and he will be missed.

At the AGM, on the Cruise, I was re-elected for another term as President with Bill Camp electing not to continue on National Board. Maggie Vincent from Nepean Valley was elected as "Nation Vice President", Keith Miller Nepean Valley was Elected as "Treasurer", as mentioned earlier Mark Tramby was elected as "Secretary", Robyn Thorley Great 8 as "IRO", Maggie Vincent Nepean Valley as "Membership" and Chris Palmer Great 8 as "Editor". Ken wright has indicated he doesn't wish to be on the board however he will continue in his role as "Webmaster".

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of National Board for your efforts over the last year and I'm looking forward to working with you this year.

Well, that's all for me.

**Cheers Vic Ashby (National President)**



National Vice President &  
Membership Report  
Maggie, Nepean Valley. NSW.

What a fantastic start to our Apex 40 year with the highly successful Cruise Rort organised by Col and Carole Gifford, it was fantastic to see all the photos of the fun had by all. There is nothing quite like hitting the water to bring people together. The relaxed atmosphere, spectacular views, Happy Hours and shared dinners provided the perfect backdrop for members to renew friendships.

Following the cruise, our Tagalong tour arranged by our National Secretary Mark Tranby hit the road. This year's tagalong brought together long-time members and newcomers in a unique way. Mark and Robyn notified communities on their route of their arrival date and location and connected with past and present Apexians who joined them for their daily Happy Hours. Well done Mark and Robyn and a big Welcome to new member Jim Salmon.

Membership isn't just about a name on a database; it's about the shared laughs, the collective wisdom, and the unforgettable miles travelled together.

Thank you to those members that have encouraged others to join both Apex 40 and/or our Facebook page. Word of mouth from existing members is so important to continuing growth in our membership.

Maggie Vincent

National Vice President

National Membership Director.



Secretaries Report  
Mark Tramby XEPA. Qld

## From the Secretary's Desk

Well firstly thank you for the vote of confidence in electing me your new National Secretary, this took effect on the 8th of April so by the time you read this I'll have been in the job for a few months.

I'd also like to take another opportunity to thank the previous Secretary, who performed a role far greater than just a secretary, and for 15 years, Col Ramsay (and Phyl) take a bow and enjoy that retirement.

The Secretary role I'll be performing has been however streamlined a fair bit to suit the needs of organisation currently. You should be aware that the Secretary must reside in Queensland as Apex 40 is a Queensland incorporated body.

I'm in charge of everything to do with our incorporation and have recently spent a fair bit of time changing all the details and processing the annual returns.

I'll also create the agendas and take the minutes of both the National Board meetings and the Rort AGM, but many of the previous secretary's responsibilities have been transferred to other people.

Treasurer Keith & Vice President Maggie manage the membership database which has been transferred from an Excel spreadsheet into Microsoft Access, a specific database management tool and easier to set up to use with multiple people being able to access.

On advice from computer specialist & member Kerry McGill this is now protected with encrypted passwords and hidden behind a Virtual Private Network, so your personal information is completely safe. Keith & Maggie are the ones with access to this database and will keep everything up to date.

Maggie will also run everything to do with membership, so that's, new member applications, badges & promotion of the organisation to attract new members.

Ken Wright, who has stepped down from National Board will continue to run the website and assist with the bulk emailing of newsletters and Rort agendas / minutes. We thank Ken for his continued involvement as it's a very important role, and a pretty specific role that not everyone could do, thanks once again.

In all this I cannot but praise the amount of work done by Treasurer Keith Miller, he's literally devoted hundreds of hours since the resignation of Col, changing the database, rearranging our insurance, communicating with members and a whole lot more. It was a very big job and he deserves everyone's thanks.

As you read this our Apex 40 Tag Along trip for members (almost 50 went) has been and gone and hopefully was a great success, note this report being written before that trip took place. Just be aware I'll be doing another one of these in 2027 leading into the 27 Rort down on the central coast of NSW.

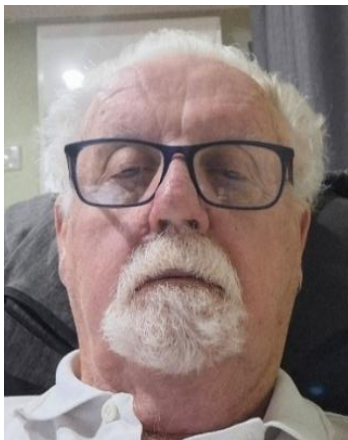
Otherwise, best wishes to all members and if you need any questions answered I'm always available by email and if I can't answer it immediately, I'll certainly pass it on to someone who can.

Yours in Apex 40

Mark Tramby

Tel: 0438 465686

Email: [CSO@apex40.com](mailto:CSO@apex40.com)



From the Editor's Desk  
Chris Palmer Great 8. N.S.W.

Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the Roaring 40.

I would like to thank all the contributors to the Roaring 40 for their support in making this publication informative and relevant. The National Board has been very forthcoming with their contributions and have made compiling the magazine relatively easy.

Many of the sub committees, whether they realise it or not, also contribute via the Apex 40 facebook page or by emailing the DN's to me. I am not against a little selective plagerism to achieve superior publication.

So thankyou to all those that contribute either directly or indirectly, it is an honour to share the good news and sadly, sometimes the bad news about Apex 40.

To those who don't contribute as yet, its time to start.

Chris Palmer

Roaring 40 Editor

[roaring@Apex40.com](mailto:roaring@Apex40.com)

# MONTHLY HUMOUR

Monthly humour and some quirky quotes

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.”

Reba McEntire

“Our lives begin and end the day we become silent about things that matter”.

Martin Luther King

A good wife will always stand by your side, mostly to remind you that this wouldn't have happened if you'd listened to her in the first place.

I hate it when my wife gets mad at me for being lazy.....It's not like I did anything!



## FOOTROT





## Treasurer's Report.

### Keith Miller. Nepean Valley. N.S.W.

#### **FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK**

Report for the Roaring 40's June edition.

#### **MYOB Accounting**

For the past 9 years, we have maintained Apex 40 Australia's financials on my personal copy of MYOB Accounting, offline.

MYOB have advised that they will be closing all "free" accounts from 17/6/26, so we are now in the process of converting Apex 40 Australia Inc financials to online status, at an annual cost. As we are required to have our books audited annually (Incorporation), National Board have agreed to upgrading our MYOB to suit compliance requirements of ASIC & QLD Department of Fair Trading.

Members should not notice too much difference between the old and new, however our Invoices & Statements will look a little different and the new system will send the emails out rather than through our email servers.

#### **New Members and new/replacement Badge Order**

Members are reminded that new member applications and name badge orders are to now be sent to our National membership Director, Maggie Vincent, through email [membership@apex40.com](mailto:membership@apex40.com) with a cc to [treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com).

Our badge manufacturer has streamlined their processes, and we are finding that badge orders are completed and despatched to either sub-committee secretaries or new members within 7 days of us receiving your order.

#### **Insurance**

We have paid our Apex 40 Australia Inc 2026/2027 Insurance premiums, funded by your annual membership fees.

Here is a summary of our policies, for your information.

#### **Directors and Officers Association Liability**

Insured Situation; Anywhere in Australia. New residential suburb of National Secretary; Redland Bay QLD 4165

- This policy indemnifies National Board for any decisions which have legal ramifications.
- Protection to Association against legal liability which may occur through the conduct of its activities or the provision of services.
- Limit of Indemnity \$1,000,000
- Fidelity – Not insured (faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.

## Voluntary Workers.

Insured Situation; Anywhere in Australia. New residential suburb of National Secretary; Redland Bay QLD 4165

We do not undertake service work as such, however there may be occasions where a few subcommittees may be called upon to assist their local Apex club, or in isolated circumstances, where a sub-committee is involved in some form of service work (e.g. fund raising) and this policy applies to those volunteers. We are showing twenty-five voluntary workers on any one day, and we assume that is a correct estimate. **Note.** This policy only covers any Apex 40 member under the age of **eighty five**.

### Personal Accident

- Covers Injury assistance benefit.
- Non-Medicare Medical expenses.
- All directors, committee members and voluntary workers aged **under eighty-five**.
- Limit of Indemnity \$1,000,000
- Funeral expenses not included.

**It would be appreciated if any sub-committee's undertaking any voluntary work (service) could please advise the National Secretary [secretary@apex40.com](mailto:secretary@apex40.com) and/or National Treasurer [secretary@apex40.com](mailto:secretary@apex40.com) PRIOR to undertaking such voluntary work, to ensure we are aware of the event prior to it happening.**

### Business Liability

- Provides cover for all amounts which we become legally liable to pay as compensation (other than fines, penalties etc) for a personal injury and/or property damage as a result of an occurrence in connection with Apex 40 Australia Inc for public and/or products liability.
- Limit of Liability \$20,000.000

## 2027 RORT

Registrations for the **2027 RORT** are open, and we are receiving a steady stream of RORT registrations. We have forty members currently registered for the **2027 RORT**.

The **2027 RORT** will be held on the NSW Central Coast, from 16th May 2027 – 21st May 2027, based at the Bateau Bay at the Blue Lagoon Holiday Park.

For more information on the **2027 RORT** or to submit your online registration, please visit our webpage [RORTinfo](#)

Please contact me at [treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com) if you have any questions on any item in this report.

Keith Miller  
Apex 40 Australia Inc  
National Treasurer 2025/2026  
Mobile 0408 118 290  
[treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com)  
Postal Address for Apex 40 Australia Inc  
PO Box 5  
NARELLAN NSW 2567



## IRO Report.

Robyn Thorley. Great 8. N.S.W.

### **International Relations and Apex Liaison Report**

Greetings from IRO & Apex Liaison

Many thanks to the outgoing Apex 40 board, and congratulations to the incoming board and thank you for my nomination again this year to continue in this portfolio. We have already had one very constructive Board meeting and I'm looking forward to reaching more people and sharing their stories from abroad with you. Don't forget to let me know if you're attending any overseas events!

**Apex Liaison** - Apex National President Tara Spotswood has put out the call for volunteers for 2026 Gympie Music Muster from 27 thru 30<sup>th</sup> August. Tara's very well organised and has rosters each day.

For our information:

- Accommodation is only individuals' caravans/tents located in the Amamoor Creek vicinity (State Forest) of Queensland
- Showers and toilets and fresh water on site. No power.
- Apex has a caterer who does meals.
- You need to be relatively fit and able to stand on your feet for 4 to 6 hours during your rostered time on.
- Walking distance from campsite to venue is approx 500 to 800 mtrs.
- Volunteer locations for Apex last year was Merchandise and Bar, I assume it will be the same this year.
- Arrive a couple of days before to assist with set up etc of locations.
- In your free time you can enjoy all entertainment from 8am in any of the venues, from line dancing, poets' breakfasts, interviews with artists and concerts later in the day/evening.
- An eat street offers all types of food and souvenirs.

Register if you are interested through the website at Muster 2026 Volunteering or email Tara at [bundaberg@apex.org.au](mailto:bundaberg@apex.org.au) or call/text 0427262065.

You can also volunteer through the Gympie Music Muster site; we found last year that many old Apexians volunteered that way.

We're reaching out to the local Apex Clubs during the Tag a long tour in Roma, St George and Dalby and looking forward to meeting local Apexians and retired Apexians in the hope that we can encourage retired Apexians to join Apex 40 and to increase awareness of what Apex 40 is about.

**IR** - More to come from National President Vic regarding the N.Z. Reunion. Congratulations to Incoming President Barry, wishing him a great year!

I continue to share information on Facebook regarding overseas 41Clubs/Roundtable and receive

many other notifications from Clubs who don't allow 'sharing'. Clubs such as the 41 Club members Forum, (UK), Iceland LCB & RTI (translation is somewhat difficult to understand), 41 Clubs of India, South Africa, Round Table of Southern Africa Community Group, Round Table India, Round Table International Business Community, Round Tablers 41's (Zambia) Round Table International, to name but a few. I continue to send a quarterly greeting to those clubs I have email addresses for and receive greetings from time to time.

Anyone travelling to any part of the world would be welcomed I'm sure by any of these clubs.

Robyn Thorley  
IR & Apex Liaison

## PS

Great to hear from NZ'ers Judy and Barry that they met up with Sue and Tony Wiltshire in Wellington for dinner and had a great time! Judy says, 'they love their cousins across the ditch'!

## APEX 40 ITEMS FOR SALE

National Treasurer Keith Miller has advised that the following items are available by ordering through him. This advert will appear in all future Roaring 40 newsletters.

### APEX 40 LAPEL PINS (Clip type)



We have a stock of Apex 40 Hat Pins for sale. Special price \$5 each. Contact National Treasurer at [treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com) to order.

### NAME BADGES



**Sub-Committee Secretaries, and Members at Large (MAL) can order Triangular Apex 40 Name Badges for new or existing members (yellow print on blue background).** Badges come in BC (clip style) or BM (magnetic) so you will need to specify which badge you require, and whether badge to be sent to Sub-Committee Secretary or direct to the home address of the member.

Cost \$15 per badge. Contact National Treasurer [treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com)

# 2027 Central Coast RORT

## Sunday 16th May to Friday 21st May 2027

The chosen RORT location for 2027, is the "Blue Lagoon Holiday Park" in Bateau Bay, on the Central Coast of NSW, about 1.5 hours drive from Sydney and about 10 minutes from The Entrance tourist hub and 20 minutes from Erina Fair which is a major shopping centre featuring over 270 shops including Myer.

"Blue Lagoon Holiday Park" boasts over 50 cabins from basic to luxury and 100 caravan sites including premium powered sites.

Sponsoring the event, is Nepean Valley Apex 40, under the guidance of the RORT Committee, including Maggie (National Membership Director) and Jamie Vincent who are liaising with local businesses to ensure that this will be a rewarding experience for all who attend.

The RORT will run from Sunday 16th May to Friday 21st May 2027, starting with a BBQ dinner on our registration night.

We will be exploring the local area on day trips, including the Chocolate factory, Edogawa Gardens, the regional art gallery and the Avoca Theatre. We will also be treated to Barefoot Bowls at Davistown RSL and a historic Brisbane Water Ferry cruise.

Most nights, we will enjoy fellowship back at "Blue Lagoon" inside our purpose built Marquee where we have engaged local caterers to bring us a spread worthy of a RORT. Entertainment has also been arranged throughout the RORT.

Our main Dinner Meeting will be held at the Davistown RSL with an excellent dinner followed by entertainment and dancing.

The festivities will conclude on Friday with the famous RORT farewell barbeque breakfast.

During the RORT there will be plenty of free time to relax and enjoy the beach, play with the Pelicans and visit the local shops.

To help members traveling to the rort by train, the committee are providing a shuttle bus service to and from Tuggerah railway station.

## Accommodation

**Blue Lagoon Holiday Park**  
**10 Bateau Bay Rd Bateau Bay NSW 2261**  
**Phone: (02) 4332 1447**  
**Website: [bluelagoonbeachresort.com.au](http://bluelagoonbeachresort.com.au)**  
**Please mention "Apex40" for a discount.**



## **The place away from home**

### ***A guest story from Marianne The Shack, Shoalhaven Heads NSW***

We have come to The Shack townhouses at Shoalhaven Heads since my premature twins were barely babies. It became our home away from home — so much so that we would often book, stay, and re-book for our next visit before we had even left the car park.

#### **A fragile beginning**

Mia was our precious first twin. She had the best APGAR scores at birth — a promising start. But at just thirty hours old, she suffered a bleed on the brain. What followed was two neurosurgeries before she was even eight weeks old — before she was even meant to have been born.

She was subsequently diagnosed with cerebral palsy, though she has gone from strength to strength in spite of many setbacks. She is in the mild category, and every milestone she reaches is a celebration. But the road has been long, and there have been times when the weight of it all was almost too much to carry. That is where The Shack has made all the difference.

*“It is such a serene and beautiful place, and I particularly like the fact it still simply invites you to connect and live peacefully and close to nature and the ocean.”*

#### **A sanctuary, simply offered.**

I have fond memories of the earlier days at The Shack — when Christine was the genie who left coffee and cookies for arriving guests. We started bringing a little emergency bag of our own: the spatula for the pancakes, the bread knife, the soap. The small things you miss when you are far from home. But none of that ever diminished what The Shack offered.

#### **Better than ever**

The Shack has changed over the years, and only for the better. The addition of air conditioning, the new mattresses, the updated floors and bathrooms — it has elevated the experience without losing the soul of the place.

We are so very grateful the Apex Foundation exists. I have no doubt The Shack has brought many families a chance to de-stress and get a much-needed change of scenery. That need, I think, is now bigger than ever.

**Book The Shack** <https://apexfoundation.org.au/the-shack>

**Support our respite retreats** <https://apexfoundation.org.au/donate>

# Random RORT Photos







# RANDOM TAG ALONG TOUR POTOS







# Around the Sub-Committees

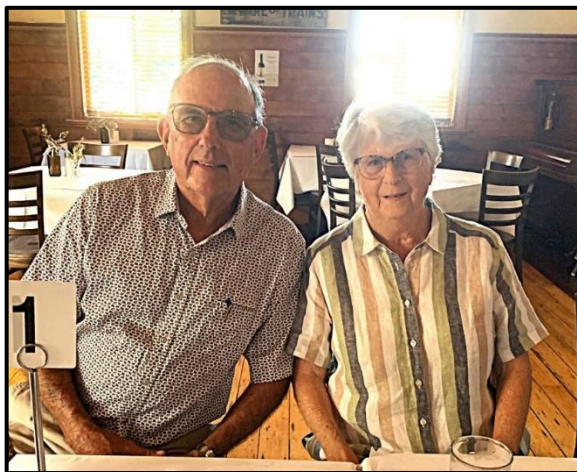
## New South Wales

### Alstonville

740 kms North of Sydney

**Contact:** Alan Parkes 0490082449

The Federal Hotel certainly lived up to its reputation for great food & once again we noticed quite a few “doggie bags” being taken home



Rob & Helen had a great time on the Apex Cruise/Rort & after the Meeting I thought I should have given them a chance to tell us a bit more about it... so my apologies... Alan.

Rob presented us with the “Apex 40 Penultimate Award” for best Newsletter. It was lovely to receive this as we have said before we get a lot of pleasure from doing it & we look at it as something to keep the mind active... Thanks for your contributions of photos etc.

### Byron Bay

760 kms North of Sydney

### Blue Mountains Crest

100 kms West of Sydney

# Great 8 Hunter Valley

Sydney is 170kms South.

Great 8 Apex 40 represents the old Apex Zone 10 District 8 and is based in the Lower Hunter Valley town of Maitland. Great 8 meets on the third Friday of the month at various venues. Visiting members can contact Chris Palmer (0427549688) to see if the planets align.

Photos from our recent trip to the Patterson Tavern



# Inverell

560 kms NW of Sydney

Men meet on 3rd Wednesday night each month @Tatts Hotel for dinner Ladies meet 1st Wednesday night each month at different venues for dinner We occasionally have mixed nights, and our members (although small in number) are very happy for the excuse if anyone is visiting Inverell to arrange a meeting Contact: 0437985218 (Don)

Our monthly dinner at Matt's Steakhouse was a very enjoyable night to finally celebrate Ann Barry's OBE and also welcome new member Kate and the return of Michelle after a long break.



Leeton

590 kms SW of Sydney

Lismore

745 kms North of Sydney

Manly

15 kms East of Sydney.

Moree

640 kms NW of Sydney.

Nepean Valley

60 kms West of Sydney.



Nepean Valley sub- committee were deeply saddened and shocked to hear of the passing of Graham Slade. We are deeply shocked to hear this sad news. Rest in Peace Graham. Our sincere condolences to Nellie and family

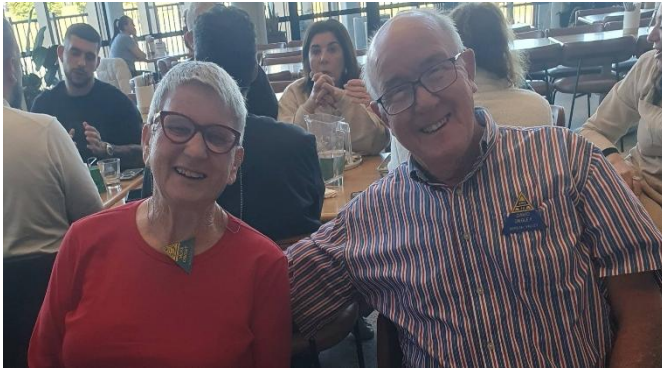
Nepean Valley members travelled down the Northern Road to Oran Park hotel near Narellan. Perfect day. Blue skies, 22 degrees & a great venue.

A great day tempered by learning late into the day of the passing away of our very dear Apex 40 member, & friend Graham Slade earlier in the day.

Our group were shocked to hear the sad news & we raised a glass in Graham's honour.

Rest in Peace Graham.





# Wyong

100kms North of Sydney



# Victoria

## Bendigo

153 kms North of Melbourne.

Bendigo Apex 40 members attended the local theatre group 's latest production of Pricilla Queen of the Desert at the Ulumbarra theatre. The costumes designed and made by their members were so amazing; and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Thought we would have some of the bling and have a photo taken!



## Dandenong Valley

35 kms South of Melbourne

## Geelong

73 kms SW of Melbourne

## Melbourne-Gippsland

40 kms East of Melbourne

## Melbourne Nor-Westerns

22 kms NW of Melbourne

## Melbourne Sou-Westerns

270 kms SW of Melbourne

## Sunraysia

546 kms NW of Melbourne

# Queensland

## Bundaberg

165 kms North of Brisbane

## Caloundra

103 kms North of Brisbane

Caloundra Apex 40 had lunch at the Dicky Beach Surf Club with 19 members dodging the showers that have been very persistent over the last few days. It was good to see Brian & Judi along with Marylyn (our newest members) attending the meet up. Glenise & Greg won the raffle with an odd willy washer & bikini wine cooler amongst the gifts.



## Central Queensland

636 kms North of Brisbane

## Curtis Coast

530 kms North of Brisbane

## Gold Coast

80 kms South of Brisbane

## Hervey Bay

290 kms North of Brisbane

## Ipswich

43 kms SW of Brisbane

## Maryborough

290 kms North of Brisbane

## Redlands

35 kms South of Brisbane

## Wynnum Manly

20 kms East of Brisbane

# XEPA Great Southeast

30 kms SE of Brisbane

## **Lunch with National President Vic Ashby**

**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Time:** 12 Midday Lunch  
**Venue:** Manly Hotel  
**Address:** 54 Cambridge Parade Manly.

Please RSVP to Alan Bach by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Email: [bachelec@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bachelec@bigpond.net.au)  
Phone: Alan 0429 619 698

Please adjust your calendars to the new venue.

Remember it is a combined XEPA, Wynnum Manly and Redlands function.

## South Australia

### Adelaide Hills

35 kms SE of Adelaide

### Tasmania

### Devonport

255 kms NW of Hobart

14 of our group recently met for lunch at the Devonport Country Club which was followed by a game of indoor bowls.

The injury report was much less than our game of ten pin bowling last year.

It was fortunate that we had the venue to ourselves as a few of our members has trouble coming to grips with which side of the bowl had the bias with it sometimes ending up several rinks away.

We welcomed a new prospective member Dennis Wragg formerly of Somerset Tas and hopefully at our next function former member of Kentish Tas Chris Bramich and his wife Maud will be joining us.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of an O.B.E. to Robyn Badcock. Robyn & Mike together with Marg & Ken McKenzie recently took part of the Rort cruise where it is rumoured that Robyn was the unofficial winner of "Female Drinker of the Rort".

Yours in Apex 40  
David Dunham

### Launceston

200 kms North of Hobart

# Western Australia

Hello from West Oz Members. Beryl with Robyn Badcock & Margaret McKenzie from Devonport, Tas. Beryl with Val & Bill Cramp Redlands, about to leave Ship, RORT 2026. Wonderful memories.



## MORE FOOTROT



Keep sending in your pictures, club notices and general stories of interest so they can be shared with the rest of the Apex 40 community through our *Roaring 40's* publication.



WEB: [www.apex40.com](http://www.apex40.com)

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543334949270004/>  
Or search for Apex 40 Australia Inc

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Vic Ashby

Tel: 0414 493 950

Email: [president@apex40.com](mailto:president@apex40.com)

NATIONAL SECRETARY

Mark Tramby (Rosemary)

Tel: 0438 465686

Email: [CSO@apex40.com](mailto:CSO@apex40.com)

IRO - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS and  
APEX LIASON.

Robyn Thorley (Allan)

Tel: 0416 255 301

Email: [iro@apex40.com](mailto:iro@apex40.com)

APEX 40 WEBSITE.

Ken Wright (Janice)

Tel: 0407 473 530

Email: [web@apex40.com](mailto:web@apex40.com)

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT &  
MEMBERSHIP.

Maggie Vincent (Jamie)

Tel: 0434 315 327

Email: [membership@apex40.com](mailto:membership@apex40.com)

NATIONAL TREASURER.

Keith Miller (Racheal)

Tel: 0408 118 290

Email: [treasurer@apex40.com](mailto:treasurer@apex40.com)

ROARING 40's EDITOR.

Chris Palmer (Trish)

Tel: 0427 549 688

Email: [roaring@apex40.com](mailto:roaring@apex40.com)

POSTAL ADDRESS

Apex 40 Australia Inc

PO Box 5

NARELLAN NSW 2567