

## 2012 FRASER COAST RORT REPORT

On behalf of both Hervey Bay & Maryborough Apex 40 Clubs, I am pleased to confirm that we received 179 individual full registrations for this year's Rort with 48 registering for the Post Rort Tour.

The level of support for Post Rort tours has been consistently below 50 since 2009 & whether this is a sign of the times, the area covered by the Post Rort has been well visited by most members or a result of the GFC, only time will tell - but it is something that Apex 40 needs to be aware of in its future planning for Post Rort activities.

Of total registrations, 137 are from 19 Apex 40 Clubs from all States (excl. South Australia) plus MAL's with past Round Table members from "41 Clubs" representing New Zealand (36) Germany (2), Noumea (2) and India (2); being the new 41 Club International President & his wife. The 2012 Rort has truly upheld the Apex ideal of increasing International understanding & friendship.

This year is the first year that we have introduced an online registration system with some 54% of registrations generated through that facility. We also received some 60% of payments though EFT payments, direct into the Rort bank account.

As costs & administration continue to climb, the advent & use of electronic communication has considerably improved our registration process, increased accuracy with greater efficiency and reduced our overhead costs. It has allowed us to disseminate information to Rorters on a more timely & effective manner and from feedback received this has been appreciated by a number of attendees. As an organisation we need to make greater use of the electronic medium as we go forward.

Congratulations to Wyong Club for a memorable skit on Saturday night with the true Aussie Antics of the "grey nomads" amongst us. It was a stand out. Also congratulations go to 41 Club Blenheim for their outrageous & extremely hilarious "Kiwi Comedy Kapers" on the Sunday night - they certainly set the bar high. This year's winners of the Bill Cunliff Award for best attendance went to Launceston.

The "fines session" on Sunday evening generated some \$126.75 which has been donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation on behalf of one of our members who unfortunately could not attend this year's Rort.

A full financial report will be shortly delivered to the National Board with recommendations for the disbursement of the surplus funds generated.

Maryborough Apex 40 Club incorporated this year in order to secure the necessary insurance coverage to protect the organising committee against potential claims & provide adequate cover for Apex 40 activities. It was most pleasing to see the overwhelming support at the AGM for Apex 40 Australia to incorporate & to truly stand alone & be responsible for our own future. Once that incorporation is completed, the insurance cover will be transferred to the new association. Unfortunately given the litigious society in which we now operate, we can no longer afford "to take the risk" & simply say we're just a social club.

I would also take this opportunity to thank those members who elected me to the position of National Vice President & hope that I can live up to their expectations. As indicated at the AGM, due to prior commitments, I will be unable to attend the 2013 Rort.

From your host clubs, here on the Fraser Coast, thank you for your support. Your positive feedback has been greatly appreciated by all involved in the organisation of this year's Rort.

You'll always be welcome on the Fraser Coast.

Brian Fulmer  
Team Leader