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CALL FOR ASSOCIATION PROJECTS

Dear Club Secretary,

This is the official call for proposals for the 2023-2024 Association Project. Projects at any level of the Association are the primary means by which Members implement and fulfil the Ideals of this Association.

Please provide your written proposal (word doc format) on your Club's letterhead in accordance with section ***'4.2 Rules of Association Projects'*** of the Apex Manual (also included below), and email to admin@apex.org.au. **Nomination must be received by 5pm 30th June 2023**.

All 'Approved Proposals' will be included in the National Convention Agenda. Only one Association Project can operate at any time. Where there are multiple 'Approved Proposals', these will be put to voting Members at the AGM/National Convention and a vote by secret ballot will determine the years Association Project.

Apex Manual extract:

4.1 Association Projects

(a) The National Board shall encourage all clubs to take part in an Association Project.
(b) The National Board shall seek proposals for Association Projects from Clubs.
(c) In the absence of a proposal from a Club or a combination of Clubs, the National Board may propose an Association Project.
(d) Proposals for Association Projects to must comply with the rules for Association projects set out in clause 4.2.
(e) The National Board shall review proposals for Association Projects to ensure that the proposals comply with the rules for Association Projects and are, in the view of the National Board, satisfactory (Approved Proposals).
(f) Approved Proposals shall be put to Voting Members at an AGM of the Association.
(g) Only one Association Project can operate at any time. Where there are multiple Approved Proposals being put to voting Members at an AGM of the Association the Voting Members shall vote for the Approved Proposals by secret ballot.

4.2 Rules of Association Projects

(a) Any proposal for an Association Project shall contain the following information:
    (i) a detailed estimate of the cost of implementation including:
        (A) amounts to be allocated for administration and publicity;
        (B) an estimate of the period of time necessary for its completion;
        (C) a fixed sum of moneys sought from Clubs;
    (ii) evidence of the practicability of the Project having regard to the functions and/or activities of Governments in the area to which the Project relates; 3

(iii) evidence of support and the extent of that support by organisations involved in the area to which the Project relates; and
(iv) such other material as the proposer feels is relevant.

(b) An Association Project commences at the conclusion of the AGM at which it is adopted.
(c) An Association Project concludes immediately prior to the conclusion of the AGM succeeding the AGM at which the Association Project was adopted.
(d) Every Association Project shall include the words "Apex Australia" in its name and the beneficiary of the Association Project shall agree that the words "Apex Australia" be included in the name of the Association Project.
(e) Once a proposal for an Association Project is an Approved Proposal the Club or the National Board proposing the proposal shall be entitled to circulate details of the proposal or solicit votes for such proposal to the Clubs.
(f) Where a proposed Association Project is of a medical nature, the proposal must contain written comment from the National Health and Medical Research Council or equivalent body on the need and the practicability of the Project and a summary of work done and organisations working in that area.
(g) An Association Project must have a management committee.

4.3 Operating an Association Project

(a) Where a management committee engages any person or organisation to assist in the raising of funds for the Association Project for a fee and where it is proposed that a fee shall be paid from the funds raised by that person or organisation, then such arrangement shall not be implemented unless the arrangement is approved by the National Board.
(b) The management committee shall report to the National Board and/or to Clubs on the progress of the Association Project on request from the National Board.
(c) The National Board shall not be required to provide any funds to the management committee unless the funds are set out in an Approved Proposal adopted at an AGM.
(d) Any and all net funds raised from any Association Project are to be paid to the Foundation.

Yours in Apex,

Simon Grant
National President 2022-2023
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