



Apex Australia Annual Report 2020-2021

Apex Australia National Board

2020-2021 NATIONAL BOARD

NATIONAL PRESIDENT	Bethany Paterson	SA
NATIONAL SECRETARY & COMPANY SECRETARY	Adam Stewart	QLD
NATIONAL TREASURER	Jared King	SA
NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR	Tara Spotswood	QLD
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	Neal Molineaux	NSW
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP	Leon Budden	SA
NATIONAL AWARDS & SPECIAL PROJECTS	Simon Grant	VIC
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT	Michael Godfrey	WA
NATIONAL BURSARY MANAGER	Craig Martin	QLD

FOUNDERS

We pay tribute to the Founders of Apex and whilst they have passed from us, their ideals will never be forgotten:



Sir John Buchan



Ewan Laird



Langham Proud

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

Dear Fellow Apexians,

What a year it has been! There have been unprecedented challenges created by Covid-19, which has put our resilience to the test. Clubs across Australia couldn't meet or carry out their normal activities, we had to cancel the 2020 convention in WA, the 2021 convention in Bundaberg and the 90th anniversary celebration in Geelong, and we realised the huge importance of fellowship in its absence. We were presented with the challenge of running our first ever postal vote and zoom National convention in 2020, which went well thanks to fantastic engagement from our clubs, and out of necessity we are now facing our second postal vote and zoom convention.



This year our Association clocked up an incredible 90 years, an achievement of which we can be very proud. Whilst Apex has changed a lot in 90 years, our forebears would be proud to see that we still carry the Apex ideals in our hearts, with service, citizenship and fellowship still at the centre of all that we do.

With so many things being cancelled and shut down, a shining light of hope was the new Apex Club of Capricorn West being brought to life. It is heartwarming to see a new club form and provide a valuable service to another Australian community. In addition, this year, we were proud to see Mick Godfrey appointed as our Global Chair, and during a year when we couldn't travel internationally, we promoted international relationships through appointing ambassadors from each Apex country, an initiative that we have continued in the 2021-2022 year. We have changed our National Office structure twice in less than 12 months, we have streamlined our operations and the future of our National Office looks bright.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sit on the Apex Foundation board and to see firsthand the incredible support the Foundation provides to our clubs and our Association. Several months ago I put a proposal to Foundation to financially support the Mental Health National Project, and I am proud to announce that the Foundation has generously offered to support the "Building Better Mental Health Grants" with over \$20,000 in funding, which has enabled many clubs across Australia to run innovative and life-changing mental health programs in their local communities. Another excellent example of how the Apex Foundation supports the Apex Association to build better communities.

The 2020-2021 was an unprecedented year with a unique set of challenges, and I would like to personally congratulate all of our clubs on weathering the storm. One thing that Apexians do well is adapt and thrive under adversity and as the Covid vaccine provides hope for the future, I look forward to seeing our clubs support their communities with renewed vigour. I want to thank my National Board for doing an amazing job over this past year under such exceptional circumstances, the

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contribution that these volunteers put into Apex is second-to-none, and their work behind the scenes supports our clubs to do what they do best.

I am incredibly pleased that Adam Stewart is our incoming President, it would be hard to find a more dedicated and passionate Apexian, so Apex is in good hands. I wish Adam and his incoming board all the very best for the year ahead. It has been my greatest honour to be National President of this incredible Association, and I hope that Apex will continue to grow and build better communities.

Yours in Apex,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bethany Paterson'.

Bethany Paterson
National President
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GLOBAL CHAIR REPORT

Our thoughts go out to the Apexians who have succumbed and those who are suffering due to this Pandemic. We thank you for your service and pray for a speedy end to this disaster and hope that soon we can all join in genuine Fellowship. We give thanks to the many Apexians who work hard every day to ensure that people who need help are getting it as this crisis so cruelly pushes on.

I would like to recognise all Apexians who stand up in times of need. Whether it is bushfires, floods, volcanic eruptions, and Typhoons Apexians stand up in times of crisis and help. When they cannot be there to help Apexians still support anyway they can.



With all the distractions in the world today it would be easy to look past the amazing work that Apexians have done and the impact that it has had on today's life.

The achievements of the Apex Association over the last 90 years are simply unrivalled by any other organisation. The eradication of Tuberculosis and formation of The Guide Dogs as well as buying Air Ambulances and building the infrastructure necessary to make a difference in the lives of many. We have walked around Australia, constructed, and maintained a SHACK and a Chalet as well as Camps and retreats. We have built medical facilities to tackle issues like childhood cancer and established various medical Trusts through the Apex Foundation to ensure that vital works still carry on today. Apexians for so long have committed to building better communities and meeting in genuine fellowship while maintaining the importance of having integrity and being honest.

Be proud of who you are and what you can achieve. Without you Apex would not have purpose or meaning.

As an Association we need to continue to survive and grow. We must all work together to make this happen. There are no short cuts or easy ways to make this happen. Growth will come one member at a time and as we continue to recharter Clubs it will be one meeting at a time. Certainly, the road ahead may not be easy or quick, but it sure beats the alternative.

Every Apexian is important, without you our Associations would not have the vision or the talent to be the difference in the Communities that we serve. In today's world of social media, it is great to see so many things that Clubs are achieving and the difference you are making for those in genuine need. It is also great to see a Club on the news showcasing what they have accomplished, and the importance of what they have done, in their community.

Apexians, you are the custodians of the spirit of Apex, with motivation and determination your time in Apex will be one of great satisfaction and enjoyment. Be

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proud of who you are and what you can achieve. Without you Apex would not have purpose or meaning that it needs to continue the great work it has done since 1931.

It was great to have the opportunity to reach the top of such a fantastic organisation. As I said from the start that the only way you can get to the top is by standing on the shoulders of Giants and it is important to recognise that it is the Members who are important and it is the members who make the Association what it is today, you are the foundation of everything that makes Apex great.

The ever-changing face of Apex will continue to evolve. We look to the Members for guidance and success. You must remember that the Apex Global Board does not own the Associations and that no one member is bigger than any Association. Apex is yours and it is there to be lived and I hope that you and your families enjoy all that it has to offer. As our generation gets old and grey, we look to the youth of today to carry the mantle of all that has been achieved and to put their own mark on what is the greatest organisation. The change you seek needs to be driven and grow from the ground up.

We need to continue to have purpose and value in today's society. We are simply not just another organization that raises funds for charity. We are not just a social Club. We as members cannot afford to settle for mediocrity. We have the power to create change and build a better tomorrow if we can just focus on what is important, not for us, but for our Associations and the Communities in which we live. We need to ask ourselves how are my actions building better Communities? How am I showing by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship? It is important to show leadership and help your fellow members to grow and to learn and build a mutual respect regardless of positions or geographical locations.

It is quite opportune to look at "The Golden Years of Apex" and a short excerpt of a piece written by Sir John Buchan.

““My own views on the ideal function of Apex were reinforced in a speech given by Chas. Witheford of Albury at the conference held in Bendigo in November 1933. He concluded with the following words:

“Finally, let us examine this thing – Service. At the outset we must recognise two kinds – temporary or virtual service and permanent or real service. To dose an aching tooth with a drug is temporary service; to remove the tooth is permanent service. To give a drink to a thirsty slave is virtual service; to abolish slavery is real service. There are many organisations which are tackling the former job. I should like to see Apex stand out on its own as a Service Club which renders permanent and real service.

The vital difference between the two types is this. Virtual service admits the suffering and aims only to relieve it. One is palliative, the other is prophylactic. Temporary service postpones the solution of the problem – real service supplies the solution””.

Finally, I would like to pass on my most heartfelt thanks to my wonderful wife and all of her support and help that she has given me over that last few years. I hope that you have enjoyed the journey and all that went along with it.

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Past Apex Global secretary, Melinda, and I would like to wish you and your families all the very best as you continue on your Apex journey. May it be filled full of laughter, fun and happiness and may you reach the height of your ambition. Believe in yourself and be that person you know you can be.

Yours in Apex

Mick Godfrey

Immediate Past Apex Global Chairman
Past Apex Australia National President

NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

It has been a challenging year as National Secretary. Preparing agendas, minutes, letters, forms, and AGM documents, I have bombarded various board members with countless questions, battled with my ongoing challenges of formatting word documents and stayed up way past my bedtime on far too many occasions, however I have learnt so much about the National Board and Apex and it has been a fantastic learning experience. My parting words from this role is 'Get your reports in on time!'.



It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year on the National Board role under the leadership of President Bethany Paterson, I have valued her positive approach, considering there have been some major challenges particularly around the resignation of our national office manager. I look forward to the year ahead in my role as National President. I am in the very fortunate position of working with a team of positive and hard-working Board members with the best interests of Apex in their hearts. I have no doubt that the year ahead will be positive, productive, and rewarding, and I thank the Board and the Apexians of Australia for entrusting me with this role.

Yours in Apex,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Stewart', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Adam Stewart
National Secretary and National Office
Apex Australia
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NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

As I write this I have unfortunately stepped away from the Apex world. Our family has relocated to the City of Adelaide as I have a new role in School Sport. We are liking our new adventure. I have really enjoyed and benefitted from the 10 years of service to the association through the Kadina Club and my 2 years as National Treasurer. I am disappointed that my time in Apex has come to an end. Regrettably I am unable to attend Bundaberg's national convention, so I present this report in retrospect.



Please note the following

- Covid once again heavily impacted Apex business.
- The Apex Association is in a good financial position.
- We were able to support clubs financially and socially through this tough period.
- We did not increase member or club fees for the 2020-21 year.
- A lack of board travel minimised expenditure – enabling funds to be redirected.
- We moved our bookkeeping from Reckon to Xero – this caused a number of technical issues and glitches that are/have been ironed out.
- The National Office is being run by the National Board.

Moving forward

- I am thrilled that the National Board has taken over national office.
- I look forward to seeing from afar the changes and progression the new board brings to the association.
- I am hopeful that Apex travel, within regions, states and overseas returns with a vengeance and Apex Australia regains its stature as a service and leadership development association.

I thank the board especially Molly, Craig, Mick and Leon. I appreciate your support within Apex as well as developing me as a human being. I acknowledge the work that Bethany has put into her role as President throughout a very tricky year. She has worked diligently on upholding the ideals of Apex to ensure that the association is ready to move forward. Your chats and insight are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing what the new board brings and wish Adam and the crew the very best. Keep being progressive and don't get held back by the few knockers. Take note and promote all of the incredible good that is done by Apex in Australia and beyond. It is an incredibly exciting time of change for Apex and its future.

Thankyou again to all Apexians (especially David Venning, Neil Sawley and Ben Graefe) who have taught and supported me along my journey.

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Finally, I would like to sincerely thank my family, especially Emily, she has stood by me and enabled me to pursue this aspect of my life. I appreciate all that she does and the support she has shown throughout those times and hours spent away or working on all things Apex.

Thankyou
Yours in Apex

Jared King
National Treasurer
Apex Australia
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NATIONAL BURSARY REPORT

Dear Apexians,

It has been a very hard year for bursary due to the continued lockdown of the Philippines with schools and colleges affected. It has been hard to get compliance reports, which is to make certain the money gets through to the students where it should be going. Good news is recently we have received compliance reports and we will be distributing money. Looking forward to going and visiting next year and running an audit with Craig and myself.

I encourage your continued support of the bursary program in the coming year, we would like to increase the program as it makes a massive difference to the students.



YIA

Greg Youngberry
National Bursary Manager
Apex Australia
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NATIONAL AWARDS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

For my first year on National Board I was honoured to be responsible for National Awards and Special Projects. On NB I found the year to be full of learning opportunities, new challenges and meeting great Apexians both past and present. While the COVID-19 pandemic played havoc with plans for fellowship and service we adapted as best we could and forged through. I admit that I did struggle at times with the virtual meetings as I prefer that face to face contact where initiatives and issues can be thoroughly worked out amongst the team.



At the 2020 Virtual Convention we announced that the following awards were determined by the National Board. These awards were well deserved and all recipients should be rightly proud of their achievements. I must also acknowledge all of the nominees and the Apex Clubs that nominated them. Congratulations.

Best First Year Apexian:	Kaye McIntyre, Apex Club of Fraser Coast
Newsletter:	Apex Club of Kadina - Daniel Lascelles
Apexian of the Year:	Paula Venning, Apex Club of Kadina.
Young Apexian of the Year:	Jacob Venning, Apex Club of Kadina
Citizenship Initiative Award:	Paula Venning - 2020 Interclub Walk
Service Project Award:	Apex Club of South Wagga Wagga - Mighty Murrumbidgee Duck Race
Club of the Year:	Apex Club of Beaufort
Publicity Award:	Apex Club of Bairnsdale

One of my roles on the National Board this year included organising the Celebration for the 90th Anniversary of Apex to be held in Geelong across the weekend of the 5th and 6th of March 2021. With thanks to the sub-committee a wonderful weekend had been planned which included some service to the Geelong community, a ceremony at Johnstone Park (Apex Monument) and of course a gala dinner. Regrettably, COVID-19 continues to impact on the way we all live and border restrictions, lockdowns and limits on numbers attending certain events are ever changing. While Hard Borders remain in place prohibiting attendance at our celebration and imposed restrictions continue to provide uncertainty the 90th sub-committee, with the support of the Apex National Board made the decision to cancel the event. Nevertheless, the National Board are committed to celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Apex and intend to host the event in March 2022 in Geelong.

I am looking forward to my new role on National Board as National Secretary in 2021 – 2022 and hopefully attending more and more Apex events as restrictions ease.

Yours In Apex,

Simon Grant
National Awards and Special Projects
Apex Australia
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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Communications wasn't something I'd ever thought I'd undertake, and especially not at a National level. However it was something I thoroughly enjoyed and something that opened up another world of communication apart from picking the phone up.

To assist in capturing the important milestones, events and service projects a calendar was developed for the year ahead. To ensure there was a steady and informative spread of social media communications. Communication that was simultaneously rolled out via the Regional Communicators, and at times where required via the old 'snail mail' from the National Office.

The 'Calendar' was the perfect opportunity to see what was coming up or required to communicate well in advance, even a couple of months. Which ensured the Board was ready and prepared for upcoming and future tasks. Also a document that could be presented to future Boards to change, adjust as their terms required.



Glad to have been a part of this National Board under the guidance of President Bethany, and to have her assistance and advice from being the previous Communications Director. Congratulations Bethany on your year as National President, yes a challenging year with Covid however a year not lost. However one that steered the Association successfully through some really difficult times within this world, difficult times where Apex continued to shine and make a difference in their communities and abroad.

Some would say, continued '**Building Better Communities**'.

Yours In Apex

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neal Molineaux'.

Neal Molineaux
Communications Director
Apex Australia
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REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR COORDINATOR REPORT

What a year it has been. With most of us being on no, or limited travel, it has not made connection with the RCs and the clubs easy. The RC's have been dealing with their own lock downs, job losses and family business. But in the midst of all this, they are doing a fantastic job. To those that are leaving and moving on or going on to the National Board – I thank you so much for your time and dedication. You have been the missing link between National and our clubs. To those who are staying on another year – thank you and I am looking forward to what the new year has in store.



I was lucky enough to be able to co-host a catch up in Wondoan for 60 people last October. It was fantastic to have so many members make the 4 to 6 hour journey out to give some love to a club out west. WA were able to host a state catch up in March and it was great to see so many members able to get together in these troubling travel times. I was lucky enough to make the trip into SA for their state catch up in July. Although my trip was very short – 20 hours on the ground, I was able to catch up with members from Gawler and surrounding clubs.

25 members from 9 different clubs made their way out to Moura in June for the first training session in Region 2 in ages. Making this trip had been a long time coming, as the Club of Moura was one that no one had heard from in a long time when I took on RC 2, 4 and a half years ago. A mixed effort from Adam and myself – and we found a club going very strong. It was so great to finally have a beer, well rum, with these fantastic guys and a good old fashioned training session.

National Board meetings have also been very different this year. We had our first face to face at Kangaroo Island in March (the first time the Board had ever sat down at the same table and had a meeting). This was a weekend I will not forget. Kangaroo Island is an amazing place and to hear the stories of the bushfires from the Mayor was something else. Then there was the change of venue and of state within 24 hours, as where we were going was going into lock down. It has been very different, but I consider myself one of the lucky ones that has been able to do these things.

We do not know what the future holds for us with lock downs and restrictions. I just hope we can get back to some sort of normality soon and continue to be able to travel inter-clubs, inter-regions and interstate to visit and help out great mates in Apex.

Stay safe and well till we are able to meet up again.

Yours in Apex,

Tara Spotswood
Regional Communicator Coordinator
Apex Australia
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<p>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR Region 1</p>	<p>RC John Davis Mount Isa</p>
<p>Firstly, I would like to congratulate the association of Apex on 90 years of being active in their local communities.</p> <p>Secondly, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Bethany and her board on their great year, also congratulations to Adam and the new board on their nomination and ascension to President and their respective positions.</p> <p>The year started off very slowly with Covid restricting events, or postponing events across the region. This was, I believe, a national issue.</p> <p>The beginning of 2021 sees the north and west of Queensland booming with more travelers and events opening up. This means that we also have more service events that we can do.</p> <p>Wandoan catchup was an amazing time and we should have more of them, to foster training and interaction within the association from different areas.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we have as a region been very quiet this year, but looking forward to 2021/2022 being bigger and better.</p>	 A portrait of a man with a beard and short brown hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark polo shirt with green accents on the sleeves and a circular badge on his chest. The badge has a logo and text, including "Regional Communicator" and "2020/21".


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(Mount Isa)	Club #	(292)	Club Membership	(7)
<p>Once again Mount Isa as a club had a very strong year, despite Covid, inducting 2 new members, bringing the total number of members to 7. Rock Pop Mime show, which is our largest event, was cancelled due to Covid restrictions during 2020. We have started planning for the event for this coming October. It is always on the weekend after National Convention, so any who wish to come along to the event all hands of help would be welcome. (YouTube it....Rock Pop Mime Show....worth the watch). The club did a BBQ at our local Lookout, this is one of the locations where past Apexians assisted in building a pathway to the top, the Mount Isa lookout, to celebrate the 90 years of Apex serving in communities. We also took our Lucky Numbers trailer to a school fete. Our traditional Gunfire Breakfast returned this year, this has been something that as a club we have done for the last 30+ years. As a club we have started a long-term service event to help the local cancer house in beautifying their outdoors, by designing and maintaining a rose garden, where locals are invited to plant a rose to remember a loved one, and hopefully brighten and area that was a jungle of rocks and weeds.</p> <p>Into the future we have service events for our lucky numbers trailer to go to that all had to be cancelled last year. We also purchased a BBQ trailer and are in the process of revamping it so we can do even more events in our area.</p> <p>We are looking at the positives as we are so far away from anywhere not even Covid will visit. We are looking forward to a bigger 2021/2022!</p>				

Herbert River	Club #		Club Membership	

Townsville	Club #		Club Membership	

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REGION	2	Central eastern QLD
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Tyson Campbell	
	Roma	
<p>I have been RC2 officially since my birthday on the 12th of June 2021 at the ETS hosted in Moura by the Moura Apex Club. It has been a great journey so far getting to know these people in region 2 even better than I did before. I have enjoyed the travel and interclub fellowship I have had so far in the 3 months of being RC. It's great to be able to be right next to clubs watching them grow and inturn watching the members go as people and members of our community.</p> <p>Being involved somewhat in the ETS at Moura, being the MC at the Charter Dinner for Capircorn west clubs and also attending the Change Over dinner for the Gympie Apex club has been some highlights of being RC2. I am looking forward to attending many more Change over dinners and helping Region 2 build membership and help each club make a difference in their own community.</p>		

Biggenden	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	9
<p>The Biggenden Apex club currently has 9 members. This pandemic has unfortunately affected our club with so many events being postponed or cancelled. Our fundraising has been limited to our weekly raffles at the local pubs which we are greatly appreciated for the Grand hotel and Commercial's ongoing support.</p> <p>However due to decreasing members we have had to scale that back to fortnightly raffles.</p> <p>We have had the opportunity to be able to do occasional bar work and our jumping castle hires have helped our club also raise enough funds for 5 new iPads for the local school. We are currently waiting for their arrival and will make a presentation to the school.</p> <p>We hope to see our club grow in the coming year and hold some member drives in the future with the social restrictions permitting.</p>				

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Biloela	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	3ish
<p>The Biloela Apex Club has been struggling for members and also access to club material and finances. As a club we will need to rebuild and will be asking for help from the life members and our regional communicator. We have a few members in their early 20's and with the help of our life members and senior actives we are hoping to put our club back on track for 21-22.</p>				

Bundaberg	Club #	53	Club Membership	11
<p>Like so many other clubs, this year has been hard on the Bundaberg club. Our major fundraising events were cancelled or scaled down. We were able to do a few events like Windslasher – a 2 day event at the beach with the Queensland Beach volleyball Comp, Kite surfing Comp, stalls, live music and Apex bar and food stalls at Elliott Heads, where we were able to have a few members from other clubs in the region join us- members from Capricorn West, as well as Fraser Coast.</p> <p>Our Apex shed was broken into and graffitied twice in a month. While this was a blow to our morale, we had Taubmans come to the party with the paint. The thing that made our hearts beat again was the fact we had a painter contact us and offer to repaint the shed at no cost, to thank our Apex Club for something that our former members did 35 years ago for him and his family. It really restored our faith in the community that we work so hard for.</p> <p>Our biggest highlight of the year was being the supporting club in the founding of Capricorn West Club of Rockhampton. We started this journey in Oct 2000 and had the privilege of attending the Charter Dinner with a few of our members and families on the 14 August 2021.</p> <p>We inducted two new members into our club, as well as trying to reach out to our past and life members.</p> <p>We had our second try at hosting the National Convention in Bundaberg, but hey, we will try one more time. Third time lucky Hope to see you all safe and well in 2022.</p>				

Fraser Coast	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	4
<p>Fraser coast has had a quiet year as most other Apex clubs due to COVID. Once again we were all geared up for the Gympie Muster and our part to play was well in the planning until the decision had to be made to cancel the event for the second year in a row.</p> <p>We were fortunate enough to get a member ship drive in with members turning up to man a static stand to promote our club in our community. Life member Jim Mcnall found a Teddy bear picnic event and we were able to join this event and add our jumping castle and the Apex Train to collaborate a larger scale Teddy Bear Picnic and create a great atmosphere for those who attended.</p>				

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We are looking forward to less restrictions and opportunities for more member drives and some larger scale events that we can host for our community with our small amount of members

Gympie	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	17
<p>This year has been another year of should we can we will we with Covid. As many of you know we tried our very best for the Gympie muster to go ahead this year and with the restrictions looming it was a very grave decision to cancel the muster for the second year in a row. This is our major fundraiser for our club and our community and we are hoping things will be running back to normal next year and hoping for many Apex Clubs and Apexians to support us in getting this great event back on its feet in 2021</p> <p>A small donation was made by our club to a lady who is close to our hearts and close to the community's heart, we as a club donated \$2000 to a lady who feeds the homeless out of her own pocket. This lady who is well known in our community feeds the homeless every day and we were very proud and privileged to help her out financially.</p> <p>Before restrictions the Gympie Apex Club was looking at hosting a bike show/rally and we have ordered a 1981 shovel head Harley Davidson and we were going to draw this in a raffle at the event. Since the restrictions have come back into play, we are going to just hold it as a raffle on its own. Tickets are available soon and we would love sell tickets to Apexians all over Australia Contact our RC or our Club email.</p> <p>Anzac Day our club hosted a bbq for dawn the service in memorial park. We were there serving breakfast at 5am to all past and serving servicemen and women who attended the dawn service and to members of the public also.</p> <p>As a social for our club we organised an all-expenses paid lunch and drinks with the members at the golf club. We played a round of golf and spent the day networking and getting to know each member better than we did before. This was a great day and really allowed our club and members to get to know each other and their families. It was a great day and there was a large amount of fellowship happening during the whole event.</p> <p>We have been involved in board meetings with the Gympie muster and we are planning the Gympie Muster for 2021. We are looking to the future for a bigger brighter club and to come out of this pandemic all cylinders firing. We have just under 20 members now and we are looking at inducting more prospexians before Christmas which will bring us back over the 20-member mark. With this new rush of fresh blood, we are hoping to bring great ideas into our club and continue to be a great service club making a difference in our community.</p>				

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Moura	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	9
<p>We have continued with our battery drive as we do all years which has been great with the support from all the local businesses backing us with support. We have also run multiple bars from the muddy water classic fishing comp held in Moura to private functions. We also have been donating our time to the RSL once a month for their burger night which is always massive as people roll in to be fed by the apex burgers.</p> <p>We also had our first colour run which was a massive success with over 200 participants. Which is now going to be one of our big annual events we hold.</p> <p>We have been major sponsors for all the junior sports groups in town also the Primary and high schools for award nights.</p> <p>This year we also held the executive training seminar which was a great success and was great to see a lot of familiar faces again. Our past president Dan Roche also raised a massive amount of money to help support breast cancer by selling off his beard and mullet.</p> <p>Members also got together and entered the float procession and took out best light vehicle/walking float.</p>				

Murgon	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	(3)
<p>The Murgon Apex club has not had a meeting at all this year. We have three members Trent, Phil and myself Aaron and 1 senior active Darryl.</p> <p>Because of the low members we could not do the monthly markets and the show comity had bad year they took over doing the markets. We do have some sons and their friend's who we are waiting to turn 18 and see if we can keep our club alive with their membership. We have been in discussion with regional communicator Tyson Campbell and hope to hold a small ETS for our prospexians, members, senior actives and life members to launch our club to a positive future.</p>				

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Capricorn West	Club #	227	Club Membership	10
<p>Wow what an exciting 12 months this has been. Starting from a community meeting held just over 12 months ago to see if members of our community were keen to start an Apex Club we have come so far and this has all been through a pandemic.</p> <p>With very little prior Apex Knowledge between all new members of our club, but a huge amount of support from National Board Members, Life members Regional Communicator and Apex members in our region and beyond, we the Capricorn West Apex club have Chartered the newest Apex Club to the Association.</p> <p>In the last 12 months we have;</p> <p>Held regular meetings and learnt about proper meeting procedure, had members travel to Roma for Blue tree projects and change over dinners. Held Bunnings BQQ's and becoming a face in the public's eye in our local community. Members also attended interclub at Wandaon where we were introduced to the "borrowing" Of Apex Items and made many new friends in Apex. Traveled to Chinchilla for raffles and meetings, and to our sponsor club Bundaberg Apex for service work has kept our members busy and being involved in not only our own community but other Apex communities. Rockhampton is blessed with some major evets such as Beef week, not many members were available but this event is a great opportunity to help out many other groups invovled and hopefully get our own niche in this great event which is held every 3 years.</p> <p>There are many more events that our club and members have been involved in but the highlight of our year would have to be the chartering of our Apex Club. To have members of our National Board, our incoming Regional Communicator and our life members from our club and others from our region and Region 3 was a great honor and something we are all proud to be a part of.</p> <p>Our club is very much looking forward to see what we can achieve in the next 12 months.</p>				

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REGION	3	Queensland/NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Dean Long	
	Dalby	
<p>Region 3 has been chugging along just nicely in the last 12 months with clubs getting back on their feet and getting out into the community and back to some resemblance of normality.</p> <p>There's also been a return to inter club travel within the region as well as to other regions for change overs and executive training, the next 12 months look promising and hopefully I'll see everyone around bar for a beer or 2.</p> <p>YIA, Dean Long, RC3</p>		

Brisbane Valley	Club #	654	Club Membership	5
<p>Currently have 5 members.</p> <p>The Club ran a very successful annual Community Christmas Tree at Esk and have done so for many years. This event last year was well attended by the community. However due to COVID rides were limited to jumping castles, super slide and merry go round. Several community groups pitched in assisted in running the food stalls. BBQ and canteen. Our Life Members maned the bar as usual. The bar was restricted with no sitting and distance Regulations. Surprising the signing in at the gate went off well with all signing without question. Several outside food stalls and coffee vans were in attendance, and this added flavour to the evening. Unfortunately, there was limited response financially from the community and the event did run at a loss. Club members were happy with the event as such.</p> <p>Membership is still a concern we have conducted a letter box drop to both Esk and Toogoolawah with very little response. In February 2022 the Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary.</p>				

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South Toowoomba	Club #	427	Club Membership	6
<p>Remarkably, it has been a wonderful year for our small but passionate club. We are back to regular business and social meetings, service projects and travelling for fellowship with clubs near and far. We commenced and ended our year by welcoming guest speakers Derek Tuffield from Lifeline and Peta from Black Dog Institute. Learning how we can support our community is vital and we thank Derek and Peta for their time, inspiration and empowerment.</p> <p>Bunnings Barbeques, working the gate at the Crow's Nest show and helping our neighbours serve punters at the Dalby Races has allowed us the privilege to pledge a donation to Tony's Kitchen.</p> <p>We happily racked up the kilometres to share ideas and fellowship with Apexians throughout the state travelling to Roma, Wandoan and Chinchilla for Changeovers, National AGMs and the Region 3 Condamine Meeting.</p> <p>Barefoot Bowls, Trivia, swinging and missing at the Driving Range and enjoying breakfast with a side of social justice at Emerge Café have been the ways we have bonded together. As 2021 progresses, forming enduring friendships will continue to be at the core of our club.</p> <p>Our membership numbers remain small with continuing members Bec Abraham (nee Kuhn), April Lancaster-Smith, Sarah-Jane Macdonald and Jacinta Mansell. We were honoured to accept Past National President Moses Abraham as a transfer from Chinchilla, who arrived just in time to proudly induct Georgia Ward as the newest member of South Toowoomba. We accepted Matt Mengel's retirement with gratitude for his 25 years of altruistic service and dedication to our club.</p> <p>Yours in Apex, Georgia Ward, Incoming Treasurer</p>				

Toowoomba	Club #	43	Club Membership	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbished many Lifeline bins. • Supported Lifelines Christmas Loads of Love food appeal. • Many different duties to support Downs Rugby which also raised much needed funds for our club. • Served breakfast to those who supported the 'homeless for a night' sleepout • Supported 2nd Shot during their annual Hike for the Homeless • Hours were spent assisting learner drivers who are students at the Yellow Bridge Haven. • Cooked a community breakfast to support Teen Challenge. • <p>Total service hours (647), we also did some interclub travel, and it was good to see our newer members Anton & Dan join us on a few of those events to the Goondiwindi Changeover, Wandoan convention and recently the Moura regional training weekend.</p>				

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Dalby	Club #	91	Club Membership	5
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The Last 12 months have been slow but productive for the Dalby Club, the club got back to normal meetings every fortnight and introduced some new prospexians to Apex.

The club had two service events in the last 12 months.

- Maned the gates for the Dalby show with assistance from Chinchilla and Toowoomba clubs.
- Maned the Dalby Picnic Races bar with the assistance of the South Toowoomba and Toowoomba clubs.

The club has an upcoming service event planned for New Year's Eve (covid permitting)

YIA, Dean Long, Outgoing President

Tara	Club #		Club Membership	2
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Chinchilla	Club #	295	Club Membership	8
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Chinchilla club presidents update

*Usual activities still being affected by Covid, less events going ahead that we would usually cater. No Melon Fest etc.

*Friday night raffles still the club's main source of income, going well since being allowed to re start. We have joined forces with the local scouts, and they are helping with selling raffle tickets with the club donating a dollar to scouts for every ticket sold.

* As a club we had our 60th year celebrations this year in conjunction with Apex's 90 year. Our 6090 event was held at the Chinchilla cultural center and was well attended including many past presidents.

*Our catering van is currently undergoing extensive renovations and improvements thanks to a grant from QGC. This will include a large roll out awning, a built in deep frier for chips, a freezer, air conditioning and other minor modifications to improve its overall useability.

*Membership has been a bit up and down. Lost a few members who either left or transferred to other clubs or. Also gained 2 new members this year, with 1 induction and 1 transferring in.

*Our main service events this year were:

1. Supporting the local Kindy by running their bar at their annual fundraiser that was a Mexican night this year.
2. Catered the Bulldog Park football carnival which was an all-day event with many visiting teams.
3. Did the bar for the Drought Angels country cares arena tour.
4. This weekend just passed we cooked chips for the local soccer club to sell at the Inflatable fun run event that was held in Chinchilla, cooking 5 boxes of chips over 4 hours.

*Upcoming events include One Long Table in Chinchilla on 4th September and our change over on 28th August.

Wandoan	Club #	559	Club Membership	8
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The past 12 months has seen Wandoan Apex continuing to support our local community at events through bar work and setting up at events. These including -

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Wandoan Show, Wandoan Christmas Carnival, and Wandoan Races.

Wandoan was fortunate to be asked to host the QLD members in Nov 2020 due to COVID for National Convention. Was a great weekend with Apexian's traveling from all over the State for some great fellowship, meeting new and old friends. The room had many Life Members in attendance which was great to see. This weekend ignited our Wandoan members to try and do some travelling to other Clubs. In June, 5 members travelled to Moura for STS training and had a great weekend, with lots of laughs particularly on Jo Stiller who thought we were going fishing!!!

Wandoan Apex Clubs major fundraiser throughout the year is hiring out round tables, chairs and Cold room to community groups and members of the community, bringing in much needed funds.

Wandoan Apex Club has 8 Current Members. Some of these 8 members are 2 Life Members and 2 Senior Active.

Yours in Apex, Alan Postle

Roma	Club #	108	Club Membership	8
<p>Service has been quite the challenge this past year. With low memberships numbers, we have been limited in what we could commit to. When numbers weren't the issue, we had COVID playing games with our plans.</p> <p>Nevertheless, we started the year with a BANG, with Roma's very first two-day music concert, 'Road to Roma'. Organisers Bec Lavelle and Matt Reynold brought an incredible line up of both talent and very approachable musicians. Hosted by Barry and Felicity at The Club Hotel Roma, this event was quite an experience and a way to give back to our drought-stricken communities and raise funds for The Royal Flying Doctors Service. It was also a first for our club's waffle enterprise. We had been asked to participate by contributing a food service, and after considering what our fellow service clubs were renowned for, we decided to make waffles. A desert to follow on from the Lion's Fish and Chips and Rotary's delicious burgers! Whilst the event itself was not embraced by the community, we had all seven Apexians attend and we even had Amy K-P from Chartering Capricorn West, travel out and volunteer. We look forward to getting better set up to continue to sell waffles at future events.</p> <p>This year we have also:</p> <p>Run a bar at an engagement part – This was quite the eye opener for our club, and we learnt a lot from this experience.</p>				

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Various shed clean ups – The first being just in time for the Maranoa Regional Council's curb side collection. Others, we took advantage of the long weekends to move stuff around and again clean away the dust and critters to make room for the Roma Apex Club's bright yellow Kingswood and get it out of the weather.

Volunteering at the Plough Day

Selling soft drinks at the Vintage Car Rally (and checking out some tidy and unique vehicles)

Running a BBQ for the Enzed opening day

And finally, raffles at our local pubs have remained popular.

This year the Apex Club of Roma also welcomed a new Apex Park Sponsor, Wild Desert. This sponsorship all came about by following up on an old email checking if they would still be interested which we were delighted to find out they would be.

Finally, we can't forget our fellowship. Roma Apex Club this year welcomed Shannon as our Social Director, and we can certainly say we've had more social events than we can ever remember! While we've all had a very busy time, we've managed to squeeze in some game's nights, after service drinks, walks that turn into coffee dates, and more.

Games nights have been a favourite, finding out who hasn't played Cluedo (still shocked Sam) and getting photos from club members with suggestions of the next game we need to try. Top it all off with Taryn and Les' Egg-spresso Martinis and you have a recipe for a great time.

Supporting our other local services clubs has also been a great way for us to socialize. Lions' fish and chip nights are another favourite social event of ours.



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Goondiwindi	Club #	343	Club Membership	14
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This year for Gundy was a year of challenges. First was Covid-19 that interrupted the first 6 months of the year, with a lot of our usual events and fundraisers cancelled. However, after what seemed to be forever, the world started to open again, and we were straight back into business as usual.

We found a dead tree between Black Truck and Ag and Frasers Transport on boundary Rd that we painted Blue to help raise awareness for Mental Health. The Blue tree stands as a reminder to keep an eye on your friends and family and that the simple question "R U OK" can make all the difference to someone that may be struggling. It is a great initiative that is demonstrated right across the country with at least another 150 of these trees on display.

Lions come along to help on the Blue Tree Project with a sausage sizzle. MacKenzies Home Timber and Hardware donated the paint and paint brushes. Manns/Marshalls Transport provided a Boom Lift to get to those hard-to-reach spots.

We had negotiations with the P&A society about changes to the way that the Show Bar would be run. And after a lot of meetings and debates we come to a fair agreement and by all accounts, it seemed to be a success.

We have always had a great relationship with the other Service clubs in our community and especially appreciate Lions and Camp Quality for their continued help though out the year.

Although there have been some changes made to the usual operations of our club, we have had a successful year. We have had some prospexians come along to meetings and events to helped and we look forward to welcoming them to the Gundy Apex family.

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St George	Club #	344	Club Membership	?
<p>The St George club has been inactive for several years now and many attempts have been made to contact its last known members with no success but there is hope, contact was made with a life member Jim Sammon who is helping me find its old members and hopefully get the club back on its feet.</p>				

Warialda	Club #		Club Membership	5
<p>In the last 12 months the club has been slowly trying to get back on its feet, but we still managed the following service work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manned the gates at the Warialda Camp Draft. • Cooked the BBQ at the Gravesend Camp Draft. • Cooked the BBQ at the Ceramic Break Art. • Waited for a local wedding. • Cut and sold firewood cheap to pensioners around town. • Catered at the Tex Angus Bull sale. • Catering for clearing sales. <p>YIA, Club President, Andrew Woollett</p>				

Inverelle	Club #	35	Club Membership	9
<p>APEX Inverell Club Report: Club Information Club Name: The APEX Club of Inverell inc. Club number: 35 Membership Statistics Active Members: 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Aaron Wilkinson - Vice-president: Rohan Cowley - Treasurer: Alex Rainger - Secretary: Peter Savage - Social & Service Director: Matthew Verri - Other members: Alex Eddy, Andrew Tucker, John Monckton, Patrick Pordage - Prospective Apexians: 2 <p>Club Activities over the last 12 months</p> <p>Due to continued and changing Covid-19 restrictions in our area, it has been difficult to complete some activities that have become part of our annual program. E.g., Motorcycle Rally BBQ, Sapphire City Festival and Apex Venetian Carnival being cancelled.</p> <p>Activities that we have been able to do, while adhering to restrictions:</p>				

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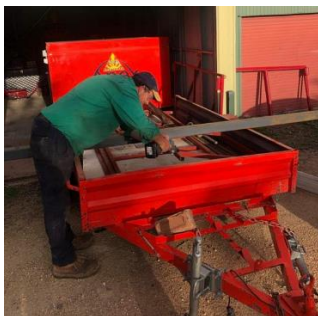
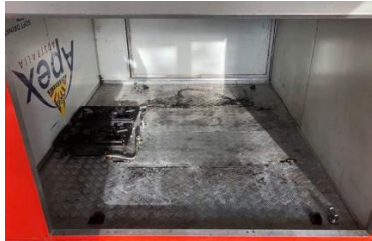
1. Barbeque Trailer Upgrade: Due to age of the club barbeque and all the work it has helped the club with, it was due for some serious TLC. Through a community grant funded by the Wind Farm, the club was able to reconstruct the trailer and ensure that it passes required inspections.

2.

Before Renovations:



Reconstruction Process:



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Ready for Action as soon as restrictions ease!!

3. Landscaping activities for people within the community: Assisting members within our local community with landscaping activities that they may struggle to complete themselves.




4. Bicycle track landscaping: Inverell Shire Council created a new bicycle track at Lake Inverell, where the Apex club members assisted with the final landscaping activities.

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5. Christmas Stocking Raffle: Annual raffle of the Apex Stocking, come to be expected by the community. We have been fortunate to still be able to complete this raffle, which was won by a member of the local community with loads of nieces and nephews to share the toys.



REGION	4	South East Qld / Northern NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Gavin Mingay Toowoomba
<p>This region has had another very interesting year, with a number of lockdowns due to Covid-19 and many cancellations of events and fundraising opportunities. We hope to finally have a region training day very soon.</p>		

Brisbane City	Club #	Club Membership
<p>Brisbane City held three Bunnings BBQs raising money for Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Queensland, Apex Philippines, Alzheimer's Australia. Service projects with bar at Brookfield Show plus giving drinks out at the MS Brissie to the Bay cycling event. The club held many social events including ten pin bowling, mini-golf, trivia, movie night and a number of pub dinners. Brisbane City has a couple of new members and is going very strong.</p>		
		

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Caboolture	Club #		Club Membership	
<p>Apex Caboolture completed their yearly Santa run at Christmas. Dressing up a fire truck and delivering over half a tonne of lollies and cheer to kids (and adults) all over the town for a week.</p>				
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Maleny	Club #		Club Membership	
<p>Maleny Apex Business Directory still going after 40 years – helps locals get in touch with local businesses, community groups and sport and rec clubs. Maleny Apex have once again worked closely with the Maleny Cricket Club, concreting pitches and working bars. The club has helped with the Roadcraft Driver Education program in schools. They had another successful kids Christmas party. Also had show bar, trivia night and very successful golf day.</p>				

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Nambour	Club #		Club Membership	
Nambour have helped out with the food and drinks at the caravan and camping expo. Also helped with food and drinks at the Queensland Garden Expo.				

Southport	Club #		Club Membership	
Southport Apex members helped making care packs for Baby Give Back, a charity helping provide essential items for babies and their families.				

REGION	5	SYD, NTH, STH COAST, MID NSW	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Andrew Mellowship	
		LM Blacktown	
<p>2020-21 has been a challenging year across the globe, with the effects of the pandemic impacting on all in our wonderful organisation, to a greater or lesser extent. Clubs have demonstrated flexibility, and ingenuity, striving to continue to serve their local communities - many desperately in need. Clubs have continued to show effort through their positive & active service work, annual events, supporting schools & their communities where possible. Due to Covid-19, RC visits to clubs have generally not occurred, though have kept communication channels open generally through a combination of social media, emails and the occasional phone call. Sadly, Muswellbrook had their last meeting on 26/6/2021, after sixty years of service to the community, and a couple other clubs challenged with membership numbers. It has been a great pleasure being your RC & I would like to thank all of you for your communication, comradery, friendships & the privilege to serve in your communities. I will continue in the RC role for another term and look forward to the opportunity for face to face contact.</p>			

BEROWRA	Club #	755	Club Membership	23
<p>Very active club. Major events include Woodchop, Xmas Trees, Movies Under the Stars,</p> <p>Santa Runs & Park nights. This year raised \$3000 for Red Shield Appeal, contributed to a women's shelter, conducted Santa's Sleigh Run, a toy drive, and raised funds through the sale of Xmas trees. Unfortunately, the annual woodchop had to be cancelled, as was the last of the Santa sleigh runs due to lockdown provisions. The club has had regular dinner meetings, recently having zoom catchups, but being unable to have their regular family camping weekend social activities. Continuing</p>				

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to look at flexible ways to be responsive to community needs.

BLACKTOWN	Club #	333	Club Membership	6
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Their regular service gigs are the Blacktown & St Ives Shows, Chris Riley's Youth of the Streets dinners, Bunnings BBQs, have all been impacted by COVID influences. The club has forged a strong relationship with Blacktown Lions, doing joint service activities to support homeless in Blacktown LGA and donating Mens care packs. Have supported the Mayors Christmas toy appeal. 60th anniversary celebrations set for 14/8/2021 have been postponed due to restrictions. Working closely with Lions and Local government to establish a mens mental, physical and social health weekly walk and talk to be commenced once restrictions are lifted.

BRAIDWOOD	Club #	248	Club Membership	18
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Main events are Xmas Raffles, Diggers Golf day supporting RSL sub-branch, Defence driving courses for school age learner drivers. They have a mobile cool room which they hire out & a Jumping Castle. Drought & bushfires in their areas also & they were planning on doing a project repairing a park that was bushfire effected. Have conducted quite successful wood raffles in recent months, and the club undertook service work by way of fixing the flooring at the Apex Childrens Chalet. Club continues to have regular interaction and catchups using IT and contact is supported by a club facebook page which is regularly updated.

MUSWELLBROOK	Club #	125	Club Membership	
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Sadly the club handed back their charter at the end of the 2020-21 FY after 60 years serving the local community. The community was the beneficiary of club assets dispersed to those organisations who they had worked with closely for many years. A final meeting was held on 26/6/2021 – impacted slightly by Covid restrictions enacted the day before – unfortunately the RC was unable to attend, but all reports indicated a very enjoyable and memorable catch up.

MILTON / ULLADULLA	Club #	382	Club Membership	14
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Are a very active mixed club. Main events The Fathering Project for 400 Dads & Kids, South Coast Craft Beer Festival. Xmas Carols Family BBQ for 600 people. Their surrounding area was impacted by bushfires at the start 2020, followed closely by COVID. They also supported the Jindelara Cottage Foundation which is a collaboration of service clubs supporting a respite home for disabled. Secured some funding to conduct a resilience camp for teens and their parents and Apexians following the impact of fire and pandemic – extremely successful in terms of engagement of participant. Club is considering their current membership position with a couple of members heading towards the upper age limit. Club is financial, meets face to face bi monthly, has a highly regarded presence in the community and regular service work is relevant and well supported. Initiated and participated in a joint service clubs meeting, with Rotary , Lions, and Apex all present.

OBERON	Club #	133	Club Membership	6
<p>'Welcome to Oberon' Apex Sign greets you as you enter their town. Are a men's club, main event is the Oberon Show where the Club runs the bar in a shed in Feb. They have an Apex Park & a good relationship with RSL, IGA, Pubs & community. Communication is sporadic and numbers have not been updated for 2020-2021 year.</p>				

SINGLETON	Club #	141	Club Membership	5
<p>Is a mixed club with male members. Have experienced difficulties being able to attract and retain members who live in reasonable commuting distance from town due to the nature of the workforce and the impact, directly and indirectly of pandemic. COVID cancelled many planned community activities. Communication with the club contacts is open and transparent, suggestions to reenergise club have been forwarded for their consideration.</p>				

WAUCHOPE	Club #	233	Club Membership	6
<p>Is a mixed Apex Club, Club still involved in convening a school public speaking competition for schools in the local and neighbouring area. Significant impact on monthly BBQs which have been cancelled, and monthly cash – a- can is poorly patronised. Concern over membership with 2 members approaching club upper limit – some suggestions and support offered by RC. Club finances are not looking good due to the limited fundraising opportunities.</p>				

REGION	6	NSW South Coast
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Luke Corkett
<p>So this is going onto the second year of Covid, making things very difficult for Apex clubs. Region 6 is a border region putting more strain on clubs working around separate state lockdown laws. Even with the restrictions that have been put onto these border towns, Apex clubs have still managed to stay active and take a proactive approach moving forward. It is great to hear that when clubs were unable to meet face to face the members still adapted to apps such as zoom hosting online meetings. The interaction between the members has been a great chance for mates to debrief about the current situations and still put ideas forward giving the clubs hope for the future.</p>		<p>Albury</p> 
<p>Although covid is still around, there has been some breaks allowing clubs to get back in the community for service projects, fundraisers and social events. South Wagga Apex managed to gain 4 new members over the year while still donating to the community and hosting the annual Fisherama. Albury Apex hosted the annual charity Golf Day with a sold-out event allowing the club to sponsor the Circus Quirkus for disadvantaged children and gaining another 3 members before handover. Corowa Apex gained 2 members and got back in the community with their miniature steam train rides and the Darlington Point Apex club hosted the annual Riverina classic adapted to covid as an online event open to all inland waters with another massive turn out with thousands going to charity.</p>		
<p>The new Apex year should be promising with more restrictions lifting giving more clubs the change to work together, promote service and interclub activities and move on from these difficult times.</p>		
<p>Hope to be back on the road soon. Yours in Apex, Luke Corkett</p>		

REGION	7	VIC
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Ben van Hooydonk
		Traralgon
<p>This year has been a particularly hard year for us as Victorians.</p> <p>With the constant lockdowns and endless restrictions, it has been very hard for clubs to plan events with some lockdowns being sprung upon us with a few hours' notice. With that being said we have had a few clubs that have had some success through all of the hardships</p>		

Bairnsdale	Club #	39	Club Membership	5
<p>This year Bairnsdale club really shone through with its dedication and quick planning to make sure that it saw a number of successful events carried out this year.</p> <p>They were instrumental in keeping morale high with numerous trivia nights.</p> <p>They held a colour your world fun run between lockdowns with 4 weeks' notice as well as numerous other local events in the community.</p>				

Traralgon	Club #	59	Club Membership	6
<p>The Traralgon club this year struggled again with most of its big events cancelled due to lockdowns or restrictions on numbers.</p> <p>That being said it did manage to hold a trivia night to raise funds for the national project. And also help out those in need with local garden clean-ups in conjunction with the local hospital.</p>				

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Yarram	Club #		Club Membership	13

Moe	Club #	83	Club Membership	4
<p>This year the Moe club was able to hold an art festival in conjunction with the local lions club. They also have had to cancel events due to the Victorian lockdowns.</p>				

Drouin\Warragul	Club #		Club Membership	7
<p>This year the Drouin\Warragul club was able to purchase a new catering trailer to help them fundraise at many events in the future.</p>				

Euroa	Club #		Club Membership	16

REGION	9	Western Victoria	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Ben Curnow	
		Beaufort	
<p>Being Victorian, much of the past year has been spent in either lockdown, or strong restrictions. What I love about the clubs in this region is the resilience shown to continue to support their communities any way they can. The ability of clubs to run zoom meetings and functions is admirable, and the clubs who have continued to maintain regular contact with their members have achieved the most.</p> <p>As an RC, I managed to visit the Ballarat Eureka, Hoppers Crossing and Echuca Moama Clubs and have had regular contact with all clubs. I am proud to have been the RC for the past 15 months and if not for my National Board Role, I would have certainly done this again. Thanks to all of the club presidents and members for making me feel so welcome.</p>			

Ballarat Eureka	Club #	2	Club Membership	6
<p>Ballarat Eureka Apex Club Continues to remain active. Their annual Christmas Tree Sales is the club's major fundraiser, in which they do well, as Ballarat has a population of 100,000. Throughout the 2020/21 year the club has made community donations upwards of \$10,000. They have connections to the major Scout Camp in Ballarat and also have cut and donated some firewood. The club has returned its focus to membership and attracting younger people.</p>				

Horsham	Club #	15	Club Membership	12
<p>Horsham Apex Club are a highly active club for their community. The club has maintained its monthly paper drive, keeping funds ticking over. The Longy B&S Ball was cancelled this year, but that hasn't stopped the team at Horsham. The major highlight this year has been the purchase of a brand-new Hyundai i30 for the local</p>				

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Centre for Participation, which helps new residents to Horsham form connection with the community and gain employment. The club has done Zoom meetings this year, but the inability to meet regularly face to face has challenged their membership. Overall, things look bright for the Horsham Apex Club.

Goroke	Club #		Club Membership	33
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Tucked away in the bottom of Western Victoria, the Goroke Apex Club are a powerhouse of membership. The town of Goroke has a population of 300, so the current membership of 33 is outstanding. A community made up of mainly farmers and tradesmen, Goroke haven't been able to meet often, as their numbers have usually been to great for the restrictions. The Goroke Rodeo has been cancelled, but the clubs major service event this year was some lamb marking and farming support. The club has donated \$30,000 to the local Recreation Reserve Clubrooms, which is an amazing donation. Happy to keep doing their own thing in Goroke in the name of Apex.

Hoppers Crossing	Club #	922	Club Membership	5
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Being the only club in Metropolitan Melbourne has been difficult with the Covid Lockdowns, but Hoppers Crossing Apex Club made their fortnightly meetings online. The club managed to fit a Bunnings barbeque in, which was a good fundraising boost. Hoppers passed 900 dinner meetings earlier this year and their dinner notice remains excellent. The club went online with their Christmas Tree Sales and showed their resilience to continue their major fundraiser. The annual WynSpeak Debating competition continued this year also, which the local high schools appreciate. Considering the challenges of the past year, Hoppers Crossing has done an amazing job for their local community.

Warracknabeal	Club #	99	Club Membership	7
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The Warracknabeal Apex Club have done their best to stay active this past 12 months. Membership retention has been a challenge, but as things open up again, the board is confident it will attract people back to the club, along with some new members. The fundraising opportunities haven't been as abundant this year, but the resilience of the Warracknabeal Apex Club is unquestionable. The club has continued to cut and donate firewood to the local community and hold in person meetings when possible. They are focused on consolidating some club assets to ensure the continued success of their club.

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Beaufort	Club #	440	Club Membership	14
<p>Beaufort has backed up its 2019/20 Club of the year award with another strong year. A highly active club, always looking for service opportunities. The club was able to cater for 1 of 2 Lake Goldsmith Steam Rallies this past year, which was of great financial benefit. Community donations were down this year, but still totaling around \$5,000. They've continued the home help program where possible and celebrated their 1100th dinner meeting and inducted the first life member since 1999.</p>				

Echuca Moama	Club #	11	Club Membership	15
<p>Echuca Moama have had challenges through Covid being a border club, with different rules throughout the year in NSW and Victoria. A major event for the club this year was the Moama Council Music Day, in which the club put on an event to support the arts in their community. The club cut tonnes of wood this year to donate and sell on and they are using the funds raised to upgrade the kitchen in their clubrooms. They are a highly active club within their community and are continuing to grow.</p>				

Stawell	Club #		Club Membership	3
<p>Unfortunately, Stawell Apex Club has not held a meeting for over 2 years. They are in the process of closing.</p>				

REGION	10	Tasmania
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Kevin van Helfteren Deloraine
<p>My Year as RC has been extremely quiet, I have visited both the Ulverstone and Kingborough club and tried to get in contact with the Latrobe club with no response, so nothing really to report about.</p>		


Deloraine	Club #	217	Club Membership	11
<p>Deloraine club tried keeping busy over the 2020/21 apex year with a couple different projects and social events we are currently getting our office at the caravan park fitted out so as we can have an onsite office and care taker we are also building a couple small bike paths at a local day care center, have built a fence to the entrance of a playground in mole creek, donated time and moneys to different causes all in all it has been a pretty good year for Deloraine.</p>				

Ulverstone	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	15
<p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank at the club members for putting in such an extraordinary effort in accomplishing our projects over the last 12 months. Having members with a wide range of skills and trades allows us to take on all kinds of projects. The club wouldn't be here today without the hard work and determination of the past and current members. In the last twelve months we have welcomed two new members Troy McCarthy and Jack Crouch. All though we are a club of 14, we all get involved in a wide variety of projects in the community. The club this year has donated over 535,000 back in to the community, which is amazing.</p>				

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Kingborough	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	(?)
<p>Apex's most southerly club, namely The Apex Club of Kingborough has maintained a steady stream of social and service activities. Covid may have recalibrated and changed a few things but we helped out at an ANZAC breakfast, cooked an abundance of sausages at Bunnings and the Taroon Book Fare, participated in Clean Up Australia days. There were countless social events were Apexians celebrated the moment</p>				

Latrobe	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	(?)
<p>No response</p>				

REGION	12	WEST SA
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		DANIEL LASCELLES
		KADINA
<p>This year I have had the pleasure of attending the Gawler, Jamestown and Clare and Districts Handover dinners.</p> <p>My goal this coming year is to attend a club meeting at every club.</p> <p>With club events and social activities having taken a hit due to COVID, it's important to get out in the community and see if everyone is doing ok and what we can do to help.</p>		

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	Club #	677	Club Membership	12
No Report				

CLARE AND DISTRICTS	Club #		Club Membership	5
<p>Clare and Districts Apex Club has had a quiet year. We have had a couple of movie fundraisers in the pipeline that we will hopefully be able to do later in the year, covid delayed the release date of the movies so we are waiting patiently. We now only have 5 members with one member Nedd Golding marked as AWOL as he is keen to keep his membership but moved away to the picturesque Robe late last year. We have completed our BBQ and seating area with the help of a grant from the local council. Now people making use of the trains park can have a BBQ and somewhere to sit while they enjoy the lake and use of the trains. Two of our members are keen supporters of the postie ride, which saw them help raise over \$117,111 this year. We are looking forward to the following year and going to more interclubs again. This last year we visited Jamestown for a meeting and their</p>				

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handover, which was a fun night. We also Spend a night at the Spadling Bowls club with the Jamestown Club where we were able to raise some funds by selling tickets for mystery bottles of wine. We finished off our year with our 'carry on, carry over' handover at the Clare Bowls Club for a night of crackerjack fun. We had members from Gawler, Jamestown and Kadina in attendance, which made for an eventful evening with wheel spins and games of bowls.

CRYSTAL BROOK	Club #		Club Membership	12
<p>Due to Covid the club has not done much. Our senior citizens dinner was cancelled. We almost had our rump n red night which was going to help purchasing a bus for our old folks home. We had a good cropping year as a result we were able to give \$7400 to crystal brooks CWA to help reroof their club. We still have about 12 members. Some have a more active role than others due to work.</p>				

GAWLER	Club #		Club Membership	18
<p>We called off our peak event, being the Gawler Carols, due to ongoing uncertainty, which naturally disappointed us all. Bronte didn't let that stop him. The Gawler Christmas Markets were setup and planned for December. All was going well until the words Parafield Cluster, and snap lockdown. This ended our chance for the November Bunnings BBQ. The markets were looking very shaky too, but the lockdown lifted, and two weeks later, the 1st Gawler Apex Christmas Markets kicked off on a beautiful day.</p> <p>Working with the Gawler Council, we put on a free santa's workshop for the community. This included setup and takedown too. This took us to the end of 2020.</p> <p>Gawler Apex Citizen of the Year was awarded to our own Leon Budden.</p> <p>Our event calendar started to look promising, and by April, a fair majority of the club and families took their first interstate trip for long time to a very well planned, and supported Packsaddle Gymkhana. Even applying for border passes so we could re-enter are own state was a first. For me, I saw our club in full flight. 14 hours days, feeding the population of the Packsaddle Showgrounds. It was just magic. I couldn't be prouder of our club, especially being my first Packsaddle!</p> <p>In May, technology assisted us to have an incredible Gumeracha Medieval Fair. Over 12 months, we've introduced Square to allow payments by EFTPOS, but we stepped it up another notch with order display screens. Another 2 days, of long hours and tired bodies, and trust me when I sat down with Leon on Sunday Night, I've never felt so proud and so exhausted simultaneously. We also had some wonderful assistance from a fellow Kadina Apexian in Jacob Venning. 2 weeks</p>				

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later, we buckled down again to run a free community concert with a number of leading, local bands. Whilst the turn out was lower than we hoped for, the people who did come had a fantastic time. Once again, a 12 hour day was not out of the ordinary,

In June, we returned to Maree for another successful event. I'm especially grateful to those that go, especially as I couldn't and worse ended up having my second

JAMESTOWN	Club #	928	Club Membership	18
<p>Our club has taken on some big projects in the last year outside of our BBQ trailer/equipment hiring and catering/bar work. The biggest was the inaugural Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up Music Festival, an event that attracted 800 people and raised over \$20K for mental health projects in our local community. The irrigation project continues to grow, with 3 pivots and an established lucerne stand, but it is still finding it's feet regarding water allocations in dry summers and production issues. We are also working on 5 major town entrance signs in conjunction with the Jamestown 150 year celebrations set for 2021. Elsewhere we have had our usual involvement in the 2-day Jamestown Show, Ram N Ewe Ball, and the Jamestown Christmas Pageant and Magic Cave. We also cut and sold firewood as a fundraiser for the Apex Postie Bike Ride.</p> <p>This year is our club's 40th birthday and we have had to put any celebrations on hold due to the ongoing pandemic.</p>				

KADINA	Club #	293	Club Membership	10
<p>Kadina Apex Club inducted one new member this year, unfortunately on the flip side of this they lost five. Three members leaving the community in a space of 2 meetings. One of their favourite events of the year, Christmas in Kadina was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but they managed to still hold their Annual Australia Day breakfast. This event was huge, with numbers exceeding expectations, maybe due to local events have been few and far between, but the club believes it's due their famous egg flipping skills. The club managed to hold a few other service and social events such as tree cutting and clay pigeon shooting, visiting the new Sea Rescue station and a lot of interclubs. Like most clubs it's been a difficult couple of years due to social restrictions and lockdowns, but the club is still very active and keen to get out and help others to build a better community.</p>				

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KIMBA	Club #		Club Membership	13
<p>President Wesley Schmidt Treasurer Hayden Whitwell Secretary Jason Haywood We catered for the Kimba motocross EP series a couple of months ago and we've been meeting when COVID allows us. We are going to sell show bags and run the bar for the Kimba AH&F Show next week. It's a continuing struggle to keep members motivated in these busy times.</p>				

MAITLAND	Club #	668	Club Membership	19
<p>The Maitland Apex Club has had an extremely rewarding 12 months despite the difficulties faced in another year heavily impacted by Covid .</p> <p>This year was the clubs 50th year in Apex and also coincided with the clubs 1000th meeting. The 1000th meeting was a fantastic event attended by close to 200 people including one of our inaugural members in Bernard Honner. The evening was capped off with the induction of three worthy Life Members in Matthew Dyett, the clubs longest serving member, Paul Burrows and Darren Banks. Every guest received a book of the club's history, usb and a 50th year bottle of shiraz.</p> <p>On the service side the club still managed to complete its major project the Pump track at Apex Park. The Pump track cost over \$50,000 and has been very well utilised by the town's youth since it's installation.</p> <p>The club which has 19 current members also were able to host the Apex Christmas Street party and cooked the Anzac Day breakfast for around 200 patrons. Other service jobs were wood cutting, bar waiters at a local wedding, the Santa trail for the kids and Christmas trees street decorations, working the Maitland Show gates and some repairs to Apex house after some vandalism, around about 800 service hours.</p> <p>On the social side we held meetings in Price, Port Victoria, the Yorke Valley and Maitland Hotel and the Maitland Aero Club and Central Yorke Football Club.</p> <p>Although Covid has definitely provided some disappointments it has still been a very successful and enjoyable year.</p>				

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PORT AUGUSTA	Club #		Club Membership	6
<p>Since the pandemic started we have only had one meeting back in June this year. We had to cancel this year's Wharfest festival that was due to be held in August for the safety and interest of people to not get COVID. We are still a club of 6 members. No meeting has been called as of yet but our President has said he will organise soon.</p> <p>One community service was the Australia Day BBQ Breakfast back in January.</p>				

WHYALLA	Club #		Club Membership	8
<p>In the last year we arranged an online Christmas pageant via face book and the Whyalla city council page. Cooked BBQ and lamingtons for Australia Day on the Councils Behalf as well as Cooked BBQ for Naidoc week, cooked BBQ for Whyalla Show Society AGM, held a monthly meeting when members were in town.</p>				

REGION	13	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Stacey Hearn
		

Apex Club of Bunbury Koombana	Club #	26	Club Membership	8
<p>Lots of changes this past year for our club but even during covid we still managed to do our biggest fundraising event which was the Australia Day Breakfast 2021. Throughout the year the club has undertaken various service events and fundraising events. The biggest milestone for our club was hosting the WA State Catch Up and our clubs 85th Birthday dinner which were both a great celebration of Apex in WA and Bunbury. Club membership has decreased by 50% in the past year but the club has lots of fundraising and service planned for the upcoming year.</p>				

REGION	14	WA North
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Emma Jackson Geraldton WA
<p>In spite of COVID, cyclones and cancelled community events, Apex clubs all over the state rallied and supported their communities.</p> <p>In March Bunbury once again hosted the annual WA State Catch Up. It was great to see so many clubs make the journey for a weekend of service, celebration, and fellowship.</p>		
		

Hamersly (Perth)	Club #	23	Club Membership	8
<p>The Club purely operates to run the Apex Teenage Fashion Awards, which is a fantastic event that all the WA clubs try to support.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to COVID this had to be cancelled again this year, but hopefully next year will be bigger and better.</p>				

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Northam	Club #	76	Club Membership	N/A
Public meeting still to be scheduled prior to Club undergoing closing procedure if no local interest.				

Geraldton	Club #	178	Club Membership	10
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It has been a busy year in Geraldton with lots of service projects and fellowship.

The club received a grant to host a driver Reviver station to promote National Road Safety week and saw an increased demand for support of individuals helping with clean-ups and house removals. The Club has also supported the new Eat

Up Geraldton program, helping to make over 7000 sandwiches for kids this year.



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Wongan Hills	Club #	464	Club Membership	8
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The Club celebrated its 1200th Dinner Meeting, in style with Apex members from various clubs around the state, local dignitaries and community groups.

They ran a stellar Australia Day Breakfast, inducted new members, hosted rowdy social events & probably the most exciting part was the making and showcasing the Apex Train.



Karratha	Club #	717	Club Membership	7
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A quiet year this year for the club, service work main focused on hire of trailers and bar work at events. Funds raised by the club continue to support local sporting clubs and community.

Corrigin	Club #	412	Club Membership	5
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Great to see this small club inducting new members and getting active in the community again post COVID.

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Dowerin/ Goomalling	Club #	504	Club Membership	14
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The club has been quiet in 2020/21 due to COVID-19, however their main event, the Dowerin Field Day is all set to go ahead in August 2021. The club runs the bar raising much needed funds to support the community.

Kununurra	Club #	915	Club Membership	16
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Despite COVID the Club still ran its annual Barra Bash in September 2020 engaging 510 participants (best year on record) and giving the community a much-needed lift.

The club also completed lots of smaller service jobs throughout the year, including supporting the Rodeo and the Clontarf footy dinner.

