

2021-22 APEX AUSTRALIA ANNUAL REPORT





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2021/2022 National Board

NATIONAL PRESIDENT	Adam Stewart	QLD
NATIONAL SECRETARY	Simon Grant	VIC
NATIONAL TREASURER	Gavin Mingay	QLD
NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR	Tara Spotswood	QLD
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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	Ben Curnow	VIC
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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



What a year it has been! There have been unprecedented challenges created by Covid-19, which has put our resilience to the test. Some clubs across Australia couldn't meet or carry out their normal activities. Some however found other ways to carry out service activities, even though the activities were different to what they would normally do. We ran our second postal vote and zoom National convention, which went well thanks to fantastic engagement from our clubs.

This year our Association clocked up an incredible 91 years, an achievement of which we can be very proud. Whilst Apex has changed a lot in 91 years, our founders 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. Our National Convention in Bundaberg promises to be an epic celebration and is one not to be missed. It is being held between 6-9 October. Register now at apexconvention.com.au so you don't miss out. Also, make sure you nominate for our National Awards, we want to hear about the amazing things your club has been doing so that you receive the recognition you deserve.

With so many things being cancelled and shut down, we did manage to run a 91st celebration in honour of our 90th that was cancelled last year due to Covid. To be able to present a life governorship to Mark Ballin was a highlight of my year as President. We have changed our National Office in this financial year, and we have streamlined our operations.

I have really enjoyed visiting Apex clubs and attending Apex events such as the Mt Isa Rock Pop Mime show and the Postie Bike ride in South Australia. It all highlights there are great things happening in your local communities and is an indication the future is bright for Apex. Tyson Campbell and I ran a BBQ in Lismore which provided us an opportunity to be able to chat to locals about the difficulties they have and will be facing in the future and to be able to financially support three families whose lives have been devastated by the floods. It was an experience I will never forget.

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.

The 2021-2022 year was challenging, and I would like to personally congratulate all our clubs on weathering the storm. I look forward to seeing our clubs support their communities in the years ahead. I want to thank my National Board for doing an amazing job over this past year, and their work behind the scenes supports our clubs to do what they do best.

I wish Simon Grant our incoming President and his 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. I look forward to seeing you all at the National Convention.

Yours in Apex,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Stewart". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "A".

Adam Stewart
National President
2021-2022
Apex Australia



National Secretary & National Vice President Report



The Apex year of 2021/2022 will go down in the books as one of the more challenging times that the Association has faced. It was also a time of great achievement and celebration. I am so pleased that we finally got to come together as an Association to celebrate 91 years of Apex in Australia after the COVID-19 cancellations of 2020/2021.

The National Board and the Apex Club of Bundaberg worked hard to deliver the 2021 National Convention in the virtual space and remained adaptive to provide a program that was very well received.

When restrictions on movement lifted across the country our NB took the opportunity to meet face to face in SA. This was also attended by LG Jim Hughes AM who kindly donated his time to mentor the NB.

In January, I launched the Apex Australia Day project which was taken up by a small number of clubs. This project provided clubs with a basic plan to increase membership through proactive engagement at their local Australia Day event. While restrictions on gatherings continued to be seen across the country some clubs were able to move forward with the project. For example, the Beaufort Club recruited the new local journalist and he has since been inducted. There aren't any photo/media opportunities missed now!

The highlight for me was organising the 90th (91st) anniversary of Apex celebrations that occurred in Toowoomba on the 2nd of April 2022. Throughout the coordination of the event, I met and strengthened relationships with many past and present Apexians. A short time before commencing the planning, the NB determined that we would award Mark Ballin with Life Governorship of the Association. With this in mind and the hope of keeping it a secret from Mark, I recruited him to help me with the event planning. This also allowed me to get know Mark ahead of the function which was fantastic.

What a celebration it was! With Apexians from all over past and present attending as well as the live streaming of the formalities to the Apex Australia social media accounts. I must congratulate Emma Jackson on her inspirational account of the history of the Association. Emma's delivery, passion and poise made it very special.

It was my absolute honour as NVP to present Mark with his Life Governorship at the event and based on his reaction he didn't see it coming. Thanks Mark for all of your help, coordination and advice.

After being endorsed by the NB as NVP I commenced planning and recruiting for my NP term and when I was endorsed as NP in May 22 work began on budgets, strategy and other formalities.

I am indebted to NB managers Craig Martin and Leon Budden who with determination and without fuss worked tirelessly to ensure compliance of our National Office with regards to



Audited financials and our charitable status. This was a massive body of work and has ensured that we are up to date with our governance and compliance going forward thus allowing future NB's to focus on innovation and progression of Apex.

I have worked hard to rebuild the relationship with our friends at the Apex Foundation and we are in a great place and working together for the mutual benefit of the Apex family.

The opportunities for personal growth that Apex continues to deliver for me are priceless and I encourage everyone to consider service to the Association at a higher level whether it be as an RC or on NB. You won't regret it.

Yours In Apex

Simon Grant

National Secretary & National Vice President

2021-2022

Apex Australia

National Treasurer Report



What a year! My first year on the National Board has been very eye-opening. Thanks to Covid-19 we only had a few face-to-face board meetings, and the National Convention was restricted to only a few states again - hopefully third time lucky for the Bundaberg club this year. I was fortunate enough to become a father for the first time this year as well, so juggling Apex and work and family has been very challenging. Thank you to Roisin and Percy for being very understanding, and Percy for helping contribute to the Zoom board meetings and Apex

marketing on Facebook.

The association has overcome some massive challenges this year, thanks mainly to the amazing contribution from Craig Martin and Leon Budden. They have saved our charity arm and have helped clean up much of the rest of the organisation. We have managed to finalise the last two years of audits and we have been doing pretty well financially. Our two National Office contractors, Anna and Yolanda have been doing a great job and their roles will increase slightly this year.

I have been fortunate enough to get a fair amount of travel in this year. I have had trips to the Gold Coast, Caboolture, Roma, Bundaberg, and The Shack at Shoalhaven Heads. We have also had the big 90th (91st) Birthday celebration weekend and I have been lucky enough to witness the induction of Life Governor Mark Ballin and Life Member Craig Martin. It was amazing to see both men become so emotional with their recognition.

This year myself and Ben Curnow have established the Rising Stars program. We have had a lot of success so far, with eight very keen and dedicated young Apexians. They have already made some very successful contributions and will continue to be a great assistance to the National Board. Two of the Rising Stars have already stepped up to National Board duties.

I would like to thank the National Board for their efforts the last twelve months. We have had a very challenging times, both within Apex and in our personal lives and we have had a lot of great times too.

Yours in Apex

Gavin Mingay
National Treasurer
2021-2022
Apex Australia

Regional Communicator Co-ordinator Report



Wow where did the past 12 months go? It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the National Board once again for the past year. A busy term means we have had many goals to achieve, and I believe we have set some solid foundations for the future for the Apex Association.

It was great to be able to see a few Apex members faces with a few board members being able to attend the Queensland National Convention in Bundaberg. We have made great advancement in our capacity to host a digital meeting but still nothing like seeing everyone's smiling faces. The fellowship is lost, the new friendships made and the brains trust of brand-new ideas or expansions of old ones is also missing with a virtual convection, without the interstate Apexians being in attendance at convention. Here's hoping we can make that a reality in Oct for the third and final attempt in Bundaberg, we are hoping for the saying third time lucky to come to fruition. For any more details please reach out on either the Facebook page or on my mobile 0427 262 065.

One of the highlights of the past year has been part of starting a new club Capricorn West in Rockhampton QLD at the end of last year. There has not been a club in Rockhampton in 14 years. It was great to be part of starting up a new club instead of having to close one down. This is a great sign that the Apex association on a national level is moving in the right direction, with the careful guidance by Apexians in leadership roles and brand new Apexians and their new ideas, the sky is literally our limits.

This coming year will have a great new start with the roll out of the new Regional Communicator Manual being taught at the RC National Convention in Oct. This Manual has been in the pipeline for over a year, and I have to say a major thank you to Luke Corkett for being part of this.

This manual will create a guideline and a procedure to follow for all Regional Communicators. Regional Communicators are the glue in our association. The middle management between the clubs and national board, these Apexians who step up to this role not only bring value to their region but also grow as Apexians and members of their club and society. This role is the glue and the foundation of Apex in Australia. Luke being a prime example of this role, has come on board with the National Board this year as Regional Communicator Co-Ordinator Assistant and Training. The returning and new RC this year will be receiving training from the new updated manual. These are exciting times and glad I can be part of this great team in the coming year.

I believe we have a strong foundation to work from on a National Board level, the achievements made in the past 12 months and the new board we have now elected as well as rising stars I cannot wait to see how my role as Regional Communicator Co-Ordinator will look for 2022-2023. The foundations are set and we have many goals to achieve. With this new RC manual, we will be able to set a high standard for not only the Regional Communicators but also the clubs in each region. This will then flow on to national board level and create a strong future with our association.



I hope to see you all in Bundaberg for National Convention, this is a weekend every Apexian should pen in their calendar! Travel and fellowship is a reward for all our hard work we put in Apex, everyone should aim to travel to somewhere new every year, why not make it an annual convention destination.

Yours in Apex

Tara Spotswood
RC Co-Ordinator
2021-2022
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National Communications Report



What a fantastic opportunity I was presented with as my first year as a national board director. The communications portfolio gave me room to grow some of the great things my predecessor, Neal Molineaux had put in place. I thank Neal for his smooth handover and support early in the year as I entered the role.

First of all, utilising Facebook was the goal. I thank April Lancaster-Smith for her social media support and analysis, which enabled me to be more strategic with posting communications. Our follows on the official page and the Apex Australia Members page have nearly doubled in the past 12 months. There are also many more engagements than in the previous year, which is extremely positive. I know our new Communications Director, Daniel Lascelles will only grow our online presence even further, with the use of Instagram and allocating a small budget dedicated to social media.

Next was the use of zoom, and now teams in our board meetings and for the Queensland based online National Convention. I was able to invite to great guest speakers, Kaitlyn Harasym from Polished Man and Louka Parry from The Learning Future. Both gave great keynotes and gave time to participate in a Q and A. We also raised \$1700 for Polished Man in the week after.

Something that I am personally very proud of, is the launch of The Apex Australia Podcast. We managed to get 6 episodes out in the 21/22 year, with many more in production. I want to personally thank the 6 guests for being our pilot episodes and allowing me to practice my hosting skills. Special thanks to Billie John Caladan of the Beaufort Apex Club for doing the editing, as this is where the real magic happens.

Another new and exciting program implemented by Gavin Mingay and myself has been the Apex Rising Stars Initiative. Gavin and I have put together a group of 8 fabulous younger Apexians to advance some projects through the lens of modernising Apex into the future. These young Apexians are developing their leadership qualities and have already taken on roles within the organisation. From the beginning in April 22, the group has produced 2 new National Directors, 2 new Regional Communicators, 2 new Club Presidents and the other members taking on club board positions. The first 8 members are listed below, and I thank those involved for being the first of what I hope is many more Rising Stars in years to come.

Jakob Hercberg – Gawler Apex Club, SA

April Lancaster-Smith – Sth Toowoomba Apex Club, QLD

Jordan Martin – Toowoomba Apex Club, QLD

Elise Malberg – Bairnsdale Apex Club, VIC

Amy Patterson-Kane – Chinchilla Apex Club, QLD

Georgia Ward – Sth Toowoomba Apex Club, QLD



Tyson Campbell – Roma Apex Club,
QLD

Daniel Lascelles – Kadina Apex Club,
SA

This year saw another 4 E-Apexian Magazines produced by former National Board Director, Mark O'Donnell. I thank Mark for his willingness to do this work. I also thank the clubs and members for continually answering the call for articles and posting things on social media for us to easily find content. I encourage Regional Communicators to keep up to date with club happenings, so we can have great content all year round. A special thanks to Apex 40's and The Apex Foundation for providing content throughout the year.

Overall, this Apex year has been a success, with huge strides made in the communication, membership and financial management spaces. I wish to thank the members of the National Board in 21/22 for their hard work, support and dedication to Apex Australia. Bring on 22/23!

Yours in Apex

Ben Curnow

**National Communications Director & host of The Apex Australia Podcast
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Awards and Innovation Report



Wow! It has been a whirlwind year with a steep learning curve as I navigated my new role and learnt what it meant to be a director of both a national organisation and a charity. I have loved the challenge and opportunities this directorship has given me, and I encourage anyone who is thinking about joining National Board to put their hand up and give it a red-hot go.

National Awards are an important part of recognising and showcasing the amazing work done by Apexians all around Australia. It was my privileged to assist in the celebration and recognition of the nominees and winners last year. The full details of all the winners and nominees can be found in the *2021 National Award Summary Report* on the [Apex website](#).

Award	Winner
Apex Australia Newsletter Award	South Toowoomba Apex Club
Apex Australia Publicity Award	Apex Club of Bairnsdale
Apex Australia Service Project Award	Apex Club of Bairnsdale
Apex Australia Citizenship Initiative Award	Jamestown Apex Club
Apex Australia Club of the Year	Apex Club of Bairnsdale
Apex Australia Best First Year Apexian	Taryn Buffham - Roma
Apex Australia Young Apexian of the Year	Stephen Woodgate - Traralgon
Apex Australia Apexian of the Year	Elise Malberg - Bairnsdale
Apex Australia RC of the Year	Luke Corkett - Albury

Awards don't stop at National Convention. With six new Life Memberships, one Life Governorship and numerous significant dinners, there has been plenty to celebrate across Australia.

My highlight was being able to attend the Apex 91st Celebration and witness the presentation of Mark Ballin's Life Governorship. That evening I also had the honour and challenge to present a history of Apex in ten minutes, to a room full of Apexians who knew more about Apex than I did. I thoroughly enjoyed researching our Associations history, hearing stories from past Apexians and rising to the challenge of the presentation. I strongly encourage anyone wanting to know more about Apex to follow the Apex Australia podcast.

The 'Innovation' component of my directorship was slightly more nebulous, allowing me a lot of scope to improve Apex procedures and systems behind the scenes. I have been working to update and improve our website, improve document management & security, ensure consistent branding and to assist clubs with accessing their Office 365 accounts and emails.



Like with all things Apex, it is the people around you and comradery that makes the work enjoyable. I look forward to working with the new team to make this new year even more successful.

Yours in Apex

Emma Jackson
National Awards & Innovation Director
2021-2022
Apex Australia

National Office Report



It has been a very busy year with a lot of positive outcomes and achievements for the year. In March 2021 at the National Board Face to Face, the board voted to accept the proposal put forward by myself and Leon Budden to on the National Office role for the financial year. This came about by identifying several issues and that there was a lot of Compliance that was not up to date.

1. The 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financials were not completed and audited. This also we found meant that there was Activity Statements and reporting compliance that was not up to date. The outcome is that all Apex entities being The Association of Apex Clubs, Apex Australia Charitable Fund and Apex Consolidated Industries are now up to date with all compliance and financials are up to date with the necessary government regulators.

2. Apex Australia Charitable Fund. Upon updating the required financial reporting to ACNC it was found that our charity was no longer compliant. This was of no fault of the previous officer's but we were to find that the laws governing registered charities has changed in the last couple of years. Interesting to note that our related entity Apex Foundation had found themselves in the same situation and we were able to learn from them the steps to be taken and engaged the same legal practice to assist us. This was a huge amount of effort and time to action and complete. My sincere thanks goes to Leon Budden for his tenacity and effort put in to completing this task and ensuring the continuation of the Apex Charity.

We are now, once again fully compliant with ACNC and the directors have received training on their responsibilities of Charity.

This whole expedition has in my opinion been a very positive result in teaching the National Board the necessary difference of the roles and functions of the Charity and the Association.

3. During the year I put together a proposal for the National Board that the National office be restructured and return to the office being overseen by an Apexian in a volunteer role on the National Board. This was to give more of the workload to our current contractors, more transparent systems and reporting to the whole board and ultimately save the association money.

In February 2022 the National Board voted to adopt this system and appointed Gavin Mingay as the National Office Manager for the 2022-2024 period. Gavin took on a training role immediately until the end of financial year. I have every confidence that the National office is in good hands.

4. Lastly but not least, I sincerely thank our contractors. Our administration contractor Anna Meredith, our financial contractor Yolanda Smart, Synergy Accountants and JG Auditors.



The positive and “can do” attitudes is the only reason that we have been able to catchup and simplify our processes. All of these people have given well and truly over and above in the last year or so. Thank you.

YIA
Craig Martin LM
National Office Manager
2021-2022
Apex Australia

Bursary Report



Greetings Apexians

I would love to be standing here reporting a lot more than I unfortunately am.

The Philippines has been deeply affected by covid and even to this day things are not back to normal. Masks still mandatory you must be triple vaccinated to visit the country or cross its border. This has made it more challenging to get funds to our scholars, along with getting limited response by our former national bursary officer. she has now been stood down and we have a new replacement with experience coming on board. All be massive steps in the right direction.

I have travelled over to the Philippines twice in the last 6 months meeting Apexian and starting an audit. Our new national bursary manager in the Philippines will be attending the Bundaberg convention and I will be back in Philippines in November to finish our audit.


Looking forward to launching the all-new bursary scheme this coming year.

Thank you for your support

Greg Youngberry
Bursary Manager
2021-2022
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Regional Communicator Reports

1. Region 1

REGION	1	Northern Queensland
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		John Davis
		Mount Isa Apex Club
<p>Firstly I would like to thank Adam Stewart for all the work he has done over his term as President, also for judging the students performance at the Mount Isa Apex Rock Pop Mime Show. It was great to see the national president up in the far north west in the middle of nowhere.</p> <p>We got to take him out to the location of the Mary Kathleen Apex Club house and see the footings as that is all that is left amongst the ghost town.</p> <p>In February I was able to go to the club in Herbert River where I got to attend one of their meetings. It was fantastic to see how such a small club does so well and provides so much for their community.</p> <p>Herbert River is a great close knit club and does great things for their community. They look after 12 retirement village units for their community.</p> <p>Townsville unfortunately have not found their feet as yet after Covid. I am concerned about them as a club and their level of activeness in their community. This is something that I feel I will need to invest more time with this year coming.</p> <p>Mount Isa Club has done well this year with several activities in the community. Rock Pop Mime show where we have an attendance of around 5000 community members. Also for cooking Gunfire breakfast for the returned and current serving personnel.</p> <p>Congratulations to Simon Grant the new National President and the new national board members in their new roles. I wish all of you the best for your terms, with all the success and smooth sailing for your ride.</p>		

Mount Isa	Club #	292	Club Membership	8
		<p>Mount Isa started of the year great with their annual Rock Pop Mime Show which was another fab night, especially having the national president in attendance and able to judge the student's performances. We also spent the year upgrading the lawns and gardens for the Cancer House, including planting roses donated by our local Zonta club. This building is the support center for Breast cancer, Prostrate cancer and Leukemia cancer patients and their families. Gunfire breakfast was cooked and served to all our current and returned service personnel and their families on ANZAC morning, then also attending the 10am service to show our community support and thanks to those here</p>		
<p>and fallen.</p> <p>We assisted other service club events such as playing driver to some members of Zonta for their annual Zone meeting with all their invited dignitaries. Helping with man power at the Mount Isa Show with the set up and pack up. Even being available to provide urgent assistance at a moment's notice when contractors didn't show for their shifts during the event.</p> <p>Lucky Numbers, Lucky Numbers, get your lucky numbers. Every buyer gets a ticket, every winner gets a prize... was the call at several community events where we managed to raise some funds for both the community and the club.</p> <p>We started a new endeavor this year by doing a Bunnings BBQ. This is an event that we plan on doing again into the following year as both a raising \$\$ event for the club as well as raising our profile in the community and hopefully gaining a few new members. With our communities brand new Bunnings we have moved into the present whereby we have a Bunnings to do a BBQ at.</p> <p>Finally preparations are starting to shape up for this years Rock Pop Mime show to be held on the 14th of October. This event is an annual event and is 31 years old this year, we provide a place for the local school students to showcase their dance and acting abilities with the support from the community. From a base of almost 18,000 people in the town and we have approximately 6,000-7,000 attend the one night event each year. Students come from Cloncurry (120km), and from School of the Air where students and their families can drive up to 500km just to participate and watch the other students in the show. This event is classed as one of the major events in the Mount Isa Community.</p>				

2. Region 2

REGION	2	Central Coast Queensland
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Tyson Campbell Roma Apex Club
<p>This past 12 months has been very eventful even though I feel as though I fell very short on my plans for this region. We saw Bundaberg, Roma and Cap west combine for a membership drive in Rockhampton, and also a rum and rump night. The plans for a regional catch up did not come to fruition but there is always the next 12 months. Membership and active community engagement is going to be on the focus for the next 12 months with some clubs still needing a helping hand post COVID. I look forward to seeing Trevor take on this region and bring the clubs closer together under his leadership.</p>		

Capricorn West	Club #	unknown	Club Membership	5
<p>Capricorn west is still the newest club in our association, starting with nothing we as a club have a few items which we now own due to donations or small purchasing. We still have access to the bbq trailer and a few esky's also. We as a club have held some bunnings BBQ's and were very lucky to have the help of members from Roma and Bundaberg to come along to a membership drive in a local park. We also held a Rum and Rump night which was a success after many hours of organising. We have a large number of locals who now know who Apex is and what Apex can do and look forward to another rum and rump night.</p> <p>We have also negotiations with council in obtaining our very own club house under a lease agreement. This will create a combined venture with Apex and the Rural Fire working together during the fire season in Rockhampton, the club house being close to the mountain and having space for helicopters to land and take off and also room for an area to feed the fire fighters. We are looking forward to the second year of our club and seeing what we can achieve.</p>				

Biloela	Club #	367	Club Membership	-
<p>Biloela has been a challenge for me ever since I took over the RC role. It took a long time to make contact with the members and was saddening to hear that there were no meetings happening and not a lot of communication. Tara Spotswood and I met face to face with some members and prospexians and talked about reviving this club but that is as far as we have got with not a lot of response since that meeting. I will continue to work with Trevor to see if we can get Biloela Apex back on its feet once more.</p>				



Moura	Club #	647	Club Membership	10
<p>Moura Apex is still going along strong as it always has in the past. The club was involved in the update of the local town clock which is a great asset to our community. we have almost finished the cameras for our local police and still house the tower for the cameras and pay for the power bill in our Apex Club house. We are proud to still sponsor all the local junior sports teams which has our Apex logo presented proudly in our community. We are still running the good old apex bars and we can see a new growth in membership just across the horizon.</p>				

Murgon	Club #	215	Club Membership	3
<p>The Murgon Apex club has been quite again this year due to a low amount of members and personal time being very minimum due to work commitments.</p> <p>Cold room hires are on the up now due to restrictions easing which is a great sign for our community which is obviously congregating once again post COVID. This cold-room has the Apex logo side which exposes our brand in the Murgon community showing the public that our club is still ticking along even if it is at a minimum.</p> <p>Aarron and Tristan Waldock did a small service job with straightening up our Park sign with request from council. This is promising as we clearly have our contacts available for the community to contact us should there be any need for our Apex services, it will be up to us in the coming year to get our name back out there to provide more for our community.</p> <p>With Regional communicator Tyson Campbell, Regional Communicator Coordinator Tara Spottswood and past National apex President Adam Stewart we had been planning a member social and small bbq for the community but due to dates not lining up this has not yet come to fruition. The idea behind this was to bring past Apexians current Apexians and future Apexians together to show first hand to the future members of apex who, what and why the youth of tomrow should become a member of the Murgon Apex club. This idea is not buried but merely put on the back burner until after National Convention.</p> <p>As a club Murgon Apex is still reading the water meters for the Murgon Wandai and Tingoorra townships, this is an agreement met between Murgon Apex and the council. This is our bread and butter for fundraising and is a commitment for our members of twice a year. This alone brings in around \$7000 for our small Apex Club which is absolutely nothing to sneeze at.</p> <p>Hopefully our next report will have more good news and service events conducted in the coming months and the Murgon Apex club will have a list of new apex members.</p>				



Biggenden	Club #	268	Club Membership	6
<p>Biggenden Apex has a night of celebration coming up on the 10th of September and we are very proud to be celebrating 1300 dinners meetings.</p> <p>We held our annual Christmas fair which was a huge success for our club and community and we held a trivia night in June 2022. This was supported very well with a large crowd and some great fellowship. We also were involved in some basic bar service through out the year.</p>				

Gympie	Club #	95	Club Membership	10
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gympie Apex has always been known to have a strong membership, however like many other clubs, this year has been a difficult year yet we made sure that we still stuck to our values and just kept trying. 2. 3. 2022 4. We assisted families and community clubs with the flood clean ups (3 times this year) and provided vouchers to those that were affected. 5. Provided support to our volunteers throughout the year preparing for the Gympie Music Muster including meals, tools and labour. 6. Our members throughout the year assisted local clubs, volunteering their time when Apex was still forming. 7. And most of important – we finally after 3 years – held one of the most successful community run events – the Gympie Music Muster where over 20 not-for-profit organisations rallied up their volunteers alongside with our selves (Including Apexians from other clubs) to raise money and spread the spirit of Friendship and Fellowship. 8. This year we were also left with surplus stock after the Muster which we were able to donate to many of our community support networks and local schools. 9. This year has been a difficulty year for Gympie Apex with many of us affected by work & family commitments and also the dreaded Covid however with so many barriers, we stayed strong and continued to promote Apex and learn so that we will be bigger and better next year. 				

Fraser Coast	Club #	unknown	Club Membership	4
<p>This past 12 months Fraser Coast Apex has been hiring out our trains, jumping castles, food van and cold room. Since the Community is allowing more and more events with less restrictions this has enabled us to help out. We helped out the RFS with a community Fun day in Poona, we had out BBQ trailer there, as well as our train and jumping castle. We have helped out a program that is at Susan River, Hervey Bay called the Hard Yakka. It's aim is to train in a military style program for troubled youths. We were able to provide new uniforms for this program. We have also attended local</p>				



soccer events with our trains and castles and will also be down at Hervey Bay for the Teddy Bears Picnic in a few weeks.

With all the devastating floods on recent months our community was no exception. We had plans for a rum and rump night but our venues have all suffered from the floods. We experienced a smoking night in our community and we are going to explore this avenue and see how much of the community we can bring together. Using the Apex brand and our members we believe we can make this night even better. We have continued to do our normal Apex service events including our santa fair which was a great success also.

Bundaberg	Club #	53	Club Membership	10
<p>10. Well, what a year it has been! From having little to no service work due to covid and the related restrictions, a complete 360 has occurred. We've had so much service work on or offered to us that we've had to respectfully decline some events.</p> <p>11. I'd like to take this opportunity to share my sincere appreciation and gratitude towards the efforts of our members. We're such a small club, however time and time again our members deliver well above what is asked or expected of them. I'm proud to be at the "helm" of this ship and have such an awesome dynamic of friends who make it all the worthwhile.</p> <p>12. A membership drive is high on our agenda, so our service work will take a bit of a step back in favor of social events etc.</p> <p>13. Nov – Norville State School Fete</p> <p>14. Oct – National Convention</p> <p>15. Dec – Donation of Craft and hampers to Bundaberg Base Children's Ward</p> <p>16. Jan/Feb – Prep for Windslasher (Cancelled due to Covid)</p> <p>17. March – Bunnings BBQ</p> <p>18. 7th May – Sound of Rock (Some 50 odd members/associates – Roma, Toowoomba, Brisbane City, Biggenden, Chinchilla, Wandoan, Cap West and Dunga Derby Crew)</p> <p>19. Show Bar – 25th, 36th, 27th May</p> <p>20. 28th May – Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club Gala</p> <p>21. August 7th – Bulldogs Vs Cowboys Corporate Bars</p> <p>22. August 22nd to 29th - Gympie Muster</p> <p>23. September 3rd – Bunnings BBQ</p> <p>24. September 10th – CLS Ability Ball</p> <p>25. October 6th – 9th – National Convention</p> <p>26. October 15th – Light House Rock Music Festival</p> <p>27. October 30th – Tucker and Tunes</p>				

3. Region 3

REGION#	3	QLD/NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Dean Long
		Dalby
<p>As my time as RC draws to an end I sit and reflect back on the past two years and all the challenges that the Association, the Clubs and their members faced. What seemed to many as the end to normality as we knew it was just another of life's hurdles and as we look to the future, we must keep our chin up as there will many more hurdles for us to overcome.</p> <p>I'd like to congratulate April Lancaster-Smith as the incoming RC for the next two years and wish April all the best for her time as RC and hope you will extend to her the same support you gave to me. I will be taking a step back from higher duties and concentrating on my own for club for the foreseeable future and will be looking forward to seeing you all around the region for some service and fellowship.</p> <p>In closing I'd like to leave you with this quote. "Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny" -C.S. Lewis</p> <p>YIA Dean Long RC3 2021-2022</p>		

Dalby, QLD	Club #	91	Club Membership	5
<p>The Apex Club of Dalby has been active in the last 12 months in both service and social events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunnings BBQ's • Dalby Picnic Races • Dalby and District Show • Dalby ANZ Bank branch Christmas BBQ • New Year's Eve event (our main event) • Supported the PCYC youth group • Attended Bundaberg's catchup 2021 • Celebrated our 1600 dinner • Attended other Apex club's changeovers 				



- Attended other Dalby service club's changeovers
- Attended the Dulacca meeting
- Cooked and served meals to the homeless and disadvantaged through the Dalby Circle of Care group.

In closing the club has had a very busy year considering we only have five members, we would like to thank the Apex Club of Chinchilla, South Toowoomba and Toowoomba for their continued support. Without them none of our events would have been successful so 2022 -2023 is the year of supporting other clubs and building our membership.

YIA
Dean Long
2021-2022 President

Roma, QLD	Club #	108	Club Membership	3
<p>The Roma Apex Club has had a quieter last 12 months compared to recent years, the Bar service work has increased though with some weddings and other events the Apex members have been able to show case to our community the services we offer in the hospitality side of our club. With the unfortunate incident in Tasmania the Jumping Castle hires have dramatically reduced due to the insurance complications and lack of membership, needing two members at the castle for hires and events. The castle however has still been involved at community events and kept children entertained for hours on end.</p> <p>Our past President Tyson Campbell was asked to become Regional Communicator for region 2. Tyson has taken on this role looking after a completely new region to his own region 3 and has enjoyed the challenge and has also been involved in the charter of the Cap West Apex Club in Rockhampton. Tyson has really enjoyed this role and has been able to bring back great ideas and stories of Apex to our club and new members.</p> <p>The second Roma Apex Fine Wine and dine was held at the local butter factory and was a great success. Despite the 2 inches (50mm) of rain in 20 minutes before hand, nearly causing a cancelation. Our members and other club members and helpers in true apex spirit rolled our sleeves up and re set up the tables and chairs and decorations for a second time and had 80 people ready to sit down to a 5-course meal. The night was a huge success and people were talking about next year's event that same night. We have our third Fine Wine and Dine night coming up on the 10th of September 2022 at the Butter Factory once again this time aiming to seat 100 people.</p> <p>In November we sadly had the news our President Resigning and leaving the club effectively immediately, and other members stepping down and leaving Roma Apex also over the following months, we were very grateful to have our vice President Sebastian Lund step up to the big job of President and a reshuffle of members</p>				



positions to keep the club moving forward in the right direction. The members consolidated and brought in the inductions of two prospexians who are now proving to be great assets to the club and are very active members in 2022.

For a new celebration in Roma the Roma Show Society put on a New Year's Eve Party. This was not that well supported from the Roma Community and the members were not flat out with entertaining children but still a nice night out seeing the new year in with Apexians and their children.

In the 80's the Roma Apex Club was a huge part in the relocation and set up of Roma's Information Centre the Big Rig. The Big Rig had roughly a million-dollar development of a viewing platform and tree walk completed in April. this was great to be involved in the opening celebrations by doing a bar for the community and jumping castle to entertain all the children in attendance.

In May the Roma Apex Club received a unique donation to the club, a 3-meter-long custom-made smoker. This is an absolute monster, and the members are having great fellow ship in learning how to use it. This Smoker donated by Murphy Pipe Kinetic will enable the Roma Apex Club the ability to bring the community together in many different aspects. With the new craze of smoking meat throughout many communities and Facebook pages, we may even entice some new membership with this great new asset to the club.

With an Origin Energy Grant that was successful a few years ago the Roma Apex club have some brand-new seating in our Apex Park. The tables and chairs were not enough for families who use our park for birthday parties or simple play dates. The Roma Apex Club now has additional chairs in the park to allow seating for the community using our park. This has been an ongoing project, but it is a great addition to our local park with many exciting things to come such as our major ongoing project with an all-inclusive park play.

As a club we are looking at working hand in hand with the local PCYC in hosting a monthly community movie night as Roma does not have a local cinema anymore, this idea is to simply have our Apex brand in our community on a monthly basis and provide a free service giving back to locals and bringing families and our community together once again post the global pandemic. This is also a great opportunity to work side by side with another community group the PCYC.

The Roma Apex club is small once again in membership, but we have a great core of members who are mates wanting to work together and make a difference in their local community. With many large upcoming projects our members are going to be busy building the asset list up for the Roma Apex club. A rebuild stage is up and coming in assets and memberships and will be great to see how we are tracking for our 70 years of Apex in Roma on the 15th of July 2023, Black Tie Masquerade ball)

Many great things to come on the horizon on the Roma Apex Club.



Roma Apex Club
Chartered in 1953
Club 108

South Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	427	Club Membership	6
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>South Toowoomba Apex Club</u></p> <p>The 2021/2022 year has been a productive and fruitful time for South Toowoomba Apex Club. We have continued to meet regularly for dinner and social meetings, provide service in the community and travelled to support fellow Apexians. Collectively, we have travelled over 30 000 kilometres, completed over 270 service hours, and have attended 118 events.</p> <p>Bunnings barbeques and bar work have been our main forms of fundraising. Our club has been surprised and grateful to also received unexpected donations from community groups for our support with their events. With these funds we have been able to proudly make donations to Tony's Community Kitchen, Protea Place, Emerge, Bravery Box – Rewards for Kids with Cancer and Polished Man.</p> <p>There was plenty of service work to keep our small club busy. Our service projects this year were One Long Table in Chinchilla, Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, Tony's Community Fruit Stand, Bunnings Barbeques, Christmas Wonderland of Lights, New Year's Eve Community Event Dalby, Lifeline Bookfest and Dalby Races.</p> <p>We continued to be a very social club not only at club level but with lots of interclub socialising as well. We travelled to Changeovers, Apex Club of Capricorn West Charter Dinner, a dinner meeting with Dalby Apex Club in Jondaryan, National Convention in Bundaberg, Gatton Time Capsule Opening, Dalby's Christmas Party and 1600th meeting, Toowoomba's 2000th meeting, the Condamine Meeting and the 90th Celebration of Apex. As a club we met regularly to have administration nights, the Scouts appreciation barbeque, burger nights at Grill'd and brunches at Emerge and Another Life Coffee. We have also been spending time building bonds with our mates at Toowoomba Apex Club with a trivia night and brewery tour.</p> <p>Our membership numbers remain small, but we have had a couple of prospexians dropping in for socials and meetings. Continuing members are April Lancaster-Smith, Bec Abraham, Georgia Ward, James Burleigh, Moses Abraham and Sarah-Jane Macdonald. We are also proud to have April and Georgia as a part of the new Apex Rising Stars program.</p> <p>Social Media has been a great tool for us this year. We have been using it to share our club's work, share community initiatives, introduce our members to the community and promote events. We have also had our work featured in a local independent newspaper and in the Apexians Magazine.</p> <p>Yours in Apex, Georgia Ward Secretary</p>				



Inverell, NSW	Club #	35	Club Membership	8
<p>Inverell Apex Club Report 2021-2022.</p> <p>It was with enthusiastic hopefulness that the Club approached the end of 2021, with the pandemic restrictions seemingly behind us. As December, and our annual Christmas themed Venetian Carnival approached, locally, COVID took hold, and we made the disappointing decision to cancel our event. For only the second time in its 60 odd year history.</p> <p>However, as things return to normal, we find Inverell Apex has been able to help within our community, with the new BBQ trailer getting out and about, stretching its legs at various events.</p> <p>February sees us supporting our local shows, manning gates at the Inverell Show and backing up the following week with BBQ and bar work at the Ashford Show.</p> <p>After the disappointing cancellation of our carnival in December, the club moved to create an Easter event, aimed at young families. Held at the local Pioneer Village, it included an Easter Egg hunt for children and bacon and eggs for the parents. A great success and something we feel has great potential for us to build on in the coming years.</p> <p>Continuing our relationship with the Inverell Jockey Club saw us catering and manning the gate for a few race meetings this year.</p> <p>Our newest and youngest member secured grant funding for a well-attended skate day at the Inverell Skatepark. On the back of which, progressed the idea to include more events in Inverell, Tingha and Ashford in the coming months. As a Club we feel this avenue of youth engagement is very positive, and something that we haven't achieved for quite a while.</p> <p>We donated to Suicide Australia as a result of a past members personal fundraising ambitions. We were glad to chip in and wish him all the best as he moves to Tasmania for a new job.</p> <p>We held two extraordinary social meetings to assist him in the care of a colleague battling mental health and a suicide attempt. We will strive as a club to continue this support, and hopefully see this young man gain strength and health. While fundraising and a strong community presence is often the name of game, this type of engagement drives deeply into values of being a good Mate.</p> <p>Our social calendar has really taken a hit this year with births and marriages adding to the seemingly ever-hectic schedules of our members. Certainly, an area of the Club that needs work.</p> <p>Encouraging new members is always top of mind and while we haven't got any across the line this year to date, we are quietly confident of achieving some new memberships in the near term.</p>				

On Saturday 09/04/2022 Inverell APEX hosted an Easter Egg Hunt to bring the community back together, after Covid restricted events over the last few years. Held at the Inverell Pioneer Village, they started with a Breakfast BBQ, where some chose to line their tummies and give them an energy boost for the HUNT. After all the hidden eggs were discovered, they held an Egg Scramble to ensure everyone left with some Cadbury goodness in their baskets. Please see some photos attached of all the FUN that was had.



We are Club 35, with 8 active members.

Yours in Apex,
Aaron Wilkinson
President
Inverell Apex



Chinchilla, QLD	Club #	295	Club Membership	7
<p>This year started with the club working the bar at the Intrust Cup Football and traveling to Wallumbilla for school Debating. We also spent a day cooking chips at the Western Downs Regional Council's Giant Inflatables Day.</p> <p>The next big event on the calendar was working the bar at Chinchilla's One Long Table. One Long Table is a multicultural event held in Chinchilla each year where the main street is closed with tables set up down the street and lots of different food and entertainment. This event and it is always lots of fun as our marquee is directly in front of the stage. We also had members from South Toowoomba and Roma Apex clubs come and help.</p> <p>The club also received a grant from QGC so we could renovate our catering van. This was completed towards the end of 2021 and had its maiden voyage at the Lions Christmas Lights in December where we would be cooking chips. Unfortunately, December was very wet here in Chinchilla and the event was rained out and we only got to make about 12 cups of chips.</p> <p>2021 ended with the annual Jandowae/Bossie Trip for a fantastic time of fellowship and stew cooked by Life Member Bossie Hartwig. We also had our own Christmas party and some of our members helped the Dalby Apex club at their New Year's Eve event. December also saw the return of one of our former members Amy Patterson-Kane who transferred back to Chinchilla from Capricorn West after moving back to town.</p> <p>The new year arrived and bought with it COVID and a stop to our Friday Night Raffles for a while. In March we attended the Region 3 catch up in Condamine and had a social meeting at the Kogan pub continuing the tradition of a "Beer on the Pier at the Weir" on the bus trip home.</p> <p>One of the most exciting events for the club this year was the return of the ANZAC day Gunfire Breakfast. It has been a long-standing tradition for the club to provide and cook breakfast after dawn service on ANZAC day and after a few years without it because of COVID restrictions it was great to be back having a rum and iced coffee.</p> <p>April and May had us travelling a lot with 2 members taking a drive to Wandoan for the Wandoan Apex clubs meeting and the annual trip to Dulacca for some fellowship with the Roma Apex club. We also had some members travel to Bundaberg to help the Bundy Apex club with the bar at the Sounds of Rock music festival. It was a great weekend with lots of fellowship and was also great to be able to help a struggling club. Bundy paid us \$300 for helping at the event and we donated that straight back to them.</p> <p>The year ended with one last event, supporting the Chinchilla Blue Light association with a Laser Tag event. We cooked chips and handed out drinks that were part of the ticket purchase.</p> <p>Going out with a bang we presented a Life Membership to Moses Abraham at our changeover. What a rewarding year.</p> <p>Coming into 2022/2023 the club currently has 7 members, a few prospectives and a Life Member returning to the club. The new year we will be focusing on more fellowship for our members and to engage with our wider community more, hopefully attracting new members along the way.</p>				



Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	43	Club Membership	8
<p>Service: This year saw service work including: - Yellaloo Girl Guides flagpole relocation and yard tidy - Widow's yard tidy up and house painting - Lifeline Bookfest pack up - Bar work including Downs Rugby and private events - Christmas Wonderland</p> <p>Members 8 Plus 2 Associate Members, 2 Senior Active members We saw a couple of members move on including Peter Slingsby, Peter Reyes and Tom Higgins, but we are also very happy to have half a dozen prospexians attending meetings currently.</p> <p>Social We attended the Apex 91st, did some interclub visits to South Toowoomba Apex, held a Christmas Party and held Friday afternoon drinks.</p>				

Goondiwindi, QLD	Club #	343	Club Membership	13
<p>The Apex Club of Goondiwindi had a challenging but rewarding year in the last 12 months. Our Club has faced challenges around membership and member numbers, challenges when adapting and seeking new fundraising channels and the ongoing issues surrounding covid.</p> <p>Our Club unfortunately lost 4 members over the past 12 months with 2 members moving away to pursue their careers and another 2 leaving for personal and family related reasons. While it is always hard to lose members, our club was able to pull together under the guidance of our president for the term, Paul Fairweather, and through his challenge to the other members and some focused member drives, we were able to induct another 4 members into the club at our recent changeover. This brings our club numbers to 13, but with a few members with only a couple of years left as active members, our focus continues ways to entice and engage new members into the club.</p> <p>Our club has also experienced challenges around our income streams to which we then put back into the community. Covid and cancellations of festivals and events in the Goondiwindi region have again had a flow on effect to the revenue our club is able to generate over the year and then put back into the community. One of our other major revenue streams, the Goondiwindi Show bar, has seen a shift of the profits from the show bar move from a 50/50 split with the P and A society, to a bar now managed by the P and A association and our Apex club now supply labour at an hourly rate to the association. While it has been a hurdle for our club to deal with, we are grateful to continue our relationship with the P and A association and be a part of the show once again.</p>				



As a club we have been fortunate to continue to support our community in many ways. Through our close healthy relationships with the other service clubs in town we have been able to continue and combine the ways in which we contribute to and support the community. One such event that all three service clubs come together for was the Elvis movie night where the clubs premiered the movie at the council's cinema with drinks and nibbles before the screening and in all was a very successful evening and event. We are lucky to have such an amazing relationship in our town with our other service clubs.

As a club we have managed to undertake over 480 hours of service to our community as well as undertaking numerous travels events to meet up with other clubs and contribute to the fellowship which we all cherish and enjoy

Yours In Apex
Luke Skele
Goondiwindi Apex President 2022/23

Wandoan, QLD	Club #	559	Club Membership	8
<p>Wandoan Club held a Seniors Morning Tea at the Wandoan Café in July 2021, with roughly 30 in attendance. Carols in Domain was lived streamed onto a blow-up screen at one of our local parks and was a lovely relaxing evening for the community. Due to Covid Wandoan Show Society cancelled the 2022 Show, which is one of our bigger Fundraisers for the year. Wandoan Club travelled to Bundaberg to assist the Bundy Club with the bar for Sound of Rock. We all had a best time and we requested Bundy don't pay us for them to keep our share for their club. We hope they invite us back next year!! The Club assisted Wandoan Kindergarten with the bi-annual Camel Races, by donating our tables and chairs for their VIP tent. We set them up and packed them up for the Kindy. The club continues to hire our round tables and chairs for events in the area we have 30 tables and roughly 270 chairs for hire along with one of Chinchilla Clubs Cold-rooms. We donated to Wandoan State School a bursary. We have a Seniors Morning Tea coming up in October and will be assisting with the bar for Wandoan's Christmas Carnival in November. The best Wandoan Club news is we have 2 new members and a prospexian.</p>				
<p>Yours in Apex Alan Postle</p>				




Warialda, NSW	Club #	177	Club Membership	?
Club contacted but no report submitted, this club is still active.				

St George, QLD	Club #	344	Club Membership	?
Sadly, St George has been inactive for more than 5 years and will likely be folded soon.				

Sandon County, NSW	Club #	710	Club Membership	
Sadly, Sandon County (Armadale) no longer exists				

Gunnedah, NSW	Club #		Club Membership	
Sadly, Gunnedah no longer exists.				

4. Region 4

REGION	4	Sunshine Coast to top New South Wales	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Brett Doig	
		Brisbane City	
<p>District Report from Regional Communication 4</p> <p>This district has had their shares of up and down through Covid and I believe this district is coming out the other side and getting back on their feet. We still have a long way to go, in saying that our clubs have prospects and that is an awesome thing.</p> <p>I am so happy to say I have attended all of the clubs that meet and had a district board meeting bringing all the district together for the first time and it was a great success</p>			

Brisbane City	Club #	40	Club Membership	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2prospects - Instagram account to boost exposure/membership - Website (new member Dennis has redone website) - Club also utilising club flyers to promote membership. - Apex Foundation – race runner bikes. Good media opportunity for Apex Foundation - Grass roots projects: trivia nights, reinvigorate post COVID: targeted at local areas in need. - Pilot program – target school, community orientated student award, certificate in volunteering. Bursary – apex community service awards. - Service projects coming up – Kalbar Sunflower festival, Bundy Sound Rock Festival, Brookfield show, Brissie to Bay Bike station, date claimer 6 August 400 club dinner, Bunnings BBQ (Newstead) - Events supported – AATFA, MS Moonlight walk, Brisbane Basket Brigade, Caboolture Santa Sleigh event, - 4000 km travelled 				



Southport Apex	Club #	253	Club Membership	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online email activity - Meetings has been more online then in person (in saying that they are starting to come back in person and moving forward. - Good – \$10,000 donation from community (bequeathed). - Service project – meat tray raffles (been doing them for about 12/14 years) about 12/14 years) - Service project coming up – Anglican church foster kids – Christmas party request. - Sharing resources – halcion retirement/ shared use of BBQ for events/jumping castle. - Shave for a cure - Past project – baby gift back – for children affected by DV and had to leave with nothing. Ability to give back. - Possible music event – needing volunteers 				

Caboolture Apex	Club #	365	Club Membership	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Club focusing on members as well finance -Service Santa Sleigh, as well forming relationships with Caboolture Apex Kindy. This Club has been in a low because the club members have been busy and having meetings on Zoom as well a odd meeting getting together. -The Club is going to be at the Apex Gympie Mustard this year and looking at doing a changeover at the mustard hoping to get new members. 				

Nambour Apex	Club #	190	Club Membership	4
<p>(lost 2 to Dalby)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 new prospects and also New prospects from RC4 - Service projects (fund raising is fundraising events – bring in other NFP and schools and profit share) - Service part is inclusivity, welcoming to people from all walks of life. Its about giving people access to - Financials are strong - Service Projects – caravan expo, lifeline bookfest, Nambour show, garden show, swap meet, caravan show (august) – profits 20K. - The kitchen asset keeps the club going financially. 				

Manley Apex	Club #	?	Club Membership	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Club Financial -Service events Anzac Day, BBQ, Manley Lane Christmas Carnival and the energetic and entertaining Cattleman Bar at the Manley Show 				




-fundraising and service events hosting BBQ for the Manley-Witta Touch Competition, Charity Golf Day, Hospital Auxiliary Committee & Manley Dairies Christmas Party. Another new event Kakoda Challenge.

At the start of the year the Manley Apex Club relinquished their role of mowing the lawn at the Neighbourhood Centre's Domestic Violence House in town.

-Manley Apex Club has just celebrated their 60th Anniversary in February this year a credit this club and had a number of Clubs attending this event as well as there past members a great night and a credit to this Club.

Albany Creek	Club #	840	Club Membership	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Raffles- Club financial ok- 1 prospects- Donated funds to charities over last 2 years.				

5. Region 5

REGION	5	SYD, NTH, STH COAST, MID NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Andrew Mellowship
		LM Blacktown
<p>2021-22 has seen most clubs emerge slowly from the impact of the pandemic, but the year has not been without its challenges for many clubs in the region. On going sporadic covid restrictions early in the year impacted on some planned service activities, but the main impact was rain/flooding in the early half of 2022. Clubs continue to demonstrate 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. 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 men's club. Major events include Woodchop, Xmas Trees, Movies Under the Stars,</p> <p>Santa Runs & Park nights. This year raised money for Red Shield Appeal, participated in a fete which contributed to a women's shelter, conducted Santas Sleigh Run, a toy drive, and raised funds through the sale of Xmas trees. Unfortunately, the annual woodchop had to be cancelled in 2021, but is being held on 28/8/2022 – a welcome return for this critical fundraising opportunity. The club has had regular dinner</p>				

meetings, catchups, but being unable to have their regular family camping weekend social activities. Continuing to look at flexible ways to be responsive to community needs.

BLACKTOWN	Club #	333	Club Membership	6
<p>Mixed club with male members. Their regular service gigs are the Blacktown & St Ives Shows, Chris Riley's Youth of the Streets dinners, Bunnings BBQ's, have all been impacted by COVID influences. Machinations to re-involve the club supporting Youth off the Streets have commenced with working with Childrens checks The club has forged a strong relationship with Blacktown Lions, doing joint service activities to support homeless in Blacktown LGA, working on a send-off function for the 2022 Variety Car club Bash, and donating Mens care packs. Have supported the Mayors Christmas toy appeal. 60th anniversary celebrations originally set for 14/8/2021 will now be held on 27/8/2022. Plans to establish a mens mental, physical and social health weekly walk and talk have not eventuated.</p>				

BRAIDWOOD	Club #	248	Club Membership	18
<p>Are a men's club, 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. Have conducted quite successful wood raffles in recent months, and the club undertook service work 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. Despite all the challenges of the past two years, have still been able to donate in excess of \$20k to local groups.</p>				

MILTON / ULLADULLA	Club #	382	Club Membership	14
<p>Are a very active mixed club with male members. Main events, South Coast Craft Beer Festival. Xmas Carols Family BBQ for 600 people. 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.</p>				




Have received Foundation funding and will be focussing on community based projects including Anti-Bullying, Youth Mentors and Men's Health.

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 continues to be sporadic and numbers have not been updated for 2021-22 year.</p>				

SINGLETON	Club #	141	Club Membership	2
<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. Communication with the club contacts has been less than ideal, with sms and messages being left. As far as I can determine, club is largely non-operational, suggestions to reenergise club have not been fruitful</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, though these are recommencing on 27/8/2022, 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. Have recently approached RC for assistance/support with fees.</p>				

6. Region 6

REGION	6	NSW South Coast
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Luke Corkett Albury
<p>G'day team Things seem to be busy as always in region 6. There have been new projects created, I have attended a triple induction night and presented Greg Dickens of Corowa his Life Member award. It has been great being able to hit the road and visit clubs again and hear how clubs are back in their communities to make a difference.</p> <p>Most clubs now have also adapted to using social media, so it is great to see so many events published over Facebook gaining attention with a lot of interest shown. Corowa's new "Club to Pub" walk even gained major coverage over Prime News supporting the Good Friday Appeal.</p>		
<p>Region 6 is also a border state region, so it has been tough on Victorian clubs with several sporadic lockdowns enforced. Things may have been difficult, but the clubs are back out there, and I have attended an interclub meeting with Wodonga already. Other Victorian clubs have not wasted time and are already hosting major fundraisers such as B n S Ball's, Lawnmower races and being involved in major community events such as the Rutherglen Winery Walkabout.</p>		
<p>I have attended the Riverina Classic again and Darlington Point have had a massive turnout for the event with over \$60k worth of prizes handed out to entrants. This was a family weekend fishing trip that got out of control and now it is one of the biggest fishing events in the Riverina region. The next event will be the 10th year of the classic so congratulations to the team.</p> <p>Albury Apex hosted the annual charity Golf Day again which was sold out and new major sponsors supporting the event. With the additional interest, the club will now be hosting two Golf Days per year to cater for the additional teams and sponsors that are interested.</p> <p>It has been great to see the clubs I could and be part of so many events. I hope the following year is just as productive and congratulations to all the clubs for their efforts.</p> <p>Yours n Apex Luke Corkett</p>		



Darlington Point	Club #	449	Club Membership
<p>Darlington Point hosted the Riverina Classic for its 9th year. The Classic is a catch and release fishing competition that brought in around 530 entrants from many regions and helps populate the Murrumbidgee River with native fingerlings.</p> <p>The team had up to \$60k worth of prizes to hand out and donated \$20k to Rural Outreach Counselling from the proceeds.</p> <p>The next project will be co-hosted with the other local service clubs and sporting clubs. They all operate at the Murrumbidgee Shire Community Farm and will be donating proceeds to the Cypress View Lodge. The estimated donation of \$500k will assist with the build of a Palliative Care Wing onto the existing nursing home. This will assist the local families that will no longer have to travel out of town to visit friends and family during difficult times.</p> <p>Previous harvests from the Community Farm have been major profit to the club and \$50k was donated to upgrade the local gym with the club assisting with setting up the equipment. The new gym has proven to be a major asset in the community which in turn, has also benefited other local businesses.</p>			

Albury	Club #	4	Club Membership
<p>Due to covid, Albury did not get to complete as many annual service jobs or fundraisers as we normally have. Restrictions eased up once again, allowing us to keep the annual Golf Day going. The charity Golf Day was a sold-out event, and the club has gained new major sponsors to support the day with the club now working on a second Golf Day/Spring Comp. The additional prizes donated, and game holes assisted the club raise extra revenue which we use towards our annual charity pledges.</p> <p>YIA Luke Corkett</p>			

Wodonga	Club #	88	Club Membership
<p>Wodonga Apex has resumed regular Dinner Meetings since the final Victorian Covid lockdowns & Restrictions this past year. Although many of the regular service work jobs have not proceeded in 2022 (e.g. Wodonga Children's Fair) It's hoped 2023 will be back to normal. Some of our club members have participated in the following community events. Black Dog Ride, Sunshine Walk, Meals on Wheels, Guide Dogs & Walk4Brain Cancer, to name a few. In June Wodonga host an ICV with Albury Club. The Club BBQ has been out to a few private functions and was even spotted in Corowa. Luckily it was spotted by a Corowa Club member who came to the rescue with some jumper leads to get the tow vehicle going again after a flat battery. Here's hoping for an uninterrupted year ahead.</p> <p>YIA Greg Murdoch</p>			




Corowa	Club #	42	Club Membership	
<p>Corowa Apex has managed to return from Covid with a major impact amongst the community. Their miniature train rides are back at the markets for the kids to enjoy, the club hosted a triple induction night and the Pub to Club walk was created. Pub to Club was a charity walk from the Corowa Apex shed to the Balldale Hotel. The walk raised over \$20 000 for the Good Friday appeal which not only stood out in the community but gained great media coverage.</p> <p>The lads also managed to finally host a handover night where Greg Dickens was inducted as a Life Member to the Association of Apex. The event had been on hold for a while due to Covid restrictions, but the club had a massive attendance to celebrate the club's achievements and to honour Greg's many years of service to his community.</p>				

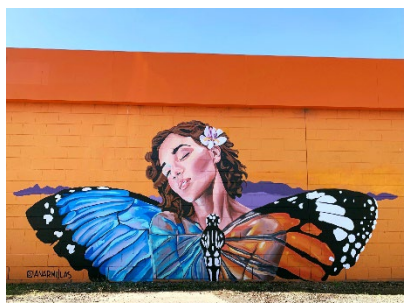
7. Region 7

REGION	7	VIC	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Ben van Hooydonk Traralgon	
<p>We thank Ben van Hooydonk as the outgoing regional communicator for region 7. He has worked hard to build the friendship between Traralgon and Bairnsdale clubs and visited other clubs in the region.</p> <p>Elise Malberg is the incoming region 7 regional communicator. In 2021 she was the recipient of the Apexian of the Year award. She is a current Apex Rising Star. Her goal is to connect all clubs within the region, and run inter- club training and social events.</p> <p>Elise Malberg (Incoming Regional Communicator)</p>		 <p><i>Pictured: Elise, Ben and Jade (Bairnsdale member)</i></p>	

Bairnsdale	Club #	39	Club Membership	8
 <p>The Bairnsdale Club were ecstatic to receive a number of awards at the National Convention in 2022 (via zoom); including service project of the year for the 2021 Colour Ya World event, Club of the Year, Loraine Jansen publicity award, and Apexian of the Year- Elise Malberg. The club membership has increased by 2 members.</p> <p>The club organised and hosted a second Colour Ya World Event at Easter in 2022; donating proceeds to a children's cancer respite facility in Lakes Entrance called "Melon's Cottage". It also hosted the annual Mother's Day Classic fun run for the 15th year in a row, a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Research. The club participated in Children's week for the first year, creating a "Look for an Apex Book" project to engage families across East Gippsland Shire. The club has also been involved in smaller fundraising and service activities such as barbeques, raffles and event marshalling and carparking. Bairnsdale has had another fantastic year.</p>				

Traralgon	Club #	59	Club Membership	6
<p>Victorian Covid- 19 restrictions on event patron capacity and vaccination status lead to the cancelation of many of Traralgon club's event, including their infamous bonfire night. The club event has been able to hold raffles, barbeques and a number of smaller activities. Club member Stephen Woodgate received the Young Apexian of the year award at National Convention in 2021 (via zoom). The Club is looking forward to the annual bonfire night in November this year.</p>				

Yarram	Club #	111	Club Membership	13
<p>Yarram is a very active club within the Yarram community. The club man the footy gates at the Yarram home games and donate the money raised to local youth awards and projects.</p>				

Moe	Club #	83	Club Membership	4
<p>The Apex Club of Moe has been dormant for the covid period with the exception of their sponsorship of the Show Me Some Art Festival in Moe, but have recently rekindled their fire for Apex. They have 4 active members, and are looking forward to the recruitment of some more members and some inter-club social activities this financial year.</p>				

Drouin \ Warragul	Club #	245	Club Membership	
<p>Drouin and Warragul Districts have not been in contact or posted on social media over the 2021-2022 financial year.</p>				

Euroa	Club #	188	Club Membership	
<p>Euroa have not been in contact or posted on social media over the 2021-2022 financial year.</p>				

Mansfield	Club #	208	Club Membership	
<p>Mansfield have not been in contact or posted on social media over the 2021-2022 financial year.</p>				



8. Region 9

REGION	9	West Victoria
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Tim Glenton	
	Beaufort Apex Club	
<p>As with all clubs across Australia Covid has had a great impact on the 'business as usual' for Region 9 clubs. However, each club has found a way to work within the restrictions to still deliver and achieve their projects within their respective communities. In talking with the different clubs it has given me a greater insight into what it means to be an Apexian and provides me with inspiration to achieve more.</p>		

Ballarat / Eureka	Club #	2	Club Membership	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacted by covid • Only brief information has been received from Ballarat Eureka • Xmas tree drive successful • Assistance at Pax Hill Scout Camp 				

Beaufort	Club #	440	Club Membership	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally went ahead in May 2022, Nov 21 cancelled due to covid • Many BBQs cooked – 500+ service hours achieved • Covid impacted many events including the cancellation of the Beaufort Show and Nov 21 steam rally • Lots of wood cut and donated through home-help program • Membership increase from 14 to 17 with additional 5 prospexians currently attending <p>Nominates submitted for both Apexian of the year and Young Apexian of the year</p>				

Echuca	Club #	11	Club Membership	(?)
<p>Membership decreased from 13 to 11 Donation of new fridge to Mathoura Primary School Assistance with Jonnos Run 2022 Involvement with Murray River councils "Sunday Session" over summer BBQ to support community revitalization program Catering for Camp Quality Upgrades made to the Apex Hall</p>				



Goroke	Club #	372	Club Membership	38
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership increased from 32 to 38 (expected to be over 40 by xmas). Also most members are still young and have a long future in apex ahead of them. • \$30,000 donation made towards construction of new community facility at the recreation complex • Fundraising activities continued throughout the year, including scrap metal, and battery recycling, caravan park site fees and roadside spraying contract • A club that is genuinely at the heart of their community. <p>I had the great pleasure of attending their 2022 handover dinner at the newly reopened pub and there was at least 80 in attendance. Not bad for a town with a population of only 300!</p> <p>Nominated for Club of the year</p>				

Hoppers Crossing	Club #	922	Club Membership	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to HC's more urban setting the year was highly impacts by covid restrictions and requirements • WYNspeak was still able to continue and fundraising activities were able to continue, albeit in a reduced capacity • Dinner meetings were also continued over Zoom with face to face meetings resuming earlier this year. • Food security donation program <p>There is quite a bit of concern around membership and bringing in new members</p> <p>Nominated for Service Project Award and Newsletter award</p>				

Horsham	Club #	15	Club Membership	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper drive continues • Assistance delivering portaloos for Horsham Fishing Competition • Many events impacted by covid • Longy BnS Ball was a success 				

Warracknabeal	Club #	99	Club Membership	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xmas tree sales went ahead • Assistance provided at the Easter races • The annual Show was cancelled due to covid • Club decommissioning website and moving to Facebook only 				



9. Region 10

REGION	10	Tasmania
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Kevin Van Helftern	
	Delorane	
No Report		

10. Region 11

REGION	11	East South Australia
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Samuel Wittwer	
No Report	Gawler	

Loxton	Club #	Club Membership	12
<p>The Club is currently doing ok with some 12 members meeting on a regular basis that their shed.</p> <p>Post covid catering and events are starting to occur again and they are starting to have more regular bookings. They hire out their large 20x12 marquee plus they now have a BBQ trailer with tables and chairs that they rent out. They have recently won a contract with the local Council putting up street signs.</p> <p>Doing well.</p>			

Pathaway	Club #	Club Membership	5
<p>The Club is currently struggling a bit post covid. They have about 5 current members with a few more showing up every once in a while.</p> <p>Their bar work has dried up and financially things are pretty tight. They may need to look into fee relief into the future. They have just started doing some battery recycling to assist with funds. They are looking to trying to get a community bus together with other service clubs.</p> <p>Doing 'medium'</p>			


Naracoorte	Club #	Club Membership	
<p>Not currently meeting and have struggled to get back into the swing of things since COVID. They do have a potential booking for their train at the end of the year but it is uncertain if they have the numbers. They may try and get a social event happening.</p> <p>Doing it tough at the moment – future of the club is uncertain.</p>			

Keith	Club #	Club Membership	
No contact			

11. Region 12

REGION	12	WEST SA
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	DANIEL LASCELLES	
	KADINA	
<p>This year I have had the pleasure of attending the Gawler and Maitland and Handover dinners.</p> <p>I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and RC this year and enjoyed several interclubs to Jamestown, Clare, Maitland.</p> <p>I look forward to moving on to national board and wish the next RC for region 12 all best!</p>		

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	Club #	677	Club Membership	6
<p>Apex Club of Central Australia recently conducted a membership drive, and I'm pleased to announce we gained three new members (and raised awareness of the Club with about 15 others).</p> <p>Cooking barbecues remains our speciality, and Members had an early start and braved the light rain to cook for attendees of the Anzac Day dawn service.</p> <p>We will aim to contribute to the Alice Springs Christmas Show and reinvigorate the Icy Pole Treat now COVID seems to be behind us.</p>				

CLARE AND DISTRICTS	Club #	968	Club Membership	4
<p>The BBQ shelter has finally been completed after the installation of our signage. Although we have been quiet, we have managed to do some fund raising through selling scrap metal. We also have red wine and port still on offer as a fundraiser for our club which everyone who has tried absolutely loves. Our 4 member string club is heavily involved in the postie bike ride whether it be riding, organising or assisting with raising much needed funds. We hope to continue this for the next twelve months and raise much needed funds for some great causes.</p>				
				

CRYSTAL BROOK	Club #	422	Club Membership	11
<p>The Crystal Brook Apex Club had somewhat of a frustrating year in 2021/22 due to COVID. In Aug 21 we had to cancel our main social fundraiser at Bowmans Park, the "Rump n Red" due to an outbreak 2 weeks before the event. This was very disappointing due to the amount of effort our members had put in.</p>				
<p>Our cropping programme this year was very successful as 65 HA was sewn for oaten/vetch hay. Over 500 large square bales were cut, raked, baled, stacked and transported.</p> <p>In Nov we held another successful Senior Citizens Xmas diner for over 60 locals at the Crystal Brook RSL The Apex club was once again involved with the Crystal Brook Community Xmas Pageant by supplying COVID marshals swell as the main man in the big red suit.</p> <p>The Crystal Brook Anzac Day dawn service was once again supported by Apex as we cooked a gun fire breakfast of bacon and eggs.</p>				

The 2022 cropping programme increased as we acquired an additional 19 HA of land bring the total to 84 HA. This was sewn to wheat. And hopefully this will be a very profitable season.

Planning for the social fundraiser the 'Rump n Red' was well underway as this year we are supporting Willochra Aged Care Home to assist in purchasing a new bus.

Donations to the community include

- \$5,000 to the community antique shop for new air conditioning
- \$3,000 to the Community Recreation Centre for Solar panels
- \$5,000 to CWA hall roof repairs

Crystal Brook started the 21/22 year with 13 members. 3 of those members have since completed their tenure and we have inducted 1 new member.



GAWLER	Club #	87	Club Membership	18
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Again, this year we have been affected by the Covid pandemic. Even though we have complied with the imposed restrictions, we have still found a way to serve the community. We had to cancel the Christmas Carols of 2021, but in consultation with the Gawler Council the funding allocated to the Christmas Carols event was transferred to "Christmas in Gawler" A partnership between APEX and the Gawler Council, a myriad of events were born.

Christmas Kids Zone in Walker Place
 Busker's roving through the APEX Community Christmas markets

Caroller's singing from the Balconies in Murray Street.
 Santa's Workshop for 4 sessions daily for 4 days (all booked out)

We also managed to complete, Packsaddle, Maree, Medieval Fair, and a few catering jobs keeping us in a good financial position.

We supported /donated to the CFS, Flying Doctors Service, Maree clinic, Packsaddle Progress Association, Dr Rutten, the Gawler Community House, a \$10k donation to Capability SA, towards the purchase of a wheelchair accessible car for Sarah Ford, just to name a few.

There is a unique culture within our club, as there is a fine line between volunteering your time, family and work commitments. I would like to thank all my fellow Apexian's and their partners / families for their support to the club throughout the year.



JAMESTOWN	Club #	928	Club Membership	17
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The past year has been highly successful given the hurdles and interruptions that Covid-19 has brought to everyday life. Service work of cooking BBQs and running the odd bar at weddings felt like we might be returning to a more normal way of life. The lucerne cropping program has gone from strength to strength, with two hay cuts and a seed crop meant it was an intensive but successful year. Civil works projects around town have included the skate park shelter, seat and benches in Ayr St, remembrance seats at the cemetery and commencement of the cemetery shelter and memorial wall, the town entrance signs marking the Jamestown District's 150th anniversary.

The 2022 Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up Music Festival was our best ever, being our first sell-out with a crowd of 1000! It really is building up a community of its own and putting the spotlight on mental health awareness is really making waves in our region. This year's event raised over \$50,000 for local mental health projects, a phenomenal success! Some of the projects resulting from this have been financial support of The Resilience Project in our local schools, mental health first aid training for community members, 'Chats Over Charcoal' men's wellness workshop and donating to the Apex Foundation.

We are looking forward now to the return of the 2-day Jamestown Show on the October Long weekend, and the Jamestown Air Show, both returning after a 2-year hiatus.



KADINA	Club #	293	Club Membership	7
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Kadina has had a great year considering we have shrunk as a club due to some members moving away, ageing out and leaving the club. We have inducted a new member not long ago at our handover. With COVID no longer restricting us as much as previous years we have successfully been part of some great events.

Our annual Christmas Tree Cut and Christmas is Kadina was successful as ever. Australia Day, we assisted the council with setup for citizenship ceremonies which included our own Apex Member Ivan Nolte and Family attaining citizenship.




Other Community events we have been involved in include Yorke Emporium and the Flame Festival and as always the Outback Postie Bike Ride

We've focussed on fellowship in our club this year also, we held a Apex Family Camping weekend which was a great success in strengthening our club.

We look forward to a great next year!

KIMBA	Club #		Club Membership	9
<p data-bbox="97 264 957 504">Kimba Apex club has participated in a few fundraiser and community events in the last year. Our annual major fundraiser is coming up on the 22nd September. We sell showbags at the kimba show and we run the show bar. A couple of weeks ago we did the bar catering for a community event called small halls.</p> <p data-bbox="97 539 957 616">In November last year we hired our jumping castle and catered the bar for the local museum open day.</p> <p data-bbox="97 651 957 728">We have 9 current members and we're about to sign up another 2.</p> 				

MAITLAND	Club #	668	Club Membership	19
<p data-bbox="97 898 1404 1064">Holding our annual events has been challenging in these COVID 19 times. However, Maitland Apex successfully held our annual Christmas Show for the community at the Maitland Oval, cooked the annual Apex ANZAC breakfast (served 220 people) and running the gates at the Maitland Show.</p> <p data-bbox="97 1099 1404 1220">We were kept busy during the year with many fundraising and service events. These included running a food van at the Maitland Show, providing BBQ food at several local clearing sales and ram sales.</p> <p data-bbox="97 1256 1404 1422">We removed the old playground at the Central Yorke School and the Apex members all helped to maintain a local doctors house yard during as he has been very unwell (it has been very rewarding to help out a valuable person in our community).</p> <p data-bbox="97 1458 861 1579">This year we donated \$7,200 to local groups and sporting organisations, directly benefiting people in the community.</p> <p data-bbox="97 1615 861 1736">Maitland Apex had a good year all round with some great work achieved and some at times bit over zealous socialising!</p> <p data-bbox="97 1771 861 1892">Member Hamish Bubner also raised just over \$12,000 for Heart Kids with a Barefoot water-skiing marathon!</p> 				



PORT AUGUSTA	Club #		Club Membership	6
<p>In the last 12 months we have had two informal meetings</p> <p>No community involvement (Australia Day celebrations were cancelled and Wharfest cancelled for this year)</p>				

WHYALLA	Club #	159	Club Membership	8
<p>The Whyalla Apex club has had a hard few years with Covid not having meetings the club were unable to have fundraising and BBQs etc</p> <p>The most disappointing thing was not being able to hold the Christmas pageant and fair which is the club's major event for the year and fundraiser but we managed to hold a virtual event both years at a minimal expense but with nil return things looking up with reholding the event again this year and with 10 members a membership drive will be in the pipe work over the next twelve months</p>				

12. Region 13

REGION	13	SOUTHERN WA
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Dylan Fryer	
	Katanning	
<p>I've had the honor of being selected as RC for Region 13 and representing the region for past year. I joined Apex to help people in my community and especially build to connections, which is at the core of the role of an RC. As a region, the focuses of the past year have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting ICVs, • encouraging clubs in the region to apply for a national award • Encouraging good club governance and compliance with National Board • Celebrating important milestones with clubs 		
<p>This past year has been one of change for me with moving from Bunbury to Katanning and perusing a change in career. I would like to thank Mick Godfrey, Allen Hingston and Emma Jackson for the support they have given me in my first year as RC.</p> <p>I am optimistic for Apex in the South of WA and look forward to serving the Association and the State for another year.</p> <p>Yours in Apex Dylan Fryer</p>		

ALBANY	Club #	85	Club Membership	5
<p>Albany is a small club struggling to attract new members but a very active club. Majority of funds raised by sausage sizzles and Speedway gates. A member from Albany recently travelled to Manjimup's 1000th dinner meeting so it is good to see Albany attending ICV's given the distance from other clubs in the Southwest and Great Southern.</p>				

BUNBURY/KOOMBANA	Club #	26	Club Membership	8
<p>Over the past year the club has experienced a downturn in membership as members have left the club to pursue careers, change of town or starting a family. The club has been celebrating its history this past year with its 1600th dinner meeting with lots of past members in attendance. There is just about a whole new leadership team in the club who are looking to improve membership and the clubs</p>				



place in the community. The club recently honoured Mark & Stacey Hearn at their changeover with a plaque for their dedication to the club over the past 2 years.

BUSSELTON	Club #	197	Club Membership	4
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Busselton has been through quite a year with the club close to folding and the club was in hiatus at the start of this year. The club still cooked up its delicious donuts at the festival of Busselton and held its annual sheep shearing service event despite its low number of active members. As of the past couple of months the club has been revived by new prospectives and commitment from members on a new direction for the club on meetings and community activities. Busselton is very close to Bunbury and both clubs have a close relationship and I'm sure this partnership will enable both clubs to flourish.

ESPERANCE	Club #	443	Club Membership	0
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Esperance Apex club folded in 2021. Contact was made with the club, and they have advised me they have folded but no further correspondence since.

KATANNING	Club #	617	Club Membership	9
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Katanning club was struggling to hold regular meetings after very few meetings were held during the Covid period. The club members are dedicated but do sometimes struggle to balance apex commitments and work but of lately have been getting back to regular social and business meetings. The club is looking to hold its 1000th dinner meeting this year and sell their famous donuts at the Katanning show in October. As a member now of Katanning myself I will be encouraging more ICV's and look forward to being an active member of the club.

KOJONUP	Club #	336	Club Membership	
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I don't have much idea about how Kojonup Club is going. Assume their membership is around 10 to 15 members. From what I can see they are upholding the name of Apex although a very reclusive group. Over this coming year my goal is to open up communication more with the club and attend a meeting.



MANJIMUP	Club #	147	Club Membership	5
<p>Manjimup are a very active club in the region with members often attending ICV's and serving their local community with their seniors Christmas lunch held at the end of November. Manjimup celebrated its 1000th dinner meeting in April this year which was a fantastic night of nostalgia and celebration. Manjimup also hosted a minigolf social with members attending from Busselton, Bunbury & Manjimup. The club as of recently has had a decline in membership dropping down to five active members but I am sure the club has the strength to get through this challenging period.</p>				


PINGELLY	Club #	291	Club Membership	5
<p>5 Active members and 4 to 5 TBOs form Pingelly's core Apex group, which meetings also serve as a men's mental health night for farmers. Service jobs include wood chopping and hay carting. The majority of the clubs' members are farmers, so club events and meetings are only happening during the quieter winter months.</p>				

13. Region 14

REGION	14	Western Australia North
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Mick Godfrey Wongan Hills
<p>A truly effective Region needs an effective Regional Communicator. Unfortunately due to a busy schedule this year I have not been able to put my best into the role like I would have. I would encourage anyone thinking about having a go in this position to have a go, and if done properly, will be a truly great experience. I am happy to work with anyone looking to take this role on into the future and give you every opportunity to get the most out of it.</p>		

Corrigin	Club #	412	Club Membership	6
<p>Club has not been active but have been working for some time to meet and induct new members. Club has a number of concerns but have avoided meeting with the RC to discuss and work on solutions moving forward. Club has new members to be inducted. Farming and other pursuits leaves the Club little time to meet.</p>				

Dowerin Goomalling	Club #	504	Club Membership	6
<p>Small Club that meet when needed. Assist with the running of a major Agricultural show annually with prominent awareness of Apex Bar at the event. Great support to the local community.</p>				

Geraldton	Club #	178	Club Membership	11
	<p>Active Club that meets regularly in service and fellowship. Works hard in their community on a number of projects. I have not visited the Club since their last changeover. Club is hosting the 2023 National Convention and encourages one and all to head West for what will be a magnificent event.</p>			



Curry Night Recruitment drive



Campout and family games weekend



Karratha	Club #	717	Club Membership	(?)
Active Club doing great things in the Community. I have not made contact with the Club to date. Hope to visit soon as I have not been there for some time.				

Kununurra	Club #	915	Club Membership	(?)
Recently held their annual Barra Bash fishing competition. A well-attended event that is very popular annually. Active Club doing great things in their community. Although quite isolated it was great to see a National Board member visit recently. Have not visited this Club in a number of years and have not made personal contact to date. At around 3,000 km one way I still do hope to get there again.				

Perth	Club #	23	Club Membership	(?)
Haven't heard from this Club. Need to make more of a concerted effort to catch up and spend more time investigating the possibility of opening more Clubs in the City.				

Wongan Hills	Club #	464	Club Membership	11
		Home Club. Hosted the State Catch-up on the long weekend in March. Also hosted a 90 th year anniversary luncheon. Well attended and all in all was a great weekend. Meet regularly and works well in the Community.		