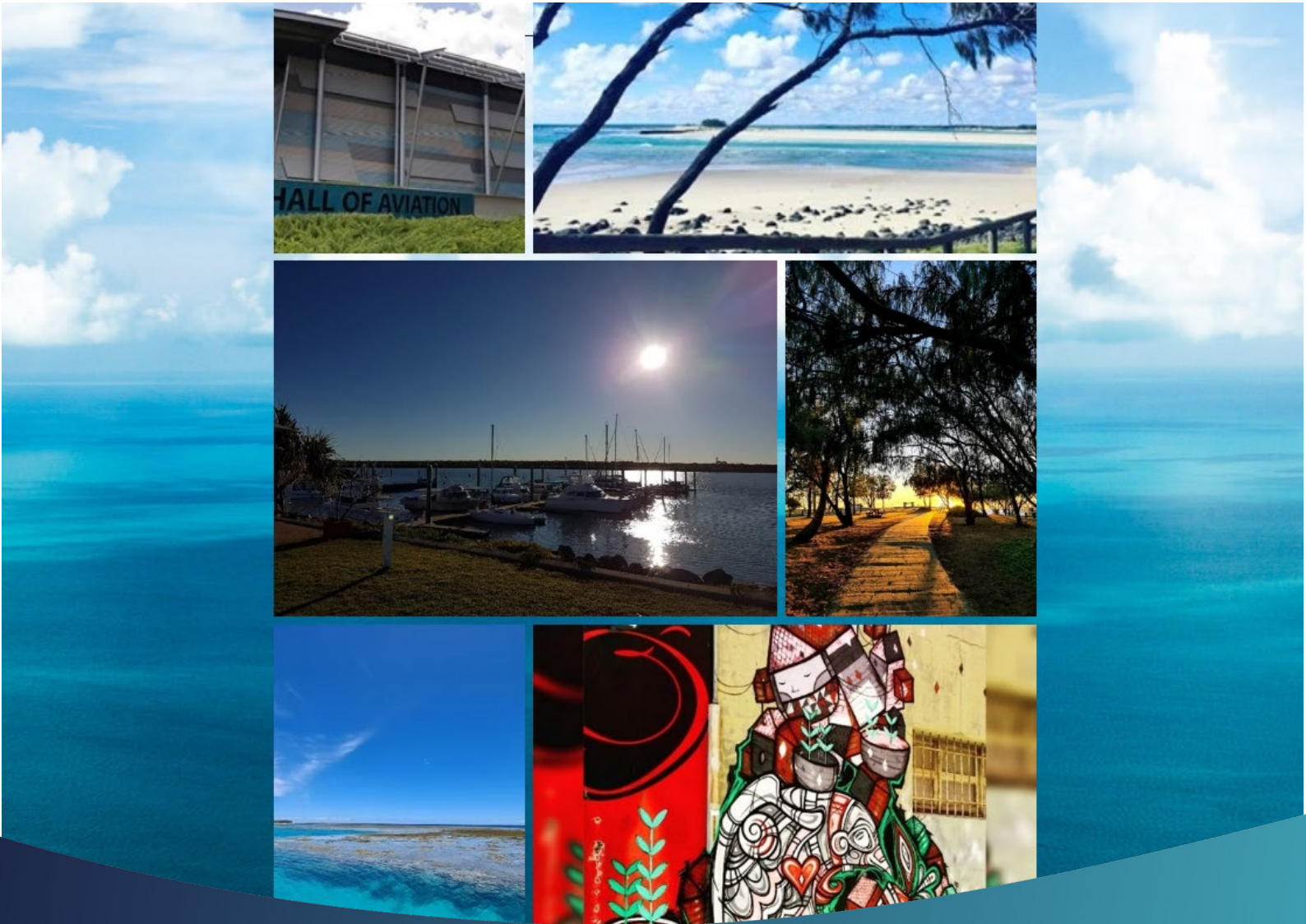


2022 APEX AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONVENTION & AGM - Minutes



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2022 Convention Minutes

Business Session

1. Welcome

- 1.1. **Acknowledgement of Country** given by Incoming National President Simon Grant
- 1.2. **Convention officially opened** by Tony Wilshire, Chairman of the Apex Foundation at 9:18 am and attendees welcomed.
- 1.3. **Ideals of the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia:** led by Jacob
- 1.4. **One Minute Silence** (to remember those Apexians who have left us) Ideals of the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia
- 1.5. **Charge to the Delegates**

2. Roll Call

2.1. Attendees

National Board Elected Directors

Simon Grant	2022/2023 National President Elect
Emma Jackson	National Secretary
Ben Curnow	National Treasurer & Vice President
Tara Spotswood	National RC Co-ordinator
Tyson Campbell	National Membership & Culture
Daniel Lascelles	National Communications
Gavin Mingay	National Office Manager

National Board Managers

Luke Corkett	RCC Support & Training Manager
Craig Martin	International Relations Manager
Greg Youngberry	Bursary Manager

Regional Communicators

John Davis	1 North QLD
Trevor Simpson	2 Central Coast QLD
April Lancaster-Smith	3 South West QLD
Brett Doig	4 South East QLD Northern NSW
Andrew Mellowship	5 NSW North Coast
Luke Corkett	6 NSW South Coast
Elise Malberg	7 East Victoria
Tim Glenton	9 West Victoria
Tara *	10 Tasmania
Leon Budden	11 East SA
Bronte Rhodes	12 West SA
Dylan Fryer	13 South WA
Mick Godfrey	14 North WA

*Tara has agreed to take on an additional region as a non-resident RC



2.2. Proxies

Clubs Present/represented: 48 clubs present out of 89 eligible clubs.

Delegate	Club Name	Proxy	Count
	APEX CLUB OF ALBANY	Kate Huth	1
	APEX CLUB OF ALBANY CREEK	Brett Doig	2
Luke Corkett	APEX CLUB OF ALBURY		3
Elise Malberg	APEX CLUB OF BAIRNSDALE		4
	APEX CLUB OF BALLARAT- EUREKA		
Chris Hariss	APEX CLUB OF BEAUFORT		5
	APEX CLUB OF BEROWRA		
Elose Wattie	APEX CLUB OF BIGGENDEN		6
	APEX CLUB OF BILOELA INC		
Mark Bonello	APEX CLUB OF BLACKTOWN		7
	APEX CLUB OF BRAIDWOOD INC		
Kelly Buchanan	APEX CLUB OF BRISBANE CITY		8
Dylan Fryer	APEX CLUB OF BUNBURY/KOOMBANA		9
Terry Harlick	APEX CLUB OF BUNDABERG		10
	APEX CLUB OF BUSSELTON		
	APEX CLUB OF CABOOLTURE	Brett Doig	11
Cassie Newby	APEX CLUB OF CAP WEST		12
	APEX CLUB OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA		
Amy Patterson-Kane	APEX CLUB OF CHINCHILLA		13
	APEX CLUB OF CLARE & DISTRICT APEX CLUB	Bronte Rhodes	14
	APEX CLUB OF COBRAM/BAROOGA		
	APEX CLUB OF COROWA	Luke Corkett	15
	APEX CLUB OF CORRIGIN APEX CLUB		
	APEX CLUB OF DALBY	April Lancaster- Smith	16
	APEX CLUB OF DELORAINE WOMEN'S		
	APEX CLUB OF DOWERIN/GOOMALLING		
	APEX CLUB OF DROUIN		
	APEX CLUB OF ECHEUCA/MOAMA		
	APEX CLUB OF EUROA		
	APEX CLUB OF FINLEY		
	APEX CLUB OF FRASER COAST		
Jackob Hercberg	APEX CLUB OF GAWLER		17
	APEX CLUB OF GERALDTON	Mick Godfrey	18
	APEX CLUB OF GOONDIWINDI		
	APEX CLUB OF GOROKE INC	Tim Glenton	19
Luke Sckelly	APEX CLUB OF GUNNEDAH		20
Katrina Riethmuller	APEX CLUB OF GYMPIE		21



Delegate	Club Name	Proxy	Count
	APEX CLUB OF HERBERT RIVER	John Davis	22
	APEX CLUB OF HOPPERS CROSSING	Tim Glenton	23
	APEX CLUB OF HORSHAM INC		
	APEX CLUB OF INVERELL	April Lancaster-Smith	24
	APEX CLUB OF JAMESTOWN	Bronte Rhodes	25
	APEX CLUB OF JERILDERIE		
Bronte Rhodes	APEX CLUB OF KADINA		26
	APEX CLUB OF KARRATHA	Mick Godfrey	27
	APEX CLUB OF KATANNING		
	APEX CLUB OF KEITH		
	APEX CLUB OF KIMBA	Bronte Rhodes	28
	APEX CLUB OF KINGSBOROUGH		
	APEX CLUB OF KOJONUP INC.		
	APEX CLUB OF KUNUNURRA	Mick Godfrey	29
	APEX CLUB OF LATROBE		
	APEX CLUB OF LOXTON	Leon Budden	30
	APEX CLUB OF MAITLAND	Brett Doig	31
	APEX CLUB OF MALENY	Brett Doig	32
	APEX CLUB OF MANJIMUP	Dylan Fryer	33
	APEX CLUB OF MANSFIELD		
	APEX CLUB OF MILTON/ULLADULLA INC		
	APEX CLUB OF MOE		
John Davis	APEX CLUB OF MOUNT ISA		34
	APEX CLUB OF MOURA INC		
	APEX CLUB OF MURGON		
	APEX CLUB NAMBOUR	Brett Doig	35
	APEX CLUB OF NARACOORTE INC		
	APEX CLUB OF OBERON		
	APEX CLUB OF PADTHAWAY	Leon Budden	36
	APEX CLUB OF PERTH		
	APEX CLUB OF PINGELLY INC.		
	APEX CLUB OF PORT AUGUSTA	Bronte Rhodes	37
Tyson Cambell	APEX CLUB OF ROMA		38
	APEX CLUB OF RUTHERGLEN		
	APEX CLUB OF SINGLETON		
April Lancaster-Smith	APEX CLUB OF SOUTH TOOWOOMBA		39
Neal Molineaux	APEX CLUB OF SOUTH WAGGA		40
	APEX CLUB OF SOUTHPORT	Brett Doig	41
	APEX CLUB OF ST GEORGE		
	APEX CLUB OF TARA	April Lancaster-Smith	42
Jordan Martin	APEX CLUB OF TOOWOOMBA		43
	APEX CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC		
	APEX CLUB OF TRARALGON INC		



Delegate	Club Name	Proxy	Count
	APEX CLUB OF ULVERSTONE	Luke Corett	44
Ross Stiller	APEX CLUB OF WANDOAN		45
	APEX CLUB OF WARIALDA		
	APEX CLUB OF WARRACKNABEAL INC		
	APEX CLUB OF WAUCHOPE INC.	Andrew Mellowship	46
	APEX CLUB OF WHYALLA	Bronte Rhodes	47
	APEX CLUB OF WODONGA		
	APEX CLUB OF WONGAN HILLS	Mick Godfrey	48
	APEX CLUB OF YARRAM INC		

3. Introduction of Guests

3.1. Apologies

Jim Hughes – LG & PNP
Mark Tramby – President of Apex 40s
Donnie Harris – Chair of Apex Camps Qld
Carolyn Dare – PNP 96/97
Ollie Dowd – PNP
Wane Hosier - LM
Melanie Godfrey – LM
National IRO Bangladesh -Arman Cowdrey

4. Appointments

- 1.1. Sergeant at Arms – Moses Abraham
- 1.2. Scrutineers – Mark Ballin and Chucky
- 1.3. Appointment of Timekeeper – Dale Sawley

5. Announcements

5.1. Fixation of Time Limits

Motion 1A:

“That the following time limits be used during the AGM:

- 4 mins speakers for a motion
- 3 mins speakers against the motion
- 2 mins for a right of reply.”

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Wongan Hills

Vote: Carried

5.2. Motion to confirm 28 proxies

**Motion 1B:**

"That the received proxy forms be accepted for the AGM"

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Mt Isa

Vote: Carried

5.3. Previous Minutes**5.3.1. Confirmation of the Minutes from the 2021 National Convention hosted virtually via zoom.****Motion 2:**

"That the minutes of the 2021 Apex Australia National AGM be accepted as true and correct."

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Geraldton

Vote: Carried

5.3.2. Matters Arising from the previous minutes.

None

6. Presentations**6.1. 60 yr Plaque**

Mark Bonello (President of Apex Club of Blacktown, 22 yr service award winner)
Presentation of a Plaque in recognition of 60 yrs of service to the community.

6.2. Apex Podcast

Ben Curnow - Podcast launched at the convention last year, thank you McGregor for creating the Dunk. Its an opportunity for someone to share their story of Apex. Expanding presenters from Ben to Elise. Thank you to the podcast guests. Available via Spotify, Audible and I heart radio. Looking for episode sponsorship and new interviewees. Share the love. Thank you to Billy John Caledon who has been doing the editing, approximately 12 hrs each.

6.3. Apex Foundation

Tony Wilshire - Foundation has 3 parts:

- Underprivilege Children's trust supports the properties we manage including the Magic Castle, the SHACK and the Copper Coast.
- Medical Trusts – wanting to get more hands on with dis
 - Children's Cancer – just awarded a \$50k research grant for an Apex PhD student
 - Autism Trust
 - Diabetes
 - Melanoma
 - Craniofacial
- Community Fund – to help communities and clubs on the ground



- Fine Arts Trust – help a young Australia better themselves in the arts.
- Civilian Widows Trust – in WA, QLD and NSW to help underprivileged children in your community.

6.4. 2023 Apex National Convention 2023

Emma Jackson - Geraldton National Convention in 2023, 5-8th October come for convention, stay for a holiday! Aim to provide a family friendly event to encourage Apexians to stay for a holiday. Information coming soon to the convention website <https://www.apexconvention.com.au/>.

7. Introduction of RCs

Presentation of badges and RC pins

8. Reports

8.1. Presentation of 2021/2022 Apex National Accounts – Gavin Mingay

- Finalised 3 year's audited accounts and were able to provide the accounts to members prior to NC.
- One question with notice from Brisbane City – re letter to the auditor re high, moderate and low risk. Asked to explain 'Moderate risk' for reimbursements. The Auditor identified where we can improve, NB has procedures and processes in place to handle reimbursements. NB also now needs to be approved by NB prior to expenditure.

8.2. Immediate Past National President Report 2021/2022 – Adam Stewart

Overview of his year as National President. Thank you to his NB, RCs and mentors. Really proud of the achievements over the last year including Ben and Gavin's work on the Rising Stars, Ben's work on the Podcast and the Flood Appeal.

8.3. 2022/2023 National President Report – Simon Grant

Overview of what he has achieved so far and where he wants to see his year progress to.

- Promoting Apex through the Gympie Muster
- Formation of an Audit and Risk Committee in partnership with the Apex Foundation
- Improving Coms, image
- Planning for the next 3, 5, and 10 years.

8.4. 2022/2023 Budget – Ben Curnow

It is the operational budget for the running of Association.

What are the per capitas? = \$63, \$1400 per club (a 5% increase) to reflect the current economic climate and CPI.

Insurance – budget of \$90,000 however, it will most likely be under this.

Admin / National Office – the national office manager is now a directorship, saving the Association money. However, we still have wages around bookkeeping and admin.

International travel - we need to attend Global Conventions to kick start the Association post COVID. NB allowances has changed as we now have the full contingent of directors and have significantly increased the workload of our Managers. There are now KPIs



associated around those positions. The budget is just a proposal, we don't have to spend it all if it is not required.

Question – Should IRO and Bursary receive an honorarium? – NB response – yes as those positions are now asked to undertake additional tasks for the Association and there are significant additional costs involved with these roles.

Question – Can the budgets align between years and be easier to understand? Unfortunately, it is hard to keep it line items the same as expenditure changes, and we need to meet accounting standards. However, we are happy to talk to individuals one to one and share the learning.

Question – How many F2F meetings are planned to be held? Monthly zoom meetings with face-to-face meetings planned for March and June/July.

9. Presentations

9.1. 2022/23 National Project – Giving to keep the Gibbo Spirit Alive

- Promoting blood and organ donation
- Each club will hold their own event, Matt will be in contact with all clubs in the next two weeks.
- Organise guest speakers – to address clubs and events.
- It only takes one person to sign up as an organ donor to make a difference and save up to 7 lives.
- Karen Jenner (nurse) and Ron Span (recipient) – guests
 - Only about 2% of people who pass away are able to donate organs, individuals need to pass away on a ventilator. So education is critical!
 - One organ doner can save 7 lives and help more through bone and tissue donation.
 - Currently 14,000 people in Australia on kidney dialysis waiting for a kidney.
- Ron – the number one contributor to kidney disease is weight, you need to get active. Kidney is the most successful transplant.
- Organ donation can be one of the only positive and lasting difference from tragic events.
- Go and see your doctor and get checked.
- Donatelife.gov.au, life blood.
- It takes 23 seconds to register

9.2. Rising Stars Initiative

- Assisted the team in gaining new skills and gaining perspective into how the Association can be improved.
- Volunteer membership comparison: Rotary 53%, Lions 45% and Apex 2%
 - Need to promote our activity on social media and use #
 - Campaign #ApexAust to help users find content
- Apex Rising Stars Academy – creation of virtual education series to strengthen Apex
 - Excel – using excel to track service areas – first draft is now available
 - OneNote – to track member information
 - Canva – online marketing package
 - FB and Instagram – scheduling posts



- Office 365 – how to use this effectively
- Photography training and guidance
 - A picture is worth a thousand words - Training package in progress,
- Attracting New members
 - Most people don't know what Apex is.
 - The Apex spectacle (a striking performance or display) – using this to promote our brand. Signage, dunk and monuments – finding a physical display of the brand.

10. Agenda Items / Motions

10.1. Motion 3 – Endorse the 2022/2023 National Executive and Board

Motion 3A:

NATIONAL SECRETARY	Emma Jackson	WA
NATIONAL TREASURER (and Vice President)	Ben Curnow	VIC
NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR	Tara Spotswood	QLD
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & CULTURE	Tyson Campbell	QLD
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	Daniel Lascelles	SA
NATIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	Gavin Mingay	QLD

“That the election of the following directors of The Association of Apex Clubs of Apex Australia Ltd (acting as the 2022/2023 Apex Australia National Board) be endorsed”;

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Gympie

Vote: Carried

Motion 3B:

“That Simon Grant be confirmed as a Director of The Association of Apex Clubs of Apex Australia Ltd and endorsed as 2022/2023 Apex Australia National President”.

Moved: National Board

Seconded: South Toowoomba

Vote: Carried

10.2. Motion 4 – Apex Australia Accounts

Motion 4A:

“THAT the 2021/ 2022 Apex Australia accounts be accepted as tabled at the AGM (and as displayed on the Apex Australia website www.apex.org.au/reports)”

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Toowoomba

Vote: Carried

**Motion 4B:**

"THAT the 2020/ 2021 Apex Australia accounts be accepted as tabled at the AGM (and as displayed on the Apex Australia website www.apex.org.au/reports)"

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Mt Isa

Vote: Carried

Motion 4C:

"THAT the 2019/ 2020 Apex Australia accounts be accepted as tabled at the AGM (and as displayed on the Apex Australia website www.apex.org.au/reports)"

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Blacktown

Vote: Carried

10.3. Motion 5 – 2022/2023 Apex Australia Budget**Motion 5:**

"That the proposed budget for the Apex Association for 2022/2023 be accepted as tabled at the AGM)"

Moved: National Board

Seconded: South Wagga

Vote: Carried

10.4. Motion 6 – Appointment of Auditor**Motion 6:**

"That Jessica Galvin from JG Audit & Assurance be appointed as the 2022/2023 auditor and Synergy Accountants & Business Advisers - Chartered Accountants be appointed as our accountant for 2022/2023."

Moved: National Board

Seconded: Beaufort

Vote: Carried

11. Presentations**11.1. The Shack and The Magic Castle**

We should be very proud of what these two facilities have achieved. Over 40,000 children have visited the Magic Castle and benefitted from the experience.

The SHACK was open on 12 July 1952, and was the brainchild of Mr Ray Vincent, to provide an affordable holiday for sick kids and their families. The SHACK needs some support in terms of work parties and new beds. The Foundation will be asking clubs to sponsor a bed, or a room and Gavin will be helping to co-ordinate work parties.



11.2. International Work Party

Work party is happening in 2023!

11.3. Bursary Presentation

The Bursary program supports students in the Philippines to achieve their academic potential. It costs \$399/yr to support a scholar and is a four-year commitment, 100% of that money goes directly to the scholar.

12. National Award Winners

Award Name	Winner	Club
Convention/AGM Travel Award - The Whopper Gavel	Apex club of Albany WA	
The Golden Stirrer	Brett Doig	
VIPs	Graeme Stephenson Jade van Hooydonk Malia Stephenson Kathryn Gunn Dennis Remmer Georgia Ward Violet Pfitzner	Bairnsdale Bairnsdale Bairnsdale Bunbury Koombana Brisbane City Goondiwindi South Toowoomba
Newsletter Award	South Toowoomba Apex Club	
Publicity Award	Apex Club of Brisbane City	
Service Project Award	Apex Club of Bairnsdale	
International Engagement Award – The Kava Bowl	Chinchilla Apex Club	
Club of the Year	Apex Club of Gawler	
Best First Year Apexian	Georgie Ward	Roma
Young Apexian of the Year	Chris Harris	Beaufort
Apexian of the Year	Ben Curnow	Beaufort
Regional Communicator of the Year	Brett Doig	Brisbane City
22 Years' Service Award	Leith Hall	Brisbane City
27 Years' Service Award	Tim Troon Greg Dickens	Muswellbrook Corowa

13. Fines Session

13.1. Motion for Donation of Fines Money

Motion 7:

"That the fines money be donated to The Shack."

Moved: Tyson Campbell

Seconded: South Wagga

Vote: Carried



14. Presentation

14.1. Apex Camps – Luke Skele

Mudjimba and Magnetic Island started in 1983 and now has 54 staff, hosts 1200 young people at the camps over the year. Five capital works projects coming up. How you can help - Become a financial member as in individual (\$20) or a club (\$100).

15. Closing Statement – National President Simon Grant

Challenge – go home and tell your fellow Apexians what you have learnt today and get amongst it at the Geraldton 2023 Convention.

Acknowledgements – Thank you to the National Board for all their hard work in making this happen. Jim Hughes LG, for his professional development advice and training provided to the board, also the support from the Apex Foundation. Mark Balin, in his support for helping to organise the 91st celebration and organising the show for the presentation for his life governorship.

16. Meeting Closure 3:11 pm