



Apex Australia Annual Report 2019-2020

Apex Australia National Board

2019/2020 NATIONAL BOARD

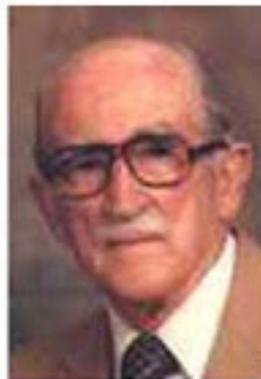
NATIONAL PRESIDENT	Michael Godfrey	WA
NATIONAL SECRETARY & COMMUNICATIONS	Bethany Paterson	SA
NATIONAL TREASURER	Jared King	SA
NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR	Adam Stewart	QLD
IPNP/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	Neal Molineaux	NSW
NATIONAL DATABASE	Leon Budden	SA
NATIONAL AWARDS & GRANTS	Brendan Hardy	QLD
NATIONAL BURSARY MANAGER	Craig Martin	QLD
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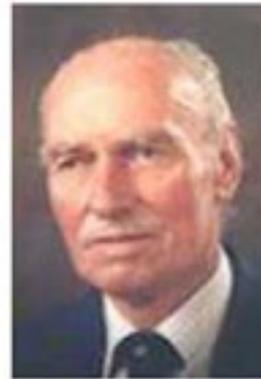
We pay tribute to the Founders of Apex and whilst they have passed from us, their ideals will never be forgotten:



Sir John Buchan



Ewan Laird



Langham Proud

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

My year as National President, while challenging at times, was a great year and I would like to pass on my thanks to all the members for your support during my term and hope that you were able to achieve the successes you had hoped for. Unfortunately, because of Covid I was unable to get to all the Clubs and events that I committed to but hope to still get there when I can.

At the close of nominations for National Board not all positions had been filled and I would like to thank everyone who came on board to help and work as part of a team with the Association and its members as the core focus of the challenges ahead. I truly admire the honesty and integrity of the Board members and thank them for their commitment to keeping a high standard of governance as well as transparency and openness to all members.

The National Convention was held on the beautiful Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. Hosted by the Kadina Club it was a great time that showcased Kadina and Wallaroo and brought together members from all around Australia as well as those from various overseas Associations. The event ran very smoothly, and everyone was made to feel welcome, and we thank the members for all the hard work that went in to make it happen. One member of the host Club describing it as *"the best Convention of all time"*. Delegates committed to supporting Lifeline through the Bairnsdale's Clubs proposal. A subcommittee was also set up to assist Clubs with increasing membership in the 20 for 20 program. Members at the convention walked from Kadina to Wallaroo in recognition of 50 years since Apex Australia Members walked a lap of Australia raising money and starting the Autism Trust. Neil Sawley was inducted as a Life Governor of the Association, a title well deserved, and we thank him for his ongoing commitment to all things Apex.

The Apex Magic Castle celebrated a milestone with the 40-year anniversary being marked a week after the Convention. It is estimated that around 40,000 people have experienced the Magic Castle over that time. Thankfully, the Castle survived the bushfires earlier in the year and will be around a bit longer to continue sharing the Magic with many more. If you are interested in going to the Magic Castle or wish to donate, please contact Jamie Vincent (Apex Club of Blacktown). It is well worth the visit and truly a magical place.

The Apex Foundation AGM was held in Sydney with Tony Wilshire being duly elected and taking over as Chairman. Tony is a long-time member of the Foundation and with his board is committed to working with the National Board and continue working together for the benefit of both organisations. The Foundation is also committed to



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working with Clubs, and assist where possible, those in genuine need within your own communities. I thank Tony for all his help, commitment, and support of his board over the year. It was great to see firsthand all that the Foundation accomplishes.

Summer saw one of the worst fire seasons Australia has experienced for some time. Considering this, the Apex Foundation challenged the Association to create an appeal and raise \$25,000 and they would match it. Everyone chipped in to help, from business's to kids wanting to donate the money they had worked hard for. Donations not only came in from all over Australia but also our overseas Apex nations helped with some generous donations, despite themselves facing Natural Disasters of their own. In the end just over \$32,000 dollars was raised and, with the Foundations commitment, over \$57,000 was disbursed back through Apex Clubs to directly assist Communities that had been so severely affected. Our thanks go out to all who donated and made a difference.



The first weekend in March was the annual Apex WA State Catch-up weekend. Hosted this year by Manjimup in the beautiful South West region. The National Board committed to connect with members in the West as it had been quite some time since a Board had journeyed West. This was a great opportunity for the National Board to meet with the members from the

West and discuss face to face all things Apex. Tony Wilshire once again attended a catch-up with the focus of continuing to work with Clubs and promoting help available through various Foundation grants. The WA catch-up weekend is open to everyone and not just WA members, dependant at this time of Covid travel restrictions.

The Covid issue was something we did not fore see. The overall impact both here and abroad is huge. It has led to several events needing to be cancelled, including the 2020 National Convention, to be held in Perth. The National Board has tried to soften the impact on Clubs by funding two drawdowns from reserves with the situation being monitored there on. Clubs that were financial still had the opportunity to fund their commitment to the Association. It is still unknown how long this situation will last but we are committed to ensuring the safety of our members and continue working towards being prepared for our eventual reopening of borders and coming together in Fellowship.

A work party was planned for around Easter to build a Day Care Centre working with Apex Club of San Pablo City, the Apex Women's Club of San Pablo City and members of Apex Australia. It was due to take place around Easter and in conjunction with the Philippines national convention. Unfortunately, with the Covid crisis evolving it was decided to put this project on hold, but still commit to the

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project when possible. A lot of work from members of the National Board and the Apex Clubs in the Philippines has gone into this project and I thank you for this work. If you wish to get onboard with this project, please keep an eye out for info on Apexian magazine or Apex Australia Facebook page as the Covid situation changes.

Apex Australia had representation to most overseas Conventions where possible. We attended The Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, and India. Unfortunately, we were unable to get to Bangladesh due to the bushfire disaster we faced at the time. I would encourage members to travel to overseas conventions as well as taking the opportunity to host visiting overseas members as much can learned by working together and building a greater understanding of each other.

As the uncertainty continues, I would ask all members to be patient and have understanding as we go forward. There will be an end to this pandemic, and we need to be ready for it. I look forward to a time when we can come together again to discuss the business of the Association and get together in genuine fellowship. I personally thank you for your commitment to the Association and its Ideals, I encourage you to get the most out of Apex and take on a higher role or to go out and visit another Club. Whilst the Perth Convention has been cancelled please consider getting along to Bundaberg in 2021 as National Conventions are always fun.

I would like to wish Bethany and her Board all the absolute best for your year and may it bring it all that you expected. Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give, and I know together you all will be able to achieve great things.

Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful wife Melinda for your support over the last twelve months. No stranger to all things Apex I hope you enjoyed the journey and had fun along the way, and I thank everyone for making us feel welcome as we travelled around this great association.

Thank you
Kind Regards

Mick Godfrey
National President
Apex Australia
2019-2020



NATIONAL SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary:

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



Social media:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as the Communications Director for Apex over the past two years. In my first year, our Facebook followers doubled from 630 to 1,413, and in the past year, our followers have doubled again to over 3,000 followers, resulting in a 476% increase in followers since commencing the Communications role in 2018. When I started the role, our Facebook page had a total of 29 posts in the history of the page, in the past 2 years I have done over 600 media social posts. The combination of increased followers and posts has meant that we now regularly reach between 2,000 to 7,000 people on a daily basis. Consequently, we are reaching a high number of members and non-members, and are marketing our organisation to a wide range of potential new members.

Moreover, social media has been an effective method of documenting award winners, promoting National Projects and sharing fundraising and social event ideas. Through Social Media, we have celebrated the great work of Apex Clubs amongst our Apex members and supports from within Australia and overseas. The inter-club support and positive comments have been heart-warming. The positive content markets Apex as a fun and social organisation, and explains to the wider public what Apex is all about.

Membership of the 'Apex Australia Members' is more selective, with screening questions in use. The purpose of this group is for current Apexians to communicate with each other, as opposed the Apex Australia Facebook Page, where content is exclusively posted and managed by the Apex Australia Board. Although there are occasional negative comments from a small group of individuals, posts and comments by members have most often been very positive and informative.

Our Instagram and Twitter accounts are important, however are slightly more challenging to use due to word limits and hashtag requirements, and are arguably less effective in engaging with members of the public compared to Facebook. Nevertheless, use of Instagram and Twitter is certainly worth expanding in the year ahead.

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Website:

Following last year's reskin and restructure, our Website still requires some fine tuning, but it is a vast improvement on our previous website, and continues to give us a fresh, contemporary, and functional website to represent our Association.

Summary:

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year on the National Board role under the leadership of President Michael Godfrey, I have valued his laid-back approach, his positivity, his can-do attitude and his unshakable commitment to Apex. I look forward to the year ahead in my role as National President, Mick's shoes are big shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively. Nevertheless, I am in the very fortunate position of working with a team of positive and hard-working Board members with the best interests of Apex in their hearts. I have no doubt that the year ahead will be positive, productive and rewarding, and I thank the Board and the Apexians of Australia for entrusting me with this role.

Yours in Apex,

Bethany Paterson
National Secretary and Communications Director
Apex Australia
2019-2020



NATIONAL TREASURER REPORT

What an interesting year we have had. No one would have predicted the whirlwind the country has been through. As a result, the budget presented at the 2019 Kadina Convention has been updated and changed a number of times to cater for the needs of the association. I have really enjoyed the portfolio and look forward to 2020/21.



Please note the following

- Kadina Convention was a success. Unfortunately the 2020 Convention needed to be cancelled.
- We increased the member and club fees.
- The last of the marketing grants were funded.
- Mick instigated the wonderful thought of raising funds to support bushfire affected areas. Apex Australia along with the Apex Foundation raised over \$50000 that were distributed to numerous fire affected districts.
- Covid hit with a vengeance early in the year affecting the fundraising opportunities for clubs. As a result the National Board supported clubs financially by waiving the final drawdowns for the 2019/20 financial year.
- The National Board minimised expenditure to support clubs with the waiver.
- A substantial saving was made due to the lack of international travel.
- Our finances are looking good.



Moving forward

- Our bookkeeping process is moving from Reckon to Xero.
- To enable Regional Communicators and the Regional Communicator Coordinator to travel to, support struggling and charter new clubs we have increased this area of the budget and look forward to witnessing the progress.
- With Covid continuing to impact our world our budget, processes, expenditure and income will need to be flexible.

I thank Liam for his support with the finances. I would like to congratulate Mick on his leadership through a very different year. He has always been a voice of reason and competently steered the National Board ship. Congratulations Bethany and new members to the 2020/21 board. We all wonder what the upcoming year will hold and wait in anticipation.

Yours in Apex
Jared King
National Treasurer
Apex Australia
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NATIONAL DATABASE REPORT

Apex Australia has an unfortunate past when it comes to our membership database and 2019 is no exception. I commenced the national database project in 2018 and have put in many hours of testing and liaising with National Board and our software partner Accede. With the rollout of the database to clubs and members came a range of expected bugs. Unfortunately for a range of reasons our relationship with Accede soured and our support and faith with our first database project wavered and it was with a great deal of frustration that the National Board made the difficult choice to shelve the Accede development database and start the development of a new database with Inology.



Apex Australia has a great existing relationship with Inology who have been supporting Apex over many years with their hosting of the National Website. The new database platform is currently in Beta testing and it is hoped that we can start rolling this out to clubs in the new year. For hopefully the last year the board has decided to undertake a census with the vision of importing current data into the new database. Early indicators are very favourable that the new database will function better, faster and with fewer bugs than its predecessors.

Regards

Leon Budden
National Database Manager
Apex Australia
2019-2020

Our Newest Life Governor, Neil Sawley



IPNP/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT

The year commenced with the Association continuing its strong support to our other Apex Countries with representation at both the Singapore & Malaysia National Conventions in July/August 2019, then India in early 2020 prior to the Covid pandemic taking over the world.



Our National Convention in October 2019, hosted by the Kadina Apex Club, seen representation from Bangladesh and the Philippines including the Apex Global Chair. With great reports filtering back on what was a successful and professional weekend, some great lessons and experiences taken back to the respective Apex Countries. Something this Board and all previous Boards strive to achieve with our overseas delegates. Apex Australia are seen as 'role models' to our overseas countries and we need to continue to lead by example and show the opportunities a large gathering, such as the National Convention can achieve (member training, genuine fellowship, award recognition etc).

Early within the year the Board revised and made financial commitment towards the '4th Ideal Travellers Fund', to encourage our Members to consider exploring our overseas Apex National Conventions and their hospitality. Again with Covid forcing travel restrictions and countries withdrawing invitations to overseas delegates, nominations for this Fund were placed on hold. However not all is lost, as future Boards are in a good place to pick-up and continue with this Fund when overseas travel restrictions allow.

The Apex Club of Bairnsdale were the host of the year's Association Project, to create Funding and Awareness for Lifeline by Clubs holding a trivia night. As momentum started to build, again Covid affected this too. Despite this the Bairnsdale Club showed that this event could be taken online and hosted a number of Trivia events or Facebook Trivia throughout the year.

A challenging year, however some great results and learnings came from it.

Neal Molineaux
IPNP/International Relations
Apex Australia
2019-2020



NATIONAL BURSARY REPORT

This year has seen my sixth year on National board and the 46th Anniversary of the Overseas Bursary Scheme.

It has been a challenging year for everything Apex, and also in Bursary. Covid has limited our face to face National Board meetings with all communication taking place electronically. At least I am able to report that all of our scholars and our Apex friends that support the Bursary scheme in the Philippines are all safe and well.

The most positive thing that has come out of this year is to find my replacement. Greg Youngberry from Toowoomba Club is currently in training to take over the Bursary Manager role and is keen to continue to ensure the integrity of the Bursary Scheme in the Philippines. Greg has only been in Apex for a short time and has already been the driving force in reviving the Pasig Club in the Philippines. Greg and I were to travel to the Philippines at Easter time to participate in the Overseas Work Party and then to carry out the Bursary Audit. Once again, because of Covid this was unable to happen. We are both ready to get on the ground in the Philippines as soon as we can to complete these tasks and offer our support to our fellow Apexians and our Bursary Scholars.

Lastly, I congratulate Mick on a great job done in such a challenging and changing time and look forward to working with National President Bethany and her board and continuing to pass on the knowledge for Greg in the future.

Craig Martin
National Bursary Manager
Apex Australia
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REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR COORDINATOR REPORT

I have really enjoyed being National RC Coordinator role and have continued to get amongst the clubs and other regions. However, that has been a lot harder during COVID. In the past 12 months, I have been to a state catch up in Manjimup WA, had a get together with a few SA clubs in Padthaway SA and had catchups in Berowra NSW, Brisbane Valley and quite a few clubs in my region. I was all set to head to the Philippines for their convention but unfortunately that did not eventuate.



The message that seems loud in any state in Australia is that there are plenty of people that want to give back and if we continue to focus on why we are all here and the main reason why we joined Apex was to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. I had said at any opportunity that there are three key fundamentals:

- Service projects
- New members
- Meeting procedure

If we continue to focus on these keys Apex will be a success.

I really want to thank the RCs, they do an amazing job reaching out to the clubs with the message and updates that come from national board. Could I please encourage the clubs to help the RCs and don't keep them hanging as we are all volunteers and it would be great to make their job as easy as possible.

I am planning on working with Tara in the new year to plan a training session in each region as I see this is big part of the states structure that is really missing. We are still working on the rollout of the database and the Microsoft 365 account to all clubs. This is a transitional adjustment but once were all up to speed with it there will be a single email contact for every club. The database will also allow every club to keep their data up to date very easily as each member has access and also for National to be able to get the desired data for drawdowns and Insurance as a start.

It has been fantastic year on National Board role under the leadership of President Mick Godfrey, and it has been an honour to work with a team of positive and hard-working Board members. I look forward to the year ahead.

Yours in Apex,

Adam Stewart
Regional Communicator Coordinator
Apex Australia
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**NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS
2018-2019**

Apex Australia Newsletter Award, in memoriam of Newman O'Dea
Apex Club of Toowoomba

Apex Australia Publicity Award, donated by Loraine Janssen
Apex Club of Bunbury/Koombana

Apex Australia Service Project Award, in memoriam of Eric Hooper
Apex Club of Dalby

Apex Australia International Engagement Award, The Kava Bowl
Apex Club of Busselton

Apex Australia Citizenship Initiative Award, in memoriam of Donald Mackay
Apex Club of Kadina

Apex Australia Club of the Year
Apex Club of Bunbury/Koombana

Apex Australia Regional Communicator of the Year, in memoriam of Langham Proud
Geoff Harris & Tara Spotswood

Apex Australia Young Apexian of the Year, in memoriam of Sir John Buchan
Jordan Martin – Toowoomba

Apex Australia Best First Year Apexian, donated by Harry Hodges
Jacob Venning - Kadina

Apex Australia Apexian of the Year, in memoriam of Ewan Laird
Adam Stewart – Toowoomba

Apex Australia Public Speaking Award, in memoriam of Bevan Rutt
Emma Jackson

Golden Stirrer
Elise Malberg

Whopper Gavel
Chinchilla

REGION	1	North Queensland
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		John Davis
		Mt Isa
<p>Started off my year being inducted at the 1500 Dinner meeting in Townsville. Went up to Ingham and met Michael Nash the president of Herbert River.</p> <p>Took over as the acting president of the Mount Isa Apex club, from October to January, as the president of Mount Isa club up and walked out without notice.</p> <p>Like all clubs I have had a break due to Covid restrictions until we started doing zoom meetings. Finding the meetings are a fantastic idea to keep everyone in touch both on an RC and club level, and to national level.</p> <p>Yours in Apex John Davis</p>		

Mt Isa	Club #	292	Club Membership	5
<p>Service Highlights: Mount Isa Apex ran the Rock Pop Mime Show with the assistance of the community and was a great event. Rock pop donated \$2500 to schools and donated \$2000 to the community for helping out at Rock Pop</p> <p>After the floods in January 2019, Tony Wiltshire from the Apex Foundation contacted Mount Isa Apex Club to assist in contacting School of the Air. Discussions with what the Foundation could do to assist those affected by the floods were discussed. They came up with a plan to send the kids to the music Ensemble, where they were given the opportunity to go Brisbane, and play and practice with an orchestra. The kids that went to the music ensemble weekend were from stations as far away from Mount Isa as 4 to 7 hours by car. They were all from remote cattle properties that had lost a lot of cattle and infrastructure and their parents were struggling. It was good to see the children get the real experience which was about performing in an orchestra which was something that they may never have had the opportunity otherwise. The foundation paid \$10,000 for airline tickets to have parents and students fly to and from Brisbane.</p> <p>3 New Apexians, Tony, Jack and Robert, joined the club and were inducted in January. Tony Anderson took on president, Christian Weber took on secretary, and Robert Davis took on treasurer.</p> <p>Not long after Covid hit and all Mount Isa Apex has been doing is renovating their trailers and just getting all the paperwork in order.</p>				

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Herbert River	Club #		Club Membership	7
<p>Financial: Yes Compliant: Yes Social: limited Service Highlights: * Oversight/management of 22 units at Senior Citizens Village on behalf of the community. * Apex supports the Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre - with work at the units. * Provide essential funding to support Ingham Community Bus which provides transport to Townsville so community members can access services including rehab, hospital and health services, not available locally. * Apex purchased 3 drones (\$1200) for the local high school - to assist their after school STEM program which had 40 students sign up. * Donated \$500 to Qld. Cancer Council * Sponsored \$50 to Breast Cancer via fundraiser * Donated \$750 to CWA - Stone River Branch for repairs to their community hall. * Sponsored 2 Maraka Queen entrants in 2019 (2x \$300) Ingham Maraka Festival. Note: The club is stable but we would like to see some new people involved.</p>				

Townsville	Club #		Club Membership	16
<p>Townsville club is still operational and looking for service work and events. We have met once for a meeting since the beginning of COVID and a few scattered socials, but with the great stats coming out of Townsville with no new cases for a while we look to get back into the swing of things mid September.</p> <p>Still offering our services to those Charities that reach out but it's generally a quiet period in Townsville up until late October. We have cancelled our Kids Day at the Train park due to COVID, and ended up needing to cancel anyway as the Supercars have signed a second week, which clashes with planned dates. Our other major event for the year is our Charity Golf Day for The Cure Starts Now, and is still pencilled in at this stage, just waiting to hear more from the Golf Club and Government before proceeding.</p> <p>Some notable stats for the past year. Currently 16 members with 4 on Leave. \$9500 donated to The Cure Starts Now with our Golf Day last year Countless man hours put into the clean up and assistance after the floods in Feb/March 2019 Have increased donations and assistance with the Pyjama Foundation, paying the costs of their Christmas Party for the kids and assisting with cooking and running of the day Started a new relationship with Special Children's Christmas Party, donating \$750 towards their cause last year and looking to continue that.</p> <p>Club is still looking for a new major service event to run for the year since the loss of the Bar from the Ewan Races, but other than that club is still healthy and looking to get back into it when things can return to normal hopefully towards the end of the year.</p> <p>YIA,</p> <p>Ryan Oliver Club President</p>				

REGION	2	Central Coast QLD	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Tara Spotswood	
		Bundaberg	
<p>What a year to remember!!! This year has been one that we will not forget in a hurry. In my region alone I have seen clubs close to the brink of closing – only to have a few months off to bounce back and now welcoming 4 new members into the club – to clubs that have been strong, hit road blocks and now struggling for members and to find their way. There has been a lot of hard work put in for our communities as well as a lot of events and work unable to go ahead thanks to covid.</p> <p>I have been part of many road trips to other clubs meeting as well as service events. There is nothing like it. It is so great to interact with other club members, work side by side, providing for our community, in the process creating lifelong friendships and having a lot of laughs. Corvid may have put a dampener on this but we are strong and can adapt and prosper. After two plus years at the helm I hand the reins to Kaden Bryant as I take on a National Board role as Regional communicator coordinator. I wish you all the very best Kaden and see you all on the road very soon.</p>			

Bundaberg	Club #	73	Club Membership	10
<p>Well, what a year it has been for not just the Bundaberg Club but the Country and the entire World. From natural disasters and worldwide pandemics to protests and civil unrest across multiple countries throughout the planet, it will certainly go down in the history books as memorable!</p> <p>The Apex Club of Bundaberg has kept busy as much as it could during this 12-month rollercoaster expanding itself continually through service work and with corresponding community support and donations of over \$3500 for the year.</p> <p>As always, one of our major events is the Gympie Muster where we saw a new site for our traditional bar location in an improvement state directly overlooking main stage and some</p>				

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new decorations transforming it into a destination rather than just a walk through location. It saw us also support the Blues Bar who were lacking numbers due to unforeseen circumstances. A distinct lack of tutus and mankinis this year to nearly no-one's disappointment, except maybe my own. (It was surprisingly comfortable)

Following on from the Muster we had a couple Bunnings BBQs while they could still run enabling us to raise the funds for our traditional hospital donation to the Kid's ward and nurses station supply stock up. Around this time of year also sees the annual changeover for the Club but with a bit of difference than just the standard sit down dinner. 2019 changeover saw the Club hire a holiday house at Woodgate with visitors from the Fraser Coast Club to supervise celebrations and corrupt us as only they can. This saw Tara taking the reins as President for the first time in her now 6 year career as an Apexian and a rightly deserved position; her dedication not just to this Club but also her TWO regions as a regional communicator and now National Board position, demonstrate continually her values and epitomises what it is to be an Apex member.

September saw the anniversary of the passing one of the most loved members of the Club, Mick Davis. He is permanently etched in our hearts for this larrikinism and dedication to any cause he supported and just love of life. Happy fishing and may your line always be taut!

The new year brought with it paperwork and paperwork and more paperwork as the Club took over the running of the Mahindra Windslasher Beach Festival at Elliott Heads. It was a mild success in its first year in 2019, however this year we wanted bigger and better. With the final approval from Council we were able to create a destination for the Valentines weekend with not only kitesurfing but the QLD Beach Volleyball state titles, street food vendors, a bar and live music. This all came together to see over 1500 people pass through the foreshore over the weekend and donations of \$1200 each to Beyond Blue and Bush Kids. Massive thank you to Mahindra for their donation and ensuing naming rights of the event, we foresee more success in the coming years as the event expands.

The success of the Windslasher was soon marred with sadness as the world was hit with what is now the largest pandemic in 100 years. It has seen countless deaths to an invisible assassin on top of thousands of people becoming jobless and homeless. The Club is in a rather fortunate position financially to try and help those most affected in Bundaberg and has provided over \$1000 in donations so far in food vouchers and donations to local charities to help feed those in need. Further donations of \$250 have gone to a local fundraising effort for DV connect to help raise awareness and support for this affected by domestic violence.

Before the lockdowns came into effect, the Club also provided support via a BBQ at the Cane2Coral run for fun(ds). Those that participate in the event spread their enjoyed so much that with combining with members of the Fraser Coast Club have volunteered to take

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over the entire Cane2Coral event from 2021 onwards (2020's event cancelled due to COVID). This monumental task shows true support for the Wide Bay community as in its 10-year history so far, the donations raise for local charities have topped \$500,000, The current Board feel their time is done and want to pass on the opportunity to new faces for further success.

The 2019-20 year has seen the Club rocked with several members leaving or moving from the area putting immense strain on the current active members, however belief and motivation could not be stronger within the Club. 2020-21 will come with its own challenges as the World rebuilds from COVID and the Apex Club of Bundaberg will be there every step of the way to support those in need.

Fraser Coast	Club #	54	Club Membership
<p>This year got off to a flyer with the club smashing the nation project the 2020 membership drive with the Fraser coast club increasing our membership by 75% which a fantastic result with these new members settling in well jumping into service work and tackling any challenge thrown at them head on.</p> <p>With the new members the club were able to organise and carry out a few major service projects including 3 days at the Maryborough technology challenge 24hr HPV race, cooking nachos and feeding the hungry masses, pulling off our most successful Santa fair to date raising a \$4500 to put back into local volunteer fire fighting training and local youth mental health services. Throw in a few Bunnings BBQ's and the club has had a busy first 8 months of the year.</p> <p>Socially the club took the opportunity to visit a few clubs in our region and enjoy some fellowship, also giving our new members a great chance to get out and meet other clubs and see how they run.</p> <p>The club was successful in earning a gambling fund community grant to purchase some much needed new equipment and replacing some of our much loved equipment, which will only help improve our club's visibility and the ability to be able to put more money back into the local community.</p> <p>The club took the opportunity to have a well-earned break during the early parts of covid lockdown, not meeting back till late June where our new board was elected ready for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>Kaden Bryant, Outgoing Club President</p>			

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Biggenden	Club #		Club Membership	10
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In March we got approval from Apex Australia to take a 6month break. We regrouped in October to see if the club have a future where we were lucky enough to get some new members. December we held our annual Christmas fair. In the new year we saw more members join and we did they Australia day bbq for local council. We then had to shut down due to covid, but since being allowed to start up again we have been running weekly raffles. We currently have 10 members.

Murgon	Club #	215	Club Membership	6
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Murgon is a small little club that just seems to keep rolling along 😊 This year was rocked by Covid but one of the highlights was giving a family with a disabled daughter a new bathroom. We didn't do the work but we got a lot of the items donated and paid for whatever need to be paid for.

We have been doing the monthly markets where we do bacon and egg buggers till covid hit.

The club also reads water meters 2 times a year. At this time we have 6 members with 3 prospexians waiting for covid to lift.

Moura	Club #		Club Membership	
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No response at this time

Biloela	Club #		Club Membership	
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Finding these members are a mammoth effort and will continue this fight.

Monto	Club #		Club Membership	
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This club is being closed

Gympie	Club #	72	Club Membership	8
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Gympie club is going through a bit of a lower time at the moment. They have been struggling to make quorum for a few months due to members just not being committed. There are 8 members on the books however they are only able to get 4 to meetings at most. The current members are trying to get a board together and pick it up again in the new finical year.

The Apex shed was broken into a few months ago and this took its toll on the club also. The biggest blow to the club was the Muster being cancelled.

Kaden and Myself are trying to help the club out and get the back on track.

REGION	3	South West QLD
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Dean Long
		Dalby
<p>2019 "Thank God that's over"</p> <p>2020 "Hold my beer"</p> <p>To say this year has been a challenge would be an understatement but as always, Apex has adapted to the situation at hand. Many clubs traded face to face meetings with Zoom to keep in contact with their members and some choose to take a break during the "Made in China virus" pandemic. As expected, Service and Social events became exceedingly difficult or plain impossible but as restrictions have lifted the urge to get back into the community as well as to travel to other Clubs has shown itself to be greater than ever. The prospects for the rest of the year and into 2021 are looking very promising (if Victoria can keep it together) so fingers crossed. I'd like to thank all the clubs in Region 3 for their efforts this year and I look forward to able to visit all of you in the future, I'd also like to thank my predecessor Gavin Mingay for the previous year and his efforts leading up to me taking the reins.</p> <p>I leave you with this quote from the author of the book called "12 Rules for Life, an antidote for Chaos" Dr Jordan B Peterson that is relevant to our current situation.</p> <p><i>"Face the demands of life voluntarily. Respond to a challenge instead of bracing for catastrophe"</i></p> <p>YIA</p> <p>Dean Long</p>		

Dalby, QLD	Club #	91	Club Membership	5
<p>We as a club in Dalby have achieved alot this year, given the current circumstances, details as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toowoomba motocross club meet, • Our club president Dean Long became Region 3 RC, • Inter club visits Chinchilla, Toowoomba & Roma, • Club meet up at the Kogan Hotel. • Introduced meeting at a local pub after our official meetings, for some lite social fellowship, 				

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- Introduced meeting at a local pub after our official meetings, for some lite social fellowship,
- Promoted Aidan Macbeth and Christopher Waugh from prospexians to apexians,
- Numerous Bunnings BBQ's,
- Secured funding for New Year's Eve project 2021,
- Dalby club presence from William Slee was seen in Indian national convention 2020

Tharapex,

- Dalby club presence from Dean Long and William Slee seen in Kadina for the 2019 convention,
- Road trip visiting numerous clubs in Australia during September 2019, to National Convention.

YIA

William Slee
Club Secretary

Roma	Club #	108	Club Membership	2
<p>After spending a weekend with so many enthusiastic Apexians at the 2019 national convention in Kadina my ideas and enthusiasm was in overdrive. Coming back home to Roma I was ready to hit the ground running only to find out that our membership had depleted due to personal reasons, so the Apex was back to where we started off in 2014.</p> <p>The only way to increase members and awareness for apex in our community was to get out there and be seen, heard noticed in our community. Two large events were planned with the fine wine and dine night and a beer and prawn night within a couple of weeks of each other.</p> <p>The fine wine and dine night was a huge success with just over 80 people attending our event at the local butter factory. Show casing our closest winery of St George with a paired 5 course menu. Using a local caterer and being entertained by local musicians with a string quintet. The night had a great Italian feel being inside the old factory and is still being talked about today and people asking when is the next one.</p>				

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With a captured crowd we used the opportunity to induct two members into the Roma apex club. These members had been prospexians for quite some time and were incredibly pleased to become inducted.

The beer and prawn night were held in December with free prawns and a full bar to entice possible future prospexians to come along. Having a guest speaker who grew up in Roma talk about life coaching, depression and suicide was a heavy topic but received very well for our community at the current time in drought.

We held a very quick and informal change over That night and inducted our two new members into board member roles of secretary and treasurer.

The jumping castles were hired out and kept profits rolling in until the corona virus put an end to everything apex. Using this down time, we have asked people who are new to town to come along to meetings and social gatherings to be their introduction to apex. Creating a great social group will create a great bond within the club and make service work extremely rewarding, enjoyable and something that all members want to be a part of.

Anything we have learnt in this Corona down time is put the service efforts into social efforts. Look after your members and do not forget to ask anyone new to Apex to come along!

YIA

Tyson Campbell

Outgoing President

Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	43	Club Membership	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We helped raise money and awareness of homelessness, • Landscaped the front yard of the Toowoomba children’s Contact Centre • Ran a bar and sold tickets for the Downs Rugby final • Helped Dalby Apex Club with Marshalling at Echo Valley (Motocross competition) • Ran a BBQ at Bunnings • Assisted at the Christmas Lights • Help with packing up at the Lifeline Book fest. • During COVID lockdown we helped with picking up groceries for Lifeline, for people in need • We inducted two new members to the Club 				
<p>YIA Adam Stewart Club President</p>				

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South Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	476	Club Membership	6
<p>The club met in January 2020 for the first time in over two years. The club had not been able to make quorum since December 2017. Only three members remained in the club, Matt Mengel, Sarah-Jane McDonald, and Jacinta Mansell. Since January, the club has met numerous times with a break in the middle for Covid. Business meetings have focused on getting the admin of the club back in order, compiling an inventory of club assets, changing bank signatories, and getting the books audited etc. Social meetings have included a Ten Pin Bowling night and a friendly round of Putt Putt Golf. Since January Bec Kuhn transferred in from Fraser Coast Apex Club and Amy Patterson-Kane transferred in from Chinchilla Apex when she moved to Toowoomba for work. April Lancaster-Smith, a former member also returned to the club, so we now have 6 members with several prospectives interested in joining.</p> <p>YIA Bec Kuhn Club Secretary</p>				

Inverell, NSW	Club #	39	Club Membership	9
<p>2019 / 2020 Summary – September 2019 to March 2020 before Covid hit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019/20 Changeover was a formal event for us as it was our 80th Changeover. • https://www.inverelltimes.com.au/story/6366256/alex-rainger-declared-new-president-of-inverell-apex-club-at-80th-changeover/?cs=1523 • Club membership went from 8 to 9 • 9 Events attended with our BBQ trailer pictured below where we cook steak and sausage sandwiches and sell cold drinks., (Our main fundraising source) • Water carting service scheme: Huge success • https://www.inverelltimes.com.au/story/6436129/inverell-apex-delivers-water-to-shire-residents-in-need/ • We applied and successfully received \$10k in grant funding to restore our BBQ trailer which is due 2020. • We organized an annual Venetian Carnival. Successful with Santa and Fireworks. Approximately 2000 people attend this. • https://www.inverelltimes.com.au/story/6502256/even-santas-excited-for-the-inverell-apex-venetian-carnival/ • Over 300 service hours were clocked by 8 members in the 6 months • 20/21 Changeover completed last weekend the 29th August 2020 – Alex Rainger President, Rohan Cowley Secretary, Andrew Tucker Vice President, Aaron Wilkinson Treasurer. 				

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YIA
Alex Rainger
Club President

Chinchilla, QLD	Club #	295	Club Membership	12
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2020 has been a challenging year in more ways than one for the Chinchilla Apex Club. Chinchilla Apex undertook continuing with our Friday night raffles, which continues to be a wonderful source of revenue for the Club, which precludes up from having to hold fund raising events. This was suspended in March however, and we are hoping to resume this activity which COVID-19 restrictions ease.

We welcomed new members to our Club including Robert Crawford, Philippa Lally, Gabrielle Paerau and Amy Patterson-Kane. Amy has now moved to Toowoomba South Club.

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We have been forging an alliance with the local scout group, our club started by assisting us with the catering for the Chinchilla Race Club meets and we have now handed that over to the Scouts fully and Chinchilla Club taking on an assistance role. Chinchilla Apex is looking to strengthen that role with the Chinchilla Scot Club over the coming months and share the raffle duties with them

Chinchilla social events include our yearly Warra Hotel meeting which was a wonderful start to the year. We are hoping to re-instate the Condamine and Dulacca meetings later this year, as well our trip to Moonie for State of Origin.

The Gunfire Breakfast for Anzac Day was sorely missed this year, Apex Chinchilla have a long-standing tradition of providing the Gunfire Breakfast. We contributed \$2000 to the re-construction of the WWI Soldier, to be unveiled, once again on hold due to Covid restrictions.

Chinchilla Apex contributed \$5000 to the upgrades, still to take place at the Magic Castle and \$1000 directly to the Banfield Club to assist with Bushfire recovery projects.

Nineteen Chinchilla Apex members, past members and family travelled to the Magic Castle in September last year. Chinchilla Apex Members also travelled in number to the National Conference at Kadina.

Members have attended Toowoomba & Fraser Coast and Dalby Changeovers and will attend Brisbane Valley, Goondiwindi, Roma, and other clubs in the region Change-Overs as they appear on our calendar.

Chinchilla Changeover is scheduled for September 12, 2020.

YIA

Therese Black

Chinchilla Club President

Tara, QLD	Club #	Club Membership	4
<p>Due to Covid 19 the club's ability to have meetings and carry out service projects has been severely limited but we were still able work at this year's Tara show as well as help out at a Kite making weekend for school children and their families, hopefully 2021 will be a better year for the club.</p> <p>YIA Gary Dicks Club President</p>			

Goondiwindi, QLD	Club #	Club Membership	
<p>Club contacted but no report submitted.</p>			

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Wandoan, QLD	Club #	?	Club Membership	?
Club contacted but no report submitted				

Warialda, NSW	Club #	?	Club Membership	?
Club contacted but no report submitted				

St George, QLD	Club #	?	Club Membership	?
Club contacted but no report submitted				

Sandon County, NSW	Club #		Club Membership	
Sadly, Sandon County (Armadale) is now no longer				

Gunnedah, NSW	Club #		Club Membership	
There has been no activity at this club for some time now and may well be shut down in the future.				

REGION	4	South East QLD/Northern NSW	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Gavin Mingay	
		Toowoomba	
<p>Region 4 currently has 8 clubs, with Brisbane Valley soon to transition to Region 3, due to geography. The clubs usually have some amazing projects and service work, but thanks to Covid, the service work has been severely reduced. Clubs have generally struggled with meeting through Covid times, but there is still a great deal of hope for things to improve. Many clubs are in need of membership drives to find some new enthusiasm and reduce the pressure on current members. Hopefully in the next twelve months we can increase interclub travel and increase the interclub support.</p>			

Murwillumbah	Club #	112	Club Membership	5
<p>Currently has only five members. Have been greatly affected by Covid and need some help to rebuild.</p>				

Southport	Club #		Club Membership	7
<p>Currently have seven members. Usually run regular meat tray raffles and Bunnings BBQ. Has a fairly stable membership. Received marketing grant from National Board and used it for a Facebook marketing campaign.</p>				

Brisbane Valley	Club #	654	Club Membership	7
<p>Currently has seven members. Have been running the high school debating. Big Christmas Tree event had to be cancelled due to drought. Purchased a jumping castle for hiring out. Completed a road sign renewal project. Held phone meetings during Covid to keep in touch. Have a number of new member inductions coming up.</p>				

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Albany Creek	Club #		Club Membership	4
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Currently has four members. We're going to run a service project with the youth centre at Strathpine, but unfortunately cancelled due to Covid. Have struggled to meet up thanks to Covid. Need some help to rebuild.

Caboolture	Club #		Club Membership	
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No report at this time.

Maleny Club	Club #	355	Club Membership	
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No report at this time.

Nambour	Club #	190	Club Membership	
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No report at this time.

REGION	5	NSW North Coast
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		GEOFF HARRIS
		BEROWRA
<p>All Region 5 Clubs intact, financial, meeting regularly with membership growth in some clubs. They all have continued to show effort through their positive and active service work, annual events, supporting schools and their communities. Up until Covid-19, have visited most Clubs multiple times to be involved with their members and service projects. It has always been a great pleasure being your RC and I would like to thank all of you for your communication, comradery, friendships and the privilege to serve in your communities.</p>		

BEROWRA	Club #	755	Club Membership	23
<p>Very active club. Major events include Woodchop, Xmas Trees, Movies Under the Stars, Santa Runs and Park nights. They also support all 4 primary schools annual events, Salvation Army, RFS, SES, Long Tan Vets, Scouts, Guides and Janine Murray Clean Ups, a Facebook page, Bike track, Dads & Kids, Family weekends away. This year they joint funded with Lions, Rotary and Hornsby Council 2 Exercise Pod stations at Warrina Oval, started Apex Service badges for Guides, Cubs and Scouts. Donated RFS \$3k & Scouts/Guides \$3k, excellent BBQ trailer, Starlight/Variety Bash car, 2 massive Apex gazebos, Jumping Castle and Santa Sleigh and have inducted 3 new members.</p>				

BLACKTOWN	Club #	333	Club Membership	7
<p>Mixed club with male members, main projects directed at our Magic Castle Apex Chalet. Their regular service gigs are the Blacktown and St Ives Shows, Chris Riley's Youth of the Streets dinners, Bunnings BBQs, sponsorship of a local soccer club and have an Apex Dunk. This year they attended Drive-In markets but due to COVID, their Lifeline RSL Trivia night, Safety Driving program at Sydney Motorsports Park and Streets Alive were all cancelled.</p>				

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BRAIDWOOD	Club #	248	Club Membership	18
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Main events are Xmas Raffles, Diggers Golf day supporting RSL sub-branch, Defence driving courses for school age learner drivers. They have a mobile cool room which they hire out and a Jumping Castle. Drought and bushfires in their areas also and they were planning on doing a project repairing a park that was bushfire affected and have inducted 4 new members

MUSWELLBROOK	Club #	125	Club Membership	7
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This club is mainly involved with catering gigs, with an excellent BBQ trailer, huge Bengalla Open Mine Day, they also put their external painting skills to the test at Aberdeen for one of their elderly life members friends. They also have a very large community shed they share with Lions and Rotary. Apex signs as you enter town. Their surrounding area has been drought and bushfire affected. Major donations \$2k each to Catholic High and High Schools and \$1k each to 3 Primary Schools, have a Facebook page. The passing of their 1st Life member Mr Lem Rose, a remarkable man who was involved in community service all his life, great turnout at his funeral for a true legend of their Club.

MILTON / ULLADULLA	Club #	382	Club Membership	14
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Are a very active mixed club with male members. Main events The Fathering Project for 400 Dads & Kids, this project should be run by all Apex Clubs, South Coast Craft Beer Festival which was a huge success raising \$15K with 500 people. Xmas Carols Family BBQ for 600 people. Their surrounding area was impacted by bushfires at the start 2020. Their Club put in record service hours at Ulladulla control and evacuation centre moving essential supplies and for days were cooking, serving lunches and dinners to support the RFS volunteers and evacuees. They had a successful Govt. grant purchasing a trailer, large Apex marquee, commercial BBQ, chairs for Mens Shed and Showground, received half of the \$11K purchase costs in grants. They also supported the Jindelara Cottage Foundation which is a collaboration of service clubs supporting a respite home for disabled. Covid cancelled next Fathering Project, Family Olympics, Blessing of the Fleet, Beerfest and Youth Camp supporting resilience and bushfire recovery, have a Facebook page and have 5 perspective members.

OBERON	Club #	133	Club Membership	6
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'Welcome to Oberon' Apex Sign greets you as you enter their town. This club's main event is the Oberon Show where the Club runs the bar in a shed in Feb. They have an Apex Park and a good relationship with RSL, IGA, Pubs and community. They inducted 2 new members this year.

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SINGLETON	Club #	141	Club Membership	8
<p>Is a mixed club with male members. All the regular school, community fairs and fetes in and around Singleton you will find these Apex guys, doing Fairy Floss, Popcorn or BBQs. They do a Cashacan, Bunnings BBQs and events, have a pop up Apex banner and Apex Dunk, Apex signage as you enter town, also affected by Drought and Bushfires around area, have a Facebook page and a great Apex gazebo. Club highlights annual Beerfest in Oct and Fishing trip in Feb at Lake St Claire. Also did an Auction 4 day pass Apex Gympie Muster. COVID cancelled many planned community activities.</p>				

WAUCHOPE	Club #	233	Club Membership	6
<p>Is a mixed Apex Club, main annual community event is The Billycart Classic with a market, kids rides, crab races. Its a great fun day drawing local and overseas people together in Beechwood. This year they supported a lady who had some domestic violence issues, they provided her food, support and Vinnies contact. Do a Xmas Raffle, a Facebook page, Apex Dunk, large Apex gazebo and a good relationship with RSL, Country, League, Cricket Clubs and Diamond Waters Caravan Park supporting their Cashacan, support the Koala Hospital. No public speaking this year. Special thanks to their club and ex Port Macquarie Apexians for attending Apex Gloucester Life Member Dave "Muddy Edwards" funeral, another outstanding person that did great service work all his life. They also provided hampers for some of their elderly residents that was housebound due to Covid.</p>				

REGION	6	NSW South Coast
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		LUKE CORKETT
		Albury
		

Jerilderie	Club #	Club Membership
<p>Jerilderie Apex held our BnS in July last year with around 1000 people attending. Was a great fundraiser and was a great success. Later in the year around August we had our handover dinner and inducted Stephen Dagleish into a Life Member of Apex Australia. Many of the past members attended and had a great time.</p> <p>We also held an information night in October featuring Topher Field, a regular contributor to the irrigation water debate, along with a long range weather forecaster AV Weather who a lot of farmers subscribe to. We had a lot of good reports from attendees that enjoyed the night and people seemed to get a lot out of it.</p> <p>We helped out on Australia Day, running the minirail and selling raffle tickets, raising money for the Australia Day committee.</p> <p>We then held our annual working dog auction in February which was the best we have had so far. Since then we haven't done anything due to corona virus. All events have been cancelled. And we don't intend to do anything with Apex until probably January. When we will be doing working bees ahead of the dog auction.</p> <p>Andrew Gillett</p>		

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Albury	Club #		Club Membership	
<p>Albury Apex had a great end of year with our annual Halloween display bringing in 1000 people and with the club hosting a BBQ on the evening we raised money to support the local RAAF cadets.</p> <p>Shortly after our youngest member Deacon was induced into the club. Deacon has been attending Apex service jobs for a couple of years now and gave us the idea to start a youth club to have youngsters involved with Apex, so for his 18th birthday we had with membership kit ready for his induction.</p> <p>After we returned from our Christmas break, we hosted a bus trip to Yarrawonga for a lake cruise on the Cumberoona with the former Albury Apexians the “Old Buffers”. The Cumberoona paddle steamer was built in Albury after Apex moved the motion to have a paddle steamer back in town, which made for a great day of fellowship and history between the current and previous members.</p> <p>Sadly, after the bushfires and Covid a lot of projects came to a halt. We didn’t have the chalet working bee, we couldn’t host our annual Golf day or 200 Club but after the break I’m sure the club will have ideas to get back on track.</p> <p>YIA</p> <p>Luke Corkett</p>				

South Wagga Wagga	Club #		Club Membership	
<p>Well what a year that was. From some bumper events to thriving in adversity this was a memorable and successful year for SWA. Of course the second half of the year was dominated by the global pandemic and was particularly limiting in the service that we could provide, however some outstanding ideas allowed the club to adapt to extremely well attended online zoom meetings, and a greatly supported initiative in providing business to local coffee shops and coffee to local essential workers. Key moments include the impeccably timed Mighty Murrumbidgee Duck Race, that we managed to get in just before the impending pandemic, and received great acclaim from sponsors and attendees. Meals on wheels Christmas dinners, Lillier Lodge dinners, public speaking, and a great initiative to support some of the victims of the bushfires driven by Neal Molineaux. Meetings were extremely well attended this year and we have enjoyed supporting various local establishments, a highlight being the induction of 3 new members in the one meeting. Personally, this has been my first formal role in SWA which I have enjoyed thoroughly and have appreciated the assistance provided by fellow members in particular Andrew McPherson who was exceptional in his role as president. I highly recommend any younger members to challenge themselves and take on a roll in the future. YIA Rob Fry – SWA secretary 2019-2020</p>				

REGION	7	East Victoria
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Ben Van Hooydonk
		Traralgon
<p>This year has been an extremely difficult year for our region. Many of the clubs have been hindered in their efforts to help out their communities. With inclement weather being the main reason, from handover through to Christmas. For some clubs this meant their main fundraising event had to be cancelled or postponed. Then, the new year brought in bushfire and the dreaded Covid-19. With travel restrictions being in place for the bushfire effected zones hampering some of the early efforts to help out. Then Covid-19 hit, wow, this has probably been one of the toughest things Apex has had to deal with. Social distancing, lockdowns, business closures, the very community that we strive to support, had to do so without the support of apex. No bbqs. No raffles. No catchups. Meetings cancelled. We have had to learn how to fundraise from a distance. Most clubs are doing all they can to stay afloat. They have been resilient and creative to find new ways to fundraise for their communities. Throughout all of this we have still amazingly had new interest in Apex with some clubs welcoming prospexians and even new members to their clubs. As I am writing this report Victoria is in another lockdown with Melbourne on stage 4 with a curfew and regional Victoria in stage 3 lockdown. I hope that we can have some better news in the future, and always try to build a better community</p>		

REGION	9	West Victoria
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Simon Grant
		Beaufort
		

Beaufort	Club #		Club Membership	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally – The club’s biggest fundraiser. This even had to be moved from May to November however went off well. • The team helped transform an old local servo station into a new art gallery for the town to enjoy • Cutting fire wood - Donation to the elderly <p>This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.</p>				

Goroke	Club #		Club Membership	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goroke rodeo - was held in February. This was a great event. • Cutting fire wood <p>This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.</p>				

Echuca - Moama	Club #		Club Membership	17
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- Large event for the club this year was the golf day.
- Cutting of firewood

This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.

Hoppers Crossing	Club #		Club Membership	4
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- Selling Christmas trees
- Windham high school debating competition
- \$1000 in food donated to the less fortunate through the restaurant that they meet at each month.

This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.

Ballarat - Eureka	Club #		Club Membership	5
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- Selling of Christmas trees
- Fortnightly Apex meeting and well as social events

This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.

Horsham	Club #	15	Club Membership	
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- Monthly paper drive
- Installed a pump bike track in the town

This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.

Warracknabeal	Club #		Club Membership	10
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- Sold firewood

This club like most in Victoria was badly affected by Covid and the restrictions.

REGION	10	Tasmania
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Kevin Van Helfteren
		Deloraine
		

Deloraine	Club #	Club Membership
<p>Well... my first official act as president was inducting two Prospexians, the special part about this is they were two Prospexians that I had introduced to the club, Mitchell Jordan and Daniel Aylett two very keen young men who have showed passion and enthusiasm towards apex, and I am very proud to say they are still very active members.</p> <p>The club this year has done most of the stuff we usually do, tractor pull, we had many blood drives over the course of the year, Deloraine street car show and the truck show. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 the second part of 2020 we were not allowed to do anything... this meant that we never got to have a cracker night, as we usually would. It also meant our social outings were non-existent.</p> <p>The club had some representatives at the Deloraine football club awards night, where we presented the Steven "farmer" Early award, which we have been doing for the past few years.</p> <p>We had life member John Kearns along to one of our meetings, he gave us a run down on the police charity trust ride, which he was a part of, we gave him a donation to help with costs.</p> <p>This year we have been getting stuck into the caravan park, we are getting it to a much more respectable standard, we are also in the process of turning the shed into a caretakers office, we have had many working bees over the course of the year, general maintenance, and improvements.</p> <p>This year at red hills we finally got the low power lines removed and put power underground, in preparation for tractor pull, we purchased a shipping container and managed to clean out the club rooms, so we can do some much needed tlc.</p>		

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A number of us attended national convention for the second consecutive year in a row which was in Kadina south Australia (around 3 hours west of Adelaide) we made our presence known, Unfortunately no Hawaiian shirts this year...not that we needed them, as soon as it was known where we were from everyone there knew at least one of the Deloraine boys that attended the Gympie muster back in the day.

This year, we had the pleasure of doing our first service project, for at least the last few years that I can remember, a life member had mentioned to a couple of the lads in the club the Roles family was in need of a new fence, so Apexian Rohan and Mark jumped at this opportunity and headed up there almost straight away to measure up for materials. The next weekend the job was on! Many keen members turned up, bright eyed and bushy tailed, and jumped straight into removing the old one, and before you knew it we were putting up the new one, job done.

REGION	11	East South Australia	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Tara Spotswood	
		Bundaberg	
<p>I have had the pleasure of been the RC for region 11 for about a year and a half now. When I took over some of the clubs in the region had not heard from anyone in a long time. It has taken a lot of work involving many great apexian to gather contact details on these clubs. I would like to thank each club member that has answered my emails and call and trusted me after a long line of silence.</p> <p>In February I had the pleasure of traveling over to visit a number of the Region 11 clubs with Adam Stewart. It was a fanatic weekend of fun, fellowship and catch up. We were welcomed in a true apexian way and really appreciative of the clubs that travelled and made it a great interclub trip.</p> <p>I am handing the reigns to Matt Emery form Gawler and take on a National Board role as Regional communicator coordinator.. Matt I wish you all the very best and have a lot of fun with these fanatic members. Keep up the great work guys and see you all real soon.</p>			

Keith	Club #	14	Club Membership
<p>Keith club has been keeping in touch with its members via Zoom while covid has been around. Like many other clubs most of their service work has been closed down. They have been able to do a little bit of gardening, mowing and paving for the elderly and the nursing homes in the area. They have been able to keep some of the hire equipment going with covid causing local business to hire equipment to meet the restrictions.</p> <p>Keith has a wheelchair swing in the local park all ready to construct when this is all over.</p> <p>The future of the club is looking strong with 4/5 new members waiting to join them in their works when covid will allow.</p>			

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Waikerie	Club #		Club Membership	
Unfortunately we are in the process of closing this club.				

Padthaway	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time				

Loxton	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time				

Naracoorte	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time				

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REGION	12	WEST SA	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		DANIEL LASCELLES	
		KADINA	
<p>Most of Region 12 Clubs are quite active. I have attended a few interclub meetings closer to home but plan on attending more this coming year COVID depending.</p> <p>I would love to organise a region catch-up in the near future but once again will be dictated by current pandemic.</p>			

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA	Club #	677	Club Membership	12
<p>We have 12 members Apart from icy pole treat in December all our events have been cancelled due to covid.</p>				

CLARE AND DISTRICTS	Club #		Club Membership	7
<p>The second half of 2019 was a busy one for us with 2 weddings, where we managed the bar. We then ran a BBQ for the Christmas Pageant afterparty BBQ where we cooked sausages and burger. Our first function in 2020 was a dinner at one of our members houses. There was great fellowship with members bringing partners and kids. We then have a combined services fundraiser for the bushfires where we raised \$1000 from a BBQ feeding the masses who turned up in support. Our last big function for 2020 before Covid 19 restrictions came into full force was a combined services dinner that we hosted. Every year we come together and report on the year that has been in fun and fellowship. We Invited the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC to be our guest speaker and she did not disappoint. She spoke to us about the importance of voluntary organisations within the community and the changing times with Covid 19. It was a real eye opener.</p> <p>Our next meeting is Thursday 13th at the Seven hill pub Then we should be having one on Thursday 27th Saturday 29th is handover in Burra</p>				

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CRYSTAL BROOK	Club #		Club Membership	11
<p>Crystal Brooke are a well-represented club. Some Kadina members and I attended a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Senior citizens Annual Christmas Dinner held for around 60 seniors with food and entertainment provided -Cooking BBQ for carols by candlelight and giving out ice creams too kids -Cooked gun fire breakfast for RSL -Cropping 64Ha around town to help raise funds -help with local Christmas pageant ie. Get floats in order and organised Father Christmas with lollies -Helped Show with cooking and serving for fundraising event The Outback Spectator -Was going to have our biangular Rump N Red night to raise funds for old folks' home in crystal brook but this was cancelled due to corvid 19 -Helped hospital with flu vaccine day held at show grounds so people didn't have to get out of their cars -Donated \$5000 to local gym to finish off building -Donated \$5000 to show grounds for sporting bodies kitchen -One member went on Postie Bike ride and we raised \$1000 for him to enter 				

GAWLER	Club #		Club Membership	18
<p>Gawler is going strong with 18 members, with 3 new ones in the past 12 months. This year saw our famous Carols in December which saw nearly 5000 people congregate at Pioneer Park in the heart of Gawler. We had a very successful Australia Breakfast in Apex Park, where we won Community Event of the Year. Despite COVID-19, we continued to support the community with new facilities in Hamley Bridge, a shelter and paving for a person who has a major illness and can't bathe in anything special water and can't be in sunlight. Our catering efforts include the Gawler Swap Meet, the Gumeracha Medieval Festival, Maree Gymkhana (and we were planning these for this year, until COVID). It has been a successful year for President Michael Hopgood.</p>				

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

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KADINA	Club #	293	Club Membership	17
<p>Kadina is a very active mixed club. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Kadina hosted the Apex National Convention in 2019, many service hours went into planning the even which I am sure all that attended would agree it was an amazing event. Usual annual events have gone well such as Christmas in Kadina, which consists of a pageant, BBQ and Carols. Organised in conjunction with other service clubs. Kadina also attended Wirrabara Forest to cut and deliver 200 Xmas Trees to decorate the street of Kadina. Moving on to 2020 the Club donated \$5000 and offered ongoing support to a family to help with their son diagnosed with Glioma brain tumour.</p> <p>Australia Day Breakfast cooked at Wallaroo was a well patronised event as always, proceeds going to Bushfire relief. The Club attended a working bee with BlazeAid at Yorketown and Edithburgh putting up new fences on fire affected properties. With the Covid-19 pandemic now building and things going into a state of lockdown. Our newest member Shannon Rodda organised some gift baskets for our local essential workers. In the baskets were treats and vouchers for local coffee shops to help boost local economy. Unable to do much due to COVID, our member Paula Venning put together a virtual walk around Australia visiting all the clubs. All that joined would count their steps for the day and the total is calculated. We are less than a 1000KM from the end! We have been honoured to support and congratulate past Kadina President Bethany Paterson on taking on the National President role. Looking forward to the year ahead hopefully with less restrictions.</p>				

KIMBA	Club #		Club Membership	15
NO RESPONSE				

MAITLAND	Club #	668	Club Membership	19
<p>The Maitland Apex club is going strong, with 19 active members. 2019/20 was a challenging year to say the least, we did get to squeeze in some service work but not like we usually do!!</p> <p>Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 2 major events - the town Christmas show, due to a major heat wave. And our ANZAC day Breakfast due to COVID-19. With a couple of things in the pipeline hopefully we as a club will be able to be much more productive in the coming year.</p>				

PORT AUGUSTA	Club #		Club Membership	6
<p>Port Augusta Apex Club in the last 12 mths have had our wharfest festival in 2019. (August) We have had only one meeting in February this year. Since the outbreak on covd 19 we have had no meetings to date and had to cancel this years wharfest festival. We have 6 members.</p>				

WHYALLA	Club #		Club Membership	12
NO RESPONSE				

REGION	13	South WA
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Stacey Hearn	
	Bunbury	
<p>Well 2020, You have been very testing for the Apex clubs of WA.</p> <p>We have been lucky here in WA, in the sense that covid while present hasn't stopped us but it has made the way we do things a bit different.</p> <p>My role as RC is a new one for me, I was president of Apex Bunbury/Koombana 2019/20 and I felt RC was the next step for me.</p> <p>Just a bit about me, I have 2 kiddies. Married 17 years to Mark Hearn who is a Bunbury/Koombana member too.</p> <p>I am looking forward to the coming year and am hoping that the clubs in area 13 and all other areas, continue to grow.</p>		

Bunbury	Club #	26	Club Membership	19
<p>The Apex Club of Bunbury has kept busy. Still maintaining the efforts that won the club, Club of the year 2018.</p> <p>The club has gone back to business as usual. Service work is back and heaps of yard work and clean-ups. Some of the events we have done in previous years have been put on hold because of Covid.</p> <p>To start our year, we kicked service off with a yard clean-up.</p> <p>We had the pleasure to take part in the Des Ugle Christmas party. This is a party put on for free by the community to help people in the area. We cooked up 750 snags. This event really is one of those events that makes you proud to be an Apexian.</p> <p>The Apex sleepout was held in August. This event is about raising awareness for homelessness in Bunbury. We ask people to come down to the heart of Bunbury and do it rough. As per usual it was a cold night. All funds raised from the event got put back into the community through the soup van and women's refuge of Bunbury.</p>				

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Following on from that we went into Australia day. The club provides breakfast for the mayor of Bunbury breakfast/ citizenship ceremony. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year. As it is held in the centre of town it gives our club great exposure. Our club's biggest supporters Nola Marino came down and helped with tea and coffee.

The club took part in the black dog ride, providing lunch for the riders and donating back the money made to the cause. Was a really wet and windy day but we pushed on and it turned out to be great fun.

State catchup in Manjimup was fun as always. Many thanks to them for putting on such a great weekend. We hope we can follow in your footsteps and put on a good show.

Because of Covid we weren't able to celebrate for your clubs 85th year but we will be doing a little something next year.

Our club has seen members leave and we have seen some new ones join. We currently have 19 members with 2 pros. We have two prospexians, also had a new arrival from two of our members. March will see two new babies as well. Bunbury is a very family group we find ourselves doing heaps of social events that the kids can come to. Service work often has our junior members helping out. Making sure our children grow with the values of Apex and the want to help others starts early, with the hope that we can shape the community we live in for the future.

Busselton	Club #	197	Club Membership	7
<p>Busselton has had a pretty busy year thus far. Sheep shearing in October and Tree painting for the Blue tree Project just to start the list of projects under taken.</p> <p>The club helped secure funding for the right foot forward WA project through Busselton high school.</p> <p>October 19 saw the club celebrate their 1500th dinner meeting. Old and new members saw a fun night of reminiscing about the club's adventures of old.</p>				

Manjimup	Club #	147	Club Membership	10
<p>Manjimup have been a hard-working busy crew. Plenty of snags turned and wood raffles galore.</p> <p>Hosting state catch-up 2020 was done just before the state went into lock down. The weekend was a huge amount of effort but everyone that attended had a great weekend. this weekend saw the club dig up the Apex time capsule. Things inside were replaced and the capsule was resealed until the next time it dig up. Hopefully the next time its dug up the Apex club of Manjimup will find the contents in a bit better condition than the original contents.</p>				

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Albany	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time.				

Katanning	Club #		Club Membership	9
<p>On August 20 The Apex club of Katanning was awarded Gold Club Membership. A big achievement for the club.</p> <p>The Katanning club is gearing up for their 1000th dinner meeting heading into next year.</p> <p>The club flipped donuts at the Katanning show in October. Donuts for breakfast were a good idea. Donuts, fairy floss and drinks were sold by the club at the Betta Home and Living show.</p> <p>We hosted the combined service club dinner night in September. A good time was had by all.</p>				

Pingelly	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time.				

Kojonup	Club #		Club Membership	
No response at this time.				

REGION	14	WA North	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Emma Jackson	
		Geraldton WA	
<p>Despite the hardships over the last few months, it has been great to see clubs finding new ways to help their communities.</p> <p>In March Manjimup did an outstanding job of hosting the annual WA State Catchup. Over 40 Apexians (including our illustrious National Board) made the trip and joined in a weekend of service and fellowship.</p>			
			

Hamersly (Perth)	Club #	2	Club Membership	8
<p>The Club purely operates to run the Apex Teenage Fashion Awards, which is a fantastic event that all the WA clubs try to support.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to COVID this had to be cancelled this year, but hopefully next year will be bigger and better.</p>				

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Geraldton	Club #	178	Club Membership	9
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The club continues to be the backbone of community events throughout the year, providing much needed behind the scenes support to event organisers.

With community events cancelled over the last few months, the club focused on the small backyard clean-ups and attracting new members.

Wongan Hills	Club #	464	Club Membership	8
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The Club has moved to the Shire Civic Centre to help reduce costs to the club. The club has been fundraising to upgrade their local Apex Park in partnership with the local Shire. Stage 1 is now complete, with further upgrades happening soon. The Club will be celebrating their 1200th Dinner Meeting on Oct 3rd.



Karratha	Club #	717	Club Membership	10
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After a busy end to 2019 with their annual Garden Party, hosting around 400 people, and raising funds for the community. The Club kicked off 2020 supporting the #fundsforfiries Bush Fire Concert, with \$100,000 pledged and collected by the end of play.



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Corrigin	Club #		Club Membership	4
Very small club, who only get together only a few times a year. Had some interest in new membership at their last social event. COVID has prevented normal service activities.				

Dowerin/ Goomalling	Club #		Club Membership	14
The club has been quiet in 2020 due to COVID-19. Their main event, the Dowerin Field Day which is usually in August has been cancelled. However they have been working on improving the bar area and are planning an interclub visit to Wongan Hills to purchase their bar.				

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

Kununurra	Club #		Club Membership	16
The Club's main annual event is the Barra Bash, despite COVID they are still going ahead. They have made it more affordable for families this year and have managed to secure 36 sponsors for the event so far. Membership is growing with the club looking to sign up three new members shortly.				

