



**Apex Australia  
National Convention  
&  
Awards  
2021**

**Saturday 9th October 2021  
via Zoom**

Link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86991815160>

8:00 am WA  
9:30 am NT  
10:00 am Qld  
10:30 am SA  
11:00 am NSW, ACT,  
Vic & Tas

Hosted by  
**Apex Australia National Board**

**2021/2022 NATIONAL BOARD**

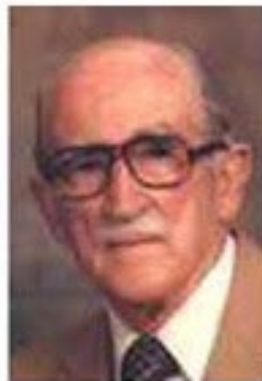
<b>NATIONAL PRESIDENT</b>	Adam Stewart	QLD
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<b>NATIONAL TREASURER</b>	Gavin Mingay	QLD
<b>NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Tara Spotswood	QLD
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<b>NATIONAL COMPLIANCE MANAGER</b>	Michael Godfrey	WA
<b>NATIONAL OFFICE MANAGER</b>	Craig Martin	QLD

**FOUNDERS**

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



Sir John Buchan



Ewan Laird



Langham Proud

## **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

***Please join us for the 2021 National Apex Convention via Zoom!***

Hello Apexians, as I started to pen this introduction, I thought I could focus on the negative or I could start with some things that we are grateful for.

- We are privileged to be part of an amazing organization and we have the benefits of being able to help people in our local communities
- We have an excellent program planned for this year's convention and though it would be great to be together, unfortunately that is just not possible
- I challenge you all to think about three things you are thankful for and have access to because someone asked you to join Apex
- Who do you know that could be given this opportunity?

You are encouraged to distribute the motions to your club members, discuss the motions at your next club meeting and vote on the motions as a club. Please note, if you have any questions or concerns about the AGM motions, you need to address your concerns **PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION** via the [admin@apex.org.au](mailto:admin@apex.org.au) email address so that the appropriate board member can address your questions or concerns and so that you may make an informed vote on your postal voting form. Your National Board members will be more than happy to discuss the motions with you. Voting will close on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November and results of the postal/email AGM will be announced on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

I know that we would all prefer to be meeting in person in Bundaberg Qld, enjoying the wonderful fellowship that is unique to Apex, however one thing that Apexians do well is adapt and thrive under difficult circumstances. The show must therefore go on, and I encourage as many clubs as possible to link in as a group, or even better, get together as a region and make a regional event of it. We have a few speakers that we probably have never heard and I'm sure will challenge the status quo. Let's encourage our Apex colleagues so we can celebrate our award nominees and winners and congratulate outgoing President Bethany Paterson on a fantastic year.

Let's gather together in a virtual sense from every corner of the country, so that we can continue to do what we do best: grow, learn and make friends while helping others.

Yours in Apex,



Adam Stewart  
**National President 2021-2022**  
**Apex Australia**

**NATIONAL CONVENTION PROGRAM**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2021**

item order is subject to change, all times are shown as Qld time.

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00 – 10:10 am	<p>Welcome and Overview  <b>Greeting and overview delivered by NP Adam Stewart.</b></p>
10:10 – 10:15 am	<p>Ideals, Invocation  <b>Led by Simon Grant and Ben Curnow</b>                      and Loyal Toast  <b>Delivered by Mick Godfrey</b></p>
10:15am – 11:00am	<p>Delegates Briefing regarding AGM motions  <b>NB – Chaired by NP Adam Stewart</b>                      Questions arising.</p> <p>PNP Mat O'Donnell – Are we moving or seconding motions? How can they go to the vote if they are not moved and seconded?                      Leon Budden's (compliance) response- NB members have put all the motions save for the projects. We can proceed with all motions moved and seconded by the board.</p> <p>Simon Grant question to Craig Martin requesting Update on National Office?                      Overview of National Office provided by NOM Craig Martin including way ahead.</p> <p>PNP Moses Abraham posed question relating to NB to conduct investigation of previous National Office contractor Adam Stewart. Moses concerned that STEWART had not discharged satisfactorily his duties as National Office Contractor and that monies paid should be refunded.                      Response – Craig Martin and Adam Stewart, no investigation relating to the above to occur at this time. NB satisfied that National Office was taken on in trying circumstances and the best was made of a bad situation. Correction of compliance issues remains an ongoing piece of work and is now in the hands of NOM Craig Martin and moving along satisfactorily.</p>
11:00am – 11:20am	<p>National Project Proposals:                      Bear Cottage <b>Luke Corbett</b>                      Gribbo Spirit <b>Mathew O'Donnell and Alex Thorpe</b>                      5-minute presentation each plus questions.</p>
11:20am – 12:00pm	<p><b>Apex Speakers</b>  <b>Tony Wilshire</b> - What the Apex Foundation can do for you (15 min)  <b>Greg Youngberry</b> - Bursary Program (15 min)  <b>Tara Spotswood</b> - Bundaberg National Convention 2022 (10 min)  <b>Ben Curnow</b> – Apex Podcast (5 min)</p>
12.00pm – 12:40pm	<p>Lunch</p>
12:40pm – 1:45pm	<p><b>Introduction by Ben</b>                      Guest Speaker – <b>Kaitlyn Harasym</b> from <i>Polished Man</i>                      How young people became leaders and began global change.                      15 min presentation plus questions  <a href="https://polishedman.com/">https://polishedman.com/</a> NP Adam Stewart thanked Kaitlyn.</p>

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	<p><b>Introduction by Tara</b>  <b>Guest Speaker – Louka Parry from Learning Future</b>  <i>The future of Leadership in Australia and the importance of developing yourself as a leader.</i>          15 min presentation plus questions  <a href="https://www.thelearningfuture.com/">https://www.thelearningfuture.com/</a> <b>NP Adam thanked Louka</b></p>
<p>1:45pm – 2:15pm</p>	<p><b>AWARDS:</b>  <b>Bethany Paterson &amp; Emma Jackson</b>  <u>Club Awards</u>          Apex Australia Newsletter Award          Apex Australia Publicity Award          Apex Australia Service Project Award          Apex Australia Citizenship Initiative          Apex Australia Club of the Year  <u>Individual Member Awards</u>          27 Year Service Award          Apex Australia Regional Communicator of the Year -<b>Presented by Tara</b>          Apex Australia Best First Year Apexian          Apex Australia Young Apexian of the Year          Apex Australia Apexian of the Year</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2021 Awards – Presentation</b></p> <p>Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clubs and individuals that submitted applications for this year’s national awards. I know as Apexians it is often hard to put yourself or your club forward and it can feel a little like you are tooting your own horn. But next year please see it as an opportunity to share your achievements and ideas to inspire other clubs to take on new projects. I know it always motivates me to hear all the great things that other Apexians all around Australia are achieving and the differences they are making in their communities. To that end I will be sending around a summary of all the awards and nominees through the RCs next week.</p> <p><b>Newsletter Award - In memoriam of Newman O’Dea</b>          Newman O’Dea of the Geelong Apex Club was the first editor of the Apexian, he was a journalist by profession, and it was due to his skill and dedication to Apex that the first Apexian was produced in July 1933. His famous quote within the magazine “..... Apexians, this is your magazine, the Association is yours. You belong to Apex, Apex belongs to you. What are you going to do with it.....” This challenge still bears relevance today. Sadly, after a long illness Newman O’Dea passed away in 1942 at the age of 35 after having been the Apexian editor for 9 years. The Apex Australia Newsletter Award is dedicated to his memory and his ideals of producing a newsletter of both substance and entertainment for its readers.</p> <p><b>Nominees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Toowoomba Apex Club</li> </ul> <p><b>Winner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Toowoomba Apex Club</b></li> </ul>

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South Toowoomba have really embraced the spirit of this award and have created not only a very professional looking newsletter that is easy to read with all the relevant club information. It also gives you a laugh at the end with their memes and jokes.

Congratulations South Toowoomba Apex Club

### **Publicity Award - In honour of Loraine Janssen**

Loraine Janssen was instrumental in the formation of the Women's Association of Apex Clubs in 1990, serving as the first National President in that first year. A Member of Adelaide Northern District Women's Apex Club she also held the position of National Membership Chairman for the two subsequent years. Leaving Women in Apex in good hands following the merger of the two Associations, Loraine retired from Apex in 1998. This award was carried over from the Women's Association and is in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Apex.

Applicants for this award need to demonstrate

1. How clearly the Apex Club's activities are communicated to the wider public
2. How much engagement is achieved with non-Apexians

### **Nominees**

- Apex Club of Bairnsdale
- Apex Club of Bunbury Koombana

### **Winner**

- **Apex Club of Bairnsdale**

Bairnsdale were the deserving winner of this award due to the variety of platforms (3 newspaper, 2 websites and 4 social media accounts) they use to promote their club and their activities. Their facebook accounts alone reached 18,304 and 15,137 for their event and club pages for the year.

Congratulations Apex Club of Bairnsdale

### **Service Project Award - In memoriam of Eric Hooper**

Eric Hooper was our Associations first President, a charter member of the first Apex Club in Geelong and was present at the inaugural meeting of the young men's organisation on 19th November 1930 when the idea of Apex first developed.

He was subsequently on the first Geelong Apex Club Board when it formed on 10th March 1931. In 1932 in Geelong at the second Apex Conference and the first as the Association of Apex Clubs, Eric Hooper was appointed as the first Association President for the 1932-33 year.

In recognition of the excellent services he rendered to Apex, he was appointed the Association's first Life Governorship in 1936. This Award was named in his honour as our first Association President and one of the true Founders of our Association of Apex Clubs of Australia.

### **Nominees**

- Apex Club of Bairnsdale
  - Colour Ya World Festival and Fun Run
- Maitland Apex Club
  - Skate Modular Pump Track
- Traralgon Apex Club

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Garden Clean up with Latrobe Regional Hospital Rehab team.</li></ul> <p><b>Winner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Apex Club of Bairnsdale</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Colour Ya World Festival and Fun Run - Brendan O’Kelly, Kass OKelly, Elise Malberg</li></ul></li></ul> <p>The Colour Ya World Festival and Fun Run is a community fun run of 5km with the throwing of powdered colour along the course and at the end. 18 months in the making, the club banded together to make the event happen within 4 weeks after an easing of COVID-19 restrictions. There were over 600 people in attendance at the event, which was run on Easter Saturday, and as a post-bushfire event, the \$8000 raised was pledged to the Mt Taylor CFA.</p> <p>It is the only large bush-fire recovery event in the community that managed to go ahead after the bushfires, bringing fun and colour into the community. Congratulations Apex Club of Bairnsdale</p> <p><b>Citizenship Initiative - in memoriam of Donald Mackay</b></p> <p>Don Mackay was an active Member of the Griffith Apex Club and numerous local community organisations with a passion for young people, believing it was their right to grow in an environment that fostered better citizens. Throughout his Apex career Don Mackay was a keen ‘conventioneer’, deeply interested in International Relations. He was instrumental, with his peers in the commencement of Apex Sri Lanka, and was awarded Life Membership of the Griffith Apex Club in 1974.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Don Mackay is better known for his mysterious disappearance in July 1977, a result of being named in court as an informant in relation to the location of a drug crop in 1976. He was never seen again. Don Mackay was one who stood against the tide of those that produced and sold drugs to our children. When he saw a wrong, he tried to make it right. He was not outspoken, but he was a competent, effective speaker, a concerned, active citizen and devoted family man that worked tirelessly to assist those he perceived to need a hand.</p> <p>Don Mackay through his untimely disappearance in 1977 inspired the model of integrity all Apexians should hold dearly. He worked for his community through active citizenship living a simple life of altruism out of genuine care and concern for his fellow citizens because he believed he could make a difference, and by sharing his dreams with others he knew they would experience this too.</p> <p>This award was created in his honour in 1988 and serves as a tribute to the memory of this outstanding Apexian, by recognising an Apex Club for their efforts in building a better community in that year by undertaking a local Citizenship initiative.</p> <p><b>Nominees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jamestown Apex Club - Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up Music Festival</li></ul> <p><b>Winner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Jamestown Apex Club - Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up Music Festival</b></li></ul>
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Even tho Jamestown was the only applicant for this award, they are well and truly deserving.

The Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up (COFU) Music Festival is now an annual event in the small township of Caltowie (population 60) in rural South Australia. The second and most recent (thanks to COVID) event was held in March 2021.

The festival is designed to bring live music acts to rural communities and use that as a platform to raise awareness of mental health issues and promote wellbeing.

The event raised an estimated \$33,500 which is being used to support local community mental health projects and initiatives

Congratulations Jamestown Apex Club

### **Club of the Year**

This award was originally titled the Chris McGurgan Best Club Trophy and was first presented to Clubs within the original Womens' Apex Association. It was then transferred to encompass all clubs after the 1997 merger.

Chris McGurgan was the Womens' Association of Apex Clubs of Australia National President in 1994-96. The Award was renamed the Apex Australia Club of the Year in 2002 to recognise the successful merger of the two Associations and growth and success of Apex Australia and to celebrate the achievements of the Associations most outstanding Club for the previous twelve months

### **Nominees**

- Apex Club of Bairnsdale
- Apex Club of Bunbury Koombana
- Apex Club of Mount Isa

### **Winner**

- **Apex Club of Bairnsdale**

Bairnsdale was nominated twice for this award, as both a self-nomination and by the Apex Club of Kadina. I think this is a true testament to the difference that they have made both to their local community and the Apex community as a whole.

Congratulations Apex Club of Bairnsdale

### **Best First Year Apexian - In honour of Harry Hodges**

Harry Hodges is remembered by the Association as a long-standing, very active Member from New South Wales. Harry took an uncompromising stand on issues of importance, particularly where necessary to protect the interests of the Association. Harry is best remembered however for his affinity with the younger members of our Association and his guidance to those members. Harry's efforts remind us that we must value and treasure our first year Apexians whilst listening to their ideas but guiding them in accordance with our Ideals.

### **Nominees**

- Taryn Buffham - Apex Club of Roma

### **Winner**

- **Taryn Buffham - Apex Club of Roma**



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In her first year, Taryn has fully embraced what it means to be an Apexian. Upon joining the Apex Club of Roma, she stepped up into the role of treasurer and always put her hand up to help. Putting countless hours not only into service events but in helping other members and communicating between the club and local council/businesses.

Taryn has only missed one dinner meeting since joining the club, sponsored a new member and achieved 352 points on the VIP program.

Congratulations Taryn

### **Young Apexian of the Year – In memoriam of Sir John Buchan**

As one of the three founders of Geelong Apex, and a prominent figure in the subsequent formation of the Association of Apex Clubs, the name John Buchan is synonymous with our history.

At the second Convention held in Geelong in 1932 the Association was formed and John Buchan was appointed as Association Secretary-Treasurer. He was National President in 1935 and was awarded Life Governorship in 1945.

Sir John Buchan was a strong advocate for youth both in his days as an Apexian and beyond. He served on numerous National forums to discuss youth related issues and was influential in the restructure of the Apex Association in the 90's. He was a visionary and saw our Association as one that had an important part to play in Australia's future.

In a recent letter to the National Board from Sir John Buchan's daughter, Deb Buchan, she describes how he founded *The National Committee for the Development of Youth Employment* 1984 – 1986 which led to several successful state and national initiatives, including a national forum that led to 25 recommendations being presented to the Prime Minister of Australia as well as every State and National M.P.

Sir John Buchan viewed the role of youth as vital for Australia and this award named in his honour, recognises the achievements of the young men and women in Apex.

#### **Nominees**

- Robert Davis – Apex Club of Mount Isa
- Stephen Woodgate – Traralgon Apex Club

#### **Winner**

- **Stephen Woodgate – Traralgon Apex Club**

Stephen has been a member of the Traralgon Apex Club since 2018, filling the positions of Commissariat, Social Director, Vice President, Secretary and Raffle Coordinator.

He has always been keen to put his name forward for any roles and turned up to all events that he could. He is also a keen volunteer with the SES and has been undertaking additional fundraising for his Relay for Life Team for the 2nd year running.

Congratulations Stephen

### **Apexian of the Year - in memoriam of Ewen Laird**

The greatest achievement any Apexian can make is that of service to their community, their Club and to themselves. Ewen Laird, was one of those people.

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As part of the developing Club, he served on the Committee of the initial Young Business Men's Club soon to evolve into Apex. It was Ewen's imagination and forethought that developed the symbol we wear over our hearts today: the Apex symbol. The first meeting of Apex Victoria held on 26th July 1931 adopted a coat emblem designed by Ewen Laird as the official badge. Consisting of a triangle enclosing five rays of the rising sun it symbolized the rising generation of youth with the base of Citizenship and sides of Fellowship and Service. It was Ewen Laird's imagination and dedication that led us to where we are today.

Awarded Life Governorship in 1945, Ewen Laird remains as one of the three fathers of modern Apex. This award is dedicated to his memory and presented to an Apexian who symbolizes what our Association strives for. It is presented to an Apexian who upholds all that was first developed by Ewen Laird and Buchan and Proud, one who upholds the Ideals of Apex and serves their Club and community in an exemplary manner.

### **Nominees**

- Mark Bonello - Apex Club of Blacktown
- John Davis - Apex Club of Mount Isa
- Elise Malberg - Apex Club of Bairnsdale

### **Winner**

- **Elise Malberg - Apex Club of Bairnsdale**

Elise has held many roles since joining the Apex Club of Bairnsdale, but most recently has been the Club Secretary. Previous Roles have included President, and Elise is the incoming Treasurer.

Elise has been extremely involved in the last year in undertaking the National Service Project on behalf of the Bairnsdale club. During the Covid year the Bairnsdale club were limited in conducting our planned activity of a Trivia Night but turned this into a very successful zoom format, conducting 3 events during the winter months of 2020, raising \$1000 for Lifeline.

Elise was also instrumental on the planning committee for our Colour Ya World Festival Event in April 2021, raising \$8000 for our local Mount Taylor CFA. This event was organised in just over 5 weeks and we managed to rally just over 500 attendees!

Despite COVID, Elise was still able to attend numerous interclub events and meetings as well as the Magic Castle Chalet 40th Anniversary celebrations and January 2021 working Bee and sponsor a new member.

Elise has been an outstanding member of the Apex Club of Bairnsdale and has helped the club to keep their spirits high during a period of low membership. She is always the first to put her hand up and offer support and manpower to other clubs in the Region.

Not one to be deterred by the current COVID limitations placed on clubs, Elise has continued to show her dedication to the club and local community through her creative solutions to restrictions – as is highlighted by the Zoom trivia format she championed in the last year.

Congratulations Elise on an amazing year.

### **Regional Communicator of the Year - In memoriam of Langham Proud**

The role of Regional Communicator is the most vital of all Association positions. Without a hardworking, intelligent and communicative Regional Communicator, the Region cannot be successful. The idea of Regions is in fact

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	<p>the idea of development and fellowship amongst neighbouring clubs. This is the greatest gift that one of our Founders Langham Proud gave to our Association.</p> <p>Langham Proud was one of the three Founders of Apex. He served as Secretary of the original Club during its formation as the Young Business Men's Club and then as it transformed to the Apex Club of Geelong on March 10th, 1931.</p> <p>Langham Proud later moved from Geelong to Camperdown and it was their efforts to form a Club there that produced the Camperdown Apex Club. The inaugural dinner held in August 1931 resulted in the development of Apex from two clubs – Geelong and Ballarat to three – and as a result our Association was born. Langham Proud was the Fellowship Director on that first Camperdown Apex Club Board. Langham was then instrumental in the formation of Districts when he formed part of the Investigating Committee to develop the Association into Districts at the 1934 Albury National Convention. The idea of Fellowship, something that is so vital in the role of Regional Communicator is bound by the efforts of Langham Proud who was awarded Life Governorship in 1945. He was an Apexian who not only founded the first Club but also worked tirelessly in the development of Apex through other areas. This award is dedicated to his memory so that Regional Communicators' can aim to achieve fellowship, development and success in their Regions.</p> <p><b>Winner - Luke Corkett - Apex Club of Albury</b></p>
<p><b>2:15pm – 2:45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Introduction by Gavin Mingay</b>  <b>Life Governor Jim Hughes, AM – Mission Possible</b>  <b>PNP Bethany thanked LG Jim Hughes AM</b></p>
<p>2:45pm – 3:15pm</p>	<p>Afternoon Tea Break</p>
<p><b>3:15 – 4:00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Outgoing President's Address</b>  <b>Vote of thanks – NP Adam Stewart</b>  <b>President's Changeover – LG Jim Hughes AM</b>  <b>Incoming President's Address – NP Adam Stewart</b>  <b>Convention Close – NP Adam Stewart</b></p>

# 2021 AGM MOTIONS

## MOTION 1. MINUTES OF 2020 AGM – NATIONAL BOARD

An electronic copy of the 2020 Apex Australia AGM Minutes is located in the Resources section of the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)

### **Motion:**

***“THAT the 2020 Apex Australia AGM Minutes be accepted as displayed on the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)”***

Moved - NB

Seconded – John Davis Mt Isa

### **LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Simple Majority Required.

## MOTION 2. NATIONAL DIRECTORS – NATIONAL BOARD

### **Motion 2A:**

***“THAT the election of the following directors of The Association of Apex Clubs of Apex Australia Ltd (acting as the 2021-2022 Apex Australia National Board) be endorsed”;***

<b>DIRECTOR – SECRETARY</b> (and Deputy Chairperson)	Simon Grant	VIC
<b>DIRECTOR - TREASURER</b>	Gavin Mingay	QLD
<b>DIRECTOR – RC COORDINATOR</b>	Tara Spotswood	QLD
<b>DIRECTOR – COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Ben Curnow	VIC
<b>DIRECTOR – AWARDS &amp; INNOVATION</b>	Emma Jackson	WA

Moved - NB

Seconded - Brett DOIG Brisbane City

### **LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Simple Majority Required

**Motion 2B:**

***“THAT Adam Stewart be confirmed as a Director of The Association of Apex Clubs of Apex Australia Ltd and endorsed as 2021-2022 Apex Australia National President”;***

**DIRECTOR - NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Adam Stewart

QLD

Moved - NB

Seconded - Michael GODFREY Wongan Hills

**LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Presidential Nomination received in time and in order. No other nominations received. Members to endorse by simple majority vote.

**MOTION 3 – 2020-2021 APEX AUSTRALIA ACCOUNTS – NATIONAL BOARD**

An Electronic copy of the 2020-2021 Apex Australia Accounts is located in the Resources section of the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)

Moved - NB

Seconded - Leon BUDDEN Gawler

**Motion:**

***“THAT the 2020-2021 Apex Australia accounts be accepted as displayed on the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)”***

**LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Simple Majority Required.

**MOTION 4 – PROPOSED BUDGET - NATIONAL BOARD**

An electronic copy of the 2021-2022 National Budget is located in the Resources section of the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)

**Motion:**

***“THAT the proposed budget for the Apex Association for 2021-2022 be accepted as displayed on the Apex Australia website [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)”.***

Moved - NB

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Seconded – Greg YOUNGBERRY Toowoomba

### **LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Simple Majority Required

### **MOTION 5 – APPOINT 2021-2022 AUDITOR – NATIONAL BOARD**

#### **Motion:**

***“THAT the Apex Clubs of Australia appoint auditor Jessica Galvin of JG Audit for the 2021-2022 audit”.***

Moved - NB

Seconded – Tim Glenton, Beaufort

### **LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Simple Majority Required.

### **MOTION 6 – NATIONAL PROJECT: GIVE TO KEEP THE GRIBBO SPIRIT ALIVE – BEAUFORT APEX CLUB**

#### **Preamble/Introduction**

#### **Give to Keep the Gribbo Spirit Alive**

Hello Apexians,

I am writing to you all to put forward an Apex Australia National Project for the 2021-2022 that fits in with the ideal of Building Better Communities, this project should cost the Association a minimal amount of money as I would think the parties that we are raising awareness for would be able to supply all pamphlets etc.

This Project is named after the 2000 – 2001 National President Steve Gribbin who passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL), Steve was an inspirational Apexian who gave everything his all no matter what people thought of the idea. He also was a great support and role model for me during my term as National President.

The project will promote organ donation through Donate Life Australia, an organisation for which Steve was a community volunteer doing media interviews, promotion of organ donation, donor registration and education through telling of his own transplant experience. In addition, the project will also promote blood and plasma donation through the Red Cross. Due to Covid19 the Blood Bank is

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experiencing record downfalls in donations and as a community group we should be leading the way. Apexians will be encouraged to record their donation as a donation for 'Apex Australia', so that statistics can be gathered nation wide.

Below are some links to some of the media Steve was involved with:

- [Organ donation demands better bush healthcare | Farm Online | Australia](#)
- [The Champion #82 - March 2020 | Hepatitis NSW](#)
- [Hepatitis C drugs wait for Medicare funding despite Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee recommendation \(smh.com.au\)](#)

It is of my belief if we contacted both Donate Life and the Red Cross that they would be more than willing to get someone to record an interview to help the National Board promote the project to the clubs.

The project would require each club to hold one donation information community session in conjunction with Donate Life and the Red Cross during Donate Life Week 2022 as well as hold 10 stalls throughout the year promoting the awareness of both organisations. If the associations gets 2,000 extra donors to match the year that Gribbo was our National President that would be an awesome result but even just one person signing up is a great result because that is one person who will save the lives of people within the communities where our Apex clubs operate.

Donate Life Resource Page

- [Resources | DonateLife](#)

Australian Red Cross Team Results (Type Apex Australia into search bar)

- [Lifeblood Team Results \(donateblood.com.au\)](#)

YIA

Mat O'Donnell

On Behalf of the Beaufort Apex Club

### **Motion:**

***“THAT the Apex Clubs of Australia implement a national service project for 2021-2022, to promote organ donation and donor registration, and blood and plasma donation.”***

Moved – Mathew O'Donnell, Beaufort  
Sec - Andrew Mellowship - Blacktown

**LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Delegates' options are this project or the Bear Cottage Project, therefore clubs must vote for one OR the other, and cannot vote in favour of both. Projects run for a 12 month period and club participation is voluntary. Simple majority required.

**MOTION 7 – NATIONAL PROJECT BEAR COTTAGE – ALBURY APEX CLUB**

**Preamble/Introduction**

Bear cottage was built entirely from community support in 2001. The facility was an initiative of the Westmead Children's Hospital in Sydney providing respite, support, and end of life care for children with life limiting conditions. Unlike most hospital facilities, Bear Cottage aims to provide a more home like environment for children and their families.

The facility provides specialised therapy assisting the children from art, music to social work, they provide special camps allowing families to spend more time together during treatment and more therapeutic facilities based around children's needs.

Goals of Bear Cottage:

- To give the best care possible to these special children
- To provide temporary respite care to give families a much needed break.
- To develop rapport and provide support to families as their child's condition progresses.
- To provide end-of-life care and bereavement support, sensitive to the needs of the individual families.

Facilities Include:

- Individual children's rooms
- Family suites
- Multi-sensory room
- Sensory garden
- Beautiful gardens with ocean views
- Spa
- Multi-media/games room
- Wheelchair accessible play areas
- Parent's retreat and quiet area
- Commercial kitchen and dining room
- Clifton Gardens -end-of-life room

Same as the Apex Magic Castle, Bear Cottage was established by community support to provide hope for disadvantaged and vulnerable children.

<https://bearcottage.schn.health.nsw.gov.au>





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### Fundraising Suggestion - 200 Club

#### Event Summary

A 200 Club is a social event aimed at fundraising for a set cause. It is a ticketed event based around sales. A 200 club would be set for 200 guests where a 300 club would be set for 300 guests, all depending on sales capability. The ticket includes a bar tab, barbeque lunch and a chance to win the major cash prize. For the major prize, the ticket holder does not have to be in attendance to win, allowing for more profits due to a smaller catering fee. To make maximum profit from the event, the host would need at least 3 months of sales and keep a ticket book register to monitor sales from the ticket book holders.

#### Apex Options

For Apex Clubs to host a 200 Club there are two options to consider. One is to host the event at a licensed venue, where a bar tab would have to be monitored throughout the event and meals would have to be catered for within budget affecting profit to the event. The second option would be Apex Clubs host the event in their own space needing to apply for a temporary liquor license (exemptions available) and follow liquor and gaming state laws. The club would be able to cater meals on the day based on attendance and run their own bar facility allowing smaller costs of liquor.

#### Cost and Run Sheet

To determine the cost of the event would be based on the size of the event and the capability of the club to make sales. An Apex club of 15 members would be more suited to a 200 club selling tickets at \$50.00 than a football club of 150 members selling 300 tickets at \$100.00. The prize money and catering cost would also vary based on what the club decides to offer. I have provided a previous budget based on a 200 Club held at a licensed venue, which after hosting the event still made

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over \$3000.00 profit in a day as it was not a sold-out event. To cater for the bar, only beer, wine and soft drink were available.

200 tickets @ \$50.00	\$10000.00
Printing @\$50.00 (full colour, perforated) = 1 ticket	-\$50.00
Cash prize @ \$1000, \$250 & \$100 = 27 tickets	-\$1350.00
Bar tab @ \$3000.00 = 60 tickets	-\$3000.00
Lunch @ \$1000.00 = 20 tickets	-\$1000.00
<b>Total Profit</b>	<b>\$4600.00</b>

Based on this budget, the event is profitable after selling 108 tickets.

### **Motion:**

***“THAT The national project for 2021-22 be that Apex Clubs host a 200 Club or general fundraiser (depending on the club and community) with proceeds going to the Bear Cottage facility of the Westmead Children’s Hospital.”***

Moved – Luke Corkett - Albury  
Sec - Brett DOIG – Brisbane City

### **LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMENT:**

Delegates' options are this project or the 'Give to Keep the Gribbo Spirit Alive' Project, therefore clubs must vote for one OR the other, and cannot vote in favour of both. Projects run for a 12 month period and club participation is voluntary. Simple majority required.



## Apex Australia AGM Outcomes Part 1

22/03/2022

Dear Apexians,

This year has continued to be very challenging due to Covid-19, we at Apex Australia had our AGM via electronic means. Postal voting closed on 27<sup>th</sup> February and I am happy to report that we had a quorum.



The results of the AGM are as follows:

Motion	Result
1. Accept the minutes of the 2020 AGM	Carried
2A. Endorse 2021/2022 National Directors	Carried
2B Endorse 2021/2022 National President	Carried
5. Appoint 2021-2022 Auditor Jessica Galvin of JG AUDIT	Carried
6. National Project – Give to keep the Gribbo Spirit Alive	Carried
7. National Project – Bear Cottage	Lost

Thank you to all of the clubs who took the time to vote in the AGM, we need a majority of our clubs to vote for a quorum and we can't carry out our core business without your votes. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 National Board Directors: Secretary Simon Grant, Treasurer Gavin Mingay, RC Coordinator Tara Spotswood, Communications Ben Curnow, Innovation & Awards Emma Jackson. I am humbled to be officially voted in as your National President, it is an absolute honour, a huge responsibility, and a fantastic opportunity to give back to this incredible Association.

The Voting with regards to the audits and financials will hopefully be posted to the members in April. As part of the National Board's review of the operation of the entities that make up the Association, several issues have been discovered which has caused some delay. We have been very busy in ensuring that our entities are compliant and appropriately registered. Many small issues have been discovered and rectified and whilst they have not major impact to the operation of Apex it has caused some delay. The delay whilst frustrating, is necessary to ensure that our reporting and compliance is of the highest quality.

Yours in Apex,

Adam Stewart

**National President 2021-2022**  
**Apex Australia**