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APEXian

News and Views from the clubs of Apex Australia



Congratulation to 2 of our newest members, Ashleigh Hair & Chris Chester (centre) at their induction to the Bunbury Koombana Club, with Club President Mark Hearn on their right and National Communications Director Andrea O'Loughlin to their left



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We have exciting times ahead in Apex.

As nominations for National Board closed at the end of March we have an election with four candidates and 3 positions available.

Voting forms have been sent to all clubs via Post. These are to be returned via either Post or email by May 5. Candidates Bio's and voting forms have been sent to your Clubs, contact admin@apex.org.au if you need another copy.

Our national directors are your representatives, and this is where you have a choice in who will represent you for the next 12 months.

Nominations had closed for Regional communicators at the end of March. We have had several regions with either nominations or the incumbent RC has elected to stand again.

Thank you goes to all those who have served as RC this last year, you really are the glue that holds our national association together.

The Apex online directory is now on the website. It's a great addition to the website, thanks to James Deck for putting it together.

Have a look at **<http://www.apex.org.au/club-map>**

Make sure your club is on there and your details are correct. If you don't tell us of a problem, we can't fix it.

Shortly the Census and Health check will be sent out for this year. It's important to check this and send it back! There may have been a change in membership and the executives of your clubs, and again the national office can't know about it if you don't tell us.

If your census is not correct then your members may not be insured. There's only one way to fix that, and that's to send the completed forms back to national office, admin@apex.org.au

APEX PARK Signs will now be available from the Supply house for ordering.

Touch base with apexparkproject@apex.org.au to order.

Yours in Apex

Moses Abraham

Incoming National President

Customisable YouTube Video for Your Club

Just a reminder that we have a 30 second YouTube video available for any clubs to use (I have the links for high resolution in dropbox) If you would like this customised to your own clubs name, we can request this in Geraldton for a cost of \$100. Please let me know if this is of interest. It's a great tool to utilise just as it is via your facebook page or social media - and it appeals to our target audience!!

Contact me at

communications@apex.org.au,

Andrea O'Loughlin

<https://youtu.be/fvRaB7ipwY8>



New members are always welcome





Apex in Western Australia

What a weekend at the WA State Catch up. Big thanks to the Bunbury Koombana club for being so hospitable over a long weekend! It's so great to see a club like yours resurrect with new members and such enthusiasm. This weekend was a sign of WA getting back on track by seeing each other face to face more (even with the extra long distances!!) which means we all get more out of Apex as a whole and the saying that we heard a few times - 'just friends we haven't met yet!' There are too many highlights to mention! Great speakers through the weekend, huge service and a new sign up at Apex Park.

On the 4th March at the WA State Catch Up, Regional Communicator Allen Hingston made a presentation to the Federal Chief Government Whip, Nola Marino. It was a gesture of appreciation by the WA Apex Clubs for her commitment and support to the people of WA by representation at a federal level.

The trophy was hand made by Bunbury Apexian, Greg Loud, from WA grown Sheok and featured a tongue-in-check whip. Nola is pictured above, boasting of her trophy with Prime Minister (current as at the date of production) Malcom Turnbull, just before a parliament sitting.

Later that month, on March 24, there was a meeting between local Apexians at the Bridgetown Club. Clubs from Bridgetown, Bunbury, Busselton & Manjimup had a combined number of 24 active members attend. The event was primarily arranged to revitalise the Bridgetown Apex Club, who have been struggling

of late.

It was a great night of fellowship, with a wicked fines session. The club also picked up two prospective members who were there and saw how much fun the Apex Clubs were having. A big thanks to Chris & Owen from Bridgetown Apex Club for hosting.

Pictured from top left, Federal Chief Government Whip and WA MP, Nola Marino, PM Malcolm Turnbull with the Apex Whip; Top right is National Director Andrea O'Loughlin, brand new members for Bunbury Koombana, Ashleigh Hair & Chris Chester at their induction, with Club President Mark Hearn; Below we have Nola Marino MP with 2 rather loose looking local lads; and bottom is the crew at the Bridgetown catch up.



It's a Very Merry (yet slightly late) Apex Christmas Caboolture

"Christmas time is our busiest time of the year with the start of our annual Santa Sleigh Run.

Over the last 15 years, this event has grown enormously with what was once just a social event, driving past the houses of club members with Santa in an old fire truck, now expanded to include a drive by of every residential house in the Caboolture and Morayfield areas. Definitely not an easy feat to accomplish!

Over 8 nights in December, our club members volunteer in excess of 300 service hours, to drive over 1000kms, to throw out 460kg of lollies, and to spread Christmas cheer to approximately 50,000 residents in our local area. And whilst it's an event that we as a club hold dear to us, by the comments that hundreds of residents leave on our Facebook page each year, it is an event well loved by the community as well!"

Chantal Larkin
Apex Caboolture

As their (very grateful)
local community says:

"Thanks again the Santa run, it is fantastic. We wait for it every year and then it really feels like Xmas. From our kids and the big ones as well. Merry Christmas to you all."

"Shout out to the Apex Club of Caboolture for doing an AMAZING job year after year and for spreading the Christmas cheer to the community."

"Thank u for donating ur time for all of us - U guys r awesome."



"Thanks you we have 5 happy and excited kids! The adults loved it too. Merry Christmas to everyone at Apex and thank you for your efforts. This really is a magical experience for so many children."

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Tamar

The Apex Club of Tamar held their Annual Launceston Christmas parade on Saturday 26th November.

The weather gods were kind to us as the 36 floats including Santa, Mrs Claus and the Elves made their way around the streets of Launceston wowing the crowds. The theme for the parade this year was 'Twas the night before Christmas ' with many local community groups, schools, bands and businesses getting into the Christmas spirit.

The cost of entering the Christmas parade is a \$25 donation which is donated to a different charity each year, this years charity of

choice was Spurr Wing who received a cheque for \$1000.

Spurr wing is a facility located close to the local launceston hospital. It's main purpose is to provide a home away from home for patients, their families or carers who need to travel great distance to receive treatment. A community funded initiative.

Anita Cox

Launceston Christmas Parade Director



Club News

Wodonga

The Apex Club of Wodonga fired up the Belvoir Park community pizza oven for the first time to celebrate Harmony Day.

The oven, which took two years to organise and construct, will be open to the public on a further five dates throughout the year.

Project co-ordinator Paul Kavanagh said it was immensely satisfying to have the oven up and running.

"This has been a long time coming, it's taken a bit of effort and persistence to get there, but we did," he said.

"We saw this as a good project that we could use to contribute to the community.

"We've started off just having the six dates this year, but we're hoping next year we'll be able to have it open every fortnight."

Club members cooked roughly 70 pizzas for more than 100 people who turned up.

The oven was a joint effort between the federal and Victorian governments, Apex and Wodonga Council.

Chinchilla

Chinchilla Apex was very proud to be able to present a Cheque for \$7,000 to the local scout leaders for the upgrade and renovation for the Chinchilla Scout Den.

Pictured at right is Apexian Lachlan Monk with scout leaders Leanne & Adam Fitzgerald.



Gunnedah

They're cute, they're furry and they're curious – these are the eight thoroughbred pigs who helped the Apex Club of Gunnedah raise more than \$5000 last month.

The Courthouse Hotel hosted the hairy guests for the annual Pig Races which saw crowds of more than 200 gather under brightly coloured gazebos in the carpark which was transformed into an obstacle course.

The six races were commentated by Jimmy "Rasher" of Noah's Thoroughbred Racing Pigs, with a Calcutta and sweeps on offer. Among the lucky winners were Sue Laut and Penny Sheppard. There were also plenty of activities for the kids including a hands-free corn eating contest, pin the tail on the pig, and a pig squealing competition.

Apex member Jess Wilde said it was the second year the club had partnered with the hotel for the event.

"I reckon it went really well. We made a change this year too and we put in seating and tables so that went in a lot smoother."

"We had people come up from the Hunter Valley, Narrabri, Tamworth, all around. I think there were a couple from Newcastle who came up."

Hotel manager Zac Wheatland said the numbers were higher than last year and there was a great atmosphere.

"Everyone was yelling and cheering every race," he said. "It was something different and everyone could bring their kids along. "It was a better event this year and I can only see it getting bigger from here."

Ms Wilde said the funds would be used for the benefit of the community and the club was currently looking for suggestions for their projects in 2017.

"We've put a call-out to the Gunnedah community on ideas for what they think we should do next. Is there something that we're missing or we need?," she said.



A sincere thank you to Milton Ulladulla

"A few weeks ago I got in touch asking about possible assistance for my disabled sister in Ulladulla, NSW. You kindly put me in touch with Matt from the APEX Milton-Ulladulla branch. Yesterday Matt and the team did a fantastic job mowing and generally cleaning up my sister's jungle of a yard, front and back. I have seen the pics on Facebook and the difference is simply astounding. Matt has also given my sister details of someone who will maintain the yard for her."

I am just so grateful for this assistance and so is my sister. I cannot thank APEX enough. Do you accept donations? It would be fairly modest (\$40) but I would love to be able express my gratitude more tangibly than just saying thanks!"

Regards

Anne Ackroyd

More Club News

Northam

The Apex Club of Northam has successfully raised over \$1,300 from their Family Fun Day event held recently, which will go to a local girl who was diagnosed with rare disease Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH).

The fundraiser was organised to help the family of 10-year-old Chloe with associated costs of the illness including travel to and from Princess Margaret Hospital.

Apex Club coordinator Sam Moss thanked everyone who gave their time and money to the cause.

Roma & Toowoomba

THE Apex Clubs of Toowoomba and Roma have come together to help the family of a three-year-old boy with a rare brain ailment. Myles Rauchle developed a brain abscess which now requires regular treatment and monitoring at the Lady Cilento Children's

Hospital in Brisbane.

For the Roma-based family that required a three-day trip which proved not only stressful for young Myles, but took his mum Rebecca Rauchle away from her other three children. "Myles doesn't travel well so what is normally a four-hour trip from Roma to Toowoomba takes five hours," his mother said.

"I've clocked eight to 10,000km in the past six months."

Apart from the stresses of the travel, it was also a financial burden on the family.

So, the Apex Clubs of Roma and Toowoomba banded together to resettle the family in Toowoomba.

The Apex Club of Roma covered the cost of removal vans to transport the family's furniture and goods to their new home in Toowoomba where the Apex Club of Toowoomba members helped settle them in. The House Call Doctor group also came on board and will organise Rebecca and Myles' trips to and from Brisbane

from now on, saving the family that added cost.

"Without them (Apex clubs) we wouldn't have made it down here yet," Mrs Rauchle said as she moved her family into the new home in Toowoomba. "Myles and Zanda (4) are here with me but Braiden (7) and Skyla (10) are still in Roma but they will come down here to be with us later in the week.

Mrs Rauchle said there was no long-term diagnosis for Myles at the moment but he required MRI scans every three months and a visit to the neurosurgeon every six to eight weeks. "He had his first surgery on October 2 to drain the abscess and he was started on IV antibiotics. "Three days later they operated to remove it and he was in hospital for six weeks on IV antibiotics.

"He had a shunt put in to help drain it because his body can't do it. "Just looking at him you wouldn't think there is anything wrong but he struggles with some things like even walking up stairs."

Busselton

The sun was shining down for a beautiful start to Busselton Apex's first attendance at Busselton Relay for Life, providing service in raising funds for Cancer Council.

Alec, Cassie and her son Tyler, set up the tent and prepared for the



Above - The Northam Crew,

Right, Rebecca Rauchle with children Myles (left) and Zander outside their new Toowoomba home with (from left) Apexian Brendan Hardy, Apex Roma president David Nielsen and Apex Toowoomba president Les Postle.



24 hour event at Churchill Park. 2017 was the 3rd annual relay and Committee organisers agree that it is growing in numbers and interest with each of these years.

Dunk was introduced to the relay with first laps in him going to Vice President Alec Ovans. Dunk made quite an impression with the crowd and fellow teams as high 5s were constantly given to children and photos requested, encouraging citizenship. After a mammoth effort, Tim took over until he left for work then the honour was passed on to Jamie, Allen and Paul.

Preceding the nights events, Donnetta took the opportunity to make a gold coin donation to the massage therapist all in aid of raising money of course but became rudely interrupted by her fellow Karate companion with a wet willy. Spirits were high through out the day as families came to connect with the cause and participate in the Family Fun Day which consisted of bouncy castles and water play amongst other activities.

After sun set, Teams rallied together with members of the community to celebrate the Candlelight Ceremony at 8pm.

This was the only time permitted in the 24hours that the baton was required to stop to pay respect to those affected by Cancer. Candles were lit and a minute

silence began to reflect on loved ones and the importance of Community and family.

Joining together, we walked slowly around the track to read messages of love written on the bags of hope, watching the flickering flame in each bag as we passed by. Lights took approximately 30 minutes to come back on and the batons began the next leg of the relay.

Apex had some runners during the night making us proud. Anton and Ross ran 6 km with Ross running in Dunk through the night and Alec and Wil Hallyburton. Will lost his Dad to this disease last September. He was supported during the night and participated with us in this inspiring Relay for Life. Tim and Cassie returned about 4am to relieve some weary walkers/runners and let Lyn go home for some sleep.

Including our families in fellowship, Liv entertained her Dad Dunk/Allen for a stroll around the 500m corse, whilst Mum Jen, ran a few laps to push up our lap total. Thanks also to Amy for her effort in running laps while Tim slept in the Apex tent. Paul was definitely the trooper who put us to shame and not to forget the mini Blackford clan that kept the tally board up to date and honest. 264 was our final tally.

11am and the 24 hour relay had come to an end. We may not have

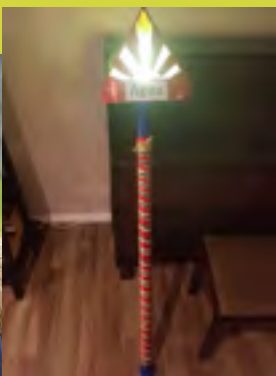
taken out the most laps but we did manage to pick up the award of best baton, all thanks to Donnetta and her family. Congratulation to everyone that made this event one to remember. Relay for Life was an inspiring, fun opportunity for Busselton Apex to cover the three sides of the Apex triangle, service, citizenship and fellowship.

South Toowoomba

SOUTH Toowoomba Apex Club organised a Bunnings barbecue event to fundraise for the Blind Citizens Australia's Toowoomba branch, which advocates for access and equity for people who are blind or vision impaired.

They presented branch president Joyce Jones with a donation of more than \$1,500, raised through the barbecue. Ms Jones said the money would be used for outreach work to people who were losing their sight and to act as a conduit to the main service providers and community organisations.

She said South Toowoomba Apex had run two sausage sizzles for the group and supplied them with "valuable capital". "The business of running fundraising events is difficult for us and we greatly appreciate South Toowoomba Apex for doing the work for us and Bunnings for providing the venue. It is a wonderful community service," she said.



Left - South Toowoomba Club Secretary Georgia Soutar meets Guide Dog Quinney. Above and Right, scenes from Busselton Relay 4 Life.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

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2017 Australian National Convention Registrations Open

On behalf of the Apex Club of Fraser Coast, Apex Camps and the National

Board, we welcome you to join in the "sun, sea & surf" experience of the 2017 Apex Australia National Convention to be held October 5th – 8th, 2017 at our flagship Apex camp, Apex Camps Mudjimba on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast – come stay a while!

Accommodation: Apex Camps Mudjimba is located at Twin Waters on one of the best beaches in Queensland. Our 220 bed facility is the jewel in the crown of our camps and can provide air conditioned bunk bed sleeping arrangements, fully catered venue and a large hall which can seat up to 500 comfortably.

We also have our own activities on site and off to keep the kids well entertained for their stay on the coast ranging from the inflatable water park OR stay on site and challenge your skills on the 12 metre high climbing tower, test your skills and fitness on the Mud Pit Challenge Course or something for the littlies with team games and challenges. The beach is just 3km down the road if you would like to partake or kick back in our onsite pool.

We can also recommend **5 star accommodation** at Novotel Twin Waters Resort

<http://www.novoteltwinwatersresort.com.au/> or

The Sebel Twin Waters Resort

<http://www.thesebel.com/locations/the-sebel-twin-waters-sunshine-coast>,

both situated on the beach at Twin Waters and a short drive to Apex Camps Mudjimba. Ask us for package deal for your choice above.

Catering: Apex Camps has a large commercial kitchen and provides full service catering. No BYO alcohol

permitted – licensed bar will operating each day as permitted.

Friday Night Welcome BBQ: Come dressed in your best beachy outfits (togs, towel, hat, zinc & pluggers) and game on with our Sun, Sea & Surf Beach Party with live music, beach volleyball and games to suit the night.

Gala Dinner: The Gala Dinner will be a "Formal /Black Tie" function held at Apex Camps Mudjimba. Come and congratulate the outgoing Board members and welcome in the new whilst enjoying a smorgasbord seafood and meats banquet with 5 star silver service from our wait staff.

Getting There: The Sunshine Coast Airport is located at Twin Waters and is a short 5 minute car/bus ride from Apex Camps Mudjimba. Direct flights can be booked from Melbourne and Sydney. Other destinations can fly into Brisbane Airport and is just over an hour to the Camp by road. Buses operate to the Sunshine Coast every hour and will drop you to our door.

Non Delegates & Delegates Tour: Dependent on numbers, we have organised a day trip to beautiful Mapleton Village in the Maleny Hinterland. Spend a day in the magnificent villages, taste some of the locally made wines, milk and chocolates, lunch at the German Beer House and walk the many bush trails through the ranges. Cost is \$20 per person (limited seats and pay on the day) food excluded.

Delegates of the convention will not miss out either. We are organizing a fishing afternoon on Saturday once the official business for the day is completed.

Kidz Club We will also be holding on site Activities for the kids and adults to try out at various times on Saturday along with an outdoor cinema sized screen movie night for the kids. Some activities may incur an additional cost outside of the convention packages. Kids Klub activities are free to full convention registration families (\$200pp).

Download the Registration form at Apex.org.au

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each of the above persons will get a copy of this email.

International Apex News

Below are flyers for 2 upcoming National Conventions, for Malaysia and Philippines.

From Apexian Edwin Aebedo : "We are cordially inviting you and all the members of Apex Australia to join the Apex Philippines National Convention on May 26 – 28, 2017 in one of the world's best islands, Palawan.

In Puerto Princesa City in Palawan Island, lots of sunshine and beaches, fascinating dive sites, refreshing air, luscious native fruits, mouth-watering Filipino cuisine, lush greeneries, nature parks, crocodile farm, the world famous Palawan Underground River, smiling people, and most of all, the hospitality of Filipino Apexians.

In 2017, Apex San Pablo offers an excellent opportunity for Apex Global fun and fellowship."

There are a number of Australian delegates already registered and an international convention is something every Apexian should enjoy.

Incoming National President Moses Abraham reports on

last year's Philippines Convention:

"I was met in Manila by my good friends from San Pablo Apex Club and stayed for 3 nights hosted by incoming NP Edwin Acebedo & Family. And LG Vic & Auring Rada.

While in the city I was able to meet with Chinchilla Apex's Bursary Scholar Jan Panganiban and his mother and have a chat to see how the bursary is helping him at college.

I travelled down to Iloilo by plane with Domingo Ramundo and enjoyed pre-convention social greeting at Danby Consing's residence.

The Friday we were taken on a tour of the city (where I found a new Road tripping Hat) and surrounds and ended the afternoon attending and assisting at a feeding program at a local school. A project of the Iloilo club to supply meals to children to improve nutrition and health in the under privileged area.

Friday night saw the convention Social gathering with more fun and frivolity at a beach location in attendance with Global Chair Kate Huth.

The business session on Saturday was completed by the election of the incoming National Board. And

After 50 years of Golden Service,
the APEX club of Klang proudly presents




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culminated with the Gala dinner that evening, and I was privileged witness to the Twinning or the Malaysian Apex Club of Malacca and the Philippino club of Iloilo."

For more information on upcoming Conventions contact admin@apex.org.au

The Apex Overseas Students Bursary

Hello Apexians

How much does your club focus on International Relations? A lot, not much or not all???

As some of you may or may not know: Over 40 years ago the Overseas Bursary Scheme was set up to assist Filipino students complete their high school and university educations. The Bursary is still running today in the Philippines and has also been further outreached to our neighboring and newest Apex Nation, Indonesia.

The Indonesia Bursary is slightly different, although arguably will assist more young people. The Bursary involves sending an Australian over to Lombok to teach English. Past WA & National President Kate Huth is currently in Lombok as part of the inaugural Bursary.

In early July Kate's tenure will be over and currently there are no funds to send another Australian to teach in Lombok. The budgeted cost for each six month tenure is \$6500.

I urge you all to consider contributing to this wonderful project. Ways this could be done is to promote the Bursary to local businesses, visit local schools and share with the LOTE department or have your Apex club make a donation.

Following is the new brochure that explains a lot to both prospective sponsors & the volunteering opportunity. I hope this encourages you all to consider 'To Promote International Understanding & Friendship' Ideal.

I am hoping that together as Apexians we could aim to fund half of the next tenure's costings to make a continued difference in Lombok.

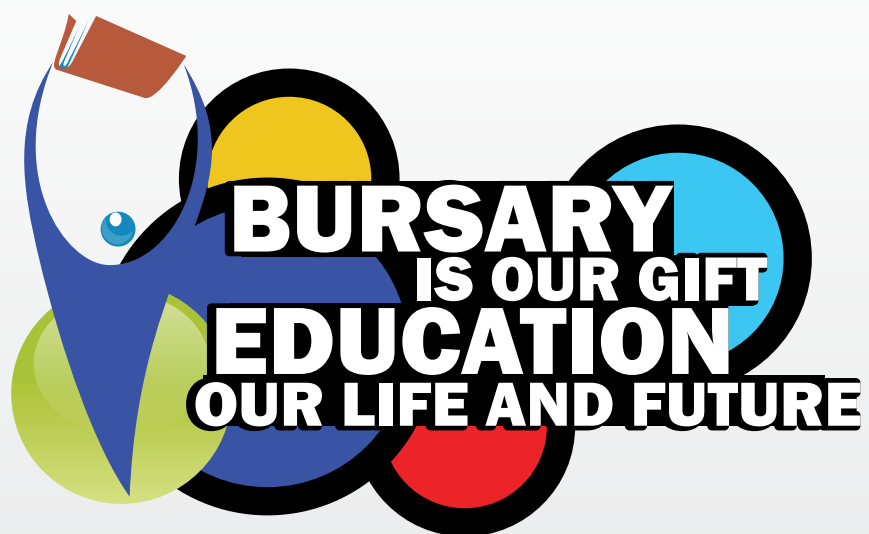
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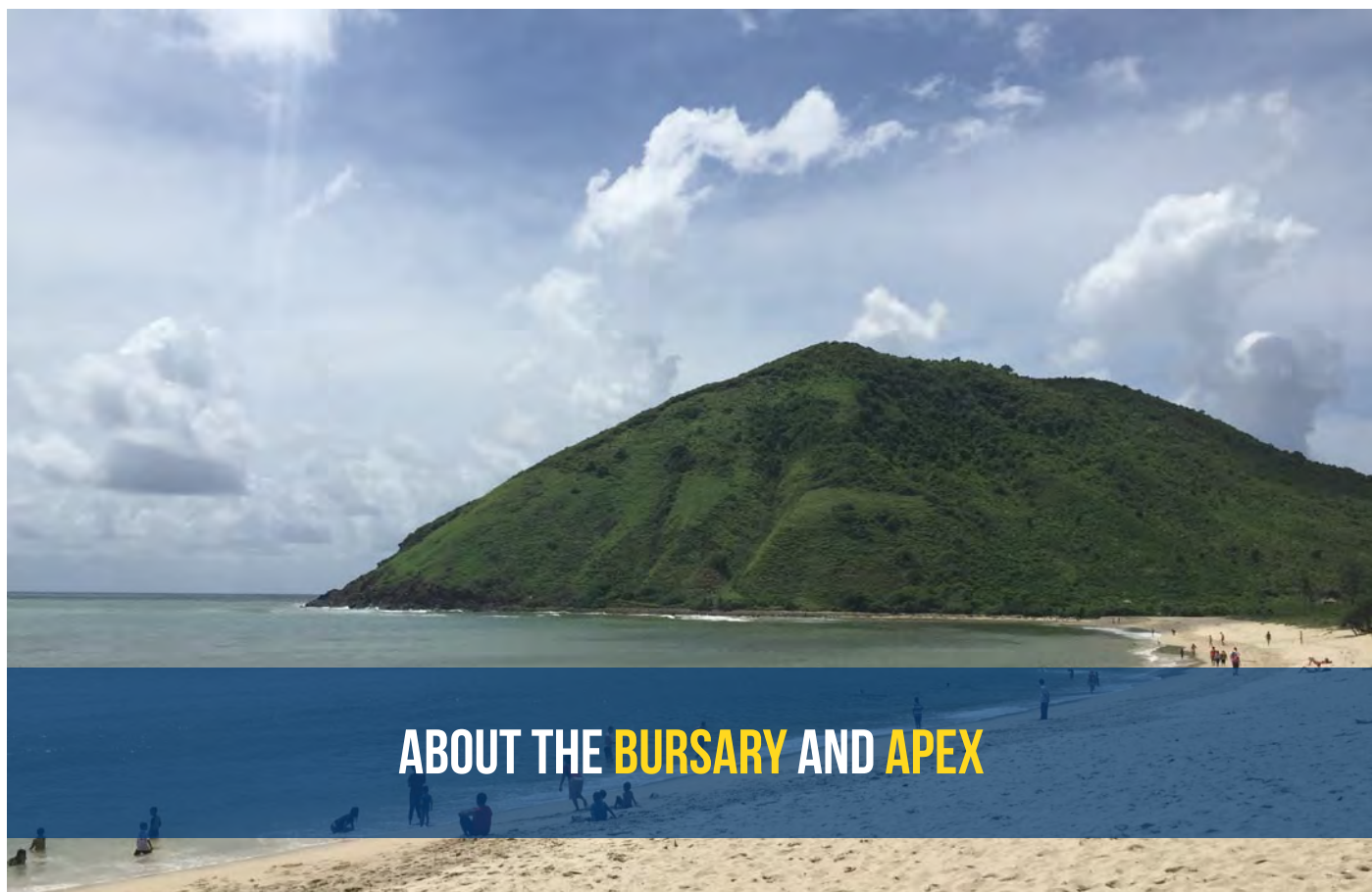
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APEX AUSTRALIA OVERSEAS BURSARY SCHEME





ABOUT THE BURSARY AND APEX

WHAT IS THE BURSARY SCHEME?

The Overseas Bursary Scheme is an initiative of Apex Australia. It originated 42 years ago by Australian sponsors assisting Filipino scholars to complete high school and University. We believe that knowledge is Power and that the greatest gift an individual can be given is Education.

WHAT IS APEX?

Apex Australia is a Service organisation for 18-45 year olds. Apex celebrates 85 years of working in our community and there are now seven other Apex countries worldwide. The partnership between Apexians in different countries is the key to our Bursary success.

IS THIS NEW?

The Bursary Scheme has been running for 42 years in the Philippines. 2017 will be the inaugural year of the Bursary Scheme operating in Lombok, Indonesia.

HOW WILL THE LOMBOK PROGRAM OPERATE?

Australian teachers will apply for a 6-month tenure to volunteer as an English teacher in a high school in Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia. The school, SMP20, is on the Southern Side of the Capital city and draws a large percentage of its students from rural farming families.

Apex Australia through sponsorship from Apex Clubs, individuals and corporations will cover the teachers' air fares, medical insurance and basic living expenses.

The teacher will experience living in a local community, learning the local language and culture, whilst teaching English in a school of approximately 500 students and staff. It has been identified that the real benefit is learning pronunciation from a native English speaker.

For Indonesians, learning English opens so many opportunities for employment, especially in tourism.



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING?

Whether you are an Apex Club, individual or business your contribution no matter how large or small will help. Attached is a sponsorship commitment form. Please fill it out and send it back today. We will keep you updated via email as to the Bursary Scheme's progression.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you have a teaching qualification, are looking for adventure and an opportunity to immerse yourself in a different culture, this is a perfect way to make a real difference.

Drop us an email with a short background of your career, your contact details and why you would like to be involved. We will get in contact shortly to discuss your options in more detail.

Email: craig@martintransport.com.au





OVERSEAS BURSARY SCHEME — PHILIPPINES

In 2014 we celebrated 40 years of the Bursary Scheme in the Philippines. The success of the scheme is the unique system and partnership between Apex Australia and Apex Philippines. Apex Clubs and individuals sponsor a scholar for \$399 per year. Apex members in the Philippines act as mentors for the scholars and assist with the co-ordination and compliance. Every dollar donated by a sponsor goes directly to supporting a scholar's education.

FROM AN APEX PHILIPPINES CLUB BURSARY OFFICER:



"The Apex bursary for me is primarily the gift of education to the students. My experiences handling the bursary of our club allowed me to work with students from high school up to college / University. It is really very fulfilling and satisfying to see the joy in the bursary scholars faces when they graduate. Education is something that they can carry with them for the rest of their lives. Knowing that the Apex bursary had a part in helping the scholars reach their educational goals makes me very proud to be part of a great program – and it is one of the things that being an Apexian is all about."

ERIC SANTOS

Apex club of Iloilo



FROM A BURSARY SCHOLAR:

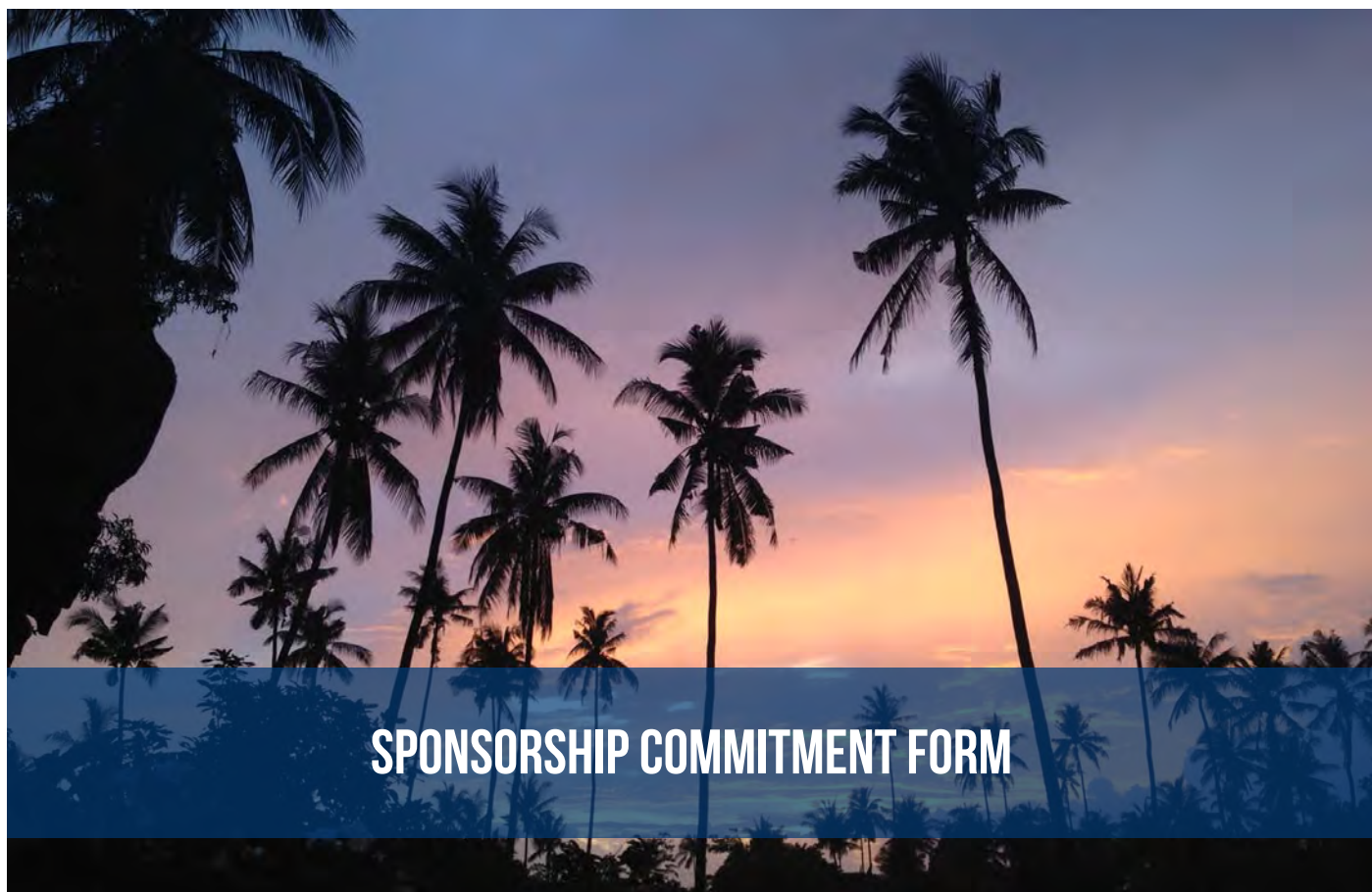
Whoever I have become today, I can definitely say that Apex has been a big part of it. I became a scholar of the bursary program when I was in 2nd year high school. From then on, Apex has assisted me with my school fees until I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Tourism. But more than the financial support that I am receiving yearly from Apex Club of Darlington Point, I am thankful as well of the fact that the club is more than just the bursary program, the socializations, the community outreach programs etc. Hence, Apex is a family to me. The people I have met in the club brought me into realizing my bigger role towards my community. I could still remember when I first met our then Bursary Director Apn. Sir Ian Willy Oates. That was the time he discussed the very meat of the existence of the bursary program to me and my fellow local scholars. He had it illustrated as a way to pull out underprivileged but deserving scholars out of an impoverished community. That the club cannot do it in just a snap which is the very reason why it's done gradually or from a batch of scholars to another. And that we are part of the process for which sooner or later, we could possibly be one of the local sponsors. And for me, I find it a beautiful cycle of replication which I am glad to take part with.

And today, here I am flying my dreams, continuously persevering to reach my goals and looking forward to the day where I can finally extend help to our local scholars in any way I can.

JASON VINCENT B. CALDEO

Apex Scholar, 2007-2013

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Notable Events

Earlier this year, Singleton Apex, club 141, celebrated their 1,500th dinner meeting.

There were members from all generations including four from the first ever meeting of 1955 in attendance.

Also there was Member for Upper Hunter and former Apexian from Scone, Michael Johnson MP.

Apex Australia was ably represented by Jamie Vincent, Life Member Blacktown, National Board Advisor and Apex Foundation Director and his lovely wife Maggie.



The Club would like to say thank you for the presentation of a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Apex Queensland are holding a reunion, all past and present Apexians are invited. It's to be held at Apex Camp Mudjimba on the weekend of June 16 to 18. Contact admin@apex.org.au for more details.

Busselton also celebrated their 60th birthday this year, coinciding with Apex Australia's 86th birthday.

In conjunction with the recent WA state catch up Bunbury Koombana also celebrated their 1,500th dinner meeting. A mighty achievement.

Last month Alice Springs held their 900th dinner meeting. If your club has a notable celebration or anniversary coming up, don't forget to advise the National Office - admin@apex.org.au

On a sadder note, we would like to acknowledge the passing of Life Member Anthony Mammino, formerly of Childers Club, Life Member Robert Shapcott of Ipswich Club and Ralph Kydd, Life Member of Beenleigh Club. All were wonderful servants of their communities and they are dearly missed by their families and friends.

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