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# APEXian

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# CLUB News

## *Echuca-Moama*

The Echuca-Moama Apex Gift was held again in early March and it was bigger and better than its 2018 edition.

The new and improved Gift built on the success of the inaugural event, where Echuca, Lockington Bamawm United, Echuca United, Moama, Tongala and Kyabram football and netball clubs competed over 100m sprints for local bragging rights and a cash prize. This time around the Echuca-Moama Apex Club signed on an additional club, Leitchville Gunbower, and is aiming for 10 to 12 in total.

And with a total of \$5000 in prizes up for grabs for winning runners and their clubs, why wouldn't clubs join in? Each club pays an entry fee of \$250 to enter eight runners, split between four categories: under-18 boys, under-18 girls, senior men and senior women.

The winner of each final gains \$1250 — which is split around \$300 for themselves and the remainder going to their club. Echuca-Moama Apex co-ordinator Ben Hearn said March 1 was a night to remember.

"For us it's all about keeping the event close to the Echuca-Moama community and keeping it as a local event," he said. "We found last year that a lot of the runners, even though they represented Kyabram, were based in Echuca-Moama.

"They all have those local connections, so that's something we'd really like to keep going. The clubs that are a bit out of the local community, but have those connections to here." Hearn said he hoped the joining

of more clubs was on the horizon, and that Apex had been in talks with a handful.

"We'd love to have, you know, more than 12 clubs involved next year. "There's definitely still time to get involved. We'd love to hear from those clubs and any others that might want to join in.

"Bring a bus-load of runners, make a day of it and stop off at a pub on the way back home — ideal." For more information on the 2019 Echuca-Moama Apex Gift, go to the club's Facebook page, or get in contact with Hearn via email, echucamoamaapex@gmail.com or on 0400 192 878.

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## *Brisbane Valley*

Pictured below are three generations of Apexians in the one family! The Jaenke family from Brisbane Valley Apex Club have spanned the full history of the club with Alan being a founding member of the club in 1972, Wayne being an integral part of hosting the state convention in 1999 and Jade taking on the role of Club President this year and hosting the highly successful 1000th dinner meeting in March. The Apex ideals run through their veins. Also pictured is National President Neal Molineaux.



## Whyalla

The Whyalla Apex Club and their Christmas Pageant are the worthy winner of the Community Event of the Year in Whyalla.

Service clubs are the backbone of every community and many events held in our cities.

Whyalla has many large events organised by Council or private promoters but one of the biggest events on the calendar, the Whyalla GFG Alliance Christmas Pageant, is organised by a hard-working group of volunteers from the Whyalla Apex Club. Like many community clubs these days, the Whyalla Apex Club isn't flush with members but the members it does have do a mighty job organising the spectacular pageant and After Pageant Fair.

It is an event that brings out thousands of residents for an afternoon of free entertainment with the pageant, activities and spectacular fireworks at the fair.

The nominator of this event honed in on the family-aspect of the pageant and fair as the reason for the nomination. "The pageant and fair provides an affordable family event that showcases the fantastic location of the Ada Ryan Gardens and the spirit of the Whyalla community," the nominator said.

That almost sums it up but it is as much about the countless hours that

goes into these events that deserves so much recognition.

Not only does the Whyalla Apex Club organise the logistics of the event, which includes liaising with major sponsors GFG Alliance and the City of Whyalla to enable the entertainment to be free. It is the hands-on work in the days leading up and on the day which is truly remarkable.

The Whyalla Apex Club members are the first on the ground in the early hours of the morning to set up and the last to leave late at night after the event has been run and thousands of families have gone away happy.

## Traralgon

Pictured below are 2 of our newest members, Brandon and Cherie at their recent induction.



From left, Whyalla Apex Club members Damien Pietuch, Craig Sinclair, Leigh Cripps, Damien Trenwith.



## Chinchilla

Happy Hour has been a little more merry at Illoura Village at Chinchilla thanks to their local Apex Club.

Since late 2018 Chinchilla Apex has donated a bottle of scotch each month, to tickle the tastebuds of the gems who reside there. The idea came about thanks to volunteers Lorraine Amor and

Ann Wagner, who regularly visited the home to see their long-time friend, Flo Lehmann.

Ms Wagner said when the facility's happy hour session was restarted some time

ago, there was a bottle of scotch in the cupboard that had "been there forever". But it didn't last long, and the ladies went on the hunt for a way to continue provide some prized scotch for Illoura's residents.

"One day I was at the club on Friday night and I saw the Apex man there, I didn't know them, but I bought tickets every week when I was up here," Ms Wagner said. "So I said to one of them 'did they give donations?'. And I explained what was happening here at Illoura,

that we really like a bottle of scotch for the people who drank scotch."

"So the man went straight away and got a bottle for us. And so they've been doing that every month since." The man, Apex's Trevor Austin, paid for the first bottle out of his own pocket, before the club's board next met.

Apex president Lachlan Monk said they quickly agreed to provide up to one bottle of scotch

a month for the year. "(We) as a club decided it was a small gesture that we could do to bring some joy to some of the older members of the community," he said.

For fellow volunteer and musician Rosalie Watt, it was a fantastic result. "It's a wonderful gesture," she said.

Mrs Watt said she comes each happy hour to play the piano and sing old-time songs for the residents. "They really love music and they really do relate to it and I think it's important to have the songs they had in their era," she said. "You'll see them tapping away... they really love it." In all, volunteer Lorraine Amor said small acts of kindness can make all the difference. "I just like to see them happy, and they really enjoy that day," she said. "They wanted to thank Apex, the women and men of Apex."



## The Ideals of Apex

- To make the ideal of service the basis of all enterprise.
- To develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship.

- To promote a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and building better communities.
- To promote international understanding and friendship.



## ***Bannisters Beach Games ready to roll out at Blessing of the Fleet - Milton Ulladulla Apex***

Milton Ulladulla Apex club is once again gearing up to run the much-anticipated Bannisters' Beach Games

The Bannisters Beach Games is set to provide plenty of free entertainment for the whole family.

There will be competitions like running races, three-legged race, egg and spoon and all sorts of fun activities for all ages.

Apex Milton Ulladulla is proud to include the traditional spaghetti eating competition again this year, with a nod to their local fishing heritage too.

The Bannisters Beach Games are held on the harbour foreshore at the end of the Blessing of the Fleet activities from around 1:30pm on Easter Sunday. The Bannisters Beach Games run up until the Tug-o-War competition and world famous Greasy Pole.

Friends, families and community or sporting groups are encouraged to band together to put in a teams for these events to win cash prizes.

For more information contact [Apex@MiltonUlladulla.com](mailto:Apex@MiltonUlladulla.com)



Pictured at right - the crew at the Region 2 Catchup.

# Club News

## Gympie - Music Muster

### GYMPIE MUSTER MAKES FIRST PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 2019

Australian country music royalty Kasey Chambers, The McClymonts and James Blundell are the first of 100+ artists to be announced for Australia's iconic Gympie Music Muster, 22-25 August.

Music fans will be happy to find more festival favourites in Luke O'Shea and Felicity Urquhart, as well as an exciting foray into the gritty stylings of rock legends Tex Perkins and former INXS songwriter Andrew Farriss, who is making his country music debut.

Gympie Music Muster Program Coordinator, Emily Murphy said the 2019 lineup upholds Muster's 38-year tradition of true, grassroots country favourites coupled with an exciting element of discovery across a broader range of genres.

"Musicians like Kasey Chambers, The McClymonts and James Blundell have real history with the Muster and are a special part of our extended family of artists who regularly return as crowd favourites.

"Muster-goers also love the element of surprise and discovery that Muster brings, so we have Tex and Andrew Farriss, as well as incredible young Australian blues artist, Caiti Baker and James Ellis and the Jealous Guys, one of Melbourne's best-loved country and honky tonk bands, to name a few!"

Emily said Muster's full program is what truly sets it apart, "It's so much more than a line-up." "Throw in intimate Songwriter Sessions, an all-star guitar-shredding jam, line and rock 'n roll dancing, instrument workshops and some surprise collaborations, and you begin to understand why the Muster is a diverse and unique program that simply can't be experienced anywhere else."

Announced as the 2019 Gympie Music Muster Ambassador, eight-times Golden Guitar winner, Felicity Urquhart recalls her first taste of "Muster magic."

"I remember my first ever Muster experience 27 years ago like it was yesterday! I was a high school girl from Tamworth making the road trip with family and even as the first tent peg was hammered in the ground we knew we

From Left, Photo 1: Kaden Bryant(Fraser Coast), Katey Faucett(Gympie), Jack Burke(Gympie), Linc Phelps, Simon James(Gympie), Tara Spotswood(Bundaberg), Shauna Blackburn(Fraser Coast), 2019 Muster Ambassador Felicity Urquhart, Michelle Hansen(Gympie) Natalie Pearson & Sandie Collins (Life Member Sandgate); Photo 2: Michelle Hansen Gympie Muster Board Director & Gympie Apex Member, Linc Phelps & 2019 Muster Ambassador Felicity Urquhart; Photo 3 (over page): Oz Bayldon Gympie Muster Operations Manager & Greg Cavanagh Senior Active & Gympie Muster Board Chairman; Photo 4: Richard Larney XXXX Rep, Christine Sproxton Gympie Muster Office Administrator, Tony Nolan Senior Active Member, Bob Fredman Gympie Region Councilor





were with kindred spirits.

"Surrounded by laughter, new faces, stories, music and mateship, I took my first walk to main stage and looking down the hill I knew then and there I wanted to be part of the magic for years to come.

"Over the decades the Muster keeps evolving and this year a new chapter begins."

Held in Amamoor Creek State Forest in the beautiful Sunshine Coast Hinterland, two hours north of Brisbane and 40 minutes from Noosa, the Muster is the perfect way to kick back and enjoy some of the country's best talent.

An unmissable and uniquely Australian event, one ticket price gives Muster goers

free camping and multi-venue access to all performances to experience everything Australia's biggest country music celebration has to offer.

Run by the community, for the community, the Muster is a not-for-profit charity event which has raised in excess of \$15 Million for charities Australia wide since its inception. It also gives a multi-million dollar boost to Queensland's tourism sector every year, providing an economic boom for the region. The Gympie Music Muster runs from Thursday August 22 to Sunday August 25, 2019 in the Amamoor Creek State Forest near Gympie. Tickets are available via [www.muster.com.au](http://www.muster.com.au).

## First 2019 Gympie Music Muster Lineup Announcement

Kasey Chambers  
The McClymonts  
Tex Perkins and The  
Fat Rubber Band  
James Blundell  
Felicity Urquhart  
Luke O'Shea  
Saltbush Six  
Andrew Farriss and the  
Rainmakers  
Jeff Lang

8 Ball Aitken  
Allan Caswell  
Kaylens Rain  
The Wilson Pickers  
Davidson Brothers  
Caiti Baker  
Simply Bushed  
Chad Morgan  
Col Finley  
Kirsty Lee Akers  
Murphy's Pigs  
Amy Nelson (CAN)

Paddy McHugh  
Melody Moko  
Anna Scionti  
The Dungarees (CAN)  
James Ellis and the Jeal-  
ous Guys  
Linc Phelps  
Natalie Pearson  
Scarlet's Way

plus many more still to be  
announced.





## Gympie Music Muster Fast Facts

- Gympie Music Muster celebrates mates, music and making a difference in its 38th year.
- Over the past 37 years it has grown from a small celebration to an iconic event that defines the Gympie region.
- Held from Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 August 2019 Gympie Music Muster is Australia's largest charity festival, run by the community, for the community, raising in excess of \$15 million for charity and community groups since it began.
- The Muster is a fundraising initiative of the Apex Club of Gympie. All surplus funds benefit the local community and designated charity partners.
- Generations of Muster goers return annually to enjoy the friendly family atmosphere –there are no strangers at the Muster, only friends you haven't met yet!
- The Muster provides local, regional and national artists and songwriters an opportunity to perform in front of one of the largest outdoor audiences in regional Australia.
- The 2018 event has been measured to have contributed more than \$6 million towards the Queensland economy.
- The community is The Muster's most valued resource with more than 15,000 volunteer hours given to the 2018 event.
- The Muster is the quintessential Australian entertainment experience, bringing music and mate-ship together under one big open roof and offering a camping and leisure experience like no other. It celebrates the true spirit of country Australia and the strength and resilience of regional communities.
- While contained in the picturesque Amamoor Creek State Forest in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, the event offers its patrons every luxury. Bars, Food Stalls, Baristas and five-star camping; there is no need to skimp on quality when patrons make their way to the Muster.
- The event is family friendly (kids under 12 are admitted free) and focuses on providing a safe and non-threatening event.



# Club News

## Blacktown

Blacktown Apex is proud to sponsor their local soccer club Eastern Creek. Their sponsorship helps get local kids on the field - if not for our help they wouldn't be able to afford the registration fee. It's great networking with other organisations to help get the job done. And how good do the jerseys look with the soccer Dunk. Thanks again Dunk specialist Gavin MacGregor from Big Dog.

<https://www.facebook.com/beseenwithbdn/>.



## Gawler

In partnership with the local council, the Apex Club of Gawler was excited to invite the entire community along to an 'Australia Day Breakfast'.

The breakfast will be provided by the Gawler Apex Club and other local service clubs and community groups, and will be followed by the prestigious Town of Gawler Australia Day Awards.

Sharyn Guy was announced as the Council's Australia Day Ambassador for 2019.

"Sharyn is the Gawler Community House co-ordinator who focuses on providing activities and services which support the needs of all people living in Gawler and the surrounding community," Mayor Karen Redman said. "A truly worthy Ambassador for 2019."

She will be speaking at the awards about her work and contribution to the community. Council acknowledges the importance of celebrating those who have been especially involved with going the extra mile for the community as well as welcoming and rejoicing our new Australian Citizens who will be officially presented on the day.

## Cobram Barooga

The Koonoomoo Pickers n Packers Charity Ball '16 is on Saturday June 25th so round up your mates, pack the ute and head on over to Koonoomoo!!

Tickets are selling fast so it looks like another record breaker!! Get in quick!

Please read these FAQ's we get a bit. Might save some time:

- Strictly no glass
- You will need ID at the Carpark gate. No underage entry to car park. Normal liquor licensing and ID Rules apply
- Dress Code is black tie. If in doubt ask your Mum or Google it - OP Shops and Target are in Cobram 10 mins away
- We are allowing QUIET camping on Friday. Respect our neighbors. The party is not till Saturday night
- Drinks available are Bundy, Bundy red, Johnnie Walker, Jim beam, C C & dry, various UDLs, heavy and light beer
- Entertainment by Iain Archibald Band and local band: Disturbance
- Gates to Ball Area for food (roast beef rolls) 6pm for dinner and 8.30 for music for alcohol and entertainment.
- Firewood available at the ball car park
- All fires have to be in a steel enclosure (drum) limited amount are available free of charge
- BBQ Available in the carpark Saturday
- Strictly no glass

Tickets at <https://www.outix.com.au/tickets/event/24987>

See ad on page 17.

## Berowra

The Berowra Apex Club has won the Community Service Award from the NSW state government! Berowra Club President Charles Blaxland said that all their hard work is rewarded not only by the award but also the 'smiles from the kids as Santa goes past on his sleigh, the families enjoying Woodchop, the grateful farmers who have welcomed the drought relief convoys and the support from the whole Berowra community. We've managed to do a lot to make a difference to many, and should be proud of that.' Congratulations Berowra!



## Bundaberg

"Christmas Eve this year we did something a little different than normal - we usually organise a visit from Santa for the Kids. As a 'different' Santa had already visited the children's ward so tried something new to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to the families in hospital over Christmas.

We bought a coffee machine with loads of capsules for the parents room, \$150 worth of craft items for the children to top up on last years gifts, 60 personal hygiene bags for the parents that have an unplanned trip to the children's ward (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrush and paste, deodorant and tissues). Many of our own

members have been in this situation and know how hard it is to be in their shoes.

We also had a few boxes of chocolate for the hard working nurses on the ward.

This was all greatly appreciated by the hard working staff at the Bundaberg Base hospital."

## Gunnedah

More local youth will receive assistance through the Gunnedah Community Scholarship Fund (GCSF), thanks to Apex Gunnedah.

Apex recently donated \$5000 to the scholarship fund after making it a focus of their fundraising in the last year.

GCSF provides financial support for local youth choosing to further their skills and knowledge through tertiary education.

GCSF chair Gae Swain said it was great that donations had still been made despite the drought.

"In spite of the harsh conditions, the community has faced due to the drought, local businesses, organisations and individuals have banded together to make this year's fund one of the strongest we've had for several years," Mrs Swain said.

The working group has been assessing applications for scholarships, and recipients were announced on January 31 at The Civic.

*Pictured at left is the team from Bundaberg and below is the Gunnedah Club*





## South Wagga & Bundaberg

"2 weeks ago while travelling down the the Apex Magic Castle Smiggin Holes working bee I called in to see family near Wagga Wagga. We were talking about what Apex does to help our local communities and helping out our farming families.

One phone call to Neal Molineaux and the crew helped out this great cause. My own club (Bundaberg )was too far away to help with any equipment hire for the event but the closest club jumped right up to step in.

A big thank you to the South Wagga Apex Club for your support in this much needed cause. It blows me away that you not only donated the jumping castle but also gave \$500 towards the cause.

This gesture really shows that it does not matter how far away from other clubs we may be - we are all joined under the same banner and The Ideals of the Association stay the same."

### **Tara Spotswood**

*"I received a lovely email from Neal Molineaux National President of Apex Australia and they are going to waive our jumping castle fee for our @Wagga Wagga fundraising day and also donate \$500. Thank you so much Apex "*

## Bunbury Koombana

The Apex Club of Bunbury Koombana had a great morning during this year's Australia Day celebrations.

The group served up an array of breakfast treats at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell from 6.30am on Australia Day, prior to the City of Bunbury's Citizenship Ceremony.

This year, the club used paper plates and bamboo cutlery in an effort to reduce its footprint.

Club members also gave a \$1 discount for attendees who bring their own plates.

"As a service organisation and as part of the community, we're really proud that we can do an event like this," Club member Amber Calleja said.

"The amount of community spirit that comes out of Australia Day is huge.

"The City of Bunbury does an amazing job with the Skyfest event and everything else they do.

"We should celebrate what it means to be Australian, and celebrate the new Australians who want to be part of that."

Last year, the club received the Wilcox Brown Perpetual Trophy for its efforts in the community.

*Cooking up a storm: Apex Club of Bunbury Koombana members Lyall Dilkes, Amber Calleja, Karen Hart, Ashleigh Hair, and Chris Chester*



# Apex News

## Congratulations

Apex Life Member Creagh McGlasson has been awarded "Citizen of the Year" by the Elliston District Council. He is a life member of the Lock Football Club, the Great Flinders Football Association and the Apex Association of Australia.

Mr McGlasson is enthusiastic about his community, is always willing to help and donates his time freely whatever the event. Despite his contributions, he said the nomination came as a surprise.

"It came a bit out of left field, and it's quite daunting, but quite humbling," he said. Mr McGlasson said helping others had always been a dream.

"I always try to live by the saying; 'enjoy what you have to do as much as enjoying what you want to do'," Mr McGlasson said.

"Three years ago I had a cancer scare which made me realise how wonderful and supportive the community can be," he said. "I'm still trying to repay that," he said.

## Albany - Apex Drive

"On January 5 this year a former resident of Albany, WA, turned 100.

He is John Moyle and now lives with his daughter in New South Wales.

According to old friend and Apex historian David Bird, who has written the extraordinary history of Apex Drive, John was the inaugural president of Albany Apex and in October 1953 suggested to his 40 members that the existing road up to Mt Clarence (little better than a track) should be reworked and done by Apex members, guided by the senior roads engineer and surveyor.

It then became apparent to Ross Steels that the strait of the new drive would make an ideal Avenue of Honour to replace Middleton Road. None who have gazed on the current Field of Light under the swampy mahogany gums recommended by Kings Park would argue. The relocation from Port Said of the original and desecrated memorial to the Desert Mounted Corps of World War I became the focal point on Mt Clarence.

The recent National ANZAC Centre was built nearby to further Albany's claim to Australia's ANZAC capital. It is rare that an important part of the physical history can be pinpointed - and to a living person.

Albany has one such in John Moyle.

He is a living treasure whose legacy should not be unrecognised.

**Rod Holcombe**  
**Peppermint Grovel"**

Thanks to Rod for this history, and thanks to the Apexians of Albany.





## Apex Camps - Mudjimba

Apex Camps Sunshine Coast's School Holiday Program gives parents a small break, and kids an adventure to remember for a lifetime. Based entirely outdoors, nestled in the Maroochy River Conservation Park and just a short stroll from North Shore beach and Maroochy River, our outdoor adventure activities are designed to get your kids enjoying the outdoors while providing them with an opportunity for personal growth and to make new friends!

From climbing on our outdoor rock climbing tower, to running through our army-commando style mud pit challenge course, to building rafts and catapults and launching themselves off one of our flying foxes, we offer more than 20 activities that are bound to get your kids putting their full bodies to use and to put a great big smile on their faces. Whether your child is a fun lover, or an adventure seeker, there is something to suit everyone aged 5 and up.

Drop your kids off for a 2-hour session, or a 3-activity full day program. There is no need to worry about a packed lunch, either, as our onsite catering staff can provide your child's morning tea and lunch. Prices start from just \$20, with gift vouchers also available.

Bookings must be made online and places are limited, so it is best to book early to avoid missing out on your child's favourite activities! More info at <https://www.apexcamps.com.au/schoolholidayprogram>

## Apex Magic Castle

Another successful work party was held at the Apex Chalet in January. Every January committed Apexians get together for a great week of fellowship and helping out at the jewel in Apex's crown, the Magic Castle at Smiggin Holes. Put in your diary now for next January, contact Jamie Vincent for more details - [jimmymullet@bigpond.com](mailto:jimmymullet@bigpond.com)

*"Did several stints there. Put the putlins up over the main living area and front deck. Didn't have OH&S in those days. Later on Tuggers (Apex Tuggeranong) organised the first 'Wood Chop' and felled, split and delivered a whole semi trailer load. With other Cubs from D9 Z2, we did it for the next couple of years that I know of but I moved to D1 Z5. The Magic Castle would be the best physical monument that Apex has given the community, right up there with 'Lend a Hand' that set up the CC&LF" Peter Farquhar*

*The Magic Castle is our national project this year. Get in touch with Jamie to see how your club can make a huge difference.*









## Retirement

Notable Nationals senator John "Wacka" Williams rates life membership of the Inverell Apex Club and being elected to parliament as two of his three major honours during his 64 years.

In a speech to the Senate in 2012 he stated: "I was privileged to join Apex many years ago, when it was a young men's services club for men aged 18 to 40. Apex started in 1931, during the Great Depression, by three men in Geelong: Langham Proud, Ewan Laird and the late Sir John Buchan. It is a wonderful organisation that grew right around Australia, especially in rural and regional Australia, where Apex was really endorsed and the clubs were many—growing fast, with high membership. In Inverell we had two Apex clubs. The Inverell Apex Club was formed many years ago, shortly after 1931, and the Sapphire City Apex Club was formed in the 1970s.

There seems to be a culture developing in Australia where the attitude is that, if we do not have it, the government has got to give it to us. That is over all three tiers of government—local, state and federal. It is a culture I have seen develop over several years, or for even longer. Years ago, if we did not have it then our community pulled together to deliver what we wanted. Of course, our service clubs were a major part of that. I look back on Apex and what we did in the early days of our association for things like microsurgery and kids' cancer research. In the early 1960s, Apex even lobbied the Australian government to abolish the White Australia policy. You might want to join a Rotary club, a Lions club—Lions International is a magnificent organisation—or an Apex club. But I underline Apex because it is an Australian-made organisation. It was made here in Australia, as I said, back in 1931 by three men in Geelong. We need to build numbers in the Apex clubs

to keep the Apex association alive so it can deliver for communities as it has done for many years. I was fortunate to be district governor on two occasions, in 1991 and 1994. In 1991 we went to Perth for our national convention and in 1994 we went to Burnie in Tasmania. If you want to help your community, if you want to build better communities and make friends and if you want to go to bed at night saying, 'I can sleep with a peaceful mind because I have helped someone today'—and that is how it is—join a service organisation. Through these organisations the community benefits and the people benefit, and those who join clubs, do the work and get involved are also great beneficiaries. That is my message: join a service club, help yourself and help your country."

Senator Williams retired from the Senate earlier this year. His final words:

"And Mr President, that's stumps. Good luck everyone and keep well."

## Vale

Life Member and Past SANT State President 03/04 Paul Henschke (past member of the Glenelg Apex Club) sadly passed away in January as a result of a heart attack. Our best wishes go to his family. Paul is pictured at right.





Apex 40 Australia Inc. is not a Service Club, but an organisation formed to foster fellowship among past Apexians and their partners, and to retain the many friendships formed during their Apex years. It also exists to assist Apex, when asked, and not to operate in opposition to Apex. It is open to past members and their partners, and also Ex-World Councilors who have retired from their respective organisations.

Apex 40 are hosting their Annual RORT at Leeton in 2019. For more information visit <https://apex40.com/2019RORT.html>

The Riverina in Southern NSW is always great place to explore and to enjoy.

In 2019 the Apex 40 members will have the chance to discover the food bowl of Australia. An area that is steeped in farming history and is part of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

So prepare yourself for a taste of country hospitality.

The RORT will run from Fri 3rd May to Mon 6th May 2019.

It will be then be followed by a POST RORT Tour finishing on Friday May 10th.

#### RORT PROGRAM

Thursday (early arrivals)

Registrations open at the Visitors information Centre 1pm to 4pm.

Phone 02 6953 6481 Email: [enquiries@leeton-tourism.com.au](mailto:enquiries@leeton-tourism.com.au)

Friday

Registrations open at the Visitors Information Centre 1pm to 4pm.

Activities available during day include Fivebough Wetlands 1 hour tour, town Art Deco Guided walk, Murrami Rocking Horse Museum

and Murrami Randall Organic Rice cake production. (see web page or booking form for details).

Welcome Social at the Leeton Soldiers Club - Bus pickup from 6pm.

Saturday

8:30am Leeton Town Tour by coach.

Morning tea at the Leeton Visitor Information centre. Travel to Southern Cotton Gin for a guided tour.

Lunch at the Darlington Point Soldiers Club.

Altina Wildlife by horse drawn or motorised cart. An up close and personal experience followed by a cuppa, biscuits and slices. Dust off your Akubra and RM Williams gear and join us for our themed outback night at the Leeton Soldiers Club with great tucker and great music from our bush band.

Sunday

8:30am Coach departs for Narrandera Fisheries for a guided tour of native and endangered species of the Murray Darling Basin river system. Glendale Farm tour and Morning tea by the Murrumbidgee River.

Bus back to Leeton for AGM and lunch.

Dinner will be at the Iconic Roxy Theatre with a live band and dance music from the 40's to the 70's.

Monday

Farewell breakfast at the Leeton Soldiers Club from 7:30am.

Coach departs for Post RORT Tour at 9:30am.





## Date Claimers

May 3-6, 2019 - Apex 40s RORT at Leeton, bookings at <https://apex40.com/2019RORT.html>

May 18, 2019 - Finley Rice Strippers Ball at Finley  
<http://www.finleyapexclub.org.au/rice-stripper-ball-tickets.html>

June 1, 2019 Apex Bairnsdale 80th Anniversary - see <https://www.facebook.com/ApexBairnsdale/>

June 29-30, 2019 Koonoomoo Pickers & Packers Ball at Koonoomoo - see <https://www.facebook.com/events/506162563247224/>

October 11-13, 2019  
National Convention  
Kadinda South Australia

May 24-26, 2019  
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# Australia Day - Apex's role in it

It so happens that this year, 2019, the date of January 26 – Australia Day – fell on a Saturday. In typical laid back Aussie fashion, the national public holiday has been shifted to the following Monday (January 28) to make it a long weekend. Heaven forbid we miss out on a public holiday during the week!

This is a throwback to the old nation-wide convention of always holding the Australia Day public holiday on the Monday following January 26, unless the date coincided with that weekday. This was the national practice until 1994 when it was agreed by all states and territories that the public holiday should occur on the official Australia Day date, irrespective of the day of the week it occurred – except on weekends!

That statement must be qualified – the Northern Territory preceded the whole nation a full decade when the NT Government declared January 26 would be the fixed date for the Australia Day holiday from 1984 onwards. Now long forgotten and overlooked, why did the NT lead the way on this issue?

For that answer, it's necessary to go back to January 26, 1976, which happened that year to be on a Monday. It was thus one of those infrequent occasions when the Australia Day holiday occurred on the official date. This coincidence seems to have been the trigger for a campaign begun by the Apex Club of Central Australia to promote the historical significance of this public holiday.

By year's end, this Apex Club (it was the second in the Centre, the first was the Apex Club of Alice Springs started in 1959) embarked on a local public awareness campaign to raise the profile of Australia Day. The president, Keith Hyde – a senior agronomist based at AZRI – was the public spokesman on behalf of the club. In early January 1977 the campaign was launched with the release of promotional materials, film shows,

and an essay competition for school-aged children with prizes divided between primary and secondary class levels.

There ended up being three winners of the essay competition, with two secondary students awarded equal first prize – all the winners were girls, and two were sisters! Following the success of the local campaign, the Apex Club of Central Australia proceeded to take their project to a much higher level.

The club prepared a motion for promoting Australia Day, including suggestions that "Apex should ensure that the Prime Minister's address on Australia Day achieves national significance. "The national press, radio and TV media should be coordinated to recognise Australia Day. A handbook should be published, and large companies should be involved in the promotions.

"On the club level, pioneers could be invited to speak at dinner meetings." (Centralian Advocate, 14/4/77) This motion was progressively accepted in Apex district and zone conventions, and finally gained approval at the Apex national convention at Southport, Tasmania, in early April 1977. It was reported: "This means that all Apex Clubs in Australia will now carry out special promotions through mass media and other means for the national day each year. The activity will fall under the citizenship portfolio of the association." (Advocate, 14/4/77).

In 1978 celebrations for Australia Day in Alice Springs were ramped up. The two Apex clubs cooperated with the aid of the Alice Springs Folk Society to hold a free concert in front of the Commonwealth Government Centre (now the Alice Springs Police Station) during Monday evening, January 30.

A crowd of several hundred attended the event and it was considered a great success. The Folk Society gave a rousing perfor-



mance, notably Dave Evans, Bob Barford, Scott Balfour, and CSIRO scientist Barney Foran, who also entertained with renditions of poetry.

The same format was presented the next year with an Australian-themed folk music and poetry concert at the Commonwealth Centre on Monday, January 29, 1979.

The public was reminded: "And if Apexians, who are helping to organise the folk festival, have their way it could be the last time Australia Day festivities are held on a special Monday public holiday.

"Spokesman Dave Gillatt said this week his club had started a nation-wide initiative by Apex to have Australia Day celebrated on January 26, the official anniversary of the day Captain Phillip founded the country as a British colony in 1788. The drive has been adopted as one of Apex's national citizenship service projects." (Centralian Advocate, 25/1/79.)

An Advocate "staff reporter" questioned the

concert's success this time around: "Do Australians – particularly the Alice Springs variety – care about Australia? Local patriots asked the perennial question after a conspicuously quiet Australia Day holiday on Monday."

The review noted the Apex Club of Central Australia – Folk Club concert attracted "a good crowd of 500 people. But at least nine tenths of the participation was by the highly talented and enthusiastic members of the Folk Club.

"We were told what it has meant to be an Australian since Captain Phillip founded his country's giant prison farm almost 200 years ago. But the feeling with which we were left was one of nostalgia for something lost rather than inspiration for the future.

"The grand spirit of the outback was lost in the second half of the show as singers reminded us of the modern dilemmas facing "Poor fellow, my country".

"We laughed at the public service, saw how the land and seas had been scarred by mindless progress, and mourned the passing of the Aboriginal way of life.

"By the time we got round to the national anthem 'Advance Australia Fair,' there wasn't much to celebrate." (Advocate, 1/2/79).

"The general apathy about the subject has moved Central Australian Apex man Dave Gillatt to once again push the idea of holding the actual holiday on January 26. In this way, say Dave and his supporters, Australia Day would be special, like Anzac Day – not just another opportunity for an extended booze-up in natural surroundings." (Advocate, 1/2/79).

Though local enthusiasm seemed to have dimmed, yet there was movement afoot – for one thing, the dominant Folk Society performers (Evans, Barford, Balfour and Foran) founded their new band "Bloodwood" (pictured) which became a fixture of the Alice Springs music scene throughout the 1980s.

But it was on the Federal scene that a major step forward occurred, when during 1979 the



Fraser Government established a National Australia Day Committee in Canberra to oversee future nation-wide celebrations of the national day, later to become the National Australia Day Council.

It wasn't until Apex had resolved from April 1977 onwards to push for greater recognition of Australia's national day – from an initiative begun in Alice Springs – that this objective gained real impetus.

Each state and territory established its own Australia Day councils, with many Australia Day committees established in towns and cities.

In 1981 there was more publicity; and in this year the date of January 26 fell on a Monday. Once again a free outdoor concert was scheduled for outside of the Commonwealth Centre in Parsons Street but was hastily relocated indoors at the Alice Springs High School (now Centralian Middle School) when wet weather threatened.

This time the concert program featured a much wider range of performances reflecting the ethnic diversity of the town. It was also the time when the slogan "One nation, one future" first came into use.

By this time responsibility for functions was taken by the Alice Springs Australia Day Committee, and the two Apex clubs in the town were part of numerous sponsors for the events.

However, the Apex Club of Central Australia wasn't completely dealt out of the equation, for in 1982 this group coordinated the inaugural Centralian of the Year award with the Australia Day Council. The first winner was Mrs Joan Higgins, the director of the Alice Springs Youth Centre.

In Alice Springs in 1983 the first protest occurred, when a number of Aboriginal people and supporters gathered on the town council lawns and hoisted the Aboriginal flag in defiance of a council ruling.

It was also the day that the NT Government made an announcement: "Chief Minister Paul Everingham said no matter what the rest of

Australia may decide, Territorians will next year have the Australia Day holiday on January 26.

"Let's hope it won't be too long before the rest of Australia gets into line," he said. "In his Australia Day message, Mr Everingham said many people saw the day as just another long weekend and if that's all there was to it, 'we might as well spend the day doing something about productivity at work'.

And so it was that in 1984 the Northern Territory became the first jurisdiction in the country to secure the Australia Day public holiday on the date of January 26, irrespective of the day of the week it occurred. The rest of Australia "got into line" a full decade later.

But there's more to this than meets the eye. Paul Everingham was once an active member of the Apex Club of Alice Springs (the original club in town) and its president in 1971-72.

It was in 1972 that the Apex Club of Central Australia first began. It was Everingham who suggested Alice Springs should host the National Apex Convention which occurred in 1974, bringing 1200 interstate visitors to town (population then just over 13,000).

Even in the early 1980s when Australia fell into recession, the Territory continued to steam ahead and there was an abundance of optimism. This situation still applied in January 1983 when Everingham declared the NT would lead the nation by affixing the Australia Day public holiday to January 26.

On January 26, 1984, the Northern Territory became the first jurisdiction in Australia to observe the Australia Day public holiday on a Thursday and thereafter on every other day of the week in succeeding years – but by then the days of good fortune that had been smiling in the early days of self-government was drawing to an end.

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# Apex IR & Global News

## Philippines Bursary Update

Congratulations to one of recent Bursary Scholars, Enoch Mendoza. Enoch has been supported by our Apex Clubs through every year of his senior schooling. Without that support he would have been unable to complete High School, and he is now graduating with tertiary qualifications.

He is here today because of our association ... and he is so appreciative!

"It is one of the highlights of my 2019. To the people who stayed and walked with me through the end of this journey, please accept my profound and boundless gratitude.

To the APEX Club Batangas and APEX Australia, I am very grateful to be part of your APEX Family and be one of your scholars. I've already finished my bachelor degree of Aircraft Maintenance Technology with an academic award as Cum Laude, and this would not be possible without your

help and guidance. In all of this virtue, I thank God with all of my heart and all the praise, glory, and honor

belongs to the Lord forever.

Enoch Emmanuel Panaligan Mendoza

Bachelor Of Science In Aircraft Maintenance Technology



## India & Australia ODI - Adelaide Oval Jan 2019

Our mascot Dunk got some fast bowling tips from Australian cricket players Jason Behrendorff and Billy Stanlake at the Adelaide Oval. India won this series 2-1. Best of luck to all teams at the upcoming World Cup.

## It's on AGAIN

Dear Apex Members

Our 2017/18 Association Project supporting Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia's Biggest Ever Blokes' Lunch has been a wonderful success and to date Apex Australia have contributed over \$120,000 to support prostate cancer.

Not only has Wagga Wagga achieved record funds in their 5th year of running their lunch, numerous clubs have been instrumental in launching four new events at Gympie Muster, Brisbane Valley, Wodonga and just recently Ulverstone.

Additionally Blacktown have supported selling a branded collectible ute and numerous clubs have been able to make donations to PCFA.

All the clubs involved in the lunches found the experience rewarding and positive, for example:

'The Apex Ulverstone's BEBL was an incredible evening. Parko hit us right between the eyes with everything we needed to hear about prostate cancer. The crowd engagement and generosity during the charity auction surpassed our wildest dreams. The Club members beamed with pride for weeks after as the positive feedback on the dinner rolled in and the feeling of satisfaction of being able to contribute to the all the excellent work of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia'.

Apex Clubs are encouraged to continue to support Biggest Ever Blokes' Lunches going forward and following the presentation from John Strachan, PCFAs State Manager VIC/TAS, just prior to the National Convention (held in Wagga Wagga), a number of other clubs have also expressed interest in running their own lunch. Below are the PCFA contact details and I would encourage you to reach out to them.

Theatest flyer and How To Guide is available at our website. I would encourage you to share with your clubs and discuss with them on how they may be able to contribute.

Thank you again for the amazing difference you are making for our future generations.

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**Biggest Ever Blokes'  
Lunch  
How to Guide  
Available at  
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# Insurance News

*Your Club's Certificate of Currency is available online*

<https://www.apex.org.au/insurance>

You'll also find forms you can complete to update your club assets, an important presentation from the recent National Convention (if you weren't there you really should watch it, plus contact details for our broker, Maninder Sandhu at Aon. If you have any questions at all about your coverage, contact Maninder. Here's a brief run through from him on event liability.

## **Liability & Events**

Public and Products Liability insurance protects an organization for personal injury or property damage claims from a third party. Personal injury or Property Damage can occur in many ways, for example lack of maintenance of premises, provision of group activities, community events, the selling or donation of products, food handling or lack of attention to the people in the Insured's care can pose risk of injury or damage occurring. In the event that the organisation is deemed liable for injury or damage, the General Public and Products Liability policy is designed to pay compensation to the third party.

## **Few key points to follow**

The insurance policy is not designed to protect other organisations or service providers working in partnership with Apex. Those organisations and service providers must carry their own insurance. Apex is required to collect and file respective insurance proof from the other organisations and service providers.

Each event with more than 500 people attending requires submission of event plans, risk management plans, confirmation of third party service providers insurance and event details at least four weeks prior to event date. In the absence of which the event remains uninsured as per terms and conditions of insurance policy. Where your club has undertaken this process in the past, a simple review is only required next year. In order to obtain approval please submit required information with your insurers care of [maninder.sandhu@aon.com](mailto:maninder.sandhu@aon.com)

*Any servicing of alcohol without a license is a breach of insurance policy conditions.*

Please do not undertake road closures. Road closures should only be conducted by appropriate authorities.

Policy Exclusion:

Hazardous Activities

This policy does not cover the legal liability of the Insured to pay damages or compensation to any third party, or legal costs associated with any claim, in respect of an injury sustained by a third party where the insured is responsible for the organisation of and/or participation in bungee jumping, parasailing, hang-gliding, parachuting, base jumping, white water rafting, motor races, rallies and like events, except where agreed by insurers in writing.

Fire Works

Your insurer require a certificate of insurance from the Fireworks/Pyrotechnic operator noting specific event and period of event and noting Apex club as Principal on the policy. In the absence of preapproval insurance policy excludes any liabilities resulting from fire works and pyrotechnic.

Jumping/ Bouncy Castles:

If Apex is supplying any bouncy castle, it must:

- Be supervised by responsible employees/volunteers at all times when in use;
- Be restricted to use by appropriate age groups (eg. Infants to 2, 2–5, 6–12 and over 12 years must not be mixed)

Trampolines

it must be supervised by responsible employees/volunteers at all times

- Be fitted with safety side netting to prevent falls from the trampoline;
- Not be used by more than one person at a time.

*If you are unsure about any event you are planning on holding, please contact Maninder BEFORE it's too late - he will be more than happy to help.*

Below is an update from NP Neal. On the next few pages we have a new feature where we will be bringing you stories from old Apexians, way back when the logo was still black and white. This edition has international reports from 1947 and 1948. Following that we are featuring a current country report from Apex Bangladesh. The next few Apexians will feature the other countries in our Apex world.

## ***National President, Neal Molineaux***

*Dear Members,*

*I hope you all had an great start to the New Year.*

*As you get into the year ahead it is a reminder to think about how each event or occasion can be an opportunity to introduce new members to your Club and to experience those things in Apex that we have all been privileged to. It could just be that simple Social Meeting or the meeting where arrangements are being made for an upcoming Service Project, no matter what the occasion we all know we just need to ask prospective members to come along.*

*The Data Base, something that has been talked about a lot since the National Convention in Wagga Wagga late last year, and something that members of the National Board have spent numerous hours testing. Unfortunately we experienced some difficulties prior to Christmas and the Data Base wasn't able to be rolled out as we advised and anticipated. Issues that were identified have been continually worked on and the Board is again undertaking further testing. The Board has developed the following program so Clubs and Members will see when it will be fully rolled out;*

*1. April – May*

*Feedback provided to developer for adjustments/rectification*

*2. May – June*

*Data Base rolled out to all Clubs for use of Membership and Asset Records and report feedback*

*Nominations are now open for*

- 2020 National Convention*
- 2019/2020 National President*
- 2019-2021 National Board Members*
- 2019/2020 Regional Communicators*
- Agenda Items for the 2019 National Convention (Hosted by Kadina Apex Club, SA)*

*Nomination information is available on our website and via the Facebook page. However if you require further information please contact your Regional Communicator in the first instance or the National Office.*

*Just a reminder, in coming months there will be a Call for the 2018/2019 National Award Nominations. So start thinking about what your Club will be nominating this year.*

*Lombok is business as usual, particularly in Mataram, the capital. It never ceases to amaze us how quickly countries like this bounce back from natural disasters like the earthquakes that Lombok experienced in the middle of last year. Schools back and we have a potential volunteer teacher ready to go in July. We need your help if Apex is going to place a teacher back into Lombok. We need support from clubs by pledging a donation to the Lombok bursary for draw down in March. Please discuss with your club and contact National office to commit to making another 12 months of making a difference in Lombok.*

*Remember; throughout this year, continue to 'Grow, Learn, Make Friends & Have Fun whilst helping others'.*

*Yours in Apex*

*Neal Molineaux*

*National President, Apex Australia*





World Council Meeting. Round the table, left to right are:—Jim Vernetti (20-30), Gordon (loud tie) Murray (Apex), Buzz Nelson (20-30), Arnold Scheldt (Active), Duncan Campbell (Kin.), Bob Moore (Active), Harry Greenway (Kin.), Leslie Crew (Round Table).

## A Memory of Montreal

by GORDON MURRAY.

Of the many impressions gained abroad as your representative to the World Council, there are two in particular that I feel should be conveyed to all Apexians.

To me, they were proof, if proof were needed that a closer relationship between the common peoples of the world is essential to international peace and goodwill. Such contacts, whether by letter, over a cup of tea, coffee, or if you like it, with your foot on a bar rail, and in an atmosphere of friendly informality achieve much more than with the usual frigid diplomatic formalities. Secondly, that a continuance of the attitude, "My country right or wrong" can only lead to further world chaos.

To me, this was convincingly demonstrated at the actual meeting of the Council. Let me give you the picture. Around that table sat eight young men, representing four nations.

America is a country which in wealth and material resources make it the World's No. 1 power . . . a land of plenty and prosperity . . . only just learning that there are other Worlds beyond the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, and whose knowledge of those Worlds is often based on reports of a biased and sensational press.

Canada is a country, financially and geographically closer to America than to England. You will recall it was originally settled by the French and today the French still predominate the population, particularly on the eastern coast.

From Australia came yours truly, from a country which, with its youth, energy and the influence of Hollywood is probably closer in living habits to America than to England. But a country that freely gives to England a family loyalty.

Sitting, it seemed at first, apart from the others was an Englishman, Leslie Crew. He well knew that America could not understand why his country is in the position it is today. A few hours ago he had sat down to a meal, on his plate was more meat than his whole family received in a week at home. As an Englishman he felt the Americans would try and sell him something, and on behalf of Round Table was prepared to withdraw from the Council. Leslie was behind the "eight-ball" and knew it. That made him even more of an Englishman.

Now to date the description of this meeting could well sound like many others, from U.N.O. down. But there was a difference, a vast difference. Each representative was prepared to try and understand the other persons point of view. This meeting began with goodwill as its keynote.

You have already heard something of the outcome of this meeting. Kin., 20-30 International and Active International have adopted, as a major service scheme an "Aid to Europe" campaign. But more important than that, four Americans have gone back to their Clubs, with a new respect and new understanding of England, and to enthusiastically convey this thought to 10,000 club members. An Englishman, too went home, with a new understanding and respect for America.

After the meeting, the American boys purchased for Leslie the loudest tie that could be found in Montreal. That night, at the Convention dance, a little self-conscious, he wore that tie, and wore it proudly. To me, that little incident seemed to have a far deeper significance than mere Convention frivolity, it represented a down-to-earth beginning of a successful future for the World Council.



## Details Member Organisations

### World Council Young Men's Service Clubs

Detail	APEX	20-30 International	Active International	Kin of Canada	Round Tables G.B. and Ireland
Formed	1930 Geelong	1923 Sacramento, Calif., by Paul Clayborn. Now Active Inter. with 5 clubs, Mexico	1922 Aberdeen, Wash. State. Became Inter. 1929 when Club formed Van- couver, Canada.	1920 By Hal Rogers	1927 Norwich, Eng. By Rotary
Age Limits	18-35, stay on till 40.	20-35, go past active on 36th birthday.	21-35, no office or vote after 40, but can stay on in club.	18-40. Cannot hold office after 40, but stay on as privileged members.	18-40
No. Clubs	47	230 --	65.	200--	—
Total Mem- bership	1500	8000--	2000--	8000	3300

## Organisation and Management

The management of Apex, 20-30 and Active International Clubs, is by a Board of Directors. Kin Clubs, too, have a board comprised of President, Past President, Vice-President, Registrar, Historian, Secretary-Treasurer and 3 Directors. Round Table Club Council comprises 6-8 members.

Apex Clubs, as you know, are then combined into Districts, each with a District Governor and then into Zones, with Zone President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

20-30 International Clubs are grouped into Sub-Districts, then 11 Districts, and finally 6 Trustee Areas. East Sub-District has its Governor. Districts each have a Board of Governors, consisting of District Governor and Sub-District Governors. The Trustee Areas (an amalgamation of districts) have a trustee, elected at National Convention by the Districts. Active International is divided into 6 districts, each with a Governor, who is elected at District Convention. In large districts, there is also a Lieut.-Governor. Then follows a Board of Governors, comprising 6 District Governors and immediate Past-President, who select President, 2 Vice-Presidents, and Secretary (who has no vote).

Kin has 8 Districts, each with Governor, Immediate Past Governor, Deputy Governor (elected), Dep. Governor (appointed), District Sec. Treasurer and Historian appointed by Governor. Districts are governed by National Executive.

Round Table is divided into 18 areas, with two representatives from each Club. National Council comprises one or two delegates from each area. Council has administrative powers only.

Top governing body of Apex, of course, is National Council, comprising Secretary-Treasurer, Zone Presidents and two others. In 20-30 International it is the International Council made up of President, Past President, Vice President, six Trustees, and Secretary-Treasurer, who is elected by this Council. The secretary is also magazine editor at a salary of £1200.

Active International governing body varies to the 20-30 in that there are committees to control programmes, attendance, awards, expansion, membership,

etc. Chairman of a committee is appointed by President and board of governors.

Kin of Canada has its National Council made up of National Executive and 8 District Governors. Round Table top body is the Executive Committee, which includes a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and four members of National Council.

## General Notes

In all organisations (except Apex) every club has one or more delegates at National Convention. Both Kin and R.T. use Classification System in selecting members. In R.T. a club under 40 members can have two members of each classification, 40-60 members three of each classification, and above 60 four of each classification.

20-30 allows a Proxy vote at all conferences and Conventions. Kin allows Proxy votes at National Convention.

At Kin National Convention each club has five votes for the first 25 members in the club and another vote for each additional 25 or major part thereof. (Designed to create larger clubs and a greater interest in convention decisions through greater voting power).

Kin National President comes from West of continent one year; East the next.

In 20-30 the club President and Secretary hold office for six months, only though the Secretary usually serves for two terms.

20-30 has two educational meetings each year prior to new club officers taking over their duties. The meetings present a programme of ideas for Presidents, Secretaries and Directors.

Kin adopts an annual National slogan. At the moment it is "The Nation's Greatest Need" (reference is to their cancer campaign).



# 1948 World COUNCIL MEETING

Report by  
LANGDON PARSONS  
1948-49 President

It was my privilege to travel 25,000 miles to a meeting of the World Council of Young Men's Service Clubs, as a representative of Apex. The venue was Hastings, England, and the date was the 24th to the 30th May inclusive.

"Buzz" Nelson (President of the WCYMSC), Gordon Hare (Melbourne Apexian) and I were met in London on Sunday, 23rd May, by Les Crew (National President of Round Table Association of Great Britain and Ireland), who had come up to London especially to drive us to Hastings where we arrived at 6 o'clock that evening. There we were met by the Conference Officers and quite a number of Round Tablers, whose every wish was that we should feel completely at home and should want for nothing. Everything possible was done for our comfort and enjoyment throughout the week we spent at Hastings, and I cannot praise too highly the wonderful hospitality and friendliness which was always in evidence.

## COUNCIL MEETING.

On Monday, 24th May, seven "young men" representing four service organisations met in conference at 10 a.m., at the third annual meeting of the World Council of YMSC. Those present were the World Council President, M. A. "Buzz" Nelson, representing 20-30 International; Charles A. "Doc" Benson, representing Active International; F. Leslie Crew (World Council Vice-President), Oliver Pincock, and G. Ben Woolfenden, all three representing RTBI; and Gordon Hare and J. Langdon Parsons, representing the Association of Apex Clubs. Also present were Mark Marchesi (Founder RTBI), Rodney Lillecrap (Past President of RTBI) and Jack Baldry (Hastings Table Chairman and Conference Committee Chairman).

Jack Baldry welcomed all delegates and assured them that the Hastings Table was at their service at all times.

The President, in welcoming the delegates, expressed regret that the Association of Kinsmen Clubs was not able



Hastings' magnificent waterfront with sylvan background of the beautiful park. The guide book says, "A noble ruin stands sentinel over the town." We wonder if the book was referring to Langdon.

to be represented, at the same time thanking Mr. Baldry for his remarks.

Greetings were received from Jack Ramsey (President of the Association of Kinsmen Clubs), John Northey (Secretary of the Association of Apex Clubs), Duncan Campbell (World Council Secretary), Mr. Visted (President of Norway Round Table Association), The Mayor of Hastings, and Harvey Greenway (Official Kin Delegate to WCYMSC).

Owing to the late circulation of the minutes of last year's meeting they were taken as read.

It was reported that some of Kin's Executives were disappointed with the achievements of the WCYMSC, as well as feeling that the 10 cents per members' subscription was too high. As a consequence, there was likely to be a move made at Kin's National Convention for them to withdraw from the World Council.

Les Crew commented on the very cordial relations existing between RTBI and Kin. He reported on their wonderful Food-For-Britain effort, as well as letters from Kin's President stressing their desire for closer liaison.

A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed that the World Council had not kept member organisations as fully aware of its achievements and ideals as should have been done. The question of expense was also considered and the matter was then deferred for later on in the meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

President "Buzz" Nelson, in presenting his annual report, stated that the last year had shown "the reaping of

some grain planted in previous years—and yet we have so much fertile field yet to develop." He then reported on the World Council's three major objectives, namely, (1) International Correspondence, (2) International Goodwill Week, and (3) Aid-for-Europe.

It was pointed out that the Club-to-Club correspondence scheme will shortly be under way between all Member Organisations, with the exception of Kin. "Buzz" mentioned that this scheme should be given wider publicity and encouragement by the various official publications.

International Goodwill Week was adopted by each of our members and this received a good reception. He recommended that this worthwhile undertaking be again adopted.

Regarding Aid-for-Europe, it was pointed out that each organisation was doing excellent work in this sphere, the outstanding effort to date, being Kin's Food-For-Britain scheme.

It was pointed out that Round Table has expanded very well on the continent of Europe, and that whereas two years ago we represented 12,000 Young Men, to-day the World Council represents approximately 25,000.

In conclusion "Buzz" stated that, ours was a youthful organisation which would of course make mistakes from time to time, he never-the-less felt that we had a bright future in attaining our goal of a true and permanent peace. The Vice-President, Leslie Crew, also reported on the Goodwill Week and was congratulated on the fine job which he had done as Chairman of that Committee.



## WORLD COUNCIL REPORT

## MEMBER ORGANISATIONS.

The President then called on the Delegates representing Member Organisations to give a concise report of their activities during the year. From these reports it found that:—

Active International has 60 clubs with 1853 members.

RTBI has 130 clubs, with 4727 members.

20-30 International has 245 clubs, with 7176 members.

Apex has 50 clubs, with approximately 1600 members.

Kin of Canada has over 7,000 members.

The Round Table Delegates pointed out that the Continental Round Table Associations were growing rapidly, and supplied the following details:—

Denmark, 24 Tables; Netherlands, 11 Tables; Sweden, 7 Tables; Norway, 1 Table; Finland, 1 Table; Belgium, 1 Table; Round Tables in Asia, 4 Tables.

**EXTENSION.** Discussion took place on this aspect, and it was pointed out that there may be other service organisations existing in various parts of the World of which we had no knowledge at all. It was resolved therefore that a committee to make enquiries throughout the World on this matter should be formed.

RTBI advised that they were making strenuous efforts to establish Round Table in South Africa, and it was recorded that "Round Table is making strenuous efforts to become established in South Africa, and it is recommended to organisations of the World Council that they confer direct with Round Table or through the World Council, and that Apex is still attempting to become established in New Zealand, and that other organisations should co-operate in the same way."

Both 20-30 International and Active International advised that neither of them do now have a paid field organiser whose job is to establish new clubs.

## NEW WORLD COUNCIL OFFICERS.

The following appointment of new World Council Officers for 1948-1949 were agreed unanimously:—

President: J. Langdon Parson (Apex).  
Vice-President: G. Ben Woolfenden (Round Table).

Secretary-Treasurer: Gordon Murray (Apex), subject to his acceptance. If refused, the position to be filled by the World Council President).

**FINANCE.** After payment of all accounts, the surplus of cash held was shown to be \$127.50, to which should be added 1947 per capita fees amounting to \$1913.80 cents, showing a balance of \$2041.30 cents.

Les Crew pointed out that the WCYMSC was not a large spender of money, the expenses being small in relation to the total memberships. The total expenditure for 1947 amounted to only \$412.42 cents. He stated that

all members in each organisation should know this, as without the support of the individual members, the WCYMSC could achieve nothing. For this reason he felt that a kind of Inter-Relations Committee should be formed.

Retiring President "Buzz" Nelson in handing over the chair to incoming President Langdon Parsons, stated:—"I want you to know that I have certainly enjoyed being President of your organisation, as one of my particular hobbies has been the World Council, so I have generally tried to give it most of my attention. I think that we can go a long way if we will continue to sit in meetings like this that are friendly with our desire to get together and to state our problems, and to work them out intelligently. I hope that the future officers, and I am sure that we have made some good selections, carry always the thought of friendly co-operation and a sincere desire to attain the goals that the council has."

President Langdon, in occupying the chair, expressed his firm conviction in the future of the World Council, and said that he felt that he could not let the occasion pass "Without recording our sincere thanks to "Buzz" Nelson for the many years of exceptionally fine service he has put into the WCYMSC."

The unanimous thanks of every delegate to "Buzz" Nelson for his work on the Council was carried by acclamation.

## COMMITTEES.

**By Laws Committee.** It was resolved that Doc Benson be responsible, with his Association, for putting into order the By Laws drafted at the last annual meeting, and despatching to the secretary at the earliest possible date.

**Budget Committee.** Leslie Crew and Gordon Hare.

**Information Committee.** "Buzz" Nelson. (Chairman) and Gordon Murray.

**International Goodwill Week Committee.** Doc Benson (Chairman), with a member from each other member organisation.

**Aid for Europe Committee.** Ben Woolfenden (Chairman) with a member from each other member organisation.

**International Correspondence Committee.** Oliver Pincock (Chairman), with a member from each other member organisation.

**Budget Committee.** Leslie Crew and Gordon Hare, subsequently the Budget Committee submitted a budget with recommendations for the year 1948-1949, and considerable discussion took place as to whether any money should be paid out towards travelling expenses to delegates to the Hastings Conference. It was ultimately resolved that

the Budget Committee's suggestion be accepted that 40 per cent of the actual travelling expenses of one delegate from each association present at Hastings be paid out of World Council funds. "Buzz" Nelson dissented.

The Finance Committee presented a statement of monies held by Member Associations in the WCYMSC, together with recommendations as to where these various amounts should be paid or held, and these were adopted unanimously.

It was subsequently moved that "All Member Organisations of the World Council be billed for the per capita tax of 10 cents per member as at 1st January, 1948, the reason for this was that it is anticipated that at least 25 per cent. of each delegate's travelling expenses to Australia in 1949 will be able to be refunded from World Council funds.

**Finance Committee for the new financial year.** Gordon Hare

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the necessary expenses as shown in the last year's financial statement.

The Council agreed to forego the bonding of their treasurer for the forthcoming term.

A long discussion took place on the desirability of holding meetings of the WCYMSC every other year instead of each year, and after many points had been put forward it was resolved that a committee be appointed to investigate the suggestion that bi-annual meetings should be considered and that the committee report at the next annual meeting to be held in Australia.

It was resolved that the committee for investigating the suggestion of bi-annual meetings be composed of the Presidents of the respective organisations under the Chairmanship of the present President of the World Council.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the World Council be held on the 12th, 13th, and 14th April, 1949, at Geelong, Victoria.

It was resolved that an International expansion committee be formed under the chairmanship of Gordon Hare with power to add if he desires, to endeavour to find out if other Young Men's Service Clubs exist in other parts of the World, with a view to assisting them as well as possibly learning from them.

It was agreed that a certificate be presented by the World Council to the retiring President and Secretary.

It was agreed that each member organisation be requested to contribute space in each issue of their magazine to the activities of World Council.

It was agreed that Doc Benson try to make an appointment to see Jack Ramsey of Kin at his July meeting.

It was agreed that Gordon Hare should endeavour to attend the meeting of the Montreal Kin Club during his Canadian visit, obtain information, as previously agreed, from Duncan Campbell, and also try to see Ed. Freeland, Kin National Vice-President.

Best "crack" of the Convention:  
"Buzz" Nelson's advice to pink-eyed Langdon one "morning after"—"Don't open your eyes wide, you'll bleed to death."



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## Mid Term Report-2018-2019

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Date: 25th January 2019

Mr. Global Chairman, respectable National President, Apex India, Apex Australia, Apex Malaysia, Apex Singapore, Apex Sri Lankan, Apex Fiji, honorable Life Governors and Past National Presidents, my companions in the National Board, Learned Delegates & Observers, Distinguished Guests, Ladies, Gentlemen and beloved Kids, Assalamualaikum.

As the association leader for 2018, it is indeed a great pleasure and pride for me to place the Mid-term Report of the activities of Apex Bangladesh before this January gathering for your consideration and adoption. The period of this report began on 20-01-2018 and ended on 25.01.2019

You have heard, in the mean time, reports from all directors on their respective directorates and the National Vice President. Thus you have got a picture of the activities of the association. Yet, I put forward this brief report of overall functions and activities of Apex Bangladesh for the purpose of record and further information. However, I would like to remember, with respect and honor, all our predecessors whose untiring efforts brought Apex movement to present position in Bangladesh since 1961. Before proceed further, I remember with heavy heart all those active and retired Apexian and the relatives of Apexians who passed away during the reporting period. May Allah grant mercy to those departed soul and keep them in eternal peace.

### **APEX SECRETARIATE & DORMATORY :**

We are responsible to maintain the property of Apex National Secretariate, Sadek Hossain Khuka Road, Motijheel, Dhaka & dormatory flat at Green Road Resort# 2, Flat# 8-C, Green Road, Dhaka. Now rent is going Monthly 17,000/- which is being deposited in Apex Education Fund regularly. This year I have commenced by renting as a permanent Secretariat at Sadek Hossain Khuka Road, Motijheel, Dhaka. This Secretariate opened on 30th November 2018. This is our great achievement.

## **Installation of National Board 2018 :**

Present National Board was installed on the concluding day of 42nd Annual Convention held in Cox's Bazar from 19 January to 20 January, 2018. LG & PNP Apxn. T K Barai Tarun handed over the symbol of authority GLAVEL to me from the predecessor Apxn. Khurshid-Ul-Alam Arun IPNP and garlanded me 'Jewel of National President'. It was a great and remarkable evening of my life as I was entrusted with the responsibility to lead Apex Bangladesh. I expressed my appreciation and then introduced the elected members of 2018 National Board. After getting the Jewel and Appreciation I inducted the NBM's & few NO's of 2018 before the floor.

After inducted the NBM's & NO's I declared the theme of the Association for 2018 SERVE FOR CHANGE and inaugurated its design banner.

Condolence : In the eve of presenting my report I would like to pay condolences to the Apexians whom we have lost & also the relatives of Apexians who are no more. We deeply mourn and pray to Allah for their departed soul.

Orientation Program: (Date:09th February-2018)

I would like to categorize Apex training sessions in 3 groups in following manner

(a) NBMs, DGs, NS & NT : All elected National Board Members NIRD - NED and District Governors of 2018 National Board were provided training on their respective portfolio by the past and experienced National Leaders like LG & PNP Md. Kader Nawaz, LG & PNP T. K. Barai Tarun, PNP Apxn. Hasan Ferdous Jewel, PNP Apxn. Aslam Hossain, LG Apxn. Mosharraf Hossain Mishu at the very beginning of this tenure. I have requested the trainers to focus the national president theme SERVE FOR CHANGE.

(b) National Schooling : National Schooling was held on 02th March-2018 at Engrs Institution Auditorium, Ramna, Dhaka. Many Apexians attended the Schooling from many clubs. The resource persons of that program were LG & PNP Kutubuddoula, LG & PNP Md. Kader Nawaz, LG & PNP T K Barai Tarun. I express my gratitude for their involvement. I am thankful to National Action Director Apxn. M Anamul Haque Milon for arranging such a successful National Schooling.

(c) District Schooling: This District Schooling were organized in all district under Apex Bangladesh. All these District Schooling were successfully completed by its purpose and target. The DGs of respective Districts, District Boards and NAD worked hard to make those Schoolings meaningful. NVP, IPNP, others National Board Directors and national leaders participated in many of those Schoolings. I have attended all above-mentioned programs. I express my sincere gratitude to all honorable resource persons for their altruistic contribution.

(d) Leadership Training : Apex Bangladesh organized 3 days long residential Leadership Training in 2018. This year leadership training was held from 30-31 August to 01st September 2018 at BRDTI, Sylhet. In this year DG-3 Apxn. Dr. Hasan Ali organized a day long Leadership Training program and DG-08 Apxn. Munabbar Hossain Selim organized 2 day long residential Leadership Training. Special thanks Apxn Monabbor Hossain Selim Dist Governor-8.



Statistics of National Board Meeting : I mentioned here under the details of National Board Meetings :

Meeting Number	Date	Venue	Attendance
Post-Convention	20-01-18	Green Viwe Hotel, Cox's Bazar	100%
Special	09-02-18	Grand Dorbar Hotel, Dhaka	95%
1st	06-04-18	Rahmania Roof-top Hotel, Dhaka	90%
2nd	27-07-18	Golden City Hotel, Zindabazar, Sylhet	75%
3rd	26-10-18	Rahmania Rooftop Restaurent, Dhaka	100%
Pre-Convention	11/01/19	Palton Tower, Dhaka	100%

**Correspondence & Communication** : This year all the National Board Members & all District Governors have issued a record number of correspondences for the whole year. National Secretary Apxn. G M Morshed has done his duty satisfactorily. A good number of clubs were regular in preparing and distributing the New Year Greetings, Invitation card, Dinner Meeting Agenda & Minutes and other circulars. This is a digital era communication. All the clubs maintained communication through the social media especially by the Facebook. Every program highlighted here instantly.

Further, I and NS has used our cell phones to keep on contacts and extending fellowship to everyday. Besides Official reasons I and NS made phone calls and forwards SMS to most of the Clubs, NBMs, LG&PNPs, PNPs, Lgs, LMs and NOs and many key Apexians of Apex Clubs of Bangladesh.

This year we have made a lot of correspondence at International level. We also received a lot of mails from others Apex Associations & Apex Global.

#### **CLUB CHANGE-OVER CEREMONY :**

Changeover ceremony is social gathering day for the fellow Clubs. Club Board of 2017 formally handed over the responsibility to it successor of 2018 to fulfill its constitutional obligation in a Changeover Ceremony before 31st MAY 2018. All Clubs completed its Changeover Ceremony; respective DGs conducted the Changeover Ceremony and lead the Oath of Club Board 2018.

During my tenure as I insisted all Clubs to invite persons as the Guests of this program who has certain rank and status so that the National Leaders would not be embarrassed. Most Clubs organized the ceremony grandly where local elite and dignitaries were invited as guests. With the handing over ceremony many Club rendered service to assist under privileged people. A few Clubs accorded reception to the newly elected National Board along with

Changeover program. I had the opportunity to induct new Apexians at such functions. Further to inform you that few Clubs organized Changeover Ceremony jointly.

I have attended such ceremony of Apex Clubs of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Dhaka North, Gulshan, and Ramna of District – 1, Shariatpur, Madaripur, Dhaka Central, Gazipur, Dhaka Metropolitan, Mirpur of District - 2; Bandorbon, Baroawalia, Patenga, Coxbazar, Chokoria, Chittagong of District - 3; Sylhet, Sylhet Metropolitan, South Surma, Rose Garden, Sanctum Sylhet, Holicity, Greenhills Sylhet, Sunamgonj, and Biswanath of District - 4; Barisal, Pirujpur, Bagerhat, Borguna, of District - 5; Jessore, Jessore City, Nabarun, Narail, Rajanigandha, Kush-tia, of District - 6; Bogra, Koratoa, Rangpur, Gobindogonj, Tista, Dinajpur and Purnavaba of District - 7; Comilla, Comilla City, Noakhali, Feni, Megna, Birsestro, B Baria, Ustad Aluddin of District - 8 and Natore, Nowgoan, Rajshahi, Chapainawabgonj and Barendra of District - 9. My special thanks to all those Apexians who participated in these ceremonies other than their own Club and to NVP, IPNP, NBMs, National Secretary, Treasurer and NOs for their attendance at those ceremony.

Members of Association: Apex Bangladesh introduced Personal per-capita systems in 2010. This year members increased and it reached up to 2675 Apexians. I express my thanks to all NBMs, DGs for success of the system.

District	Charter Club	U/C Club	Memembs on 2018	as	Members in UC Club
District-1	17	1	452		11
District-2	18	1	326		
District-3	14	5	289		44
District-4	15	1	316		11
District-5	8	2	195		22
District-6	14	2	349		22
District-7	9	1	222		11
District-8	16	1	381		14
District-9	9	145			
Total	<b>120</b>	<b>2675</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>152</b>

**Apex Education Fund: Present Balance in education fund as on 31.12.2018 Tk: 24,42,217/- Only**

**Apex Development Fund:**

**Apex Service Fund: Present Balance in Service fund as on 31.12.2018 Tk: 3,353/- only**

**Apex Zakat Fund: Present Balance in education fund as on 31.12.2018 Tk: Nil/- Only**



## DISTRICT CONVENTIONS :

I am happy to inform you that I attended each of those District Conventions. NVP Apxn. M A Kaium Chowdhury, IPNP Apxn. Khurshid-UI-Alam Arun, many National Board Directors and DGs, National Officials also attended the Conventions. I mention below a short detail of those Conventions:

Dist No.	Host Club	Date	Place of Convention
1	Dhaka North	30-11-18	Supreme Court Bar Association Auditorium
2	Dhaka Central	01-12-18	Engrs Institutions Auditorium, Ramna, DHaka
3	Bar-Awlia	15-12-18	Agrabad Restaurent, Chittagong
4	Sunamgonj	02-11-18	Zilla Parisad Auditorium, Sylhet
5	Borguna	16-11-18	Parjoton Corporation, Kuakata, Potuakhali
6	Jessore	23-11-18	Joyoti, Jassore
7	Dinajpur	09-11-18	Press Club Auditorium, Dinajpur
8	Noakhali	14-12-18	Noakhali
9	Rajshahi	10-11-18	Simanta Restaurent, Rajshahi

## PUBLICATIONS, PUBLICITY & MEDIA COVERAGE :

I would like to inform you this issue under following headings:

**(a) Apex Directory-2018** : Apex Directory 2018 was published on the 13th of June 2018 at Hotel Golden City, Zindabazar, Sylhet at a formal opening ceremony. 632 paged current Directory is the thickest Directory in the history of Apex Bangladesh. It contains many important information on various matters alongside a lot of details of Apexians of all Apex Cubs. This year the Directory is said to be a complete work of good publication. Its design, get-up, color etc, were noteworthy. I thank NAD Apxn. M Anamul Haque Milon for his great efforts for the publication of the same. I take this opportunity to thank all other who also played significant role which include NS Apxn. G M Morshed & Apxn G.M Samdany (Apex Club of Comilla City) in printing of the Directory.

**(b) Apex Barta** : 3 Issues of "Apex Barta" were published during this year. These issues contained sufficient information relating to Apex movement at various levels that took place in various areas of Bangladesh. Apxn. Shahin (Member, Megna Club) should be given credit for same.

**(C) President Bulletin**: We have received 1 issue of the 'President Bulletin' through its editor Apxn. Adv. Masudur Rahman (Member, Shariatpur). It was also up to the mark. I thank for his efforts.

**(d) Media Coverage :** We still are behind in getting the benefit of media coverage. However, during this tenure many of our activities, Cycling Rally against MADAK, were telecast through various TV Channels. Numerous news, sometimes with respective photos were published on national and local dailies and periodicals. Our standard and nature of service and other activities should be raised and such persons should be invited in those programs as guest so that the 'Press' gets interest to cover the program and do needful to publish/telecast such programs.

## **EXTENTION IN CLUB & MEMBERSHIP**

### **Membership Driven Month :**

This year Apex Bangladesh organized a program for increasing Club Membership and Club Extension which was held in 2018, of Engrs Institution Auditorium, Ramna, Dhaka. We also distributed Leaflet, Membership form. I express my thanks to NED Apxn. Alhaji Helal Uddin.

### **Formation of New Clubs:**

We have also inaugurated 8 new clubs namely Apex Club of Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Kaptai, Chandaish under District # 3, Apex Club of Mohimaganj under District-07. Apex Club of Doulotpur, Apex Club of Munshi Meherullah Under Dist-6, Apex Club of Khanaighat Dist-4, & Apex Club of Dhaka South Under Dist-1 The activities of uncharted Clubs are being satisfactory. Further to inform you that about 200 new Apexians were enrolled in Apex through various Clubs. I welcome these new members and expect that they bring new hope for our future.

### **Club Chartership:**

It is my gratification to inform you that this year National Board has granted 'CHARTER' to 7 Clubs. We have reached the 120 Charter Clubs milestone this year. Charter clubs are- Apex Club of Ctg Central (114), Nilachal (115), Vasha Shaheed Salam (116), Tangail (117), Chapai City (118), Sirajgonj (119). Pabna (120),

### **Charter Certificate Presentation Ceremony :**

I am very much lucky to get the opportunity to handover the Charter Certificate to following Apex Clubs. I give special thank The District Governors of respective District and NED for their co-operation to make such nights purposeful and enjoyable.

Apex Club of Ctg Central (114), Nilachal (115), Vasha Shaheed Salam (116), Tangail (117), Chapai City (118), Sirajgonj (119). Pabna (120), their Charter Night

### **CLUB VISIT :**

I visited most of the Clubs, even 2 or 3 times to attend their Changeover, Dinner & Board Meetings and Service projects under all Districts. I thank all the apexians of those Clubs for according me great honor and for taking great care during the visit. Inshallah I shall visit those Clubs next time that I could not visit during my tenure of Presidency.



## **ACCOUNTS**

As per provision and practice on Apex Bangladesh National Treasurer Apxn. Md. Rabiul Islam will place the Association Accounts in due time. I thank NT for maintaining Association Accounts properly.

## **NATIONAL PROGRAMS & CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES**

During this period, I have attended all National Programs by myself which was held according to Year Plan. All Board Members & DGs have arranged different observance programs which are described below. Various Clubs observed those national days/programs independently or jointly besides Association.

### **Suleman Khan Apex Award:**

Apex Bangladesh gave life time achievement to country's two renowned persons for their special contribution in the medical field and Journalism. We honored renowned Cardiologist and National Professor Brigadier General (Rtd.) Dr. Abdul Malik and Famous Journalist Mr. Abed Khan. We gave them 50,000/- taka each.

### **Indo-Bangla Friendship:**

I visited India for 3 days. As a National President of Apex Bangladesh, Apex Club of Bali (Kolkata) gave me a reception.

6 Members from Apex India led by National President of Apex India Apxn. Diptendra Chatterjee attended District Convention of 3, 6 & 8.

## **INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS LANGUAGE DAY & SHAHID DIBAS :**

The NYCD Apxn. Sujit Kumar Shaha Subrata arranged the observance program on behalf of the Association in Dhaka on 21st February 2018. 60 persons were in the team who gathered to pay respect and express condolence to the martyrs of the Language Movement by planning placing flowers at Shahid Minar. Refreshment was provided and Cap & Base was given to all participants. NYCD also arranged an Art & Recitation program that day.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY :**

Independence Day was celebrated befittingly by the Association and Clubs. Centrally the day was observed through a rally and paying respect & honor by placing flower at National gravestone at Savar. More than 50 Apexians attended the program. Also, NYCD also arranged this program.

### **BANGLA NABA BARSHA :**

Bangla Naba Barsha, which is rather known as Pahela Baishakh was observed befittingly. 80 to 100 Apexians including few LGs, PNPs visited Bangladesh Family Planning Association on 14th April 2018. They were entertained with traditional Bangla food, Muri-Murki and finally Cultural program. NYCD also arrange this program.

### **APEX FOUNDATION DAY :**

57th Anniversary of Apex Bangladesh was celebrated by the National Association on 20 July 2018 at Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Auditorium, Dhaka. Mr. Abul Mal Abdul Muhit, Honorable Finance Minister of The People's Republic of the Bangladesh Government graced the occasion as Chief Guest & Sagufta Yasmin Amili graced the occasion as Special Guest. About 500 Apexians & their family members attended the program and enjoyed the cultural program arranged for the purpose. I thank Apxn. Sujit Kumar Shaha Subrata (NYCD) and other NBMs who gave special efforts to make that program successful.

**Apex Anti Drug Rally:** For the first time in the history of Apex Bangladesh, the club arranged two consecutive Anti-Drug Cyclist Rallies. The rally took place on 20 July of this year. It started from Manik Miah Ave at 9 o'clock morning and ended at National Press Club, Dhaka. About 300 Cyclists participated in the rally. Many officials of the Government and national figures were present at the rally. The second rally took place in Khulna on 16th October. More than 200 Cyclists rode in that rally. The Mayor of Khulna Jb. Talukder Abdul Khalek inaugurated the rally as the chief guest. Social media like news papers & private TV channels covered that program in their news.

### **Apex Service Month :**

Service is the main motto along with Citizenship and Fellowship of our beloved Association and Apex is the service based International Club. June was the Service month for 2018 which was formally inaugurated on 25th May 2018 at FPAB Auditorium, Dhaka. I was present in the inauguration program. Plenty of service works of different natures were done during the month by all Apex Clubs throughout the country. Former UN Secretary General Dr. Abdul Momen attended this program as the Chief Guest. I also attended many such programs in various Clubs.

### **NATIONAL IFTAR PARTY & MEET THE LG & PNPS :**

Apex Bangladesh organized an Iftar Mahfil during Ramadan on 25 May 2018 at Bangladesh Family Planning Association, Dhaka. 110 Apexians were present in the mahfil.

### **APEX Citizenship Months :**

Apex week was declared from 1st November to 31st Dec 2018. During those 2 months several Clubs organized service projects for the underprivileged community. Discussion meetings at many Clubs were also held to commemorate the week.

### **VICTORY DAY :**

We have celebrated the National Victory Day on 16th December. 26 apexians went to Chittagong on 16th Dec-2018 Smriti Soudho in Chittagong and placed wreath in respect of the martyr of the soil.



### **NATIONAL PICNIC & President Conference :**

National Picnic & President Conference were held on 07th December 2018 along with National Board Meeting at Chowrangi Floating Restaurant and Fantasy Park, Narayanganj. Total 476 Apexians were present in that program. It was a colorful program. I thank all Apexians who had a part in organizing the ceremony.

### **CLEAN BANGLADESH:**

To make people aware of the street's cleanliness, Apex Bangladesh inaugurates Clean Bangladesh Program enclosure at Hazrat Shahporan (R.) Mazar premises, I myself, National Board Directors, District Governors and many Apexians were participated in the program. 26 Clubs of Apex Bangladesh organized Clean Bangladesh program in various places of the country.

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After the discussion meeting, we have handed over 8 brand new Wheel Chairs to some physically handicap people in Dhaka and Sylhet through the NP, NVP. NSD. Apxn. Jahangir Alom Kurshid should be thanked for his efforts to make the Service Month successful. I also thank all Clubs who came forward to serve the community during the month. Lots of service projects were taken this year by various Apex Clubs. You have meanwhile heard the report of National Service Director had placed a details report on the service activities of Apex Bangladesh.

### **Apex International Anti Drug Rally :**

For the first time Apex International observed an Anti- Drug rally with two Apexians cycling from Rupsha of Khulna to Hawra of Kolkata. Ananda Bazar, a famous magazine of India published this story in their paper.

### **Clean Bangladesh Poster :**

This year colored posters of standard size campaigning to come forward to serve the less fortunate people was published and circulated throughout Bangladesh via Apex Clubs for the first time in Apex Bangladesh. I am thankful to NYCD for this.

**AGM:**

All Apex Clubs completed their AGM within 30th November 2018. This is one of the continuation programs for clubs. In the AGM, clubs discussed their activities of the year plan for future. The club elections were also completed in the AGM. National Officials were the AGM official observers. NVP, IPNP, NBMs, DGs, National Officials supervise and attend the club AGMs. I express my thanks to all concerned for their contribution for success of the events.

**INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

I have made a good number of international communications with Apex Global, Chairman, WOCO Foundation in Malta. Apex Bangladesh could not attend the World Council Conference due to unavailability of the visa to the apexians. However, there were contacts with others Associations of Apex Global such as India, Singapore, Philippines, Australasia and Malaysia. I express thanks to NIRD and NS to cooperate me regarding this matter. I and 16 other apexians attended the meeting

**APEX GLOBAL :**

Apex Global is formed by 8 Apex Associations. These associations are Australia, Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Philippine, and Singapore. I believe, an umbrella Association like Apex Global is necessary for the betterment of Apex movement.

**Apex Convention of Singapore:**

DG-2 Apxn Ali Lead the convention of Apex Singapore Convention. 13 Members from Apex Bangladesh were participated this convention

**Apex Malaysia Convention & Apex Global Convention:**

I have attended the convention of Apex Malaysia & Apex Global Convention. 16 Members from Apex Bangladesh were participated this convention.

**Apex Convention Of Australia**

This year Apex Bangladesh sent an ambassador to Australia to participate in convention organized By Apex Australia.

**WEB SITE :**

Apex Bangladesh WEB site was inaugurated in the year 2007. This year plenty of new information were provided to make it more useful and attractive. I thank all concerned people and the WEB Master Apxn. Dip Ray.



**APEX BANGLADESH FOUNDATION :**

I believe, the relationship and understanding in between Apex Bangladesh Foundation and Apex Bangladesh is warm this year than any other previous tenure. I have attended Apex Foundation AGM as the Special Guest held in Asian Hotel & Resorts, 34/1 Topkhana, Road Dhaka on 30th March- 2018. A good number of Apexians also took part. I have also attended few of their Management Board Meetings. The Foundation have extended due honor to your National President. Similarly, the current Chairman Apxn Mosarrof Hossain Mishu was invited to many Club and National programs as honorable guest. Further we remember and recognize its assistance in the form of clothing and cash money.

**PNP FORUM :**

Apex Bangladesh organized a PNP Forum Meeting as on 25th May-2018 at Paribar Porikol-pona Adidoptor, Nayapolon, Dhaka

**APEX SECRETARIAT & APEX BACK DORMITORY :**

The National Secretariat and Apex Back Dormitory is permanent address of Apex Bangladesh. National Board has been facing problems to take its legal grip on it for various reasons. I have been trying my best for registration but there are some unsettled issues relating to fund. I hope the problems will be solved and we shall be able to do registration in the name of Apex Bangladesh.

**GRATITUDE and APPRECIATION :**

I gratefully acknowledge the advice, support, and cooperation and counseling on Global secretary Apxn Naidu.

Thanking you all for giving me a patience hearing & requesting you to accept the Association Report.

Yours - in - Apex,

**Apxn. Syed Moazzem Hossain Shebul**  
National President-2018

## Brisbane Valley's 1000th Dinner

Take a bow Brisbane Valley Apex Club! In March over 80 guests celebrated the proud history of the club, sharing incredible stories of catching brumbies in the 1970s to raise funds for the very first Blue Nurses vehicle to support the local community, selling watermelons to raise money for Cyclone Tracy victims in 1974, rebuilding from low membership numbers in the 1980s, peeling potatoes and cooking chips to raise money, adjudicating public speaking, taking on the management of the Christmas Tree event, hosting the state convention in 1999, Anzac Day events and huge annual auctions. Brisbane Valley is certainly a club worth celebrating.

Pictured at right is incoming Club President Jade Mooney, Qld Opposition Leader Deb Frecklington and national board representative Bethany Paterson.



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