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Apex is the Australian young men's aggressive citizenship and community service organisation, founded in Geelong, Vic. on 10th March 1931 by 3 architects - Ewen Laird CBE, Langham Proud CBE and Sir John Buchan CMG.

It is now operating in 10 countries in the Pacific Asian hemisphere.

It is a non-sectarian and non party political organisation.

The word "Apex" represents:

"The height of ambition"

Membership age limits are 18 - 40 years.

The ideals of Apex are:

To make the Ideal of service the basis of all enterprise.

To develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship.

To provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and

building better communities.

To promote International understanding and friendship.

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NYNGAN - A TOWN AFLOAT

Nyngan means "long pond" in Aboriginal. Perhaps the Aboriginals knew something that we did not.

Apex had quite an involvement that lead up to the flooding of this Western New South Wales town, and is in fact still involved in the recovery process. After a lot of publicity, uniformed media reports, and poor commentary I, as a member of the Dubbo Apex Club, feel it necessary to let Apexians know what Apex's involvement was in Nyngan.

The call came to our Club on Saturday 21 April 1990, to assist with the filling of sandbags in Dubbo. These bags were for storage in Dubbo in case of an emergency. This emergency never eventuated in Dubbo. We also put out radio calls for farmers to bring in bags suitable for use as sandbags. An interesting side thought to this is that most of us, prior to that Saturday, had never had anything to do with sandbags.

Literally thousands of bags were collected and we set about filling them at a rate of up to 750 per hour. These bags were destined for Nyngan, as the situation was not looking very good out there. They had been building up the levy since Thursday, 19 April. We loaded two semi trailers totalling approximately 60 ton of sandbags and, with the balance of the empty bags, sent these to Nyngan.

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REDFORD ON CREST

Crest/Xepa/Women's Apex and finally the Association of Women's Apex Clubs. Why is it that National Board voted 6:1 in favour of the Association of Women's Apex Clubs signalling the abandonment of the Association of Crest Clubs? Why is it that at least 6 Crest Clubs approached National Board asking for permission to use our logo and become a parallel organisation? The answer to these and other questions is not simple. National Vice President Angus Redford does his best to answer these and other questions.

Whither Crest/Xepa?

Over the last 10 to 15 years there has been significant community debate and change concerning the role of women in our community. There has been a plethora of legislation establishing equal rights for women and bureaucracies set up to ensure that women do have equality of opportunity.

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HOW WILL THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CAMPAIGN AFFECT YOU?

Coming to you or your Club on a regular basis through the mail or at Convention and Seminars will be training and information on topics such as:

- Why you feel proud to be an Apexian?
- How to approach the public
- How to ensure your Club's viability in your community
- Why invite others to share Apex?
- How to retain members

As well as information and case studies on the ways in which Clubs have succeeded in membership growth, and forming new Clubs.

Personal congratulations from National President Jim Hughes when you introduce a new member.

Prestigious award to all Clubs achieving 60% growth. (minimum starting point 18 members)

DON'T WAIT FOR IT TO HAPPEN MAKE IT HAPPEN !!

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Apexians,

With us all having now survived the major changes of the LaTrobe Valley National Convention Apex can now look forward to a period of stability and growth. The future of the Association is in all of our hands and I urge all Apexians to join us in expanding this great organisation of ours. The new National Board comprises the following dedicated Apexians. Please get to know them and give them your total support.

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Over the next twelve months a major emphasis on Citizenship is taking place. We need Apexians at all levels to have a voice in their community and to utilize that voice.

60 Clubs in Two Years

The other major activity commencing now and continuing over the next two years is to start 60 new Apex Clubs for our Jubilee year. Yes that's right, Apex will be 60 years old in March 1991 and major plans are afoot to celebrate throughout Australia. Major events scheduled for 1991 are:

The Diamond Jubilee National Convention
Venue: Perth, Western Australia
Time: Easter
Worth coming to?
Don't miss it!

Diamond Jubilee Dinner
Venue: Geelong (our birth place)
Date: March 1991

Municipal Dinner
Venue: Throughout Australia

Fellows, the next twelve months will be action packed with the above and a host of other major activities.

Please join us in "Getting the Experience" of expanding Apex over the next 2 years. Thank you to past National President Iain Evans and his Board for their achievements over the last year. The ball is now in our hands, and the goals are in sight.

Best Wishes,

JIM HUGHES
National President.



National President Jim Hughes

GREEN BACKS FIFTH IDEAL

Our fifth Ideal -

To promote opportunities for young Australians to fully develop their potential.

If the above statement was our fifth Ideal would Apex treat the youth portfolio with respect, I believe so!

How many Clubs and Zones appoint or elect a Youth Director or Chairman? I would expect around fifty percent of Clubs and eighty percent of zones have youth positions. Apex Clubs are not serious with youth, although some Clubs are switched on to the needs of their youth. Apex at National, Zone and Club level should learn from these Clubs who have a go. If your Club does something positive for youth please write and inform me.

I, among four or five hundred odd Apexians and families had the honour to hear one of our Co-Founders, address the Morwell National Convention. During Sir John Buchan's address, a challenge was given to Apex.

-Let's put Youth back into Apex

How many times has this motto been said? Hundreds, may be so but why? Is it because we never succeed to become more youthful, our average age is still around the 32-33 year old mark.

Sir John emphasised various ways to put Apex to the front on youthful matters. Are these challenges going to be left to the National Youth Committees (all Zone Youth Chairmen) to develop and promote these challenges and as always end up with very little in return.

All Apexians should take this challenge head on, then the return will be greater than the input. When is Apex at the so familiar level, the Grass Roots going to accept a challenge and achieve something that all Apexians would be proud of, that all young people would be proud of, our nation would be proud of.

It is not for me or the youth committee to tell you what to do. I see it as the direct opposite. The Apexian or Club, District or Zone upon accepting the challenge should give the committee some direction, some information, or whatever but do something, be positive, be proud.

A Youth forum for Apexians thirty and under, Sir John's idea, should we accept this idea? This forum could take place anywhere you the Apexian wish. Does Apex

want to have the knowledge and confidence of our youth? Should we be their spokesman and trustee?



National Youth Convenor - James Green

Each Club or district could sponsor a young Apexian to this forum, imagine 750 young Apexians with their ideas and vision, formulating a youth policy, that Apex can actively promote at all levels of Apex. Let's be their spokesmen and trustees, do you agree?

Who was lucky to hear the words of Susan Begg, a seventeen year old Melbourne schoolgirl with a vision of a better world. She was selected to speak at the United Nations Conference on the 29th June. Her message to the delegates was to stop the rhetoric and save the ozone layer. Apex should congratulate Susan for her efforts. Susan is taking a challenge head on.

A YOUNG APEX?

National Board is currently considering to adopt another association "the young Apex Clubs of Australia". A change of idea to our current youth organisation SUMMIT. The major difference would be the age limits and lesser constitutional ties. The basis age group is being suggested to be 12 - 17 year old group. Members would be both male and female, with the chance of joining Apex or the parallel women's organisation at the age of eighteen.

The 'young Apex Club would operate very similar to SUMMIT, learning the basic skills of meeting procedure and many other life skills. The members would as a group have the ability to make policy and decisions on many issues, whether on a local level or at large. Should Apex actively promote this Idea?

I hope all incoming Club Presidents have made the correct decision to include a youth director on the Club Boards. This is the first positive step towards promoting opportunities for our youth. The second positive step is to ensure that your youth director is ONE HUNDRED PERCENT youth oriented.

I have imposed many questions that need answers, are you as an active Apexian willing to answer these questions positively and to take up the challenges our co founder Sir John Buchan had mentioned.

JAMES GREEN
National Youth Convenor

Letter to Editor

LET'S BECOME "THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YOUTH OF AUSTRALIA"

Over the past years, I have written on a number of occasions to the Editor of "The Apexian" re my receiving several copies of this journal.

As you probably know, I am a Life Member of both the Adelaide & Glenelg Apex Clubs in addition to my Association Life Governorship.

For some years I received three (3) copies of "The Apexian" but ultimately the message got through partially in that the 3 copies became 2. I imagine that the copy "dropped off" was the one to be sent by the Association, whilst the 2 copies I now receive are from the Apex Clubs of Adelaide and Glenelg, both of which would be charged for same.

In the first place, I want only one copy in future, which I consider should be because of my Life Governorship. Secondly, I consider that neither Adelaide or Glenelg should be required to pay in future. Please arrange to have something done in this matter.

The following trivia may be of use if you are short of copy some time. "Langdon Parsons wonders whether any Apexians can claim to exceed the number of "Dinner Badges" to which he has been entitled, namely Foundation Member of Apex Club of Adelaide, Hon. Secretary of Adelaide Apex, President, Adelaide Apex, Zone 1 Vice President, Zone 1 President, Chairman, Apex International Relations Committee, President,

Apex Club of Glenelg, Apex National President, Life Member of Adelaide Apex, Life Member of Glenelg Apex, Association Life Governor, President W.O.C.O. Total 12."

I enjoy receiving "The Apexian" as it keeps me in touch with my first love, Apex. Keep up the good work.

Yours in Apex

LANGDON PARSONS.

(Editors Comments - Well Langdon you have issued a strong challenge - who can beat Langdon's record!!).

SUNSHINE STATE



Queensland President Mark Ballin

Queensland consists of 2 Zones, Zone 6 and Zone 11. The two Zones shall become one as from

October 1990 administered by a State Board. There is still some minor resistance from Clubs who cannot accept the majority decision.

Queensland has two Children's Camps (1) Suncoast Children's Camp at the mouth of the Maroochy River north of Brisbane. The Apexians of Zone 6 have built this camp from scratch and is valued at some \$700,000 today. The camp is open to all Apexians to visit. Private bookings can be made as a group. The second camp is situated near Coolmunda Dam some 14 kilometres from Inglewood south west Queensland. We do have a 99 year lease on the 8 acres of land and the District 2 Board owns the buildings valued at \$35,000. Plans are underway for major improvements at this camp.

Queensland Clubs have Arm, a drug awareness scheme and the Life Education Units as service schemes over the last few years. The Queensland Guide Dogs Association will receive the benefit of some \$25,000 raised for their organisation.

As I travel around Zone 11 I shall be more aware of the service projects and schemes that have been undertaken by the various Clubs, one that does come to mind is that of the Ingham Apex Club who have just completed stage 2 of the aged persons unit in their city - well done Ingham Apex.

The last Zone 11 Convention will be held at Innisfail on 7,8 & 9 September this year and the last Zone 6 Convention will be held at Caloundra on the 5,6 & 7 October 1990.

I believe that both Conventions will be well attended and all attending shall see the old Zones

out with style. Our first Queensland Convention shall be held at Bribie Island in August 1991.

I look forward to working with all Apexians over the next 12 months to make Apex a better organisation that it is now.

Yours in Active Apex in the '90's.
MARK BALLIN
Queensland State President 1990-91.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

POLITICAL V's PARTY POLITICAL

I recently attended another Apex Club meeting where a short discussion took place on Apex and Political Stands.

Unfortunately too many Apexians over the years get very confused as to where Apex stands in respect of Politics.

Apex as an organisation is:
'APOLITICAL'

Or as Article 3 of the Constitution states:

"The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian"

This simply means that it has no affiliations to any Political Party or religious group. This means that it can not support the Liberal, Labour, National or Democratic Parties to name just a few. It does not mean that Apex cannot have a political stand and lobby politicians.

Indeed if Apex had not taken political stands such things as the Flying Doctors, the Apex Chalet, etc. may not have become realities. Politics is after all decision making or the

TO MEMBERS OF APEX CLUBS
ALL OVER AUSTRALIA

Let me start by telling you all a little about myself. I am currently 20 years old and I live in Moe, a small, but productive town in East Victoria. I have lived here in Moe for eight years. In that time, I think I have doubled my time worth of Life's ups and downs. Now most would say at present being as far down as it gets, but I don't see it that way. You see I had a driving accident in February

influencing of decision making by Governments, Companies and people. Apex over the years have resolved at various conferences to Governments to take action on such things as Road Construction, Seat belts, and even taxes.

Clearly, as part of Citizenship, Apex in general has a role to play in politics, even if it is just influencing Local Government to put a bus shelter on a street corner.

MARK OLSON
Dinner Notice Editor.

Editors Comment:

I could not agree more. The sooner Apex gets more aggressive in its citizenship activities the better it will be for us

of 1989, in which I broke my neck at C6 level rendering me paralysed from my chest down and with minimal use of my hands and arms. With such an accident it not only damages your body and emotions but that of those around you, your family, your friends, and most people you encounter.

I see myself as very lucky, in the sense, I am still alive and have steady control over my life.

I spent eight months rehabilitating in the Austin Hospital in Melbourne, to the people there I owe so much and to my family I owe a great deal, but especially to you the men and women of Apex who so generously raised money to help me regain my sense of independence and ability to still feel human. With the money raised I have bought a CB radio and a car which is being adapted for myself to drive, so by the time you read this I will be on the road and feeling good I HOPE. You will all understand how very important this is to anyone. I feel I must reassure you that this money is being well spent and well allotted.

To sign off I'd like to thank you all so much and will let you know how I am going from time to time. Being a quadriplegic isn't the end of the world, so anyone out there in this position, have faith, all is not lost.

Thanks again,

JASON BRANDT.

LIFE GOVERNORSHIP TO STEPHEN SMITH

At the recent Easter national Convention at Morwell, National President Iain Evans had the great pleasure of presenting a Life Governor's award to Zone One's Stephen Smith.

During an Apex career starting in 1975, Stephen Smith has attained high office in all levels. President of his much loved Wendouree Club in 1978/89; District Governor in 1980/81, Zone President in 1982/83 and National President in 1985/86, Smithy has never been backward in coming forward to take on positions and projects within Apex. He has never let his duties at a Zone or National level

interfere with his commitment and involvement at Club level. He has maintained a 100 per cent dinner meeting attendance since joining in 1975, a marvellous feat in itself. He has always been an initiator and leader. As an example of his dedication to Apex, Stephen took on the role of Club Service Director at Wendouree the same year he was National President of the Association. His work during that year produced one of the best service years the Club has seen.

Stephen's innovative style has seen him develop and implement projects including the Apex 1000 awards, which were hugely successful for Wendouree and Apex, also the Ballarat Air

Spectacular with Stephen as the inaugural chairman. Stephen, as usual, took a leading role in developing the concept. The event was such an outstanding success, it continued for a number of years. He was also at the forefront of forming the Ballarat Australia Day Committee. The first celebratory events were held in 1987, with over 10,000 people attending the daytime activities and 40,000 attending the night fireworks display. The committee continues to this day and has become an integral part of the Ballarat community.

He has held almost all portfolios available during his time in Apex, and each year his portfolio has been a highlight. As a social director his events were

fun and enjoyable, his dinner notice won the Zone Dinner Notice trophy and his public speaking and debating skills are renowned. At a "grass roots" level, Stephen has rendered meritorious service to the Association, culminating in the form of a Life Membership being awarded to him by Wendouree in 1990.

At Zone level, Stephen's history is just as impressive. As Governor of District 3 in 1980/81, he initiated one of the first District Service Schemes, and worked tirelessly to ensure the district worked more closely together. Also during this year, Stephen was the Zone Co-ordinator of the National Convention, ensuring Zone One was well represented. In 1981/82



Stephen and Margaret Smith,

Sir John Buchan & Iain Evans

Stephen was elected as Zone Vice President, going on to be Zone President in 1982/83. His strong leadership continued during this period and he was elected by his fellow Zone Presidents to represent them on the National Administration Committee. As Zone President, Stephen also managed to visit all Zone One Clubs (more than 70 at that time), a remarkable achievement in itself.

But it is at National level that Stephen's dedication and innovation are best seen. As the Zone President's representative on the National Administration Committee, Stephen was able to gain an insight of where Apex ought to be heading. He formed a vision and found that the Association would have trouble surviving without change.

As National President he formed the Future Structures Committee to review the current structure of the Association and to make recommendations as to possible improvements. Stephen initiated changes to the National Board Structure and also changes to the National year, bringing it in to line with the Zone year. As a result of this, Stephen served 16 months as National President.

Stephen also commissioned a firm of management consultants to review the operation of the Secretariat. Several changes were made, including the appointment of a new Executive Director.

Stephen also attempted to raise public awareness by becoming actively involved in a number of international activities. These included Apex hosting Kevin Meades, who had travelled from England to Australia to donate bone marrow to Alecia Capell, and also in assisting Rick Hansen to complete the Australian leg of his attempt to push his wheelchair around the world. As usual, Stephen led the way. Stephen was actively involved in other projects including marketing Apex to attract sponsorship, to reorganise the Apex Foundation and in questioning our participation in WOCO.

Stephen has excelled in all fields (including the production of children). Clearly, Stephen would not have been able to commit so much of his life to Apex without the solid and lasting support of his wife, Margaret, and children Samuel, Timothy, Josephine and triplets Matthew, Charles and Nicholas. To them we owe a great debt.

Stephen Smith is a great encourager of all Apexians. His leadership example has indeed been outstanding for this Association. He has remained involved at the National level providing support and advice to other National Presidents and Board members.

He was much more than our National leader, he saw opportunities and took them. In a lot of ways, he was ahead of his time. He was prepared to make the hard decisions for the benefit of all Apexians. He has been an inspiration for all who have come into contact with him.

Stephen Foster Smith -
APEX SALUTES YOU.

HUDSWELL CHASES RESERVES

Hard working National Treasurer Greg Hudswell has made 2 attempts to stop current Zones not passing 100% of their reserves to the State Boards.

His first effort was in the form of a direct motion at the June National Board meeting that requires all Zone reserves calculated as at 30/5/90 be transferred to State Boards with no extraordinary distribution being made to members, Clubs or Districts.

However later in the Board meeting, fearing that his first motion may have been unconstitutioned Hudswell pulled out a 'Keatingism' and moved an Association By-law that allows "Zones (State) Boards to have a Zone levy and a differential levy which would be applied to transitional arrangements".

What this means is that Hudswell has successfully given the new State Board the power to strike a levy against those Clubs in those Zones who don't commit their full reserves to the State Boards.

This will mean that Clubs in Zone 7, 10, 13, 2 and possibly Zone 1 will face increased State per capita if they go down the track of not giving reserves to the States.

GOVERNORS TO BE PATRONS

In keeping with Apex's conservative image National Board are considering inviting the Governors in each State and Nationally to become patrons of Apex at State and National level. National Secretary John Ames will be approaching the Australian Governor General on behalf of the Association, while State Presidents are to approach each State Governor.

A group of Apexians, lead by District Governor Bob Blundell, decided to travel out to Nyngan that night to assist with the building of the levy. Bob proceeded to plough through the red tape in order to get in, as travel into Nyngan had been restricted to essential services only.

These guys worked most of Saturday night patrolling the levy surrounding the town, repairing leaks, and building the levy higher. Sandbags were being filled in Nyngan by women and children, and anybody else who could help, whilst their husbands and other menfolk worked on the levy - many without much sleep for a number of days. At this stage it was still raining. Bob and his team planned to leave Nyngan on Sunday afternoon.

We decided to get another group together and go out and help. The plan was to fly out in an RAAF Carabou on Sunday afternoon and return on Monday afternoon. Once again, this group of 5 members was confronted by a mountain of red tape as the only way in was by air. Half a day later we were on board with a load of linen for Nyngan Hospital.

It should be kept in mind that air lifting of people, food, etc. had been going on for a couple of days whilst fodder drops to livestock had been going on for more than one week.

Flying into Nyngan about 1000ft Ray Stockings, Dave Devlin, Jamie Ball, Don Forrester and myself got the shock of our lives. To see a town surrounded by water was a sight to be seen.

Upon landing at Nyngan airport, a Shire Council employee transported us into town to give us a brief look around before putting us to work. At this stage all road and rail access was completely cut. The level of the Bogan River at the road bridge was 4.6 metres, if memory serves me correctly. A peak was expected at noon Monday of 4.85 metres. The levy was to be raised to a level of 5.0 metres to ensure that all would be secure. The workers had all night and Monday morning to get the levy to the height needed.

On our arrival at the levy bank we were assigned a length to patrol for leaks, strengthening and building up to 5.0 metres. The height was achieved during the early evening. It is a very

eerie feeling to be in a town with the silence of the water moving slowly right around it. A beautiful clear night in a disaster was made even more peculiar by the water surrounding the town being unusually clear. This was brought about by the fact that the countryside had a good covering of grass and the water had not stirred up the dirt.

Our job done at the levy, we made our way to what was known as C.R.T. (Clegg's Country Rural Traders Store). The sight here was quite astounding. To watch tipping trucks dumping loam into a shed and any vehicle that could carry a pallet of filled sandbags moving bags to the levy. The task of filling the bags really brought home to me what this whole exercise was really about. Children, mothers and grandmothers shovelling loam into sandbags. None had ever entertained the thought of not being there doing there part. We should keep in mind that this had been going on since Thursday, and it was now Sunday night. Many were exhausted but they were not going to go home just yet. By about 11.00pm the pace had slowed down a little, the levy seemed to be at

the required height and only a skeleton team kept a patrol throughout the night. People moved out to get some sleep, as they seemed to know it would be all on again the next day.

Our group picked up our bags and went looking for a bed. A reasonable night's sleep at the Cananbar Hotel.

By about 8.30am on Monday we were sent to the levy where it ran along beside the river on the Tottenham Road. Once again we were building it up a little higher and strengthening it. Whilst working here we noticed the river was still on the rise, although we were not sure of the actual height.

More men from the Dubbo Bush Fire Brigade were being flown in, and this had been done over the previous two days. Their plan was to fly in early in the morning and out again at night. As more men came in we went back to the section where we were the day before. It was still in good condition and we simply kept an eye on it, and built it up in the lower areas.

The sandbag levy here was about 3'6" high. Quite a height for a levy simply made out of bags of sand. The river was

still on the rise at approximately one inch per hour.

Sandbags were being filled at C.R.T. at an incredible rate. It was obvious that the town was out for another day in the fight against the Bogan. The workers were being fed on the run and in shifts to ensure there were people at the levy at all times.

Then at lunch time there came the first break in the levy, just around the corner from where we were. A break of about 10 yards existed. Men and sandbags came out of nowhere. A wall of water, 3ft deep, is not easy to stop. Access to the break was difficult as in most places on the levy only a single lane road was used for access. If a vehicle got off this road that's where it stayed. About a half hour later the levy was repaired and we had our first insight into what could happen when it broke. A lot of work was being done on the levy, around the south side of town where the water seemed to be at its deepest. We were instructed to make our way around here to assist with lifting the height of the levy even further.

I guess we lugged bags for an hour or more, and there could have been 200 or more men building and building. The bag levy here was

between 4ft and 4 1/2ft high, and we estimated approximately 10ft wide at the base. The water was still on the rise so we kept working. There was never any thought of giving up.

The river passed its estimated peak of 4.85 metres during the morning. Mid afternoon saw our greatest fears realised again - a major break in the levy where we were working. The word went out that we had to stop it. Mesh, tarpaulins and steel posts arrived along with more and more sandbags. Human chains passed bags at an alarming rate, but there never seemed to be enough. Whilst we, and I mean 200 men, nearly had this break of about 10 yards fixed, it broke out again a little further up. We kept on working but there were not enough bags.

Following the second break, we were all called off the bank - the first sign of giving up, we thought. Sandbags were short. We started to put sandbags around a relatively new home just inside the levy. Looking back at the two breaks with up to 4ft of water coming through, it was not a very pleasant scene.

All of a sudden more trucks loaded with sandbags arrived and we were called back to

repair the breaks. Work progressed at an unbeatable rate, the first break stopped and the second one was well on the way to being secured. Up until then the water was running in an easterly direction, inside the levy, then in a short period it started to flow back towards us. The levy had broken over near where it had broken earlier in the day. A hole, probably 20-30 yards wide, letting in an enormous amount of water could be seen. At about the same time we had two more breaks where we were. Work still progressed on repairing our third break, but the large break across the way was just too great. No amount of men or sandbags was going to stop it. It was too dangerous.

It was now, for safety reasons I assume, that we were called away from the levy completely. An immense amount of water was entering the town. On our walk back towards the centre of the town the Shire President met us and laid the plans to secure just the north side of town. It was simply unbelievable that the south side was going to be flooded.

We made our way into town for dinner at the C.W.A. rooms and a short rest. The culvert under the railway line was to be plugged with

sandbags and the southern side residents moved to the north. It sounded like a good plan so we all kept on working. It was around 9.00pm that the rail culvert was plugged. Half an hour later the main street, which runs parallel to the railway line, was flooded. I estimated that the southern side of Nyngan was flooded in approximately 3 hours.

As the water level rose, work was being carried out on the north side to accommodate the southern residents. Women and children were moved to a 2 storey hotel and a motel. Work was being done around the hotel to ensure its safety. While this was being done, the levy failed on the north side. It was too late - people were stranded in, and on top of roofs all through the southern side of town as at all happened so quickly. One saving grace was that the elderly and the sick had been moved to the hospital which remained dry throughout the flood of the north side of town.

At around midnight we waded through chest deep water to the R.S.L. Club. About 300 residents and the majority of the Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, along with other Dubbo volunteers including Army Reserve and Orana

Apex Club members, were already there.

Rescue services were retrieving people all through the night. The group at the R.S.L. Club grew to in excess of 400 people. Others were at the railway station, the hospital, and the hotel and motel.

Dawn arrived and the full evidence of the devastation could be realised. The water was running over the railway line in many places. Even then the line had been washed away. Volunteers got to work early to get all residents to the railway station ready for evacuation. The first evacuation plan we heard of was by rail. The plan was to run a train into town, load everyone on, and take the train back out - but the line being washed out soon stopped that suggestion. The only other alternative was the use of helicopters. They started at approximately 8am. Initially there was only one landing pad available, and then two, and later three - all in front of the railway station - landing in water.

The elderly, the sick, and mothers with babies and young families were the first to be evacuated and then it seemed to be just who ever came next. The residents were being air lifted 5kms east to be transported by bus to

Dubbo. (We were later told that up to 43 buses were being used on the day).

As the helicopters were landing in water, volunteers carried most residents out to the landing pads from the railway station platform. By mid morning there were some 16 helicopters in action - 3 army units, 2 naval Sea King units, several from the government, and numerous private aircrafts. The 4 television networks each wanted film for their news bulletins. The deal made with these units was that they had to do at least four trips out. Many, of course, did many more.

In all, 5 landing sites were used - 3 in the water for the smaller helicopters, and 2 on the railway line where it was a little dryer. These were used by the military aircrafts. Evacuation is a very emotional event for residents who do not know when they will be back. To leave their homes and businesses with little or no preparation, knowing that there will be extensive damage and a mammoth clean up to be done on their return is very difficult for them to comprehend. All the residents had was what they could carry.

The RAAF sent in an air traffic controller to coordinate the landings and takeoffs. This man did an unbelievable job. With up to 10 helicopters in the air, banked up waiting to land, he had the situation completely under control. I have no idea of how many trips were logged for that day, but the Dubbo Airport recorded that in excess of 500 air movements were registered fore the day - 5 times the regular traffic.

The exercise went on all day, only slowing down when helicopters had to move away to refuel. All seemed to be over by about 5pm. The majority of the Nyngan residents had been evacuated from their town and all that was left was for the volunteers to be transported out. I think approximately 200 residents did stay in Nyngan on Tuesday night, but most of these left the following day.

We, about 120 volunteers from Dubbo, were the last to leave on Tuesday and, due to a misunderstanding with buses, were left until around 9pm before we could board a bus home. We were well looked after though, on the side of the road, by relief workers and the Warren Apex Club catering van. It got a little cold sitting out there on the side of the Mitchell Highway in

April. All that I can say is there is about one kilometre of road that does not have a single, solitary guide post standing beside it. They were the only dry wood what was available to burn.

We have been told that the evacuation, without loss of life, was the largest peace time civil evacuation of all time. To air lift a town's population - of approximately 2000 people - is no mean task for anyone to organise. It seemed to run like clockwork.

There has been, is currently, and will be in the future, a lot more done for the people of Nyngan who were away from their homes for more than one week. It will take years for them to recover - some people may never recover. Work is being done by numerous government departments and welfare agencies in order to make the recovery a little easier. There has also been a lot said about what was done, and what could have been done but this is not the place to debate that.

Apex played a role in the Nyngan flood relief. Clubs of Zone 9 assisted in the clean up, and local Clubs are still doing a little to assist. It has been a real exercise in service and citizenship, and no doubt

a little fellowship in the future discussing the Nyngan flood. National President Iain provided \$2000 for cleaning fluids and cerials for the Nyngan area.

Footnote

If you, or your Club, made a commitment to a donation to Nyngan whether in kind or financially, and you have not fulfilled that commitment, it's better late than never. Please do it now.

After working with an organisation such as the volunteers from the Bush Fire Brigades, it is obvious that we as Apex should be aware of the procedures involved in disaster relief work to ensure the safety of all volunteer workers. It is with this in mind that the Apex Club of Dubbo is initiating moves to have Apex and the various State Emergency Services work closer together.

TONY PETERS
Apex Club of Dubbo.

DIAMOND JUBILEE - 60 YEARS OF APEX

Jim Hughes, the National President, has a program with a simple message and an easy objective. Given that we have achieved 60 years of effective work to the Community, the least that we can do is increase our membership by 60%. Would you believe that is an increase of 6,666 members nationally; not a difficult task at all!

As an individual this objective may be a little beyond you, however as a team it is a realistic proposal. Through teamwork and a positive attitude we will achieve this goal. It can only be achieved if we tackle the issue as a team. How? Simplicity itself! We divide the Club membership up into a team of 3 members. The 3 members of each membership squad team together to find 2 new members over the next 12 months; a hard task on your own - not as a team!

It can't be done!

Oh! yes it can! Having cleaned house at National Convention and laid new foundations, our direction is clear : GROWTH.

We have a bright new future, a new beginning, as it were! DON'T MISS OUT!!

Apex has achieved much in the past. We can only improve in the future if you want it.

SIXTY NEW CLUBS

So here is the rub! 60 years - 60 new Clubs over the next 2 years, that is the second half of Apex's "Diamond" jubilee Plan.

History tells us that our greatest year of growth netted 48 new Clubs. Well that is in the past. Today led by dynamic Apexians as "Diamond" Jim Hughes, Immediate Past National President Iain Evans, National Vice President Angus Redford, you and all the Association of Apex Clubs, nothing can stand in our way of achieving the goal of 60 new Clubs.

We have already acknowledged 180 avenues for extension, and we have just begun! Imagine what we can do when you get fair dinkum!

STEVE KEYS.
"Diamond Jubilee"
Chairman



Extract from "The Australian" 1 July 199x -

APEX DIAMOND JUBILEE OBJECTIVE SURPASSED

60 NEW CLUBS, 60% MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

From our Hobart Correspondent: Jim Hughes

Amidst amazing scenes the National President of Apex today announced that the membership of Apex had increased by 60% since 1 July 1990, the start of the Apex Diamond Jubilee year, celebrating 60 years of service to the community.

Asked why this had been achieved so quickly a spokesman for Apex, Mr Steve Keys, said "When we began the Diamond Jubilee year we all reminded ourselves of a few truths:

APEX - THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

1. What is the best thing we have in our power to give a friend?

Answer:
Membership of an Apex Club

Why?:
Because it gives us friends, fun, personal development and the buzz from helping the community.

2. Is there anyone who could not benefit?

Answer:
Probably not.

What did Apexians do then?

Answer:
Gave others The Gift of a Lifetime

We invited people along to our Apex Clubs

Is this story impossible?

Of course not. We have approximately 0.5% of men aged 18-40 in Apex at the moment. Yes, that's right, just 1 in 200.

What does it mean?
**U N L I M I T E D
P O T E N T I A L**

What is your challenge and my challenge in this our Jubilee Year?

Give someone a Chance of THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME.
Ask him along.

STEVE KEYS - Diamond Jubilee Campaign Chairman
NICK WOODHAMS - National Membership Chairman.

WHO AM I

I'm new to the area, looking to meet some local people.

I'm new to Australia, looking to settle in quickly.

I've just finished studying, and I've got more time now to get involved in something else.

Please get in touch and ask me along to Apex.

I CAME ALONG ONCE BUT I WON'T BE BACK BECAUSE:-

- No one made me feel welcome, they just kept to their group of friends.
- I've got a new house (with a big mortgage), young children and a busy job. I can't spend the hours these guys seem to expect doing service work and the time and cost of 2 nights a month. (but I think I could do 1 weekend a year and 1 meeting a month if someone asked me).
- The meeting went on for 3 hours and I was bored.

Some research done recently showed that for every 5 guests, only one becomes a member.

Let's try to get 1 more of the five, by fixing some of the simple things.

FESTIVAL STATE

Decisions from the LaTrobe Valley National Convention seem to have been well received throughout Apex SA.NT and there appears to be a positive outlook towards the Association at present. Travelling around the Zone to District Conventions, the one point many are not clear on though, is the Association charging for the commercial use of the Apex logo. I will be sending out a letter in an 'all Club mailing' to clarify this soon.

SA.NT will run with 9 Districts for the coming year, namely:

- Hills & Fleurieu, D.G. Hugh Grundy, Murray Bridge Inc.
 - Adelaide Metro, D.G. Lindsay Carthew, Unley Inc.
 - Riverland & Malee, D.G. Jeff Matschoss, Waikerie Inc.
 - Eyre Peninsula, D.G. Lindsay Elliott, Lock Inc.
 - South East, D.G. Mike Sloan, Pine City Inc.
 - Northern territory, D.G. Steve Sheppard, Katherine Inc.
 - Yorke Peninsula, D.G. Ian Badman, Kadina Inc.
 - Upper North, D.G. Geoff Simpson, Jamestown Inc.
 - Lower North, D.G. Not known at time of writing
- The last 3 named Districts have undertaken to redistribute into 2 Districts during the

coming year, so as to leave the Zone with 8 Districts in future.

The National Presidents Handover, which was held in Adelaide on the 16th June was a very enjoyable night for the 160 people attending. Congratulations to Iain Evans for his achievements during his term of office, I'm sure his family are looking forward to having him home for a while. Another highlight for local Apexians was witnessing Adelaide Club member, Angus Redford become National Vice President. Best of luck during your term Gus.



Shane Kelly

We held our annual Apexian Development Seminar on the 22-23-24 of June at the Loxton Hotel/Motel in South Australia's Riverland. This is the 8th year straight at this venue and Life Member Phil Coombes with the Loxton Club once again did a great job of the accommodation details.

The weekends theme was self development, team building and leadership. Past National President and the Association's newest Life Governor Stephen Smith travelled from Ballarat to be the Key Speaker and was very well received. Angus Redford gave a great presentation on "The New Apex" and well known comedian Dave Flanigan provided many laughs at Saturday nights dinner. All in all a top weekend of learning and fellowship was had by everyone present.

At this point of time SA/NT is negotiating with the National Board to purchase National Supply House. This has been a bugbear to the Association for some time and Ian Chambers (SA/NT Supply House Manager) has come up with a proposal to relieve it from National and run it from Adelaide, with SA/NT paying a licence fee to the Association.

The final Zone 8 Convention will be held at Victor harbour on the 14-15-16 September. The Convention committee have done a superb job of promoting their area and I urge all to attend to say farewell to our old mates from the Sunraysia and provide a hearty welcome to our new ones from the South East.

Other things on the go at present include our Sail Training Youth initiative, Northern Territory Youth Exchange Program and the proposed expansion into the Solomon Islands. I will report on the successes of these in the next issue.

SHANE KELLY
SA/NT State President.

APEX YALUMBA WINE PROJECT - CLUB FUNDRAISER

The Association has ventured into a fundraising scheme with the popular producer of quality wines. Yalumba Winery of the famous wine making district of Barossa Valley, South Australia.

Each Club in Australia has been posted enough wine order forms to give approximately five forms per member. All the members have to do is to sell the wine from the order form. Yalumba will pick, pack and deliver to your clients door the chosen wine. What can be easier than that??

The Club earns \$7.50 per dozen sold and if they sell 100 dozen then the commission is increased on all that Clubs sales, including the first 100 dozen, to \$10 per dozen. i.e. sell 100 dozen and earn \$1000.00.

The commission is accurately recorded by a simple cross checking of the pre-allocated order number. Yalumba have pre recorded the order numbers as they have been allocated to each Club. This allows Clubs to photocopy the order forms and distribute them as widely as possible to secure sales. Because of the order number the Club is always guaranteed its commission.

The offer is open for sales until 30/9/90 and the wine will be delivered in the first fortnight of October. Order forms and information is available by writing to:

Yalumba Winery
PO Box 51
ALDGATE SA 5154
Ph: (08) 339-3975
Fax: (08) 339-6752
APEX FOUNDATION

NEWS FROM THE MAGIC CASTLE

Lots of things have been happening at the Magic Castle, the popular name for the Apex Chalet for the Underprivileged Children situated at Smiggin Holes in the Snowy Mountains.

First some bad news; there was a fire in one of the bedrooms at the Chalet during March. No one was hurt and only the one room was damaged. An insurance

claim has been made for the repairs.

Now for some good news; there was a most successful work party held at the Chalet when the bathrooms and toilets were re-tiled. New mirrors, shower curtains and vanity repairs were made to the ceiling. A small foyer was installed for additional privacy for the caretaker and the whole place was painted internally. A great job and congratulations to all Apexians who were involved.

New cupboards have also been installed in the kitchen.

Adelong Club donated \$500 to go towards replacing some crockery and cutlery. Thanks Adelong! The Canberra clubs have undertaken their annual woodchop to see the Chalet through the long cold winter. Thanks to all those Clubs in our nations capital!

If your Club would like to help support this magnificent building you would be more than welcome. There are many ways to help, from fundraising to organising work parties.

If you and your Club would like to help in any way or would just like some more information on the Magic Castle please contact Bob Ferrari c/o the Apex Secretariat.

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During this time, Apex has had steady decline in membership which decline has been dramatic in the metropolitan areas of Sydney and Melbourne. Whilst claiming to be a young mens service organisation ready to tackle controversial issues and whilst claiming to be an aggressive and intelligent organisation, it has until very recently become conservative and reactionary.

As part of this conservative approach Apex felt that there was a risk that Governments may legislate forcing Apex to admit women. It was felt that this should be and would always be strongly opposed by the floor member of Apex. Therefore the idea of establishing a separate young womens service organisation was hatched. The idea was to have a token organisation and when any Government threatened to legislate for the admission of women into Apex, we could say that women have the opportunity of joining a women's organisation and further (because these clubs will consist mainly of Apexian's wives) they won't want men to join and therefore will never be a threat or a force to be taken seriously. All this coincided with the development of a "Xepa" Club in Perth who had approached Apex for permission to use its logo and name.

Armed with this plan, steps were taken to form such an organisation. The organisation was forbidden to use the name "Apex" and it was forbidden to use the Apex logo. After much discussion the name "Crest" was chosen to be the name of the body.

A meeting was held at Dubbo, a President was appointed and away they went. The organisation proceeded to grow rapidly over the next 12 months.

Crest - The Name

In deciding on the name at Dubbo in 1989. It was felt that "Crest" would be ideal as one of its meanings was 'to reach the top'. Unfortunately it was the same name as that used by a volunteer organisation known as "Citizens Radio Emergency Services Team". They heard of our plans to use that name and went to Dubbo to urge the use of a different name. They were told that it was their bad luck and that they should have registered their name at the Corporate

Affairs Commission thereby protecting their position (a point which wasn't lost on them).

During 1989, the Darwin Apex Club decided to start a Crest Club and they proceeded to do so. Upon attempting to incorporate the name "Darwin Crest Club Inc." it was discovered that the local Citizens Radio Emergency Services Team had reserved the name "Crest". Therefore if the Darwin Crest Club wanted to incorporate, it had to either change its name or get permission from the other body. The other body said it was our Crest's fault because they hadn't registered the name to protect their position (sound familiar!?).

Apex - Changing Attitude

During this period, the leadership of Apex changed and as can happen, the new leadership had different views. The new leadership was confronted with the following:-

- (a) The Jaycees experience - the admission of women had coincided with a major drop in its membership.
- (b) The USA experience - the compulsory legal requirement that women be allowed to join male service organisations had caused reversal in the decade of declining membership by service organisations and had led to a dramatic increase in membership.
- (c) Kin Canada and Kinette Canada had developed on a parallel basis over the last 10 years and had recently implemented a successful merger plan with few problems.
- (d) Certain country and city Apex Clubs were of the view that women ought to be admitted to join Apex and were in the process of passing motions to that effect.
- (e) Ernst & Young felt that to admit women to Apex by a mere change in the Constitution would be a disaster in that a third of our current membership would resign in disgust and that women would not find Apex attractive and therefore would not join in sufficient numbers to cover membership loss.
- (f) That any publicity concerning Apex would attract membership inquiries at the ratio of four to one in favour of women (e.g. Gundy Appeal attracted 45 inquiries, 3 from men and 42 from women in Sydney).

Apex - The Offer

Based on all of this, a motion was passed at the November National Board Meeting as follows:-

"That Apex invite Crest to:

- (a) change their name to a name including the word Apex or a derivative and subject to this Apex shall give full permission to use their logo
and
- (b) conduct joint Conventions and magazines."

The reasons behind the motion were many. They can be summarised as follows:-

- (i) the initial reasons behind Apex's desire to form Crest for the purpose mentioned above were farcical
- (ii) that there was a real possibility that our membership may embrace women in Apex leading to the problems envisaged by Ernst & Young
- (iii) that Kin and Kinette's relationship had been successful
- (iv) that Apex would in time develop a culture which could cope with women membership should the membership eventually go down that path
- (v) that the future of Crest was unclear. It has a different age and is not readily identifiable with Apex. It could grow apart from Apex (as has R.F.D.S.; Guide Dogs etc.) or it could develop in parallel and it was important to determine this
- (vi) Other issues included:
 - "Could Crest admit men as members and therefore operate in direct competition with Apex?"
 - "Should Apex support and continue to fund a potential competitor?"
 - "How can Apex market itself or Crest to the other 50% of the population i.e. women?"
 - "Could Crest eliminate its age restriction therefore losing all identity with Apex?"
 - "Could Apex in approaching potential sponsors include women as part of our market too?"

"Could Apex and Crest share costs ultimately increasing total membership and reducing total per capita?"

The motion was controversial. It was passed by a healthy majority. National President Iain wrote to the Association of Crest Clubs and we were advised that Crest would discuss our offer at its National Convention held at the LaTrobe Valley at Easter.

Crest - The Reaction

As everyone is now aware, the Association of Crest Clubs resolved to change its name to the Association of Xepa Clubs (if Xepa is available and if not the "Association of Women's Apex Clubs of Australia"). They have also stated that they would be happy to have the Apex logo "inside" their logo provided the colour of green and gold are used and the name "Apex" deleted from the badge.

Clearly their response is a rejection that Apex and Crest develop a close relationship and a uniform and consolidated approach to issues such as membership, sponsorship etc.

Whither Apex - Whither Crest?

The question of course was where should we go from here. Whatever decision the Board would make would attract criticism. However, the Board took the long term view and considered that the best interests of Apex were to put our Association in a position to react to changing circumstances in our society.

The Association of Crest Clubs has split over this issue into 2 organisations. The Crest and the Association of Women's Apex Clubs.

"So what do we do?"

"Where do we go?"

"Is Crest just another Royal Flying Doctors Service, Cranio Facial Foundation, Guide Dogs for the Blind?"
"Are we in creating Crest similar to bringing Lions to Australia or doing what Rotary did in starting Apex?"
"Alternatively are we going to follow the lead given by Kin and give Apex the opportunity to:

- (a) market its Ideals and Objects to both sexes and
- (b) allow women to become members at a time of its choosing in the smoothest possible way."

I certainly believe that Apex will allow women to become members at some stage in the future. It may

be in 5 years time or in 15 years time. If it is to happen then let it happen smoothly and without fuss and certainly without the rapid membership drop predicted by Ernst & Young and experienced by Jaycees.

If Crest is to become just another arms length organisation which has the potential at some stage in the future to compete for members with Apex then let's sever our ties now, completely and irrevocably.

Alternatively a womens organisation (such as the Association of Women's Apex Clubs) prepared to share our name, our logo and our future for better or worse will allow both organisations to get on with the job of forming a proper partnership where neither organisation is either dominant or subservient to the other and each have a share in the others future. We should be putting ourselves in a position to either accept or reject the concept of separate organisations or a single unified organisation within the next few years.

Faced with an approach from ex Crest Clubs who wished to form the Association of Women's Apex Clubs, the Board had two options:-

- (a) reject the approach and risk disillusioning those women who had in good faith rejected separate development of our sister organisation. That meant continuing with Crest an organisation which had rejected our logo our name and the possibility (and I stress the "possibility") of future amalgamation or
- (b) accept the approach and allow Crest (or Xepa) to continue on its path of separate development that it chose at LaTrobe Valley. We could then continue the task of increasing our membership in our 60th year and attract members of either sex to our ideals, our logo, our name and hope for the future without compromising the desire of a certain portion of our membership to remain a single sex organisation.

The Board chose the latter. I have every confidence that Apex made the correct decision and this will lead to a bigger better and brighter second 60 years.

ED Note: Those who wish to find out more about the Association of Women's Apex Clubs should contact:-

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15 Quick Street
Parfield Gardens SA 5107
Ph: (08) 258-1959

ANGUS REDGORD
National Vice President

APEX 40 - A BRIEF HISTORY

In July this year Apex 40 will celebrate its 17th birthday. From a humble beginning in 1973 at a family barbecue in Mornington (Vic), at the home of Past Zone 12 President Lionel Mussell, it has steadily, if slowly, grown into an organisation of about 40 affiliated branches throughout Australia.

The Melbourne-Gippsland branch of Apex 40 existed on its own for a couple of years, due in some measure to the reluctance of the then executive of Apex to recognise its existence. In 1975 a second branch was formed at Devonport (Tas) and this led to a get-together between members of the two branches. It could not be called a conference or a convention; fellowship was the main concern. Thus the first annual Apex 40 'Rort' was held at Ballarat in March 1976. The third Apex 40 branch was formed shortly afterwards, in May 1976, at Maryborough (Qld) - a decent spread for the first three branches.

Since then Apex 40 branches have established in all states but not (so far as we are aware) in the Northern Territory. A branch of Apex 40 was formed at Darwin in 1976, sponsored by Arafura Apex Club, but contact has been lost. (Perhaps this article may lead to its resurrection!).

Likewise, venues for the annual Rort, held between March and June, have included every state.

Apex 40 members seem happy to travel. In 1981 a coach load from Melbourne, Bendigo and Devonport travelled to the Maryborough (Qld) Rort. In 1988 another coach load from Alstonville in northern NSW travelled to the Rort at Renmark (S.A) hosted by the Riverland branch. And then there is the hardy band of 'Rorters' from Morella branch (Perth, W.A) who will go just about anywhere.

This year, however, saw all past records broken when about 150 Apex 40 members from 11 branches flew out of Australia on 7th June to attend their first "off-shore" Rort, to be hosted by the Oasis Club of Kuala Lumpur.

There are three members of Apex 40 who have attended every one of the 14 Rorts since 1976. They are Jock and Jenny Littler from Devonport and Bill Cunliffe from Melbourne-Gippsland. And yes, they are all booked in for Kuala Lumpur.

The number of Apex 40 branches has increased dramatically since 1988 when Apex 40 achieved recognition as the only official body of ex-Apexians in Australia. Just recently the National President of Apex 40, Kevin Huxham of Alstonville, has sent greetings and a request for news of activities to some 16 groups of ex-World Council members.

Apex 40 is not a service organisation. It exists "For Continuing Service" in pursuance of the Ideals of Apex. membership of Apex 40 is open to past Apexians and wives, widows, lady-friends of past Apexians.

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GARDEN STATE

At the moment the wind is blowing off the Antarctic but life in Apex is busy enough to keep myself warm. Having travelled extensively around the State over the last few weeks I'm also glad that Victoria is one of the smaller States, geographically speaking. I only hope my car can survive the distance!

However, what Victoria may lack in warmth and size it sure makes up for in Apex involvement and friendship. It is remarkable to see the number of very strong and very active Clubs that come from even the smaller country towns. It nevertheless is disconcerting to see that it does lack prominence in the metropolitan cities, despite the fact that there are a number of very prominent Apexians from those places.

Lack of prominence in the cities maybe due to a number of things. One is the greater competition for peoples' leisure time in the cities. Another is the fact that it is hard to invite your friends and workmates to an Apex meeting in one suburb, when they live on the opposite side of the city. Also it might be fair to say that city people are less concerned with what goes on in their own local communities than country people, simply because their attention is drawn more often to issues that stretch beyond their own backyard.

Nevertheless it will be my aim as State President to increase our profile in our capital city. To do this we obviously need to address the major social issues that affect our city people most, e.g. homeless youth, public transport, road safety, drug awareness, etc. Also we need to concentrate on strengthening our association with

the media. This is not to see the Apexians should be a lot of would-be political fanatics. It just means that we should be seen to be more concerned citizens living up to our second ideal, "To develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship".



David Dounle Victorian State President

I am certainly looking forward to the challenge of leading the Victorian Riverina Zone into a new and exciting era in Apex, and one that we can all be proud of.

Yours in Apex,

DAVID DOUBLE.

Victorian State President

THE AMES REPORT

"BELIEFS"

The following editorial appeared in a New York newspaper in the late 1870's. It was complementing the Police force of New York for arresting a man for selling what obviously was some fraudulent shares in an invention.

EDITORIAL

Congratulations to alert Police Department

A man about 46 years of age has been arrested in New York for attempting to extort funds from ignorant and superstitious people, by exhibiting a device which he says will convey the human voice and distance over metallic wires. He calls the instrument a telephone which is obviously intended to imitate the word "telegraph" and win the confidence of those who know of the success of the later instrument. Well informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the voice over wires and that were it possible to do so, the thing would be of no practical value.

There are times when I do agree that the telephone has "no practical value"!

There are Apex members who still believe that the changes made at the LaTrobe Valley National Convention are not in the best interest of our Association but fortunately, there are many more members who have accepted the challenge of change.

Accountability was a strong theme that ran through many decisions made on the Convention floor. What this means in a practical sense is that if we accept an Apex position then our fellow members

expect we will perform the required task to the best of our ability. If we don't, we may well be asked to step aside in favour of someone who will perform.



National Secretary - John Ames

Some areas of criticism of the Association in the past have been the membership Census and the Directory. The return of completed census forms by Clubs to enable the membership records to be updated has been very slow in the past. As the new wave of professionalism breaks through the Association I trust that your Club will not be one of those who are late in returning your completed forms.

The other matter that raises comment is the Directory. At the June meeting of the new look National Board in Adelaide, a decision was made regarding the Directory to reflect our new State based structures. Each State will produce their own Directory (as some do already) containing the full Club, President and Secretary details. The new look National Directory will contain the Club address and President's details only. Information slips seeking

the Club President's details have been distributed and should be returned urgently if they have not already been completed.

We are members of our Association during times of change, innovation and growth. If we believe that Apex can grow and are prepared to work towards that end then we will succeed. If our belief is that Apex is dead, then it will be; what do you believe?

JOHN AMES.
National Secretary

ASSOCIATION SEEKS UP TO \$100,000

In a bold and progressive move that shows confidence in our future the National Board have resolved to authorise the National President, National Vice President, Executive Director and National Treasurer to arrange a flexible loan facility amounting to a maximum of \$100,000. This loan facility is for the specific purpose of upgrading the Secretariat, update of the air conditioning, computer facilities and internal renovations to the Secretariat.

The funding, if needed, is to be secured by a mortgage over the premises which are owned by the Charitable Fund. Any facility used for these purposes is to be crystallised before the 31/11/90 into a fixed loan as arranged by the Executive Director.

G'DAY FROM W.A.

Preparations are well in hand for what will without doubt be the most dynamic National Convention Apex Australia has ever seen - the Diamond Jubilee Convention at the superb facilities at the Burswood Casino. Be there with over 1000 others.

Apex W.A.

It was decided to amalgamate into a single State body some 10 months ago, and everything is going well for the formal launch of Apex W.A. at the classy Margaret River Convention on September 29th.



WA State President - Darryl Hockey

Whilst the move towards State boundaries is a great step forward, just spare a thought for us here in the West from time to time. W.A. covers some one million square miles and covers one-third of the continent. It is 2700 kms from my home to the furthest Club (in fact it's closer to go to Melbourne) and it's even 505 kms from my home to one of the Clubs in my District (and there are two bigger Districts in the State than mine).

So when it comes time to formulating motions for National Conventions, please keep a few of these facts in mind.

Citizenship

A more active involvement in Citizenship issues will undoubtedly propel Apex back to the status it rightly deserves.

This coming year will see us focus on issues which relate to Child Safety and Child Protection. With all our members aged between 18 and 40 years (that is, the years of early parenthood), surely Apexians are the group in society best qualified to speak out on such issues.

With only 4% of teenagers wearing bicycle helmets, and only 43% of young children wearing car seatbelts, there must be enormous scope for Apex to be actively involved in making our society a safer place to live in the West.

Once upon a time Apexians would spend their time constructing wheelchair ramps for head injured children - maybe it would be better for all concerned if we spent more time preventing the accidents occurring in the first place.

"Kids Have Rights"

This prevention of Child Abuse resource kit and video will shortly be released free of charge into every Primary School in Western Australia. With the network of Apex Clubs throughout the nation, it would not take a great deal to take the programme Australia-wide.

This production is complementary to the Personal Safety Programme - and I urge every Club in Australia to consider once again their financial support for the National Service Project from the Cranbourne Club.

Child abuse is an absolute disgrace. If Apex doesn't do

something about it - then what will?

For your children's sake, be prepared to stand up and be counted.

Youth Search

Apexians in NSW will be very familiar with this tremendous youth development programme. Camps are held there every weekend of the year for 100 children each time. They are trying to take the Programme Australia-wide and it gives Apex great scope to do something really worthwhile for youth in each State. Apex is right behind Insearch in W.A., and the first Camp will be held at our very own Camp Jurien very shortly.

World Swimming Championships

Apexians are helping to run this mega-event in January 1991. This should be a great experience for those involved (especially the volunteers in the massage tent!) and it will be a high profile link for our organisation.

Membership Marketing

We're not going to sit around scratching ourselves whilst Apex membership steadily slides away - we're going to have a crack at gaining a large boost in membership. Plans for this will be based around Apex Week - and there will be an integrated lead-in programme which will include advertising on TV, radio and newspapers; well publicised coverage of our projects; some high profile activities and - most importantly - a co-ordinated State-wide membership drive carried out on the one day.

G'bye from W.A.

DARRYL HOCKEY

State President,

Apex Clubs of Western Australia.

CHALLENGES NOT YET FACED - REDFORD

In the following article National Vice President Angus Redford outlines his views on some challenges facing Apex.

The Association despite the fundamental and monumental changes made at LaTrobe Valley still has its greatest challenges in front of it. All the rule changing in the world won't help us turn this organisation around unless we also become more aggressive in everything we do. We have to step out of our comfort zone and take risks. To that end, I propose to deal with 3 important issues confronting Apex now. These are, Citizenship, WOCO/International relations and Women's Apex (which appears on page - "Redford on Crest").

International Relations/WOCO

For too long now the International Relations fraternity of Apex at National level has been too pre-occupied with WOCO which has distracted our floor members from fulfilling our fourth ideal in any innovative manner. Too many Clubs in the past have seen International Relations as merely having a Foster Parents Plan Child or the opportunity of seeing visitors from overseas (Founder's Fund) or vying for some trip overseas. In promoting international understanding and friendship we must adopt innovative and new ideas. We must also endeavour to befriend and understand our migrant communities.

The Australian Government and more particularly the Minister for Immigration Mr Gerry Hand is to

be congratulated on the recent announcement of a grant of \$50,000.00 for our proposed Migrant Access Scheme. Apex has a big role to play in the future concerning the refugee question. We should be proffering our views to the Government on its immigration policy. Perhaps a good topic for our next Apex debate could be:-

"That Chinese refugees are more desirable than Cambodian refugees".

The futility of the topic may lead to a good motion at the Perth Convention (or even allow us to understand the logic of Prime Minister Hawke on this issue).

The argument concerning Apex's withdrawal from WOCO was decided at the LaTrobe Valley Convention. Some 70% of delegates voted to withdraw. Their concern was that WOCO does not have the political will to change (as Apex did). There are certain views from our upper level international fraternity that:

- (a) "Apex will have to grovel to get back into WOCO"
- (b) "That it's all Apex's fault. WOCO is blameless"
- (c) "That 70% of District Governors are wrong and WOCO Conventioneers know more"
- (d) "That no WOCO means no IR"
- (e) "That Apexians are fools, WOCO is not"
- (f) "We should beg for WOCO's patience"
- (g) "We have left the world"
- (h) "That the only thing stopping Round Table coming into Australia and wiping out Apex is WOCO"

As National Vice President I disagree with these sentiments and would suggest that the Apex decision can be more accurately interpreted as follows:-

- (i) that WOCO must change as Apex has and become more relevant to the floor number
- (ii) that WOCO must change because it has to and not merely because Apex Australia wants it to
- (iii) that if WOCO refuses to change, its disintegration is inevitable, just as inevitable that men of good will shall establish something more relevant to floor members such as Apex International or perhaps AKA (short for Apex, Kin and Active 20:30)

Whatever happens at Harare, Apex has to get onto the international relations job quickly. There are no shortage of low cost things to do.



National Vice President - Angus Redford
Citizenship

Citizenship has always been the most important of our four ideals. Citizenship will be the predominate ideal in our 60th year. As Sir John Buchan says in

"The Golden Years of Apex", "We should get to the root of problems in the community and seek a cure rather than to apply band aid techniques". The two pages of Chapter 15 of "The Golden Years" written by Sir John (*Copies available for \$5.00 at Supply House) are more relevant to Apex today than when they were written in 1981. To make Citizenship important in our 60th year, I challenge Apexians to give their fellow Apexians a range of options in choosing our first Apex Australia Citizenship Scheme. An Apex Australia Citizenship Scheme in our 60th year will put Apex back to the forefront of our communities. Today's paper gives me a range of ideas such as:

The War Crimes Trial -
is it a lawyer's picnic or
is it that the price of
justice is never too high

The Chinese Students -
do we send them back or
let them stay

Politicians -
why doesn't anyone like them.
Is it a matter of image or
substance

Terrorists -
do we hang them, gaol them
forever or what? Australia's Debt
-
is it important

Aids -
why isn't it notifiable

The Perth and Hunter Valley
Conventions should consist of the
exchange of ideas and the
discussion of great principles by
aggressive Apexians rather than
rule changes and motions of
dissent. Appropriate leadership
over the next few months will

hopefully give us a vibrant and
interesting agenda at Perth.

ANGUS REDFORD
National Vice President

ZONE CONVENTIONS

DATE VENUE

5-7/10	Geelong
21-23/9	Jindabyne
12-14/10	Queenstown
28/9-1/10	Margaret River
20-21/10	Tambar Springs
13-14/10	Caloundra
6-7/10	Cobram-Barooga
14-16/9	Victor Harbour
19-21/10	Baulkham Hills/Blacktown
13-14/10	Newcastle
8-9/9	Innisfail
19-21/10	Warragul/Drouin
26-28/10	Yarrawonga/ Mulwalla

DIAMOND JUBILEE PORT

Details will soon be released of the Association's Limited Release Diamond Jubilee Earthenware Port. Negotiations are being finalised with the final two wineries who are making submissions for a final decision to be made at the August National Board meeting. The final retail cost has yet to be established but the limited offer port could be expected to be around \$35 to \$45. The release will be limited to 500 or 1000 jugs of port. More details next issue.

NATIONAL TREASURER

Before I comment on some of the financial aspects of the Association, I make the observation that not only

financially but in an overall sense our delegates at the Latrobe Valley Convention created an Apex which, having now successfully passed through the various aspects of "Challenge of Change" is in a position to be stronger than ever. It is now up to all members throughout Australia to think in the broad view of how we can best make use of the new opportunities put before us.

National President Jim is calling upon Apexians to "get the experience" to benefit from the changes that have occurred. That experience can be obtained by being part of the Apex era that I believe will set our great organisation on the path to financial strength.

National Reserves

Your delegates at Latrobe Valley Convention voted to implement two new Reserves to create some financial strength for National Apex which it did not have prior to that Convention.

A Reserve Fund was created in each of the General Fund and the Charitable Fund for an amount equal to 10% and 5% respectively of each funds total budgeted expenditure.

A levy for these Reserve Funds will be included in the National Per Capita which will again be sent out in September/October.

These new Reserve Funds have been created for future long term financial stability of the Association. The Reserve Funds are not intended to be used for operational purposes of any year.

Zone Reserves

At the date of publication, this matter will have been soundly debated in a number of Zone Boards in certain States in our Association.

The June meeting of the new National Board, including the six State Presidents for the first time, voted unanimously for the concept that all old Zones should pay their Zone Reserves to the new State Zones.



National Treasurer - Greg Hudswell

The motive behind this move was the same as that which the Latrobe Valley delegates supported. Future strength of Apex as a whole! If such Zone Reserves are to be utilized for the subsidized convention or, simply distributed back to Clubs, then the whole purpose of the Reserves, built up by past members, will be wasted in once-up benefit to current members.

Zone or State Reserves are there for the long term future of Apex. It is this respect that should be remembered, when the subject of Zone Reserves utilization is considered.

Art Union/Raffle

National Board will again conduct an Art Union/Raffle in 1990!

However, to show that the voices of members are listened to, the tickets this year will be either \$2 or \$5, naturally with reduced prize values as well.

Members will be kept informed of the impending Art Union/Raffle in future communications.

Apex Visa Card

Through an arrangement with ANZ Visa Card, each member who successfully applies through ANZ Bank for a Visa Card earns the Association \$5 in an initial sponsorship fee.

The Card features an attractive holographic Apex symbol and projects Apex in a very high profile way.

In addition to the initial rebate on application, after the first 12 months, Apex gets 10 cents per transaction. In this way each time the card is used, not only is the Apex symbol projected but further sponsorship income is earned. All for using that piece of plastic that most of us already utilize anyway!

Any enquiries in regard to applications should be directed to either our Executive Director, Bernie Devine or to your local ANZ Bank.

GREG HUDSWELL
National Treasurer.

APEX FOUNDATION

FREE MONEY RECIPIENTS

In response to the recent article in the Apexian asking clubs to apply for grants from the Apex Foundation's General Trust, 12 clubs took advantage of this offer.

At the National Convention in Morwell, Chairman of the Apex Foundation, Bob Ferrari announced that \$7,200 had been approved to be spread equally between the 12 clubs giving them \$600 each towards their community projects.

The successful applicants were; Mildura Club, Zone 8 for a tape copier for visually handicapped people. Townsville, Zone 11 for community hall project. Jindalee, Zone 6 for an oximeter for the Royal Women's Hospital in Brisbane. Innisfail, Zone 11 for restoration of a Red Cross caravan. Kurri Kurri, Zone 10 for specialist furniture for an early Intervention Centre. Woden Valley, Zone 2 for a video telemetry unit for Royal Canberra Hospital.

Shoalhaven Heads, Zone 2 for low cost holiday accommodation for chronically ill children. Chelsea, Zone 13 for a Life Education Centre. Zone 5 for a youth development programme. Moulamein, Zone 7 for playground equipment. Narrabri, Zone 5 for help with emergency accommodation for women. Baulkham Hills, Zone 9 for a Life Education Centre. A call for applications for further grants will be made in a future edition of the Apexian. Remember, it's free money and if your club doesn't apply, it has no chance of receiving any. For further details regarding the Apex Foundation, what it does and how you can become a member, please contact the Apex Secretariat.

Letters to the Editor
OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

SNOUTS IN THE TROUGH -
FORM A QUEUE

Quite frankly I feel sick and sorry. Sick of the self centred attitude that exists within some Clubs, Districts and Zones toward any level higher than them, and sorry for the Past National and Zone Boards who made some large personal sacrifices to develop reserves at their level. National Treasurer Greg Hudswell quite rightly makes the point that after the Delegates at LaTrobe Convention decided to cut costs and form State Boards and set up reserves levy's in 10% and 5% in the General and Charitable Fund respectively (so that nationally we build our financial strengths), some Zones have gone back home and come to the conclusion that this is the great opportunity to put their collective snouts into the Apex trough and slurp out every possible drop of money before it goes to those big bad boys forming the State Boards.

What some Zones are doing is not giving all or part of their reserves to the State, but rather feasting on current Zone reserves, leaving State Boards to start with no money.

First in the queue is Zone 7, our friends with the NSW bubble. Not only have they decided not to charge for the free beer they received for their Convention as sponsorship (even at 50c a can this would run into fair profit), but the Zone 7 Board are considering giving all their reserves back to the Clubs and nothing to the State Board. Then they have the opportunity to sit there and reap the reward of interest earned off the State reserves built by other

Zones donations. Like most things in the pig pen, this attitude is not in keeping with the Apex spirit.

Dribbling along like there's no tomorrow, in Zone 10, who is second in the queue. They have simply given a \$6,500.00 "subsidy" to help the last Zone 10 Convention to be cheaper -or in other words - it could be used at the Convention. I'm sure the other NSW Zones would be delighted that they could be subsidising Zone 10 conventioners's drinking habits by building State reserves that Zone 10 are not 100% contributing to. At their July Zone Board meeting, Zone 10 had 7 motions which were accepted to give all general reserves back to the Clubs. It must be of great comfort to the Zone 10 Board to be able to pig out on the collective fat of all the efforts of past Zone 10 Apexians.

Zone 13 Board accepted a Zone 13 Admin Committee recommendation to give the service reserves back to the Clubs while keeping the general reserves to the State. Hopefully the Clubs will see the lunacy of this proposal and rub the Zone Board's noses in the mud. The basis for the Zone 13 Board's decision was interesting. They considered that they were not talking about reserves, but were rather talking about moneys raised by the Zone that were in excess of their expenditure!! Now work that out!! They are not reserves - just spare money.

Then we come to the darlings of the sty - Zone 2. They wish to take the money that should be the States, and finish off two Zone Service and IR Schemes because they simply don't trust the incoming State Board to finish the schemes with them.



SNOUTS IN THE TROUGH: But can you tell what diet the porkers should be tucking into?

Zone 13 are in the queue, but haven't worked out if they're hungry or not. The "ever alert"

Zone 1 seem a bit benevolent with their share of the spoils. They have decided to give their 10 SA

Clubs, soon to join the SA State Board, their pro-rata share of the Zone 1 reserves. Now when a Club member transfers to another Club, his immediate past Club does not do a quick audit, establish a Club reserve and send him along to his new Club with a cheque equal to his pro-rata share - so why do it at the State level??

No doubt SA State President Dave Keddie is rubbing his trotters with glee with the thought that some of all the hard work Zone 1 put in to sell its port and build up reserves, is going to be spilt into the SA trough.

As luck would have it, the other 9 Zones are giving their reserves to the States so that the States can invest the money and make State per capita cheaper. Congratulations to those Zones.

It must be hoped that those State Boards who do not receive all the Zones reserves, do what ever they can to recoup the money. It has been suggested a different per capita or levy per Club, and it's known National Board are considering not funding those Zones Delegates to Perth Convention - what a great pay back.

Surely the floor members think it is crazy that after a commitment to build National reserves at LaTrobe Convention that some Zones deliberately proceed not to build State reserves. The end result is this. By the Zones handing back their reserves to Clubs, the Clubs in that Zone only, will have the opportunity to have cheaper State per capita for one year. For every year after that, State per capita will have to be increased to recoup and re-establish the States reserves. This means the floor members will be

paving more per capita -if that's what the Zone Boards think that floor members truly want then no action should be taken on the above.

In all organisations, and even sties, there are natural leaders and one of them at the moment is Jimbo Perrins, the one man band of the soon to be NSW State Board. Perrins, who claims to be the floor members champion, chose to draft a budget whereby the NSW floor members were going to pay 12 months per capita in Perrins 7 months term. As expected the incoming District Governor's let Perrins know their attitude to this proposed smorgasboard. There is no justification for the NSW floor member to pay excessive per capita. What my old mate Perrins was proposing to do was simply feast in the store room while everyone else is confused while they change sties.

I hope the floor members really think hard about the above.

IAIN EVANS.

Dear Fellow Apexians,

I write this letter in disgust, in the February Apexian P3 Candy for sale. What is Apex coming to? In the good times Apex spent 1,000's of dollars and hours teaching kids to protect their teeth. What are you guys up to, no wonder you've lost your way. The editorial P20 reflects the sad but true cartoon on the front page, but that cartoon throws up some interesting points. The guy up front on top is not pulling his weight or oar, he is up front copping a free expenses no exertion ride, and blaming the workers. "The hands on the oars have not got time to rock the boat."

P27 the National President's report is full of prophecies of doom, the same type of guy invited a Pommy Pretender to open the Geelong Jubilee Convention and made him an Honourary Apexian when there was hundreds of Great Australians capable of doing the job. You wonder where the Apexians or would be Apexians have gone, I'll tell you, you guys have got stuck in your Ivory Towers and become like Round Table in Europe, you are bankers and seat warmers. Try to do some good Aussie hard work with your shirt off, painting some little old ladies and mens houses, mowing their lawn, build a fence or chop down a tree, don't get contractors in to do the job and pay them, where do you get your job satisfaction or are you too busy being busy?

Also read 2 (1V) Ernst and Young.

P.38 Feb. Apexian No.1 Introduction Ernst & Young, "Apex Clubs of Australia is a National Community Service Organisation." Who the hell put in "and Leadership Development". What do you want Australian Jaycees?

In the old days - Apex's Motto was Service to others was Self Development. While Jaycee's was Self Development is Service to others.

From 800 Clubs and 18,000 members in 1980's, I'll tell you what went wrong, you did. We became a National what? With an English Guest Speaker at the Jubilee Convention in Geelong, I for one stopped away and wrote to the Secretariat, complained and objected. I believe others have been stopping away ever since. Your figures prove me right.

You've spent a fortune on overseas I.R. while we have thousands of street kids in each of our own States. You've missed the tram, crashed the boat but you can still save the survivors. Get off your backsides, get out of your Crystal Palaces, save some Australians and your own and my organisation at the same time.

A Proud Apexian / Active 1968-78 aged 30 to 40.
JIM WILLIAMS.

Dear Sir,

I find the magazine informative and the latest issue with article on Future Directions particularly thought provoking.

However, I have some concerns over Section 5 - The Need for Change, and Section 8, parts 4(a) and 5, all dealing with membership age and Club size.

If I understand the phrase "Age Limit to 30" correctly it means that eventually the maximum age of Apexians will be 30, giving Apexians a maximum of 12 years experience in Apex. To diminish the age of exposure to Apex will be to lose one vital element which sets Apex apart from all other Service organisations. I refer to the vitality and enthusiasm of younger Apexians tempered with the experience and maturity of older Apexians. This feature will be sadly lacking and to the detriment of Apex, if the age span of Apexians is seriously curtailed.

The proposal for minimum sizes for Clubs reflects city-based thinking and ignores the many and varied contributions made within their local communities by smaller Clubs. In fact many communities which now enjoy the contributions of Apex would be deprived of

same if at least 20 young men are to be needed to form a Club. Records will show the value of a number of Clubs to their communities where chartered size was notably less than 20.

I can appreciate the economies and efficiency of scale for larger communities, however, why should young men in small communities be deprived of the wonderful experience of Apex because there are not 20 of them? Adelong is one such community in which I was proud to see the completion of the Charter process as D.G. in 1967 when the Charter number was about 18. This Club has continued to be an active and vital element in its community ever since.

Rather than being concerned with the interests of young men in their early 20's as opposed to those men in their early to mid thirties in the way proposed it is more essential to seek ways of utilising these very differences for the good of Apex in a more efficient and effective manner.

The constant revitalisation of Clubs with the induction of new members and retirement of others at 40 which is the lifeblood of Apex. Outstandingly successful Clubs have achieved this. Their experiences should be studied and the results applied throughout Apex.

I congratulate National Board for its initiative in having the document "New Directions" compiled and trust that the discussion processes natural to Apex will produce a way of functioning appropriate to the '90's but unique to Apex.

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM GARNETT Life Member.

Dear Sir,

Because our District Governor, Peter Wells is unavailable I had the enviable experience of being the delegate for District 5 Zone 1. I say enviable because this was the most exiting National Convention for some years. The one item that caused the most concern was the one to move the retirement age to 30.

I believe Ernst & Young have the right idea in keeping Apex young and vibrant. They however have not had practical Apex experience over a long period of time. If they had I'm sure they would have recognised one of the main problems in Apex.

That is the older member, by that I don't mean old in years but a long time in Apex. We have both seen them, members who dominate meetings and don't encourage new members to learn from their mistakes. A friend of mine Life Governor Ken Slater said to me early in my Apex career that the main thing that Apex achieved in the community was the training of the members of Apex itself, and that service work and fundraising etc. was a means to that end. A point you raised in your National Convention Report was the number of young men Apex had trained.

What I am getting at, is how long do we need to train the young men of our organisation? we certainly don't need 22 years.

Ernst & Young had the right idea but the wrong approach. If they want Apexians to remain vital and young in their ideas then limit the years they can have in Apex. I have not met many stale Apexians who are seeing out their time who

have not been in Apex more than 10 years.

So give Apexians 10 years to achieve what they want before moving on to other things, join at 18 retire at 28 etc. I feel you could go further and give Apexians a minimum of 5 years in Apex, we are always advertising Apex is for 18-40 year olds but it is very hard to get a new member in his late 30's to join. What I'm getting to here is if a member joins at 37 let him retire at 42, join at 39 retire at 44 etc. Once again the emphasis should be on vitality and enthusiasm not strictly on age.

Can you see what I'm getting at, lets keep Apex young with enthusiasm not years.

Yours in Apex.
MICHAEL SLOAN
Pine City Apex.

P.S. Is it better to have Apexians retire with 10 years Apex experience?
Or - One years experience 20 times!

Dear Sir,

In this letter I wish to raise a matter that has arisen as a flow on from one of the LaTrobe Valley National Convention decisions, that is financial responsibility.

As you know we are abandoning our old Zone based structure in favour of a more streamlined State based structure. This decision has no material effect in Tasmania and South Australia/Northern Territory (which was one Zone in each State already) but does have effect in Western Australia and Queensland where there were two Zones in each State. The major effect however is in Victoria and New

South Wales where there were previously 4 Zones in each.

Each of these new State bodies are now trying to establish themselves and the old Zones are winding down.

So where does financial responsibility come in? Several of the old Zones are considering, indeed have voted to, squander their financial reserves. Instead of passing the funds they hold onto the new State body, they are spending them in an orgy of self gratification. Free or heavily subsidised Conventions are the order of the day. Not all the old Zone bodies are squandering there money some, such as my own are considering paying their surplus funds back to the members.

However the end result is the same in all cases, the State body, if it is deprived of start up cash can only fund itself from one source, us the members through higher per capitas.

Sure we may have a cheap Convention or enjoy a windfall income to the Club but we will still end up paying in the end. In my opinion all current Zone funds whether they be small or large should be paid to the new State Board. What a petty argument it is that some Zones have more funds that others to contribute. Surely we are big enough to see that we are all Apex members and we all benefit from this course of action.

Another false argument being put around is that the Zone 13 Finance Committee funds are different. Let's be frank about this, the majority of funds from the Finance Committee come from the Golf Committee and at least two thirds of the people who work

at the Golf come from the other (non-Zone 13) Zones.

I for one as a member of the Golf Committee who raise these funds would be pleased to see them directed to the State Board.

Come on fellas let's be big about this, the only people who are going to suffer as a result of this kind of financial irresponsibility is us the members.

JOHN AMES

TORONTO'S BLACK STUMP TROPHY

The Toronto Apex Club in endeavouring to compile a historical dossier on the BLACK STUMP - a Club Trophy of great importance and significance.

"The Stump" is not unlike the Phantom - Mythical and yet real.

We are seeking any information that your readers may care to impart - Short Stories, Photos, Jokes - where you have seen it in your travels and when, Newspaper Articles etc.

Any items sent in will be copied and duly returned.

Would you please "run" our request and I can be contacted via Club at PO Box 76, Toronto, 2283 or 20 Rose Street, Blackalls Park. (Phone (049) 59-4368).

STEVE GENTLEMEN. JP
(Club Historian).

POSITIONS VACANT

The 1990/91 National Vice President (contrary to the unsubstantiated report in the last Apexian) is looking for Apexians to fulfil the roles of National secretary and National Treasurer for the 1991/92 Apex year.

National Secretary - An applicant should have had experience at Zone Board level. He should have communication skills and an understanding of Apex and the importance of deadlines.

National Treasurer - An applicant should have tertiary qualifications naturally in accountancy. He will be required to supervise the Association accounts in Sydney and therefore should be available to travel to Sydney regularly or alternatively reside in Sydney.

Remuneration is very low, the hours are long, the gratitude minimal but the fun and experience and the opportunities are magnificent.

Applications in writing by 30th September 1990. Please call Angus Redford on (08) 212-4334 or (08) 295-6382 for further information.

INGHAM APEX CLUB

A Club with only 8 members who are proud to have accomplished this extension to the aged persons units -

STAGE TWO FINISHED

Second stage of the Ingham Apex Club aged persons units in Berwick Street have currently been completed and are now fully occupied.

Built at a cost of \$230,000, the five spacious units contain all

modern amenities and offer comfortable accommodation for elderly couples.

The units were funded by the State government and monies accrued from rental of the stage one units which were opened in 1971.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council for assistance with the project.

The Finished Product



Apex members raised funds for the first stage by catching cane toads and selling them to various universities and other clients throughout Australia. Design architects for the latest project were Tippet and Schrock of Townsville with the builder being Mr Sam Cosentino of Ingham.

Ingham Apex extends special thanks to Mr Tony Cavallaro and family, Mr Elio Accornero and Mr "Skinny" Cavati for their donations towards the units.

Thanks also to Mr Bob Taylor for his years of service and to the

MORATORIUM REJECTED

Despite desperate attempts by NSW State President Jim Perrins there will be no moratorium in force on the Article of the new Association Constitution that relates to Life membership. Perrins wrongly argued that the Constitution Article, that enforces the Life Membership criteria of 8 years minimum membership and five years on Board, was not a true reflection of the LaTrobe Valley delegates wishes. However the argument was lost when it was pointed out that that particular article was the subject of an amendment at the Convention and was not changed. Clubs should therefore be aware that the minimum requirements of Life membership as outlined in the Constitution is binding on all Life Membership Applications.

ACTIVE 20-30

Dear Apexians,

The members of Active 20-30 Columbia, and specially the members of Cali Club, feel very proud of having won the Best Service Project award in WOCO '89 at Quebec, Canada.

This project allows that children of 6000 families receive adequate nourishment daily. To all of you, thanks for recognising our work which encourages us to keep on working hard.

Besides thanking you for this award, this letter has another purpose. As you know Columbia is fighting a very hard war to beat this horrible and deadly business which is narcotrafic. This war is a National as well as International level.

We are a country of 28 million people but less than 1% are directly involved with this business. In Columbia we believe this is a problem that involves not only Columbia, but the whole world. For example:

1. The use of drugs is the main cause of narcotrafic since if there is a market there will be people willing to satisfy this demand, specially in this business where the profits are overwhelmingly attractive. Today for our misfortune the drugs assassin use Columbia, Peru, Brazil and Bolivia as their main field in production and distribution of their product because of this our countries are considered the main battle fields to fight this violent war.
2. The main raw materials used in the production of drugs (mainly cocaine) are produced by developed countries, therefore the international market of these aterials deserve special ttention, and methods f control of its erchandising should be dopted.
3. The money that the narcotrafic enterprise produced is distributed all around the banking system of the world, but if they agreed to freeze those funds, the drug head would be harmed in one of their most vulnerable points, their pockets.

Finally, it is imperative that the nations of the world realize that the narcotrafic business involves and affects worldwide, and that the present and future generations are affected and are in serious danger. Therefore this was must be fought by every country of the world and not by Columbia. This is an international war.

WHAT IS COLUMBIA DOING?

In the last five years Columbians have suffered the following casualties in this deadly war.

- * A candidate to the President of Columbia
- * A Minister of Justice
- * The General Attorney of Columbia
- * Dozens of Judges and their relatives have been shot.
- * Most of the Supreme Court of Justice Magistrates were assassinated by the narcotrafic.
- * Two of the most important newspapers have been destroyed by the narcos.
- * Many Journalists have been assassinated.
- * Many Politicians have been assassinated.
- * Hundreds of Police Investigators.
- * Thousands of Civilians have been assassinated.

ON THE OTHER HAND WE MUST POINT OUT THAT:

- * Several hundreds of drug laboratories have been destroyed.
- * Thousands on tons of drugs have been confiscated and destroyed in Columbia.
- * Many Columbian citizens involved in the drug business have been extradited to the United States to be tried and condemned.
- * Hundreds of properties of the drug lords have been confiscated.
- * The Columbian public opinion condemns narcotrafic and society rejects them.
- * Most of the drug heads have left Columbia to avoid being captured.
- * Columbian Police captured and killed the second head and most dangerous member of the cartel of Medellin the main drug organisation.

HOW ARE ACTIVE 20-30 MEMBERS FIGHTING THIS WAR?

- * By supporting our democratic system and our institutions.

- * We have created a fund to help the families of our police who have died fighting this war.
- * In our community centres drug prevention campaigns take place under the supervision of institutions which are expert in this field.

Dear friends in Active 20-30 and in Apex, we are sure that finally Columbia will win this deadly war, and all of us should do whatever is necessary to win, however, we need the support of all the nations in the world because this war is their war also. We also need that every non Columbian member of Active 20-30 and of Apex be aware of what is really happening in Columbia, and help us to defeat the unjust prejudice that affects the 99% of Columbians which hate and suffer the evilness of narcotraffic.

Sincerely yours in Active
20-30.

ANDRES PATINO OCAMPO
International Relations Officer
ACTIVE 20-30 OF COLUMBIA.

"SUCCESS NEEDS SUPPORT"

Having survived one year of operation, Winpex is now well established as a commercial printing business. What is now required is continuing patronage, not only from the Association, but from Club level to keep it a viable proposition.

PLEA!

All Clubs are urged to consider Winpex when printing is required. They offer a competitively priced product with quality. If each Club were to provide just one printing job per year to Winpex, its future would almost be assured.

Such items as Letterheads, Dinner Notice covers and Advertising Dodgers are often the most used printed matter within Apex Clubs. Your consideration of Winpex Printing when printing needs arise will assist in the longevity of this noble project.

BENEVOLENT STATUS

Our involvement in the Winpex project was one of the main reasons for the Federal Government granting our Association our Benevolent Status, saving our Association thousands of dollars each year through Sales Tax Exemptions. Our support of Winpex is one way of continuing to expose our Association as an organisation willing to help Community Service based projects.

To be able to get one person out of a sheltered workshop situation, trained, and then employed in an everyday workplace will be a great achievement. To assist in making this transition ongoing, is what Apex is all about. The more support we offer Winpex, the bigger and better it will become, and give more people with intellectual disabilities a chance at what we may consider to be a normal lifestyle. All this can be achieved by each Club providing one printed job per year. It therefore stands to reason, that if Clubs can provide more than one job per year, then Winpex will be able to promote its aims better.

Through the Secretariat, Winpex is handling all of the Association's printed matter. What they can't handle themselves, such as The Apexian, is farmed out on a work contract basis, a common practice within the industry.

RE-LOCATION

Winpex is currently in the throes of moving to more spacious premises at nearby Botany. Couple to this the installation of more quality-capable equipment, and we have a modern printing operation ready to serve your needs, be it Club or business.

Until the move is complete, correspondence can be addressed to PO Box 92, Rosebery, NSW 2018, or a telephone call to (02) 667-4989 will put you on to the Manager, Allen Kidd, a Life Member of Auburn Apex Club (Z9) who would only be too happy to discuss your printing requirements.

WINPEX PRINTING SERVICES.

NSW STATE PRESIDENT REPORT TO THE APEXIAN

Shakespeare once wrote "The Longest Period of Life Starts With The Shortest Second", and if he didn't write it, he should have!! Just think about it, one moment you are young, single and carefree, then someone says Yes and bang you are married and mortgaged. One moment you are D.I.N.K.'s (dual income, no kids) then someone says Oops and bang you are S.I.T.C.O.M.S. (single income, two children, onerous mortgage). One moment you are a happy National Membership Chairman then Bernie says Congratulations and bang I am a very nervous NSW State President. Such is life.

So, you are probably asking, what are you going to do Jimbo? well I see my year divided into two distinct parts, with the dividing date being 26th October 1990. Up until that date the current Zones will continue to operate as normally and I will be setting up the new system of administration, finances and programming as well as representing NSW on National Board. After that date I will be leading NSW, implementing the program and dealing with the 1001 other items that will occur. My year officially ends on 30th June.

My theme this year is to revive the forgotten ideal, citizenship. Throughout the year my Board will be providing various citizenship activities that Clubs might wish to run with, as well as lending assistance to projects that Clubs take on. This is not to say that areas will be neglected, far from it, but I feel that citizenship needs a boost of image in Apex, and this year, being the first when we will have a truly NSW Convention, is the year to start.

By now you would have received an all Club mailing on my budget and the nominations for the first State Convention. These items will be voted on by the incoming District Governors at District Governors School on 18th August 1990, so please contact him or me if you have any questions.

Till the next edition, message, visit, telephone call, fax, mail, etc.

Yours Enjoying The Experience,

JIMBO PERRINS

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What kind of job is that?

Any avid reader of this magazine would recognise the title but few understand the role. I am amazed at how many Apexians don't even know I exist! But now I am here. I'm the man that runs the Secretariat and the administration of the Association on a day to day basis. I am employed by Apex and I report to the National Board. Having taken over from Mark Franklin back in April, with my first day on the job being day one of National Convention at Morwell (and that first day is another story), I have now had the opportunity to meet many Apexians and get involved in many new and interesting projects.

Broadly speaking my experience has been in accounting, financial management, business management, computers and training. I have a Bachelor degree in Business Management from the University of Technology, Sydney and an Accounting Certificate from the Department of Technical and Further Education. I am also an

active member of the Australian Institute of Management.

I'm not an Apexian!!!! I was thinking about it before I was offered the job but now I'm constitutionally barred from joining.

My main job responsibilities are as follows:

- Running of the Secretariat and managing the staff.
- Advising the Board on strategy, procedure and policy and executing their directives.
- Developing and managing the systems we use to run the Association.
- Managing the finances and internal controls of the Association.
- Representing the Associations interests in other organisations in which we are involved.
- Managing the external relations of the Association with everyone from the bankers to the press, sponsors and the general public.
- Developing and running programs for members development.

The other six days of the week I go sailing and snow skiing! (I wish). Really it does keep me very busy.

I could ramble on like this for pages but the editor, the boss and my wife would all complain, even though you are all crying out for more. Thanks for reading this far.

By the way my name is Bernie Devine.

50% EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT NOW APPLIES - NEWCASTLE

Following an examination of the registration pattern as the LaTrobe Valley Convention National Board have introduced an Association By-Law to the effect that commencing at the Newcastle 1992 National Convention registrations that are received by the Convention Committee prior to the nominated closing date will receive a 50% discount on their registration fee.

This will be a huge incentive to register early for National Convention and will help combat the problems that Latrobe faced where over 60% of their registrations were received well after the closing date. This makes it extremely difficult to finalise plans when registrations are being received at such late notice. While the 50% early registration discount will help those people who register early it will also penalise those people who register late as they will need to pay the full fee.

NO REGISTRATION - NO VOTE

Based on the poor registration performance of the Delegates to the LaTrobe Valley Convention where over 15 voting delegates had not registered within 2 weeks of the actual business session, National Board have come down hard on future voting delegates.

Those District delegates not registered by 31st December prior to the Convention will simply lose their right to vote at the Convention. This takes effect as from and including the Perth 1991 Convention. All Districts will have to ensure delegates are registered by the 31/12/90 or they

simply will not be funded to get to Perth and will not vote.

This is the continuance of the policy of demanding a higher level of performance from Apexians in the roles they fill as leaders of Apex. It will be interesting to count the empty seats at Perth - at least the non performers will be held accountable.

FLOODS \$11,000 IN \$42,000 PROMISED

Executive Director Bernie Devine announced that as at 15/8/90 the National President's Discretionary Fund had received \$32,000 for the Flood Relief Appeal with a further \$42,000 promised. Already \$2000 had been allocated to the Dubbo Apex Club to help administer cereals and cleaning liquids to the needy.

The \$42,000 was promised as a result of the "Flash" Farley motor bike ride around Australia. On receipt of the money's National President Jim Hughes will allocate the money as he sees fit.

National President Jim thanks all the Clubs for their tremendous support with the Flood appeal. A more comprehensive Flood Report is elsewhere in this Apexian.

APEX SIGNS WITH SANDFORD TRAVEL & ANSETT

The Association through our National Presidents Iain Evans and now Jim Hughes have signed a travel agreement with both Sandford Travel and Ansett Airlines.

The Ansett agreement is a 3 year agreement with annual review. It in effect gives the Association

\$11,000 worth of travel each year while guaranteeing Ansett that all Air Travel whether it be a State, Zone or National function will be booked through Ansett as our preferred airline.

Sandford Travel have taken over the role of making all travel arrangements on behalf of the Association. Sandfords, who are Sydney and Adelaide based, have the capacity to book all domestic and international air fares for Apexians at all levels. They are a very professional company and, apart from air flight bookings, they can organise hotel/motel bookings, bus and train bookings, hire cars etc.

Bookings through Sandford Travel do not have to be solely for Apex functions. Members who wish to book family holidays or business trips through Sandfords may do so and Apex receives a commission back on sale. Businesses who currently run accounts with airlines can transfer their accounts to Sandfords, receive the same price and service and be content with the knowledge that Apex picks up a commission.

For all your travel requirements contact Dianne and arrange your Ansett flight.

APEX MUSEUM/ARCHIVE APPEAL LAUNCHED

One of the many highlights at the LaTrobe Valley Convention was the announcement by the National President Iain Evans that the Association is to launch an appeal, as part of the lead up activities toward our 60th year celebrations, for an Apex Museum/Archive to be established at Geelong.

Meetings have been held with the Geelong Regional Commission and some influential past Apexians of the Geelong District. A further report regards the details of the appeal are to be submitted to the August Board meeting for approval. More details next issue.

DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

An opportunity not to be missed. The Association of Apex Clubs Diamond Jubilee Dinner will be held in our birth place, Geelong, on the 9th March 1991. It is envisaged that all Life Governors and Past National Presidents will be in attendance at this not to be missed celebration.

With the National Convention in Perth next year this function will present those members in the Eastern States with a great chance to mix with the who's who of Apex. It is expected that over 1000 people will be in attendance. More information is available from Victorian State President, David Double.

HUGHES TO VISIT FIJI

Within the first hour of taking over as National President at his first National Board meeting Jim Hughes announced his intention to visit the Apex Fiji National Convention in November.

With our withdrawal from WOCO it is very important that the Apex Associations that make up the South East Asian region develop closer links with Apex Australia. It is envisaged that Jim will be conducting training sessions while attending the Convention.

SUPPLY HOUSE OUT TO TENDER

The National Supply House is up for tender and all Zones have been invited to submit offers for the purchase and operation of the National Supply House. Currently the Supply House is located in the Association Headquarters at Mascot, NSW and runs at a loss.

Despite numerous attempts to make the Supply House profitable the Supply House has consistently shown losses. Although small book profits have been shown they have not taken into account staff wages to run the Supply Houses, rental charges for the floor space taken up, an allocation of rates/taxes etc.

Considering all of the above, Zones have been invited to tender for the purchase of the operation of Supply House. At this stage the asking price looks somewhere between \$25,000 to \$30,000 with an annual licence fee for use of the Apex logo.

AIR CONDITIONING

Executive Director Bernie Devine has recently signed a contract for the Secretariat to be completely air conditioned. The old air conditioning was completely fatigued and a new \$70,000 system has been ordered. It is expected that the new system will be up and operating by 30/8/90.

ASSOCIATION OF WOMENS APEX CLUBS

In May 1990 two South Australian Womens Clubs wrote to the Association of Apex Clubs of Australia seeking permission to use the Apex Logo and the word Apex in their name, i.e. the Association of Womens Apex Clubs of Australia. On 16 June, Apex National Board agreed to this request and to sponsor such an Association.

The two foundation Clubs - Adelaide Northern Districts and Adelaide Hills - were immediately joined by Brisbane South West and the Darwin Womens Service Club, and more recently Geelong. Our current membership totals more than 50.

Membership of this new Womens Association is open to all ladies between the ages of 18 and 45. We offer you the chance to be actively involved in your local community and to further develop your personal skills, whilst at the same time meeting people and making new friendships.

We are eager to establish many more Clubs throughout Australia and already there are three interested groups in South Australia keen to set up Clubs in the immediate future.

We hope to develop strong, active and enthusiastic Clubs with memberships of about 20 rather than a large number of small Clubs with low memberships.

It is our intention to become a strong and viable sister organisation to Apex. We believe that by sharing the Apex logo, we will grow and develop with Apex, and do so as an equal partner.



Lorraine Janssen

If you are interested in being actively involved in your own community and would like to find out more information, either now or at any future time, on how to join a Womens Apex Club, or how to establish one, please contact me on (08) 2581959 or write to me at Box 122, Salisbury, S.A. 5108. I would be very pleased to talk to you and send you more detailed information.

LORRAINE JANSSEN
Co-ordinator.

L A T R O B E V A L L E Y C O N V E N T I O N - A W A T E R S H E D

The 56th National Convention held in the LaTrobe Valley, Victoria during Easter 1990 proved to be a watershed convention for the Association. After a week of meetings, business sessions and great fellowship the Association has been re-shaped for the 1990's.

With 108 delegates representing their Districts for the first time under the new delegates system of District Delegates the majority of the changes were implemented by

amendment to the proposed constitution.

Convention Chairman and then National President Iain Evans received over 150 amendments to the proposed constitution and managed to reduce these to just over 60 amendments for the delegates to actually vote on.

While all Clubs have received their minutes of the Convention the major changes that were accepted at the Convention are as follows:

1) Structure - the 14 Zone structure has been replaced by a 6 Zone structure based on State Boundaries with the only exceptions being Kunnunurra (WA) staying with the SA/NT Zone and the NSW Clubs of our current Zone 8 and Zone 7 being allocated to the Victorian Zone.

The new 6 Zone structure commences at the end of the Zone Conventions in September/October 1990. In 1991 6 State Conventions will be held. Our 14 Zone Boards will continue until the end of their respective Zone Conventions this year at which point a State Board will take over.

2) Apex Year Date Change

As from and including June 30, 1991 all levels of Apex changeover on June 30 each year. This means that the State Boards which take over from our 14 Zone Boards in September/October 1990 will in fact have a 9 to 10 month term and handover in June 1991 to a new State Board. At National level the June 30 changeover is already in effect with Iain Evans having handed over to Jim Hughes at a function in Adelaide on June 16, 1990.

It should be noted that because of the impracticality of having all Club handover in July or August if they so choose.

3) Open Tenure

The National President and National Vice President are eligible for re-election for further terms up to a maximum of 3 years however it must be appreciated they must actually nominate and be willing to contest an election when they re-nominate for a second or third term. State Presidents and State Vice Presidents are also eligible for re-election.

It is the intention that all positions in Apex become eligible for re-election and you will no doubt find this reflected in the Constitution and various By-laws when your Club receives your copy.

4) Reduced National Board

National Board has been reduced from 23 members to 10 members. National Board is currently made up of 6 State Presidents, National President, National Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 'ex officio' is our Executive Director.

5) National Chairman
Appointed & Not On Board

National Convenors (the new name for National Chairmen) are no longer a formal part of the National

Board and are not required to travel to Board meetings to report but rather report through the National President or his nominee.

Unlike National Chairmen, the new National Convenors are not elected but simply nominated by the National President of the day. They have no voting rights.

6) Open Dates For National Conventions

The previous restriction of having National Conventions only during the Easter period have been lifted and as a result National Conventions can be held at whatever time the nominating Club and National Board agree on.

7) Two Year Budgeting & Cash Flow Projections

It is now a requirement of the National Vice President, National Treasurer and Executive Director to prepare a 2 year budget with projected cash flow figures for the delegates at the National Convention to consider. This is just one small part of a plan to being the Association onto a more professional footing.

8) Apex Australia Citizenship Schemes Now Every Second Scheme

With the philosophy that Apex needs to become more involved and vocal on community issues it is now a constitutional requirement that on a National basis Apex alternates between an Apex Australia Service Scheme and Apex Australia Citizenship Scheme. This does not mean that we have to have a scheme every year, however what it does mean is that if we have just completed an Apex Australia

Service Scheme then we cannot have another Apex Australia Service Scheme until after we have completed an Apex Australia Citizenship Scheme. This is a direct attempt to ensure that Nationally we are more balanced in our focus between and Service.

National Board have decided that because we have just completed the very successful Melanoma Apex Australia Scheme that the Apex Australia Scheme must be Citizenship based. To help Clubs prepare nominations for this, the first year of Apex Australia Citizenship Schemes National Board will accept nominations that have not been passed by a District Convention.

9) Club Size Requirement

National Board now have the power to set a minimum Club size under the constitution. At its Post Convention meeting National Board ratified a previous decision to set the minimum standard of 10 members per club. Clubs who have less than 10 members for 6 months will have their charter suspended and if it then continues with less than 10 members for a further 3 months then it will automatically lose its charter. If at any time in that 9 month period a Club increases over the 9 member mark then the charter is restored.

10) WOCO Withdrawal

The Convention voted to leave WOCO. This takes effect from September 1990.

11) Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment is now achieved by a 2/3 majority vote

(previously 3/4) of the delegates at Convention.

12) Proxy Voting - Writing Only

Proxy voting at all levels, except National Board meetings, have to be in writing and the reasons for the proxy being accepted by the majority of delegates present. At National Board meetings the absent Zone (State) President needs to write to the Board simply nominating his proxy which is automatically accepted.

Age Reduction Rejected

The only real rejection for the whole Convention was the rejection of the proposed age reduction to 30. After much debate the delegates could not see the reduction in age improving the Association or its membership.

The LaTrobe Valley Convention was a turning point for the Association. With a completely new constitution adopted the mood at the Convention was for one of change. The system of District Governors as delegates proved to be a huge success. The standard of debates was excellent and the Clubs can be well pleased with the way in which the delegates represented the Clubs views. there is little doubt that one of the best decisions the association has made in recent years is the District delegates concept.

After the magnificent spectacle of LaTrobe Valley Convention we all wait with great enthusiasm to travel to Perth in 1991

POETS CORNER

I'm on a Committee

Oh, give me some pity, I'm on a committee, which means that from morning till night,
 We attend, and amend, and contend, and defend, Without a conclusion in sight.
 We confer and concur, we defer and demur, And re-iterate all of our thoughts.
 We revise the agenda with frequent addenda, And consider a load of reports.
 We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose, And the points of procedure are fun!
 But though various notions are brought up as motions, There's terribly little gets done.
 We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve, Since it's out of the question for us.
 What a shattering pity to end our committee, Where else could we make such a fuss.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH STUART BETHUNE

Stuart Bethune is the International Relations Convenor, he is 29 years of age, a member of the Terang Apex Club (Victoria) and joined Apex in 1982. Here he outlines his view of International Relations:

Aims

Our aims this year are to

- i) Assist all members to gain a balanced insight into the International Relations activities of Apex.
- ii) Emphasise the tremendous scope International Relations offers, and

- iii) Encourage all members to participate in at least one International Relations activity.

By virtue of joining our great Association we are obliged to promote International understanding and friendship. Apex offers boundless opportunities in the field of international fellowship and friendship but only to those who are prepared to grasp it.

This year I hope every Apexian vigorously participates in International Relations. Great potential is yet untapped and success in International Relations cannot be achieved without research, effort and a degree of tenacity.

To accomplish great things - We must not only act but also dream, Not only plan but also believe.

Service is a matter of time, Citizenship is a matter of priorities Fellowship is fun.

International Relations encapsulates all of the above and deserves equal attention.

Many Apexians believe we should put our country in order first i.e. attack the poverty existing in Australia. I believe as citizens of the world we have obligations to fund third world countries in the areas of sustained education, health, housing and food production. Give a man a fish and you give him a meal. Teach him to fish and you feed him for life.

Emphasis from our view must be on the "self help" or "developmental aid" projects where finance and western skills are provided, but the physical effort of managing and maintaining

projects must be accepted by the recipients. Mere gifts solve only immediate problems and don't prevent their reoccurrence.

Dangerous Neighbours

Nations don't progress if the vast majority of the people are poverty stricken. Poor nations are unstable and open to unrest from their people subversion from outside and are a threat to world peace. Poor neighbours are dangerous neighbours.

These nations some of which surround Australia, are a weakness in the world structure unless Australians and Apexians continue to recognise the poverty on our doorstep and maintain action to reduce it we will be surrounded by an area of world weakness whose instability is a threat to peace in our region.

It is our world after all and essential Apex continues to assist our poor neighbours. Apex is a force for progress and peace in the underdeveloped countries and as such can assure our National security International Relations is too important to be left to politicians.

A new Apex year has begun which heralds new International Relations challenges. The Club President has shuffled his Board and I hope the last card dealt wasn't handed to the I.R. Director or alternatively backshoved to the most "burnt out" member. Your Club I.R. activities will be disastrous as a result.

Our overseas respectability was certainly eroded at the Watershed Convention and I view this year as a make or break proposition for International Relations. It is paramount that we re-affirm our

deep commitment to International Relations activities this year.



I.R. Conveinor Stuart Bethune

WOCO Withdrawal

Discussion concerning our WOCO withdrawal, effective at Harare, is rife but the ramifications of the Morwell discussion will take years to evolve.

The 67 Districts who voted to withdraw can't afford to consider that decision as an affront to continue their obligatory support of our fourth ideal. We must show Apex Australia hasn't severed our valued friendship with overseas Associations.

National Board Ludicrous

National Board decided the Apex Australia Chair at WOCO Harare will be vacant. We instigated WOCO restructure, (one of our members was on that committee) not explain our rationale to leave and not exercise our vote on the restructure proposals is ludicrous.

I was gravely concerned by the means in which the WOCO decision was made. We as members of a democratic organisation should never

underestimate the power of a Chairman.

Cost cutting in certain areas of Apex may well prove detrimental to our Association's efficiency. I refer to the limitations of the Convenors in particular the Internatinal Relations Convenor. I'm expected to attend National Board meetings (self funded), can't move or second motions therefore have no right of reply, can speak only once to motions pertinent to International Relations and doesn't have voting rights. I suggest Zone Conventions could be an opportune venue to initiate the reinstatement of National Chairmen with voting powers.

I would warmly welcome Club Dinner Notices. This medium will keep me abreast of Club International Relations activities.

The editor of the Sri Lankan Apexian, R. Jayaprakash wishes to receive Dinner Notices from Australia. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated and his address is 54 Layards Road, Columbo 5, Sri Lanka.

Political Arena

Some topical International Relations issues are currently being floated in the political arena and I believe they may provide a great opportunity to hold a Club forum debate on -

- i) The immigration policy
- ii) Permanent citizenship of the 0,000 Chinese students
- iii) The fate of the Multi Cultural Polis, and
- iv) Foreign ownership of Australia.

Apex is non party political but we can be political. We must produce action, not live on ourself. Surely we can debate the political, economical and social crises of today.

Overseas contact with fellow Associations is of upmost importance to restore our damaged reputation. Australians like few other nationalities travel frequently with minimal restrictions. I strongly urge Apexians travelling overseas, particularly those destined for South East Asia to make a genuine effort to meet Apexians in foreign lands. Hopefully you can be briefed prior to departure by myself or your State International Relations Officer.

Why not participate is a Mass Tour? The renowned Neville Bullock Tour organised by RTNZ is scheduled for November and Apex India's closing date for the Maharajah Tour (5th to 20th January 1991) is 31st September. Apex India's National Convention is incorporated in the tour. Fantastic times are assured and i believe more Apexians should participate in more international adventures to broaden their global outlook.

Round Table has established a unique extension Round Table No.1 Tablers in Estonia USSR was founded by Round Table Finland in February 1989.

Club to Club

I have a copy of the WOCO Club to Club Project booklet, which lists 350 worthy projects deserved of our sponsorship. I urge Clubs via these projects to grasp the opportunity to assist residents in third world countries. Costs range from U.S.\$50 to U.S.\$1,000 and

Clubs may part fund the dearer ones.

Sponsor Clubs select the project of their choice, send the particulars to the WOCO Project Manager and you'll receive confirmation of your allocation. The coordinating Club is also notified of your intention.

The sponsor Club should then post haste contact the coordinating Club and provide them with the funding. Give a project your support and experience the sense of satisfaction.

Southern India was recently devastated by a cyclone which destroyed 1,500 villages and uprooted 3 million people. Apex India are to the fore and have launched an appeal to alleviate the suffering.

National President Jim Hughes has been approached to donate funds from the National Presidents Discretionary Fund. National President Jim has also sanctioned an Australia wide appeal, please give this plea profound consideration. Donations will be used to provide cooking utensils, food, water, clothing and medical supplies for the affected. Please forward donations via the Overseas Relief Fund at the Secretariat.

Members of the Round table India (Madras) wish to visit Australia and New Zealand this summer and play 3 one day cricket matches in both countries. National Board have ratified this concept of furthering International Relations and understanding. The Madras Tablers plan to spend 6 days in Australia and 6 in New Zealand. I require a co-ordinator to organise the tour. Contact myself or your Zone International Relations Officers for more details.

The State structure will be of great benefit in some International Relations areas combining in some cases up to 4 Zones experience and resources. This should provide solid launching bases for projects such as work parties. Hopefully this year we can plan extra, more efficiently organised work parties.

The success and cooperation at these projects depends largely on the dedication and cooperation from the recipient Association and the Clubs and members in the projects immediate vicinity. Again our WOCO withdrawal may affect our future proposals.

It is vital the State Presidents appoint an energetic efficient and highly motivated I.R. devotee to the position of State International Relations Officer. His role is of great importance if we are to forge ahead in International Relations.

We require more sighted members who currently see the great duties and opportunities Apex has to help dispel ignorance, intolerance and inequality in our world. I have the upmost faith that our strong International Relations care will ensure that our fourth Ideal continues to be brought forth.

I look forward to serving the Association in the capacity as National International Relations Convenor.

Enjoy your Apex,

STU BETHUNE.
"Bringing forth our fourth Ideal"

PERRINS FINDS SECRET

Almost exactly five years ago I set off round Australia in search of the "Secret". The "Secret" was something that I was sure existed but I could not define, so I called it the "Secret". It concerned membership generally and why some Clubs had lots and some Clubs had little. Asking questions hadn't helped, if I asked 3 people why, I got 3 different answers, if I asked 10 people I got a fight with 10 different views and if I asked 100, a riot ensued!!

The main problem as I saw it, was that there was no obvious common denominator between big Clubs and small ones. I'd been to big "Formal" Clubs, I'd been to small Formal Clubs, Big and Small Country Clubs, Large and Little "Rat Baggy Clubs", Tourist Town Clubs, Mining Town Clubs, Sugar Cane Clubs, Desert Clubs, Remote Clubs; in fact all types and yet I couldn't put my finger on any one common thread between Big Clubs or Small Clubs.....Until, 6 months ago that is, when I realised that there was something that All growing Clubs had and All decreasing Clubs didn't have.

It came to me as I was giving a guest critique at a meeting, I had been to 3 meetings already that week and all had been to decreasing Clubs but this one, on Thursday was different and the Club was increasing. Already this Club had inducted 3 new members and tonight there were another two new faces. The Club had not been on a membership drive and yet they were well on the way to doubling membership. Why?

I stopped my critique half way through, because I'd found the "Secret". The "Secret" was not how well the meeting was chaired, or

how good was their service commitment, or how well the Board performed, although all these aspects were very good, no, the reason why there was a 100% attendance there that night was because they all had enjoyed themselves.

That was it, simple and pure enjoyment. The basic ingredient of every growing Club. The members came to the meeting because they wanted to and looked forward to them. Why? Because they enjoyed themselves. The members attended service work en masse, Why? Because the Service Director provided interesting work that the members took pride in completing. Socially the Club was a buzz because of all the various activities that the members enjoyed. In fact the whole Club was growing because every member was enjoying their Apex.

So, to all incoming Club Presidents I want you to make a commitment now, and that is to ask yourself after every Apex Meeting/Function/Service Project/Youth Scheme/Whatever, did my members learn something? Are my members proud for having done that work? Did they get something out of that? Did they have a good time? In short, are they enjoying Apex?

If you can answer Yes to that question, not only will they be eager to come to the next Function/Meeting etc., but you might find a few new faces.

Good Luck,

JIMBO.

EVANS - AIDS TEST POSITIVE

In his final address as National President Iain Evans slammed the politicians of all parties for failing to bring legislation into force to ensure all patients that have to undergo surgery are subjected to an aids test.

Iain commented that it seems ridiculous that the community spends considerable time and money in training our medical staff only to put them at risk by not providing our medical staff all the information available to them. It is time for Australia to stop and listen to the lobbying of minority groups that propose that aids testing is an invasion of civil rights. "Whatever happened to the rights of our medical staff to, as far as possible, to work in a risk free work environment".

Initiating these comments was the decision of the LaTrobe Valley National Convention to support Aids becoming a notifiable disease.

The then National President Iain supported the Australian Medical Association National President Dr. Bruce Shepherd in his call for Aids testing for those patients that are to undergo surgery and we have invited Dr. Shepherd to write an Article for "The Apexian".

It would appear that this would be an excellent citizenship scheme for Apex to adopt Nationally.

GOULBURN APEX CLUB V'S FRENCH GOVERNMENT

New South Wales based Goulburn Apex Clubs Editor of the Clubs "Apex News" has publically attacked the French Government over continuing nuclear testing on Mururoa Atoll in the Pacific.

In an aggressive editorial Apexian John Harris calls on his Club members, Zone and State Boards and National Boards to not only lobby the Federal Government to impose bans on French imports but also write to the French Ambassador C/- French Embassy, 6 Darwin Ave, Yarralumla, ACT expressing objection to -

- Australia, as a country, officially objects to the testing
- more and more people are opposed to nuclear testing
- Underground nuclear testing damages the "base" of the atoll, making it potentially unstable.
- above ground testing releases a radio-active cloud which is carried first around the Southern Hemisphere, then the whole world, just like the Chernobyl disaster
- Some of this radioactive cloud affects Australian produce and measurably increases background radiation in eastern Australia
- the "local" people of Polynesia already suffer from very high rates of cancer and that this is directly attributable to French nuclear testing
- both the USA and USSR are actively dismantling nuclear weapons

- * the Eastern Bloc countries are undergoing a democratic "revolution" (East and West Germany have effectively merged, even though elections are not due till the end of this year).
- * there are fewer short and medium range missiles in Europe than ever before
- * The USSR is becoming more "open" and "westernised" in its outlook
- * there are fewer, if any, military threats to Europe, including France
- * the damage to the local and world environment from such testing lasts for thousands or millions of years.

The challenge that faces Goulburn Apex Club and in particular John Harris is to move the appropriate motion to force this issue to become a State or National Citizenship Scheme.

(What about it John?? - Ed.)

Growth

National President Jim Hughes is to be congratulated on his plan to commence 60 Clubs in 2 years as part of the Diamond Jubilee Membership Campaign. There is no doubt that the development of Apex's Australia wide presence depends on the development of new Apex Clubs. The editor trusts every Apexian supports the move to expand the membership base of Apex and I look forward to detailing in following issues exactly where new Clubs have been started.

IAIN EVANS.

ABOLISH HOLIDAY LOADING - EVANS

In a typically controversial final address Immediate Past President Iain Evans called for Apex to take up the challenge of lobbying for the deletion of the 17 1/2% holiday loading.

Iain said "That after having cleared the idea with all major political parties to ensure that none of them had a policy to that effect I concluded that Apex would gain a lot of public support for the deletion of the loading".

"When we consider the state of the Australian economy; our increasing foreign debt and our lack of competitiveness overseas we must surely be asking ourselves what is Australia doing paying people more when they are on holidays than when at work. If one accepts the theory that the people are paid as a reward for their work effort then I find it extraordinary that the Australian employee accepts the insult that he is of more benefit and worth more when he is on holidays than when at work", he claimed.

Iain stated that "Research indicates that the Australian employers in the private sector each year find the \$1.7 billion that Australia pays in public holiday loading. They either find it by directly paying it to their own employees or by paying higher taxes to pay Government employees.

If Apex is serious in its desire to take a stand on a community issue then I'm sure all the small to medium size business proprietors that have gone bankrupt or are facing bankruptcy would like Apex to start the community debate.

There is no doubt in my mind that the 'Silent Majority' of Australia support the deletion of the loading. I'm sure Apex would be very comfortable in the role of being a primemover in this debate."

In an interview after the speech Iain commented that his personal view was that the deletion of the holiday loading would make an ideal Apex Australia Citizenship Scheme.

EDITORIAL

WHY ARE WE WAITING

The LaTrobe Valley Convention was indeed a watershed for both Associations meeting there at Easter namely, Apex and Crest. Both Associations were faced with decisions that would ultimately have a far reaching consequence for their respective organisation.

Crest decided to reject the Apex offer of name and logo use and have since learnt of the forewarned consequences of that decision. National Vice President Angus Redford, summarises the situation in the article "Redford on Crest" (Page ?). As a result we welcome the Association of Womens Apex Clubs to the field of community service.

Apex made many decisions at LaTrobe the effects of which will take years to comprehend and see the result of. New structure, new financial year, reduced National Board, withdrawal from WOCO and an increase in citizenship activity all suggest on the surface a bright new Apex has changed.

Now however is not the time for complacency. What must be realized is that all that the

decisions at LaTrobe have done is created an opportunity for Apex to grow. This growth is totally dependant on the action of our leaders in the next 24 months. In particular I refer to all Presidents and Citizenship Directors in Clubs, States and National Board.

Apex has adopted 'citizenship' as the flavour of the month in the well founded belief that a more vocal Apex on community issues will build a profile that more people will wish to be associated with. Our \$25,000 consultants, Ernst and Young, tell us that apart from Female Membership in Apex that a higher profile more vocal Apex is a necessity for our growth and development.

It is now 4 months since the LaTrobe Convention and not one Press Release on a community issue has been distributed to the media by our National President or any State President. Given their keenness to change our Association into a citizenship mode one would have thought that some media release may have been made in that period.

As editor of "The Apexian" I have a great belief that the decisions made at LaTrobe were correct and that our re-entry into the citizenship arena is a necessary one. However we cannot develop a high profile by being silent. At no time in our past has Apex needed 'Leadership by example' like we do now and to our leaders at all levels I say - we are waiting.

STAFF STORIES

ADMINISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES MANAGER

My name is Marion McGivern, I am the Administration & Membership Services Manager of the Association. I have been asked to give you a little bit of background, so here goes. I am originally from Scotland, having arrived in Australia for 2 years in 1963 and I am still here. I think I will probably stay!

I joined Apex exactly one year ago. The main problem I have with Apex is the age limit. I find it difficult to come to terms with the fact that apart from being the only woman in the National Board meeting most of the time, I am the oldest in the room. It doesn't do much for a woman's morale believe me.

However, having enjoyed the "Challenge of Change" in Iain Evans year, I am now looking forward to "Apex - Get the Experience", with Jim Hughes Board.

The duties of the Administration & Membership Services Manager are quite clearly defined in the title.

I am responsible for the management of non finance staff and systems. Operational management of premises, equipment and specified membership services.

I am also responsible for sourcing and ordering of supply house items, keeping in mind pricing restrictions. This is becoming more and more difficult due to the economic climate and as we all know everything goes up every

time you buy something. I must always keep in mind that we want a quality item at a realistic price, however as I have said in the past, you only get what you pay for. If we buy a cheap item, we get a cheap item.

I am not quite sure, but I think Past National President Iain Evans employed me because of my Scottish blood, now because he has Scottish ancestry, but because the Scots have a reputation for being careful with their money, totally untrue of course.

Premises & Equipment

I am responsible for maintaining the availability of presentable and safe operation of equipment and premises to required standards at National Convention, National Board and for the day to day operation of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat is undergoing some changes at the moment, which will enable us to work much more effectively.

Census & Directory Update

This is a major job, which continues throughout the year. No sooner do we get one lot of information keyed in and printed we start on another one. We hope to have a new system installed in the near future, which once again should give us more flexibility and a more efficient Secretariat.

GROW GROW GROW

As Apex enters its sixtieth year there is no higher priority than growth. National President Jim Hughes has outlined a National Programme to develop 60 new Clubs in the next 2 years. The Association record is 48 Clubs achieved when now Life Governor Tom Chapman (Adelaide) was National President.

The Association is in the mood for growth and National Board have already established that only 10 members is required to form a Club. Now is the time for incoming District Governors and Club Presidents to focus on chartering new Clubs.

Past National membership Chairman Jim Perrins has supplied the following list of towns that could possibly support a Club of 10 Apexians:

Victoria

Drysdale, Ballan, Violet Town, Queenscliffe, Natimuck, Bridgewater, Winchelsea, Jeparit, Pyramid Hall, Lorne, Rainbow, Lake Boga, Lismore, Cowes, Woomalong, Lake Bolac, Yarragon, Gunbower, Cavendish, Koo Wee Rup, Maldon, Nelson, San Remo, Rupanyup, Warburton, St Arnaud, Chiltern, Dunolly, Glenrowan.

New South Wales

Batlow, Tumbanumba, Culcairn, Henty, Coolamon, Yenda, Ardletnan, Balranald, Ivanhoe, Hillston, Windsor, Morrisett, Stroud, Bulahdelah, Dunedoo, Baradine, Wilcanna, Lighting Ridge, Macksville, Nambucca Heads, Dorrigo, Yamba, Brunswick Heads, Pottsville, Werris Creek.

Tasmania

Southport, Dover, Geeveston, Franklin, Cygnet, Snug, St Marys, Richmond, Swansea, Beaconsfield, Lilydale, St Helens, Forth, King Is., Flinders Is.

South Australia

Robe, Gladstone, Yorktown, Lucindale, Laura, Meningee, Orreroo, Morgan, Tailem Bend, Quorn, Cooper Peady, Mannum, Hawker, Darke Peak, Pinaroo, Woomera, Wilmington, Tumbly Bay, Adelaide River, Leigh Creek, Hahndorf, Strathalbyn, Oakbank.

Queensland

Laidley, Aугathella, Barralaba, Oakey, Morven, Wonan, Surat, Taroom, Yeppoon, Dirranbardie, Crows Nest, Blackwater, Mungindi, Mundabbera, Proserpine, Quilpie, Tambo, Julia Creek, Mitchell, Alpha, Cloncurry, Cooktown, Mossman, Normantown, Welpa, Stradbroke Is.

Western Australia

Ravensthorpe, Augusta, Southern Cross, Walpole, 1/4 Springs, Northcliffe, Rottnest Is., Nannup, Brooktown, Broome, Wyndham, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Xing, Onslow, Marble Bar, Roebourne, Meekathara, Northampton, Witternoon.

Summary:

On first sight, some of these towns may seem a bit small to hold a Club, but when you see some of the small towns that already have a Club, and are booming, then you must ask the question, what is the smallest size that a town can be to support a Club?

The second point is that Jim has not included ANY sites in Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth or Brisbane. These places have to supply just 5 new Clubs each for us to have 180 sites for new Clubs.

In a recent address to the Adelaide Metropolitan District Convention then National President Iain Evans named 18 suburbs that are currently not serviced by Apex - and that is just Adelaide!! Imagine our potential in other cities.

Those Clubs who look like extending don't be afraid to write to your State President asking for funds because he can access funds from the National Budget. Also contact the Secretariat for extension kits to help plan your part in our growth.

"ARCHITECTURAL APEX" - CENTENARY BOOK

This book was launched at LaTrobe Valley Convention by Hugh Morgan (OA). It traces the 100 year history of Geelong based architectural firm Buchan, Laird & Bowden and the 60 year history of Apex.

Magnificently written by Michael Page the book provides a great insight into the social history of Australia and the input that 2 great organisations have had to Australia.

Naturally enough the common bond between the two organisations are the founders of Apex. John Buchan, Ewen Laird, Langham Proud. John and Ewen's family were Directors of Buchan, Laird, Bowden and Langham worked for them for a short time.

The book has a well balanced mix of Australian Architectural history and never told before Apex history. The book costs \$50 and is available from your supply house - but be quick - there are less than 30 copies left

CLUB CHARTER SUSPENDED
DURING HEATED DEBATE

A popular and strong Apex Club was the topic of heated debate at the Pre Convention Board meeting held at Easter. The Club has run a "Gentlemens Evening" as a local fundraiser against the previously advised wishes of the National President of the day.

It appears that then National President Iain Evans got wind of the entertainment and had rung the Club President and had instructed the Club not to hold the function as it was not in the best interests of the Association, the Club or the Town.

Regardless of the National Presidents wishes the function proceeded.

This matter was raised at the National Board meeting and in the end a one month suspension of charter was imposed. The Club can thank its lucky stars that it did not suffer loss of charter or a 12 month suspension of charter both of which were hotly debated during the course of the debate.

Clubs need to be aware that the Association simply will not stand for this style of function and Clubs anticipating holding such a function need to be aware of the consequences.

As a follow up note the National Board has since received a letter of apology from the Club.

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1991 NATIONAL APEX CONVENTION, PERTH
CONVENTION UPDATE

Every Apex Club in Australia has been sent a copy of the Programme/Registration Information/Sunday Options and Accommodation range for the Convention (27 March to 1 April, 1991)

This is going to be a top quality National Convention. It will be one you will remember for all of your time in APEX. Plenty of action, plenty of good food and reasonably priced drinks.

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER. Attached is a Registration Form modified to fit into the APEXIAN. Please photocopy it, fill it in and send it to the Convention Address in the top left hand corner. Developments include:

1. **CONVENTION BADGES:** These are very special (real) diamond studded badges, with the APEX logo and in APEX colours. Each is numbered, and will be sold by order only. Registrants may order these with their registration form. **Orders close on the 25th January, 1991.** A special arrangement will also apply for Clubs, but this will be carried out through DG's.

2. **LIFE MEMBERS/SENIOR ACTIVES REUNION.** A reunion and activity day is planned for all LIFE MEMBERS and Senior Active Apexians for the Friday 29th March, 1991 at the Burswood Convention Centre. These activities will be conducted after the official opening. Contact Russell Coghlan (09) 313-1221 (H), or (09) 323-6730 (W) or (09) 323-6636 (Fax) for more details.

3. **TRAVEL.** All registrants are encouraged to ring **SANDFORD TRAVEL** on 008 027-963 to get the best deal on travel arrangements over the Easter break (the business time of the aviation year). Please don't leave your booking too late. **BOOK NOW** and get your 25% off the normal fare. All travel will be by ANSETT.

4. **OVERSEAS CONNECTIONS.** For a little extra money, take a well earned rest in SINGAPORE. Sandford Travel have put together a 5 day package to Singapore staying at the Miridian Hotel. Transfers and flying with QANTAS. There are Pre and Post Convention trips. Ring **VERONICA** on 008 027-963 for all details and bookings.

5. **SUNDAY OPTIONS:** Take a trip to "ROTT" or Cohuna Wildlife Park or Pioneer Village. Play a round of golf at Burswood or go on a wine cruise/tour or simply tour Perth City and Kings Park. Or just have a rest. Just let us know, when you register.

6. **KIDS.** For the children over 7 years old we have 2 camps booked. All supervised by appropriate staff. Let them have a great holiday as well, and don't worry about them in camp.

CRECHE/BABYSITTING FACILITIES. These will be available at the Convention Centre, but we do need to know of your requirements - tell us on the registration form.

7. **ZONE DINNERS.** There is a large range of low priced eating venues in Perth. Get in touch with your DG who can inform your State President of your wishes. Examples of eating houses available in Perth will be available at all Zone Conventions.

8. **SAVINGS PLAN.** Think it is too expensive? With the savings plan we will send to you after you have sent in a deposit will make the task easier. You simply deposit a small amount regularly and it helps reduce the large "ONCE-OFF" cost syndrome. Ask our representative at your Zone Convention.

9. **REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MARCH 1ST 1991.**

10. **ACCOMMODATION:** All the accommodation that we have pencilled in are at, or very close to the Burswood Convention Centre. Only your deposits EARLY will confirm the rooms at these venues. Burswood Resort (\$140), Red Castle Motel (\$45-\$70), Home-A-Tels (\$60), Motor Lodges (\$48, \$80 with a bedsitter), Toorak Lodge (\$45), Flag Lodge (\$42), Bel Eyre (\$55). At present there is no price change expected. There are other venues available on request, but transport may not be available to/from these.

11. For more details ask you Club Secretary for a registration guide/form or please contact:

Ken Maisey (Registrations) 09 377-2883(H) 09 421-4854(W) 09 421-4777 (Fax)
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2. ACCOMMODATION (Cheque guide for details)

Preferred Venues 1..... 2..... 3.....
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3. TRAVEL DETAILS: Travel arrangements should be made through SANDFORD TRAVEL 008 027-963.

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4. SUNDAY OPTIONS: Please indicate your preference (See Guide for details)

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Are you arranging your own day (YES / NO). Will you require Sunday Lunch (YES / NO)

5. ZONE DINNER PARTIES: Do you wish to attend? (YES / NO) Zone.....

6. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Will you require child minding facilities? (YES/NO) Will you require a hairdressers appointment? (YES/NO)

LADIES TOURS: Are you interested in participating? (YES / NO).

CONVENTION SHIRTS: (Cost \$25.00 each)

Quantity..... Size..... Child / Adult.....

7. CONVENTION BADGES: Special Commemorative badges sold on order only. Orders close 25 Jan.1991

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9.4 Accommodation Deposit		\$ 50	

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