

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2018/2019**



**Association of  
Apex Clubs of Australia**

**Role: National President**

**Member: Neal Molineaux**

**Apex Club: South Wagga, NSW**

**Membership: 22 Years**



What a year it has been, the experiences this past year have been nothing short of fantastic and rewarding.

The year commenced with both work and Apex travels, to which the eye could see the devastating effects of the drought across the Northern NSW and Southern QLD Regions, a sight of such a bare and barren Australian landscape. To assist our Aussie farmers the '*National President Drought Relief Fund*' was set up through 'by a bale'. With a goal to fund raise \$10,000 to support our farmers, that support was eventually more than doubled with \$22,500 generously donated by families and friends of the Apex Association, even from as far as Singapore. Not only was I proud of this support, but our Aussie Farmers were extremely grateful.

The opportunity to represent this Association at our overseas Apex Associates was an honour. Apex Australia is well respected by these Apex Brothers and Sisters, and whilst attending a number of these National Conventions commentary was made about our structured meeting procedure and commitment to our Members training and development at our National Conventions. This is extremely pleasing to hear, as this is what the 3 young men had with their vision for a young men's service Club nearly 90 years ago.

McHappy Day was another opportunity for Apex to be seen in our communities and assisting with a larger and powerful food vendor. With a Foundation Board meeting falling on the same weekend as McHappy Day, it was a great opportunity for the Association and Foundation to undertake a service scheme together in the centre of Sydney. Great times had by all, even the customers got an experience.

ANZAC Day was an occasion to pay respect to those Apexians that made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. In doing this, I had the honour of being able to march and lay a wreath at the cenotaph of a small rural NSW community, fitting for such an exceptional occasion. On this day it was pleasing to see a number of Club Presidents pay their respects in their local communities, well done to all.

If you too wish to see the names of our fellow Apexians and pay your respect, please visit Valour Park in Canberra. As these brave Apexians should never be forgotten.

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As mentioned 12 months ago, membership is always something we need to continually focus on. Whilst at service and social gatherings we should always be looking to share our Association with others in our communities. Letting them 'grow, learn and have fun whilst helping others'. It's pleasing that this past year there were just under 100 like-minded Members in our communities that become Apexians, and we should continue to look to improve on this and introduce another 100 new members this year and future years to ensure the sustainability and growth of our Association. Congratulations to all the sponsors and welcome to our newest members.

Time spent on the Apex Foundation Board this past year has been extremely informative and an eye opener on what is available for our Clubs to assist us in supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. The Foundation Directors are always looking for opportunities to discuss grant options and other opportunities where they can assist our Regions and Clubs so we need to continue to welcome and invite this. The Foundation consists of Past Apex Members that still have that Apex passion and the best interests of our Association at heart.

The most memorable moment on the Foundation Board this year was when a bus was presented to the Central Coast Aspect School, a moving experience when seeing and hearing from the beneficiaries about how this bus would change/assist the lives of these disadvantaged children.

Lastly, after a very successful Association Project in 17/18, with \$120,000 raise for the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia (PCFA) and plenty more awareness of prostate cancer. From these results it was clear that Apex and the PCFA have a future together to further opportunities to create awareness of such a crap disease. Apex is the perfect tool to create awareness of prostate cancer. With 1 in 7 men, and even higher in regional and remote areas (yes where most of our Apex Clubs), so that is at least 1 Member will be affected by prostate cancer in each of our Clubs. Now that doesn't have to be our male members, but our ladies to as they have fathers, brothers, husbands or even sons that could be affected by this disease. So get your Club behind a fundraising and awareness event when approached.

Yes it has been a testing, tough and challenging year, however I wouldn't change any part of it. I'm comfortable with how fellow Board Directors and Managers have undertaken their roles and achieved their goals that we established at the commencement of our term. The way they all represented themselves and this Association at events across this country and abroad, it is a true testament of their pride and passion for this Association and something they should all be extremely proud of. Our Regional Communicators need to be congratulated for their persistence and dedication to communications between the National Board and our Clubs, without this conduit channels for communication would be difficult and the National Board extremely stretched.

Yours in Apex

Neal Molineaux  
Director, Apex Australia

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**Role:** National Secretary  
**Member:** Leon Budden  
**Apex Club:** Gawler, SA  
**Membership:** 18 Years



Over the last 12 months whilst appointed as National Secretary I:

1. Collated and prepared the National meeting Agenda,
2. Recorded minutes and circulated to all national board members,
3. Continued the development of the National Database:
  - a. The National Database has now been rolled out,
  - b. The National Database is being used by many clubs and its use will only continue to develop.
4. Obtained the Microsoft charity grant which grants our organisation unlimited Office 365 accounts in addition to \$5,000 worth of services. This is being used to cover the hosting fees for the database.

Of the past 12 months I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as National Secretary and enjoyed the involvement with clubs (Toowoomba and Brisbane Esk) as part of their celebrations.

Yours in Apex

Leon Budden  
Director, Apex Australia

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**Role:** National Treasurer  
**Member:** David Sloss  
**Apex Club:** Goondiwindi QLD  
**Membership:** 13 Years



Over the last 12 months whilst National Treasurer we have had some success at reducing our regular expenses.

There have been some expenses over the last 12 months that were unbudgeted but needed for the association moving forward. Most of these are in regards to legal costs and the winding up of one of the Apex Australia companies and the copywrite of our logo. By starting this process now, we will see a reduction in our ongoing costs in the future and secure the logo for Apex for future generations.

On the surface it appears that we have made a significant loss but the last drawdown is not in as it was not finalised until after the end of financial year. This should hold us in good stead moving forward and bring us into a better cash position for the payment of ongoing accounts.

We have managed to keep a tight rein on the budget and after many discussions with Westpac reduced our bank fees and made our accounts more user friendly for Apex going forward.

I would like to thank Neal for the last year. He has kept us focused and on budget. It has been a pleasure to act as the National Treasurer.

I wish Mick all the best for his year as President and know he and the team will do a great job.

Yours in Apex

David Sloss  
Director, Apex Australia

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**Role:** National Communications  
**Member:** Bethany Paterson  
**Apex Club:** Kadina, SA  
**Membership:** 8 Years



It has been a pleasure to take on the National Communications role in my first year on National Board. My goal was to breathe new life into our social media and ensure that the good news of Apex is getting out to as many Australians as possible.

I'm pleased to report that during the past 12 months, our Facebook followers have more than doubled, going from 630 to 1,413, with around 800 new followers seeing the plethora of fantastic achievements and events that Apex has to offer. In 12 months I have done over 300 posts, and the combination of increased followers and posts has meant that we now regularly reach between 2,000 to 7,000 people on a daily basis. Consequently we are reaching a high number of non-members, and are marketing our organisation to a wide range of potential new members.

In addition, social media has been a highly successful method of documenting award winners, promoting National Projects and sharing great fundraising and social event ideas. By actively searching for stories and follow up with people to find out more information, we have gathered rich material with which to promote the good work of Apex across Australia. Ensuring that there is positive content sells Apex as a fun and social organisation, and explains to the wider public what Apex is all about. Moreover, we have acknowledged the efforts of our hardworking clubs by recognising them at a national level.

The improvements in our social media profile has also had a positive impact on the image of our National Board. The 'Humans of Apex' stories have humanised our National Board Members, showcasing them as the hardworking and dedicated volunteers that they truly are. Part of the role of the Communications Director is to monitor our social media sites for inappropriate or negative comments, but pleasingly, comments have been overwhelmingly positive, with many followers taking the time to congratulate clubs on great projects and social events. The positive comments and inter-

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club support has been heart-warming. For many ex-Apexians it is their only current link to Apex, and therefore an important way of maintaining our connection with our valued past members.

I created an Apex Australia Instagram account and our Twitter account was resuscitated, however it has been found that Insta and Twitter are not as effective in engaging with members of the public as Facebook. Nevertheless, use of Instagram and Twitter is certainly worth expanding in the year ahead. We have renamed the Facebook Group as 'Apex Australia Members' to distinguish it as a group in which members can communicate with each other, as opposed to the Apex Australia Facebook Page, where content is exclusively posted and managed by the Apex Australia Board. Membership of the Apex Australia Members group has been more selective, and screening questions are now being used. The content posted by members in the group has been very positive and informative.

Regarding the website, I have overhauled the website's sitemap giving it a new structure that is more intuitive and streamlined. I have edited and rewritten several pages on the website, including the Bursary Page, Resources page and Club page. The design of the website has been extensively reviewed and redesigned with the help of Inology, using recommendations from my research into website designs, and reflection on what would suit our brand best. After many months of preparation, the new reskin went live in June 2019, giving us a fresh, contemporary, functional and professional website to represent our Association.

It has been fantastic to take on a National Board role under the astute leadership of President Neal Molineaux, and it has been an honour to work with a team of positive and hard-working Board members with the best interests of Apex in their hearts. I have greatly valued the opportunity to give something back to Apex which has given so much to me and my family. I look forward to the year ahead in my dual role of National Communications and Secretary.

Yours in Apex,

Bethany Paterson  
Director, Apex Australia

**Role:** National RC Coordinator  
**Member:** Adam Stewart  
**Apex Club:** Toowoomba, QLD  
**Membership:** 8 Years



It has been a lot of fun to take on the National RC Coordinator role in my first year on National Board. My goal was to get amongst the clubs and other regions and share my vision of giving back to apex as an organisation and sharing how much Apex has done for so many of us.

In the past 12 months, I've been to regional catch ups in Deloraine Tasmania, Childers, Kogan & Condamine QLD and a 1500<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Townsville and an 80-year celebration in Bairnsdale Victoria. I also had the pleasure of attending the Philippines National Convention and was asked to share a bit on what I love about Apex. I would encourage anyone that hasn't visited other clubs or been to an overseas convention just do it. It doesn't seem to matter where you go "there are no strangers in apex just friends you haven't met yet"

The message that seems loud and clear whether you are in Tasmania or any other state in Australia is that there are plenty of people that want to give back and if we continue to focus on why we are all here and the main reason why we joined apex was to serve those less fortunate than ourselves

I had said at any opportunity to speak regarding apex there are three key fundamentals being

- Service projects
- New members
- Meeting procedure

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

It also seems that any clubs that seem to be struggling seem to be missing some or all of these keys

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I really want to thank the RC's they do an amazing job reaching out to the clubs with the message and updates that come from national board and I'm regularly chasing them to make sure the clubs are kept in the loop. Could I please encourage the clubs to help the RC's and don't keep them hanging as we are all volunteers and it would be great and we could help everyone and make their job as easy as possible

Some feedback that I have received is that clubs would like to see more of a focus on the STS training that has been run in the past and I will be looking at getting RC's and national board members to help with this in the next 12 months.

The other things we have been working in is the rollout of the database and the Microsoft 365 account to all clubs

Initially this is a bit of transitional adjustment but once we're all up to speed with it there will be a single email contact for every club. The database will also allow every club to keep their data up to date very easily as each member has access and also for National to be able to get the desired data for drawdowns & Insurance as a start

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Yours in Apex,

Adam Stewart  
Director, Apex Australia

**Role:** National Committees &  
Projects

**Member:** Mick Godfrey

**Apex Club:** Wongan Hills, WA

**Membership:** 16 Years



### **Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch**

At the close of the 2018 National Convention we saw the finalisation of the "Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch" project (BEBL) and the motion to have the Chalet raise \$40,000 for 40,000 Aussie Kids in its 40<sup>th</sup> year as the current Apex National Project.

The Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch was able to raise in the order of \$120,000 for Prostate Awareness, as well as greater awareness for blokes of the importance of early detection and what resources are available for those in need.

The South Wagga Wagga Apex Club was able to undertake the running of the National Project with professionalism and passion to assist other Clubs to make their events successful.

It was noted that: "4 of 13 Apex Regions participated in hosting 5 BEBL events across Australia, raising approx. \$120,000 and having 745 attendees. Other Apex Clubs undertook/created non BEBL fundraising events/fundraisers which raised further donations of approx. \$10,000 and again created more awareness and got community members talking about Prostate Cancer."

"The greatest successes were through the face-to-face presentations and direct contact by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia State Managers. Where participating Clubs had the ability to have one to one contact (and no opportunity for miscommunication through other resources/conduits)."

The success of this project has led to the formation of a subcommittee to:

*"Work with Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia, through their resources and State Managers with up to 5 Apex Clubs each year (advised by that year's National Board). To assist in establishing a BEBL or other fundraising activities (through the "Have a Go" toolkit) in each Apex Clubs community. The purpose of each event is **'To Create Early Detection & Better Management'** of Prostate Cancer and raises funding for the PCFA."*

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### **40yr Celebration of the Chalet**

The Blacktown Apex Club has been working hard to ensure the success of their project of raising \$40,000 for the Apex Chalet located at Smiggen Holes in the Snowy Mountains. A presentation will be made at the 2019 National Convention with the 40-year celebration to occur at the Chalet on the weekend following the 2019 National Convention. We look forward to hearing the achievements.

Contact Jamie Vincent to find out how your Club can assist the amazing Apex Chalet.

### **2019 Apex Australia National Convention**

The 2019 Apex Australia National Convention is being hosted by the Apex Club of Kadina on the beautiful Yorke Peninsula in South Australia.

Members of the National Board took time to visit the Club and see how the planning for this event was going. We also were able to see what the Club has been able to achieve within their Community as well as new Club rooms (probably the only Apex Clubrooms with their own Helipad.) We look forward to the Convention and all that it has to offer.

The Apex Club of Kadina looks forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Yorke Peninsula and showcasing all that the Region has to offer.

### **50yr Celebration of The Walk Around Australia for Autism**

Apexians will be taking time to recognise the success of the 1969 Apex Australia Walk Around Australia at the Convention this year with a walk from Kadina to Wallaroo following the business session. The 8 ½ month, 10,114-mile trek raised the equivalent of \$1.42 million dollars. Participants of the original walk will also be there to tell how it was. The original Trust that was set up is still held by the Apex Foundation. We hope that as many Apexians as possible will be able to get along and enjoy the fun.

### **90yr Apex Celebration**

Our 90yr Anniversary is fast approaching and the National Board is looking for input on how you want to celebrate this amazing milestone and to give some thought on how your Club will showcase your achievements.

Yours in Apex,

Michael Godfrey  
Director, Apex Australia

**Role:** Awards & Grants  
**Member:** Brendan Hardy  
**Apex Club:** Toowoomba, QLD  
**Membership:** 5 Years



I have felt very privileged to sit on national board as a manager this year, it has given me a greater insight into our association and the effort put in by so many to keep it running for the future. It's been an absolute pleasure to work with an amazing group of people from such diverse backgrounds, knowing we're all working towards a common goal. I especially want to send my thanks to Neal for giving me the opportunity and giving me the push to broaden my horizons.

### **Marketing Grant.**

This year we changed the grant, allowing clubs to market themselves how they saw fit, knowing that there isn't a one size fits all solution when it comes to marketing Apex to the community at large. We had nine successful applications from clubs all over the country. Grants were awarded for out of the box ideas such as chamber of commerce memberships and suburb mailouts to BBQ trailers and mini footballs. Hopefully we'll have some great success stories to come from these ideas! Unfortunately, at our June board meeting we decided to discontinue the marketing grant to open other avenues of promoting Apex in the future.

### **National Awards.**

Last years national convention saw us recognize some outstanding achievements by clubs and individual members. We had a total of thirty-one nominations in ten different categories. We also awarded fourteen first year Apexians with their VIP award, it's great to see so many new members getting heavily involved in their club right from the get-go! The VIP manual was updated this year to reflect a more modernised Apex and remove some vagueness in the application. I hope to encourage all the clubs to make this more of a priority for new members in the years to come.

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Our Harry Hodges Best First Year Apexian recipient William Anscombe generously donated his award money to the Apex Magic Castle forty-year anniversary appeal, thanks Will! Ewan Laird Apexian of the year, Peter Gray and Sir John Buchan Young Apexian of the year, Jesse Brinkman, both decided to use their award funds to continue their personal development within Apex by attending this year's National AGM and club training sessions.

Much of my time this year has been spent updating the National Awards manual. While dealing with last year's nominations I encountered several issues that needed to be updated or changed entirely. I believe these changes will bypass any confusion or vagueness when nominating and remove all possibilities of bias when nominations are being judged. I'm really looking forward to seeing the nominations that come in this year after these changes have been made.

We also have procured new perpetual trophies to allow us to transport them to conventions easier in the future. The old trophies will remain with national office and we are in the process of making digital copies of all the award winners of the past to be displayed on the website.

Hopefully the changes that have been made will see this portfolio run smoothly for the foreseeable future and allow us to more easily recognise the outstanding achievements made by everyday Apexians!

I look forward to seeing you all in Kadina.

Yours in Apex,

Brendan 'BJ' Hardy.

**Role:** National Bursary  
**Member:** Craig Martin  
**Apex Club:** Toowoomba, QLD  
**Membership:** Senior Active



This year has seen my fifth year on National board and the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Overseas Bursary Scheme.

This year has seen nine of the Bursary scholars in the Philippines graduate from college. I find it overwhelmingly satisfying to see the calibre of these scholars that we as an association are assisting to educate and make such a difference to their lives. Below is a photo and Thankyou message from Haidee, who is one of those exceptional scholars graduating with honour.



Being chosen to be one of the Top 10 Outstanding Student 2019 is really overwhelming. It took us candidates lots of perseverance and hard work to be part of this and I believe everyone is really deserving. I would always remember how I worked hard for my achievements. Now I could finally say that I am starting to harvest the fruits of my labor. There's nothing I could tell but thank you. Thank you LPU-Batangas, Office of Student Affairs, the Screening Committee, and to the College of International Tourism and Hospitality Management- Mrs Maria Fe Menez- our Associate Dean, to Sir Ryan Mejia my tatay and the Department Chair for Cruise Line Operations, all the Dept heads and faculties, my CLOHS Family especially my

classmates and friends Chevaree Arago Casalla, Josa Dianne Magpantay Castillo, Clint Jones de Roxas whom I shared memories I would keep forever. To my scholarship sponsors, the local government of Batangas and of course, APEX Australia and APEX Batangas for aiding my education. I know someday that I would be able to help too and give back to my community through outreach programs and scholarship grants. Thank you to my family, boyfriend and love ones who loves me, cares for me and would do everything for me.

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I strongly believe, "Being outstanding is the totality of your whole being. Outstanding is just a word unless your actions speak for it." Haidee Flores.

Currently the National Bursary Officer and Club Bursary Officers in the Philippines are collecting applications to fill the nine spots left from those graduating. If you or your club are a sponsor, you will receive notification of your new scholar. If you are not receiving the letters from your scholar please contact National Office and update your best email contact.

In December, our second volunteer teacher in Lombok, successfully completed a twelve month tenure having achieved well and truly above our expectations. Linda's hard work and dedication saw her completed rubbish clean-ups and awareness programs outside of the teaching in the classroom. Another major achievement was the teaching staff English pronunciation classes held twice a week outside of school hours. These were well attended and appreciated by the teaching staff.

Despite the success and positive results in Lombok, the earthquakes in the Lombok region in the second half of last year, have really taken their toll on the local community. For this reason, the Lombok program has been put on hold.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year on the National Board in a team of positive and enthusiastic Apexians. President Neal Molineaux has shown great leadership and I believe that the year has been very productive whilst working with now good friends. I look forward to what I believe will be a similar year under the leadership of Michael Godfrey.

Yours in Apex,

Craig Martin  
National Bursary Manager

**Role:**                    **Legal & Compliance**

**Member:**                **Liam Scott**

**Apex Club:**            **Toowoomba Qld**

**Membership:**        **23 Years**



Over the last 12 months a number of legal issues confronted the Association which involved internal and external matters including:-

- our rules
- our logo and trademarks
- closing and opening apex clubs
- redrafting our awards manual
- monies held on trust with the Foundation for clubs in WA
- updating many of our policies and procedures
- our teaching program in Lombok
- National training delivery
- National Insurance premium parity

Those matters have been, and will continue to be, dealt with to the best of my ability. I would particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of the 2018/19 National Board. This dedicated group of volunteers spent an inordinate amount of time trying to improve Apex nationally and assist clubs and members. It has been my honour to have assisted outgoing National President Neal Molineaux. His dedication, hard work and passion for Apex sets an incredibly high standard for others to follow.

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**Role:**                    **Company Secretary**

**Member:**                **Liam Scott**

**Apex Club:**            **Toowoomba Qld**

**Membership:**        **23 Years**



The last 12 months were a busy and exciting time at the National Office. During a period of extensive restructure and modernisation, continuing to service the needs of members efficiently has been very difficult and challenging. Thank you for your patience. However, the exercise has been very much worthwhile and fruitful. The support of the National Board has been appreciated in many of the administrative successes in the last year, which included:-

- Modernisation of many of our national procedures, including a major drive to improve electronic communication, minimise paper and old accounting methods like cheques;
- The National database, whilst still in its infancy, has thus far been very well received by members and has been a resounding success. National Board member Leon Budden has put in countless hours tinkering, improving and rolling out the database. This had been an ongoing problem for many, many years and he is to be commended for his efforts and success on this project. Giving our members the ability to update their club data online at any time means we have some of the best member database IT of any community service organisation in the country.
- New member registrations are now fully online and can be done, on a laptop during an apex meeting, and immediately received by the national office.
- Every club has been issued with, and many are using, their permanent [\\*\\*\\*@apex.org.au](mailto:***@apex.org.au) email account. Those emails can be diverted to another email account which is more regularly checked by members.
- We successfully received charity status from Microsoft. This has been

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communicated to members and gives us many benefits including use of a full suite of Microsoft Office 365 apps.

- The format of the National Budget was rewritten to be easier to understand and our account presentation was redrafted to follow that model.
- The National Awards and Manual have been redrafted and modernised. National Awards Manager Brendan is to be commended for his efforts.
- Whilst the Audit is not yet completed, I expect we will finish the year close to our budget. I believe some unexpected bills will cause us to be slightly over in expenses. However, this is the first time for many years that I can recall no national surplus was included in the budget. This was a conscious and deliberate effort on the part of outgoing National Treasurer David to minimise financial pressure on clubs. To see the Board achieve so much this year (essentially on shoestring compared to previous budgets) is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of the outgoing board.
- The Bursary program continues to flourish and National Bursary Manager Craig remains unsung hero of our Association. Hundreds of children in the Philippines have the chance for a tremendously better standard of living thanks to his, and your, efforts.
- Outgoing National President Neal has been a diligent professional leader of our Association. Incoming President Mick has shown the same level of dedication. I believe our Association is in good hands.
- As a final message, whilst official figures are still pending until the database rollout is complete, it is obvious however that the Association **is** growing. More members are joining than leaving and this is common across every apex region in Australia. Apex is on an upward trend of membership growth, defying the losses we have suffered and are being suffered now by many of our fellow community service groups.
- Apex is the place to be. The future is very bright for Apex. Spread the word. Invite someone to your club meeting today!

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NORTH QUEENSLAND</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Matt Mason</b> Townsville
		

<b>TOWNSVILLE</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>15</b>
<p>This year the Club celebrated its 1500<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting which was the best attended event in many years.</p> <p>Our Annual golf day and show stall generated good income for the Club, which saw us donate over \$10000 to the Cure Starts Now and the Pyjama foundation. We also sponsored the Pyjama Foundation's Christmas party, which is an event that supports the local children in foster care.</p>				

<b>HERBERT RIVER</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>7</b>
<p>The Club has made a number of donations in the past year, including sponsorship for Maraka Queen at the Ingham Maraka Festival (APEX Herbert River is a founding member of the festival), sponsorship for the Hinchinbrook Community Bus Service (provides transport for senior citizens), donation to Ingham State High School for purchase of three drones for STEM students and sponsorship for a local gymnast to attend international event. The main area of service includes participation on the organizing committee of the Ingham Maraka Festival and management of the Senior Citizens Village that provides affordable housing for senior citizens.</p>				

<b>REGION</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>CENTRAL COAST QLD</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Tara Spotswood</b> Bundaberg
<p>In the past year we have been able to do a few projects as a region. Our largest event would have been the Biggest Blokes Lunch held at the muster. Along with the luncheon, and Shannon in a Mankini shaking his bits, we were able to raise over \$34000.00 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia.</p> <p>We have a Region Two meeting every 3 odd months and are very lucky to get a number from most of our working club there.</p> <p>This is the same when it comes to large club event. If a club needs a hand, we ask and usually have more members then we need. It is fantastic and show that we are all in this together.</p>		

<b>Biggenden</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>5</b>
<p>Biggenden has had a tough year. Towards the end of last year, they held a few events however their major event - The Santa Fair was held the Saturday before Christmas. A lot of time and effort went into this event and was going great with a good turnout. However the weather was totally against them and the event was cut short by 3 hours. They still managed to pull off a short event that the community were grateful for.</p> <p>The club hires out their cold room and jumping castle to the community quite often and it manages to pay for itself.</p> <p>In May this year the club, after a few months of struggling to make quota for meetings, had two of their board members leave the club due to work. This had a huge effect on the club. The same two people that are the backbone of the Biggenden club were left to hold the club together. Phil and Robbie were going through their own personal issues and couldn't give the club the attention it needed. They did not want to see the club close down like so many other clubs lately, so they asked for the club to be able to have 6 months off. To have the time to work things in their own life then come back refreshed and ready to build their club back bigger and better.</p> <p>They will be holding their community Santa Fair again this year and will be using it as a comeback and members drive.</p> <p>Bundaberg club will be helping them with this to lighten the load.</p> <p>Robbie and Phil have attended 2 of the interclub meeting in the last year.</p>				

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<b>Murgon</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Murgon is a club that just keeps going and going. In the 5 years that I have been interacting with Murgon and its rock-strong guys – Aaron and Phil – are always doing something for the club to keep it ticking over. Their main money-making event is reading the water meters once every 6 months. They serve Bacon and Egg rolls once a month at the markets without missing a beat. Their numbers are small, but they always seem to be at least 2/4 of their members attending the Region two meeting and changeovers. They are struggling to find new members as the town is not really a place many new people flock to unless they are there for work. They are trying new ways to increase the membership currently.</p>				

<b>Moura</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>9</b>
<p>This club has been one of my challenges this year. Contact was lost with Moura about 3 to 4 years ago due to a lot of different reasons. After many emails (we found out later were getting to them – they just didn't know they had to answer me) and a trip to Moura by Adam we finally got hold of someone. What was found was a club that not only was still going but was thriving with 9 strong members working in their community. This was a fantastic find and a credit to them. Moura holds a fishing classic around Easter time every year – pulling a great crowd for the 3 days. This is where they get their name out there and show the community what Apex is. I have been unable to get up to see them yet but will be in the very near future.</p>				

<b>Biloela</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>This club is one that has been hard to get hold of. In the last few month after many emails, texts message and phone calls we found that the club is still going ( not financial) and went from the 4 people ( one worked away and was not in the club but they kept him on for the numbers) that I met in March 2018 to 5 that all in in the town now. They do have trouble having meeting with the mining shift work, but they are trying. I have not been able to get up to see them since March 2018, but this is on the cards in the very near future.</p>				

<b>Monto</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<p>After many months of trying we have finally got hold of a past member and were able to get them the information they need to close the club down. Due to the damage that has been done to the Apex name in the town there is really no way of building this club up again in the near future.</p>				

<b>Gympie</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>Gympie's club most well know and biggest event each year would have to be the Gympie Music Muster. Last year they pulled off a fantastic muster and each year for the last few years they have been making a profit and continuing to grow. The club is already working towards the Musters 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year that will be one for the record books. The second largest event would be Anzac day, this is where they do the breakfast as well as running the bar for the luncheon. The club is getting a steady income from the hire of the cold room and other items they own. The club member numbers have been steady with two on 6 months leave. With work commitments they have been struggling to make quota at meetings. There</p>				

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is a divide in the club that is tearing the club in two. One particular person who only seems to show up every few months to the meeting is causing a major problem. This person has not done service work since August 2017 and is really harming the club. I have gone down a few times to try and show them that this is not right and they can remove this person. This is an ongoing issue which we will be working on.

<b>Fraser Coast</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Instead of increasing in active members we reduced our members. We had active members take a step back to associates to fit more with their lifestyle needs. And we also had our Secretary move to the Gold Coast mid-way through the year to follow her educational dreams adding to our isolated members tally. While the small numbers made it challenging at times to find enough people to attend a service event we still produced an outstanding number of recorded service hours for the year and were able to make a great contribution back to the community. Through Bunning's BBQ's, Gympie Music Muster, Apex Chalet Working Bee, Debating, Equipment hires, and our inaugural Santa Fair we tallied over 780 service hours, and that's only the ones we recorded. Through this work we were able to provide nearly \$9000 worth of donations to those who needed it. This year we were able to donate to The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, The Talisman Sabre Maryborough Navy Cadets, The Apex Chalet as part of the Apex Nation Service Project, A local rising star heading on tour to Brazil as part of the Australian Futsal U15 representative team, and many other donations. As a Club, we left some rubber on the road, travelling just short of 17,000 Klm's. This was a result of attending Bundaberg's and Murgon's Changeovers, Meeting with the Chinchilla Club on our way through to the National Convention in Wagga Wagga, attending the Apex Chalet working bee and the numerous kilometres driven with a food van or train in tow.</p>				

<b>Bundaberg</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>15</b>
<p>Bundaberg Club has had a great year after winning Club of the Year last year. As well as celebrating 70 years strong in the Bundaberg region. This gave our members a real boost and a drive to tackle bigger things. We have been keeping ourselves busy with Bunning BBQs, running bars at the speedway and food stalls all over the wide bay. Christmas was a big one again for us this year doing something different at the Base Hospital Childers ward - with individual personal hygiene bags for the children's parents.( Most of us being parents have been in there with a really child sick in the middle of the night and know what it is to just want a shower or some deodorant) A new coffee machine was purchased for the parents room and a lot of coffee capsules supplies, as well as topping up the craft cupboard again. The club numbers are going well with a few changes in the past few months. Most of our members have travelled at least once in the past year to another club event or Region 2 meeting. This year sees all roles being changed over and even new blood in a lot of the roles. We are looking forward to another great year and have plans already rolling on how we can improve ourselves not only as a club but individually as well.</p>				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>South West QLD</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>	<b>Luke Skele</b>	
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No Report Submitted		

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>South East QLD &amp; Northern NSW</b>	
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Leith Hall</b>	
		Brisbane City	
<p>Very small region with 8 clubs that are all active in their respective communities. The clubs on the whole, are working very hard with service work &amp; fundraising, with some very high service hours per member. The biggest issue so far within the region is lack of interclub travel.</p> <p>Regarding membership, some clubs have had some good results over the last 12 months, whilst others have remained stagnant. Meeting have been a bit scant with some clubs struggling to meet once a month. There is some outstanding work being done in these communities with the biggest concern being attracting new members.</p>			

<b>Murwillumbah</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>This club has gone strength to strength in the last decade or so. The main projects for the club are: the Tweed Valley Banana Festival Queen Quest which raises money for local charities such as Tweed Palliative Support and Wedgetail Retreat. The club also has a hands on role with the local Meals On Wheels and also runs Charity Bingo on Saturdays at the local RSL Club. The last 12 months has seen membership remain steady.</p>				

<b>Southport</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>Over the last 12 months there has been a membership increase, but they're currently having a membership drive. They participated in the Cancer Council Relay For Life, a Bunnings BBQ was held in December raising money for Apex Betoota. The club has also assisted a young woman with Cystic Fibrosis, her dream was to visit the snow. There was also an Easter Egg Hunt raising money for Cystic Fibrosis. The club also attended an Anglicare Trivia Night.</p>				

<b>Brisbane City</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>10</b>
<p>Whilst membership has remained steady over the last 12 months, this club continues to get things done. The biggest event for the year is the Charity Golf Day which raises money for up to 3 charities. The club has also raised money for the North QLD Flood Appeal with a Bunnings BBQ. We have also assisted MS and Prostate Cancer Society. In general, this club is more service focused rather than fundraising. The club also supports the District High School Debating with an average of 3 members adjudicating at each debate. The club hosted a Trivia Night raising money for Prostate Cancer Society. The club normally has 1 business meeting per month and 1 social meeting per month. Membership is the biggest issue.</p>				

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<b>Brisbane Valley</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>This club had its 1000th Dinner earlier this year. Half the members are fairly new to Apex, despite a slight decrease in membership this club continues to work tirelessly for its community. The biggest event for the year is the Esk Community Christmas Tree which is a massive event. The club has also held BBQ Breakfasts for both Australia Day and ANZAC Day. The club has regular Pub Raffles, and they hosted a Charity Auction which was quite successful. This club is very well respected within its community. Local and federal members attended their 1000th Dinner. The club also has an active role with District Debating with the newest addition to the debating team being from Toogoolawah High School.</p>				

<b>Albany Creek</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>This club runs a Hot Chips Stall for the Albany Creek SS Winter Carnival, they also run a community movie night which is a free event, the club provides the food also. They also assisted the Moreton Bay 100 for the signage setup. Their biggest event for the year is the Christmas in the Creek Santa Sleigh. The club also conducts fortnightly Pub Raffles for fundraising and participated in the Worlds Greatest Shave in conjunction with the Albany Creek Social Club.</p>				

<b>Caboolture</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>This club has been working away quietly, similar to Albany Creek they're very active in the lead up to Christmas with their Santa Sleigh project, this services both Caboolture and Morayfield. Earlier in the year, the club participated in the Food Trucks at the Village green event and also running the bar at the Caboolture Country Music Jamboree. They're a very active little club that I believe would benefit from working with Albany Creek from time to time.</p>				

<b>Maleny</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>This club has a very young average age and are inducting 3 new members at this years Changeover. The Maleny Business Directory continues to be their biggest project as well as the Maleny Mountain Ball. BBQ at the Main Park for both Australia Day and ANZAC Day. The club runs a BBQ for the Million Paws Walk and also assists with the dog races. The club has an Annual Golf Day in 2 weeks time. The morale in this club is very high and they have 2 meetings per month.</p>				

<b>Nambour</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>The club works tirelessly in its community and has just completed a 4 day event being the Nambour Garden Expo. The club assists with a Caravan Expo being held in April, the Sunshine Coast Show in June, and a Swap Meet Car event happening sometime soon. They hope to welcome 2 members transferring from Roma in the coming weeks. This club averages 1 meeting a month and attended Brisbane Valleys 1000th dinner in March this year.</p>				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Northern Coast NSW</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Geoff Harris</b>
		Berowra
<p>All region 5 clubs intact &amp; active within their our communities with berowra supporting various projects beyond their local area &amp; milton ulladulla fathering project the most promising idea we all should support, no new clubs, wish we had more, membership stable, have attended 6/8 clubs projects with oberon show &amp; muswellbrook open mine day on my list to complete support for all clubs in region 5</p>		

<b>BEROWRA</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>22</b>
<p>Proactive within its community with annual events &amp; projects such as woodchop, xmas trees supporting all the schools etc but this year we have also been active 4 drought relief road runs supporting surrounding areas bringing water, hay, pet food, toiletries, household goods, gift vouchers, stockfeed etc. They also supported the ses, rfs &amp; held a thank you to the volunteers movie under the stars fireworks &amp; mini fair after a recent hailstorm. Also supporting buy a bale, mission australia triple care farm drug &amp; alcohol addictions, sir david martin foundation, bnt sporting chance cancer foundation, mark taylor outreach program, salvation army, etc. Contributed almost 2000 service hours this past year.</p>				

<b>BLACKTOWN</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>7</b>
<p>They sponsor a local soccer team &amp; help out with their bbqs. They continue to support youth off the streets with the chris riley foundation once a month, bunnings bbqs, apex hut, blacktown show, st ives show parking, the apex childrens chalet, sponsored &amp; supported an autism school snow trip &amp; are also working on a youth defence driving safety project, they have a loyal membership.</p>				

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<b>BRAIDWOOD</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>15</b>
<p>They have donated over \$28k in the last financial year. Events such as diggers golf day. Christmas raffles, jane mcgrath fundraising ball, jumping castle &amp; mobile cool room trailer hire has contributed to raising these funds. No rodeo this year but we have a driver training course for school aged learner drivers coming up in september &amp; are looking forward to holding another fundraising ball next year, considering the last one made over \$15k. Membership stayed similar with some coming &amp; some leaving.</p>				

<b>MILTON/ULLADULLA</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>14</b>
<p>Main events include the blessing of the fleet, south coast craft beer festival, story fest, copitts queen birthday long weekend fundraiser, catering gigs &amp; bbqs, xmas carols, the fathering project with the later i think all apex clubs should be involved with, excellent opportunity for community &amp; apex.</p>				

<b>MUSWELLBROOK</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>7</b>
<p>Mainly are involved with catering gigs, bbqs etc. They have a facebook page, bbq trailer, gazebos &amp; also installed a kitchen at their local scouts, country to the coast project getaway for 10 farmers including \$100 fuel vouchers for travel to nelson bay &amp; upcoming a mine open day which is their biggest fundraiser of the year.</p>				

<b>OBERON</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Main event is the oberon show held annually 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in february where they run a bar, they used to do xmas trees with the state forest up until last year but that has now ceased which has effected them financially. They have been supporting local drought effect projects in their community.</p>				

<b>SINGLETON</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>Do bbqs &amp; fairy floss at regular annual events. This year included all saints church fete, broke fair, elizabeth gates fair, 2 liddell coal family days, a drought aid concert, annual diggers christmas kids party, vintage cars display day, rugby league bbqs, kings st public school cracker night &amp; fete, parish spring fair, beer festival &amp; they also do cashacan. Planning to support the family house fire tradegy that happened recently.</p>				

<b>WAUCHOPE</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>Main event is the annual "billy cart classic" held in beechwood this year will be their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of tandem billy carts of all shapes &amp; sizes travel down the mountain into the town where they do a park market, stalls, rides, food etc. Wauchope apex has a large double size gazebo where they do hot dogs, drinks &amp; chips. They also have a good relationship with clubs rsl, rugby league &amp; cricket. They also do cash-a-can for many years. They also do public school public speaking.</p>				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>NSW Southern Region</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		Wayne McCloskey Wodonga
<p>Great year for the region with the highlight being the National Convention run by South Wagga...well done lads. Plenty of ICV held &amp; great to see members from several clubs helping neighbouring clubs with their major projects over the year.</p> <p>Membership remains quite strong across the region with 15 new members being inducted into their local Apex club.</p>		

<b>Albury</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>A busy year for Albury with more changes to our club. Due to work commitments etc some members have unfortunately had to resign but membership is still on the rise. 3 inductions have taken place with 3 more prospects ready to wear an Apex badge. We're still getting the invites and putting in the hours to help other service clubs such as Rotary and Lions which we now have an annual roster for, we've also taken on new tasks supported by our Apex youth member Deacon, like his memorial garden at his high school (featured in the Apexian). Our weekly pub raffle has been funding the club for our expenses and supporting our upgrades to service gear while also supporting various local charities. New year with new ideas and hopefully our membership stays on the rise.</p>				

<b>Cobram / Barooga</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>20</b>
<p>This year has been very successful financially as well as growing stronger in numbers with the induction of 4 new members; which makes our club 20 strong. Our club accumulated 1265 hours of volunteer service, thanks to the dedication of club members; we have also been able to donate over \$60,000 back into our community. Our most successful fundraiser is the Koonoomoo Pickers &amp; Packers B&amp;S Ball, where 1922 people attended. It is our 6th year of running, each year becoming bigger and more successful.</p>				

<b>Corowa</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Continue to run the steam train monthly &amp; jumping castle hire is still strong. Membership is down but club in healthy financial position.</p>				

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<b>Darlington Point</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>16</b>
<p>In the last 12 months Darlington Point Apex has been relatively quiet due to the dry conditions. Our cropping program that we use to fund our club has been non-existent over the past two years. Due to our previous years of cropping we are still in a good position financially and have over \$30,000 worth of grant applications for this year's round of funding, of which we will support about \$20,000 of this. Last year we supported;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· DPC junior football</li> <li>· Coly Preschool</li> <li>· Coleambally Community Club</li> <li>· Fusion</li> <li>· St Peters School</li> <li>· Darlington Point School</li> </ul> <p>The Riverina classic ran again this year and with a record 625 entrees due to the good weather over the weekend. This year we donated to the Rural Outreach Council, which is helping the farming community in the fight against suicide. We also helped funded a wheelchair for a local lady who had a quad bike accident which eased some of the cost. We currently have 40ha block that we have prepared and is ready to sow if the water allocation changes.</p>				

<b>Finley</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Very active club with stable membership base. Ricestrippers B &amp; S Ball held again &amp; was a very successful event. Involved in organizing &amp; running the local rodeo.</p>				

<b>Jerilderie</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>22</b>
<p>Jerilderie Apex is an active club within their community. We ran our Annual Round-up B&amp;S Ball on September 2018. Apex donated \$6,600 in total back to the several local community groups that helped us out on the night. Neighbouring clubs Finley and Cobram/Barooga Apex helped out on the night. Conducted the Jerilderie Working Dog Auction in February 2019 with the top dog selling for \$25000 (broke the National record). 46 dogs sold to average \$5979. Our most recent large donation was \$100,000 to the Jerilderie Independent Living Units. JILU will be another asset in the town which has been partly funded by the hard work put in by Jerilderie Apex Club. We have also donated small amounts of money to various students for help with national and regional sports representation. We have started the process of organizing our next Round up B&amp;S Ball at the new date of 27 July. We are also planning our official handover and 50-year dinner on 7th September. In addition, we have plans to hold a weather and Murray Darling Basin night for the town featuring Topher Field and a well-known meteorologist.</p>				

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<p>Rutherglen Apex is going along splendidly, with strong volunteer attendance at meetings and service events. The Club is focused on building a new, larger picnic shelter in Apex Park Rutherglen, which is now under construction. We have secured over \$12,000 in external funding for this project. On top of that we have had various monetary contributions to worthwhile causes within the local area. The Club again held the annual "wine sports" event of wine barrel rolling and grape treading at the annual Rutherglen Winery Walkabout in June. The Club had big focus this year of bringing members families back into the fold &amp; so 3 camping trips &amp; a Melbourne Cup dinner were held. These events were very well attended &amp; has reinvigorated many members – all due to getting their families involved more. Membership improved with 2 new members being inducted into the Club</p>				

<b>South Wagga</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>22</b>
<p>Very healthy and busy year. Hosting the National Conference In wagga was a big highlight for our Club and members. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. We were able to make significant donations to several worthy organisations, most notably the Drought Assistance Appeal. Our major fundraising event, the World Championship Gumi Race, was hampered this year by the cancellation of the rafts on the river due to low water levels. That being said, the Club banded together, and the festival went ahead with great success and we raised approximately 10k. Other successful events held recently include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Fisherama – a fishing competition with over 250 entrants</li> <li>· Assisting local Rotary Club with both the Wagga Food &amp; Wine Festival and the Fears &amp; Beers Festival</li> <li>· Hosting Christmas Dinner for "Meals on Wheels" recipients</li> <li>· Cooking dinners for a local charity.</li> <li>· Assisting elderly local residents with garden chores</li> </ul> <p>Inducted 2 new members this year and continued to hold fortnightly meetings with good attendance and banter.</p>				

<b>Wodonga</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
<p>We've had a respectable APEX year, although we could do with an influx of younger members. We continue to be supported and guided by some older heads in our life and senior active members. Our major event for this year was the Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch. From all reports from those that attended and from the club's perspective also, it was a very successful day. We managed to raise \$23000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation. A regular fortnightly car with Meals on Wheels remains a staple for the club, as does our catering gig for the Wodonga Australia Day celebrations and Wodonga Carol's By Candlelight. We have stopped our work with the pizza oven and handed over control to Wodonga Council.</p>				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Gippsland</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Karina Crutch</b> Bairnsdale
<p>7 clubs in region, 5 in Gippsland and 2 over hills being Euroa and Mansfield. 1 interclub gathering in Gippsland and great connections and fellowship with representation at handovers, RC also met with Euroa and Mansfield for an interclub xmas gathering. Region 7 has Facebook group.</p>		

<b>Bairnsdale</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Held movie night fundraiser for Lifeline Gippsland, funds also being raised to renew playground equipment, club held 500<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting in 2018, gearing up for club 80<sup>th</sup> yr June 2019. General once a month bbqs. Loss of members and some not active, maybe 10 member? Mixed gender club.</p>				

<b>Yarram</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Club do annual chocolate fundraiser, regular bbqs and car parking marshalling at airshow, support local community people and events. Nil changes in membership that I know of, approx. 10-12 members, most fairly active. Mixed gender club.</p>				

<b>Traralgon</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Active club with newer and youngish members, great connections to past members. Hold bonfire n cracker night once a year, support disadvantaged kids and disability organisation to kids to go to portsea camp, hold regular bbqs active in applying for grants and funding. Approx. 10 members? Most fairly active. Mixed gender club.</p>				

<b>Moe</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Great connections in community with very small club membership, have regular spot doing bbqs at community events, raise funds for local community people and events, hold annual bonfire n cracker night. Approx. 6 active members? Mixed gender club.</p>				

<b>Warargul/Drouin</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
<p>Get involved in big ag field days events for bbqs, and few other smaller events, recently purchased new bbq van from fundraising and possible grant. Membership not changed-some older members and some newer younger, possible about 8 members? Most active I think. Mixed gender club.</p>				

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<b>Euroa</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
Hold rodeo which only restarted march 2018, fairly active club, will assist Mansfield with events- possible approx. 12 members, mixed gender club. Had issue with show committee re rodeo grounds n costs as club bbq at show but committee wanted to charge club admission fees club not willing to do, didn't do bbq so show committee wanted to complain to national and then charge differently for rodeo use, advice sought form Liam, nil further issues.				

<b>Mansfield</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
Do bar at neighbouring town rodeo, do bbqs within town to support local people and events, maybe 8 members, think male only club but not a rule but have no women members.				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>West Victoria</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Michael White</b> Horsham Apex
I have enjoyed taking on this challenging yet rewarding role in 2018/19. Hopefully someone will be able to take on this position for Region 9 and keep the communication going between our Apex Clubs in West Victoria and with the National Board as well.		

<b>Horsham</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>19</b>
Official opening of the Pump Track on Apex Adventure Island at Horsham. Over \$55,000 investment and numerous hours for setting up the pump track (twice) by the club so children can ride their bicycle, scooter or skateboard around the track in a safe and landscaped area. Other events undertaken during the year included various BBQ's, monthly paper drives, Meals on Wheels roster for 2 weeks, \$500 Gift Cards to Ronald McDonald House in Parkville, Horsham Fishing Competition with toilets set up and pack up, Junior Fishing Prizes and the annual Longy BnS Ball.				

<b>Beaufort</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>18</b>
Twice a year the Beaufort Apex Club help out with catering at the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally. Helped support various local community groups, playground group and Croquet club in the community to name a few. Commenced a hospital home help group to help people with cutting wood, mowing lawns or washing windows. Were part of the Inaugural Beaufort Walk fest with various walks up to 25kms.				

<b>Goroke</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>32</b>
2016 Census of Goroke was 299 people. Goroke Apex is Australia largest club in regard to club members. Over 10% of the town are involved in Apex. Goroke Rodeo was held on 10 March 2019, the first time in 25 years. This was a successful event ran by the boys, well done to the committee and to all involved on the day especially the riders. There was a bar at the Rodeo so people were able to part take in a refreshment. Other events held by Goroke Apex club was a battery drive, fencing working bees and even lamb marking. Various donations to local halls, Men Shed, swimming pool and for playground equipment.				

<b>Ballarat/Eureka</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
Ballarat/Eureka Apex Club are involved with the sale of Christmas trees. They support the Ballarat High School via two scholarships worth \$2,500 and CAFS for \$5,000.				

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<b>Echuca/Momoa</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>23</b>
<p>On your Marks, Set, Bang. Off and running at the Echuca Apex Gift for 2019. Good successful meeting with community involvement. Highlights can be viewed on their Facebook page.</p> <p>During the year, the club assisted with an all abilities swing at the Echuca Specialist School, help funded 75 students to attend Portsea camp, and the Echuca Rockets bus trip so they could play at half time at an AFL match in Melbourne.</p>				

<b>Warracknabeal</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>Warracknabeal fundraising activities include sale of Christmas Trees, Pick a Box at the local show, bar work and cutting of wood for various groups.</p> <p>Apex scholarship of \$500 to a local College student for VCAL studies and sponsor a female swimmer to allow her to complete at the State Championships.</p> <p>They will be inducting 3 new young members at handover dinner this year.</p>				

<b>Hoppers Crossing Apex</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>10</b>
<p>The Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing and the Hoppers Crossing Apex Club jointly run the Wynspeak Youth Public Speaking Completion with more than 34 schools competing in 2019. They are involved with local BBQ's, Safe PL8 (anti-theft screws for number plates), sale of Christmas Trees and other community events with the local council.</p> <p>\$20,000 cheque presented to MND from fundraiser activities over the past few years including a Port Bottling fundraiser recently.</p>				

<b>Stawell</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Stawell Apex has continued to exist during the year and is looking for new members.</p>				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Tasmania</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>	<b>Karina Crutch</b>	
	Bairnsdale, VIC	
No Report submitted		

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>East SA</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>	No RC this past year	

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>West SA</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>	<b>Raff Stomaci</b>	
	Gawler, SA	
No Report submitted.		

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Southern WA</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Allen Hingston</b> Busselton
<p>I've had the pleasure of being RC and representing my region for three and a half years. I joined Apex to help people in my community and I am thrilled knowing I have been able to help clubs help people in <i>their community</i>. As a region, communication between clubs is strong. Several focuses have been;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promoting ICVs,</li> <li>• working with the WA Civilian Widows Trust and disbursements of monies across the state,</li> <li>• An increased awareness and involvement with International Relations,</li> <li>• Re-establishing connections with Apex 40s and past Apexians across the State.</li> </ul> <p>I would like to thank everyone for their support, and wish incoming RC Brian Morris an enjoyable term. Good luck to National President Mick Godfrey and his incoming board... and GO WA!!!</p>		

<b>ALBANY</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>6</b>
Membership increased by one. Small club struggling to attract new members but a very active club. Majority of funds raised by sausage sizzles and Speedway gates. Hosts Carols by Candlelight and celebrating 1500 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting later this year.				

<b>BRIDGETOWN</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>2</b>
Club has been inactive for quite some time. A revival meeting was held two years ago in Bridgetown and nothing has happened since. Very possibly time to close the club if the two members left are ready to do so.				

<b>BUNBURY/KOOMBANA</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>22</b>
Very active club, both in Service and Fundraising in the community, with over 700hours in Service work. Very family-oriented club where personalities sometimes clash but continually growing with another two members to be inducted at Changeover. Awards for the club from City of Bunbury and at Apex National level over the past few years. Would like to see the club to engage more with it's history. Current large projects include Australia Day breakfast and The Sleepout, to increase public awareness for homelessness in the city.				

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<b>BUSSELTON</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
Strong presence in the community during summer months. Membership is stagnant. Down on Service hours this year, looking to increase moving forward. Increased activity with International Relations and Citizenship projects in the community. Club will celebrate 1500 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting in Oct.				

<b>ESPERANCE</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
Challenging due to its isolation, but Apex thrives once again in Esperance. Last year celebrated 1200 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting. After a huge increase of membership two years ago, had an unfortunate year of losing 7 members but gained 3. Club is very active with Service commitments and has great assets that help with fundraising in the community. Recently held a fashion parade to celebrate the 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Skylab re-entering the atmosphere over Esperance.				

<b>KATANNING</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
Aiming next year to celebrate 1000 <sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting. Membership increased by 30% this year. Involved with AATFA heats, youth involvement, service and fundraising in community events. Great club with some experienced Apex members, who offer great mentorship to new members.				

<b>KOJONUP</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
Don't have much idea about how Kojonup Club is going. They are unreceptive to communication. Assume their membership is around 12. Despite their lack of compliance, I am of the belief that providing they are paying their fees and not bringing the brand into disrepute, then just leave them alone. I assume as a farming town, the members get something out of being 'in Apex', even if it is just a sense of belonging.				

<b>MANJIMUP</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>11</b>
Very Active club, participating in Service, Citizenship, Youth, and AATFA. 30% increase in membership due to a better public profile in Manjimup. Recipient of Marketing Grant and Civilian Widows funding for local family. Fantastic 'Old School Apex Club'. Mentors have strongly instilled traditions to new members who embrace the old and the new. Excellent communication and compliance of requests from RC. Next year's host of the 2020 Apex WA State Catch Up in March.				

<b>PINGELLY</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>5</b>
5 Active members and 4 TBOs form Pingelly's core Apex group, which meetings also serve as a mens mental health night for farmers. Service jobs include wood chopping and hay carting. Pingelly is a very small farming town that is economically struggling to even be a community, the issue is larger than an Apex problem.				

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>North WA</b>
<b>REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR</b>		<b>Emma Jackson</b> Geraldton WA
<p>It was great to see so many clubs represented at the WA State Catch up this year in March. The 8 clubs travelled a combined 7689 km for the weekend, with Jono from Karratha travelling a huge 1147 km to join in the fun.</p> <p>Due to the distances between clubs, interclub visits have been low, however clubs are actively trying to support their neighbours.</p>		

<b>Geraldton</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>9</b>
<p>A slight drop in membership this year due to a number of different reasons, however the club hopes that outputs from the marketing grant will be put to good use to attract new members.</p> <p>The club has undertaken a large number of yard and house cleanups, with an increase in referrals from the social service providers.</p> <p>Main calendar event is the International Students Weekend which the club is running again in September.</p>				

<b>Wongan Hills</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>5</b>
<p>Although membership is only 5 they also have one senior active and a number of life members who are active in the club.</p> <p>Club will be moving to a new premise at the Shire Civic Centre which will reduce overheads. The club is working on upgrading their of Apex Park through fundraising.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> of August changeover – murder mystery dinner theme</p>				

<b>Karratha</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
<p>Things coming together for their changeover and 1000<sup>th</sup> Dinner meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Their president has got in contact with past members who have helped put together a history of the club, which he will present at the dinner.</p> <p>Main fundraiser is their Garden party, September 14<sup>th</sup> this year it's a 70's theme.</p> <p>Really keen to get members to conventions and state catchups.</p>				

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<b>Dowerin/ Goomalling</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>12</b>
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The club has several new members and they have just put in a new concrete floor for the bar where the Dowerin Field Day is held. Running the bar for the Field Day is their main fundraiser and event. Not planning on having a change over.

<b>Northam</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>?</b>
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Current president is keen to close the club. I have met with them and tried to work with them to revitalize the club, but apparently, no one is willing to step up to run the club.

<b>Corrigin</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>4</b>
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Very small club, who only get together only a few times a year. Struggling to attract new members.

<b>Kununurra</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>10-12</b>
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Had a number of new members and retired a few members to associate members to enable the group to get a quorum at meetings as a number of members work away. A lot of service jobs supporting other community groups e.g. Rotary, Clontarf Academy, Rodeo Assoc. etc.

Main event is the Barra Bash each year, last year was the event's 20<sup>th</sup> year. This year it will be held on September 28-30.

<b>Hamersly (Perth)</b>	<b>Club #</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Club Membership</b>	<b>8</b>
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Club purely operates to run the Apex Teenage Fashion Awards, which is a fantastic event that all the WA clubs try to support. This year they have 40 garments so far and are expecting around 90. The State finals will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Lake Joondalup Baptist College.