

National Awards Manual

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1. Trophy Register

- 1.1 A register of awards shall be maintained and updated annually by the National Board at the conclusion of the National Convention/AGM; this register shall include a list of all awards and trophies presented by the Association.
- 1.2 No new National Trophies or Awards shall be introduced unless discussed at a Board Meeting and accepted at another Board Meeting.
- 1.3 The National Board shall call for nominations for all awards (with the exception of Senior Serving Apexian Award, Whopper Gavel and Golden Stirrer Trophy) sixty (60) days prior to each National Convention/AGM.
- 1.4 Nominations for all Awards (with the exception of Senior Serving Apexian Award, Whopper Gavel and Golden Stirrer Trophy) will close thirty (30) days prior to each National Convention/AGM and shall be forwarded to the National Board for distribution to the nominated judges.

2. The Newman O'Dea Association Dinner Notice Award

Award Preamble

During the early developmental years of Apex the task of distributing information to the rapidly expanding association became too great a burden for then Secretary-Treasurer (Sir) John Buchan. A decision was made to produce a magazine style bulletin. The first Editor was Newman O'Dea of the Geelong Apex Club. A natural choice for the position, Newman O'Dea was a journalist by profession with extensive experience in Ballarat, Melbourne and Geelong. It was his incredible skills and dedication to Apex that evolved the Apexian Magazine. The first Apexian was produced in July 1933. His famous quote within the magazine

*"..... Apexians, this is your magazine, the Association is yours.
You belong to Apex, Apex belongs to you.
What are you going to do with it....."*

still bears relevance to modern Apex. In late 1942 Newman O'Dea passed away after a long illness at the young age of 35 after having been the Apexian editor for 9 years. Life Governor and Secretary Treasurer Roy Fidge paid tribute to Newman O'Dea. ".....he (O'Dea) was one of the first members of the original Apex Club in Geelong and always maintained his interest in and concern for Apex. During his years of editorship he produced something which forged a main link between clubs, one which has become our greatest medium for an interchange of ideas especially for rank and file members. He was associated with everything likely to further the Apex ideals of fellowship and service....."

This style of editorship only further encouraged clubs to produce their own quality newsletters and bulletins. The Association Newsletter Award is dedicated to the memory of Newman O'Dea with the ideals of encouraging inventive and practical Club newsletters with the principles of providing information both local, State and National as well as entertainment and fun for the membership. It was Newman O'Dea's creativeness that has led to the idea that Clubs produce newsletters and bulletins that are enjoyable to read. This award is a tribute to this pioneer of the Apex Club Newsletter. [NBApr02]

- 2.1 There shall be an annual competition to ascertain the best newsletter produced by the Club in the Association during the 12 months ending June 30th in each year. Nominations shall be forwarded to the National Board who shall judge them in accordance with a marking system approved from time to time by the National Board. At least three separate issues of the nominated Club's Dinner Notice shall be submitted with the nomination. The winner is to be announced at the National Convention/AGM and recorded in the minutes.
- 2.2 Entries will normally be the winner of the Region Newsletter Award in the year nominated.

3. Lorraine Jansen Electronic Newsletter Trophy

Award Preamble

"Lorraine Jansen was instrumental in the formation of the Women's Association of Apex Clubs in 1990. Serving as the first National President in that first year. A Member of Adelaide Northern District Women's Apex Club she also held the position of National Membership Chairman for the two subsequent years. Leaving women in Apex in good hands following the merger of the two Associations, Lorraine retired from Apex in 1998. This award was carried over from the Women's Association and is in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Apex. This Award recognizes excellence and diligence in the area of Club Newsletters". It also serves to acknowledge the new electronic medium used by many clubs.

- 3.1 The Club judged to have the best on-line newsletter will be awarded the Lorraine Jansen Newsletter Trophy.
- 3.2 The award is to be judged by the National Board in the same manner as the Newman O'Dea Association Dinner Notice Award.

4. Whopper Gavel

Award Preamble

In order to encourage members to attend National Conventions an idea for a Gavel competition was borrowed from 20-30 International. At the 1948 Perth National Convention, Melbourne Apexian Tom Bellair presented a Gavel to be awarded to the Club with the best attendance at Conventions, taking into account distance travelled and the percentage of members of the Club present. Wollongong Apex Club was the inaugural winner of the Award, which came to be known as the Whopper Gavel. [NBJul01]

- 4.1 The Gavel shall be awarded annually at the National Convention/AGM to the Club which in the opinion of the Board has the best representation of active members at the National Convention/AGM having regard to the distance travelled by the most direct practicable route and the difficulties encountered in such travel.
- 4.2 The Gavel shall circulate freely throughout the Association.
- 4.3 The Gavel shall be tabled at all Dinners and General Meetings of the Club in possession of such Gavel and if it is not tabled by the holding Club it may be claimed by any Apexian or Apexians or meeting and shall be forfeited by the holding Club.
- 4.4 If one-third or more of a Club visit the holding Club's Dinner or General Meeting the holding Club shall forfeit the Gavel provided that if two or more Clubs fulfil this quota the Club travelling the greatest distance shall be entitled to take the Gavel.
- 4.5 The Club holding the Gavel two weeks prior to National Convention/AGM shall return the Gavel to the National Board at the Convention/AGM at least 24 hours before the Official Opening of the Convention/AGM.
- 4.6 Clubs and Apexians shall not deliberately impede circulation of the Gavel which shall be engraved as circumstances warrant.
- 4.7 Clubs hosting National Conventions/AGMs of either of the two Conventions/AGMs following that Convention/AGM shall not be eligible to be awarded the Whopper Gavel.
- 4.8 Each Club acquiring the Whopper Gavel during the course of the year shall notify the National Board when the Gavel comes into its possession and again when possession is relinquished.

5. Eric Hooper Service Award

Award Preamble

Eric Hooper is often a forgotten figure in Apex folklore. The three Founders take pride of place in the pages of Apex history. But it was Eric Hooper who stands alone as our first Association President. Eric Hooper was one of the Charter members of the first Apex Club in Geelong and was present at the inaugural meeting of the young men's organisation on 19th November 1930 when the idea first developed.

He was subsequently on the first Geelong Apex Club Board when it formed on 10th March 1931. In 1932 in Geelong at the second Apex Conference and the first as the Association of Apex Clubs, Eric Hooper was appointed as the first Association President for the 1932-33 year. He went on to be the Association Secretary-Treasurer from 1933-35. In recognition of the excellent services rendered to Apex he was appointed the Association's first Life Governorship in 1936. This Award was named in their honour as our first Association President and one of the true Founders of our Association of Apex Clubs of Australia. [NBJul01]

- 5.1 The Eric Hooper Award is a perpetual trophy to be presented at the National Convention/AGM.
- 5.2 The Award shall be given to that Club whose service project is judged by a panel of judges chosen by the Awards Committee.
- 5.3 The service project shall be judged according to the following guidelines. ·The project must be imaginative and workable. ·It must be of definite community benefit as befits the Apex service ideal. ·The project must be a project either completed or nearly completed in the Club year preceding the closing date for entries. ·The same project from any one Club may only win once.
- 5.4 Clubs submitting projects for consideration shall send a report of the project to the National Board which said report shall include:
 - a brief outline of the project from planning and feasibility through to implementation.
 - the service project results which may be a progress report and shall contain photographs and publicity material and a cost estimate or Financial Statement.
- 5.5 The entries may be circulated to Clubs and/or displayed on the Apex Web Site.
- 5.6 The winning Club will receive a permanent record of having won.
- 5.7 Entries will normally be the winner of the Region Service Award in the year nominated.

6. Travelling Map Trophy

- 6.1 The Travelling Map shall be presented to the President or Representative of the Club or Region who shall host the next National Convention/AGM and shall remain the property of the host Club or Region until the next National Convention/AGM when it shall be handed over to the President or representative of the host Club or Region of the next National Convention/AGM.[NBAug02]
- 6.2 The Map shall bear an engraved plaque signifying the year and location of each National Convention/AGM.

7. Golden Stirrer Trophy

- 7.1 The Golden Stirrer Trophy shall be presented to the most effective Delegate at a National Convention/AGM as decided by the Sergeant-At-Arms.

8. Kava Bowl

- 8.1 The Kava Bowl is to be presented to the Club or Region which has made the greatest contribution to Overseas Service in the twelve months prior to the National Convention/AGM. [NBNov01]
- 8.2 The Kava Bowl award shall be judged by the Awards Committee and shall be presented at the National Convention/AGM.

9. John Stokes Boomerang

Award Preamble

John Stokes was a Member of the Mount Gambier Apex Club in South Australia. In 1962 he was elected to the position of President of WOCO. During his term of office he overcame significant issues that threatened to disband WOCO. In 1962 Active 20/30 had threatened to withdraw from WOCO and it was through John's persistence that this was averted. John Stokes dedication to international relations and the encouragement for Apexians to travel overseas to visit other like minded service organisations, in particular other Apex Associations, was the background to the subsequent striking of this award. This award is presented in recognition of Regions who make the effort to promote the Fourth Ideal, that of promoting international understanding and friendship. [NBJul01]

- 9.1 The John Stokes Boomerang award shall be presented to the Region with the highest percentage membership (yearly average) attendance at any overseas Apex Association's National Convention held during the 12 months prior to Apex Australia's National Convention/AGM. The award is to be presented at National Convention/AGM.
- 9.2 The Awards Committee shall judge this award.

10. Mary Kathleen Membership Trophy

- 10.1 The Mary Kathleen Membership trophy shall be awarded to the Club which has the greatest increase in membership in the twelve (12) months since the last National Convention/AGM.
- 10.2 The presentation of the trophy shall be made at the following National Convention/AGM.
- 10.3 The winner shall be decided based on the figures contained in the census due by the 30th June in any year.

11. The Donald Mackay Citizenship Initiative Award

Award Preamble

Don Mackay was an active Member of the Griffith Apex Club and numerous local community organisations with a passion for young people, believing it was their right to grow in an environment that fostered better citizens. Throughout his Apex career Don Mackay was a keen 'conventioneer', deeply interested in International Relations. He was instrumental, with his peers in the commencement of Apex Sri Lanka, travelling there on numerous occasions building many friendships as a result.

Donald Mackay was awarded Life Membership of the Griffith Apex Club in 1974 and on retiring from Apex continued to serve the community he loved as an active concerned citizen, even running for State Parliament. Unfortunately Don Mackay is better known for his mysterious disappearance in July 1977, a result of his being named in court as an informant in relation to the location of a drug crop in 1976. He was never seen again. A subsequent Royal Commission left Griffith and Donald Mackay branded for life. Unfortunately for his family and the Griffith Community, Don became popularly known as an "anti-drug campaigner". Don Mackay was one who stood against the tide of those that produced and sold drugs to our children. When he saw a wrong he tried to make it right. He was not outspoken but he was a competent, effective speaker, a concerned, active citizen and devoted family man that worked tirelessly to assist those he perceived to need a hand.

Don Mackay through his untimely disappearance in 1977 inspired the model of integrity all Apexians should hold dearly. He worked for his community through active citizenship living a simple life of altruism out of genuine care and concern for his fellow citizens because he believed he could make a difference, and by sharing his dreams with others he knew they would experience this too.

His fellow Griffith Life Members believed Don's example of active Citizenship is the foundation of all Apex activity. By active citizenship we have a service to perform and fellowship to enjoy with those whom we invite to assist to make the dream a reality. As such, an award was struck in their honour in 1988 with the inaugural winner being Cohuna Apex Club. The Donald Mackay Citizenship Award, presented annually at our National Convention/AGM in memory of this outstanding Apexian, recognises an Apex Club for their efforts in building a better community in that year by undertaking a local Citizenship initiative. [NBJul01]

- 11.1 The Donald Mackay Citizenship Initiative Award is a perpetual trophy which shall be awarded at the National Convention/AGM. The winning Club will receive a permanent record of having won.
- 11.2 The award shall be given to that Apex Club or Apexian whose citizenship initiative is judged by a panel of judges chosen by the Awards Committee.
- 11.3 The citizenship initiative shall be judged according to the following guidelines;
 - The initiative must be imaginative and workable.
 - It must have definite community benefit
 - The initiative must be a project either completed or nearly completed in the Club year preceding the closing date for entries
 - The same initiative may only win once.
- 11.4 Clubs may nominate their own initiative or an initiative of one of their members by submitting a report of the initiative to the National Board for consideration. The report shall be complete and concise and should include:
 - an outline of the initiative from planning and feasibility through to implementation
 - the citizenship initiative results which may be a progress report and shall contain photographs and publicity material a cost estimate and a Financial Statement
- 11.5 The entries may be circulated to the Clubs and/or displayed on the Apex Web Site. Entries will normally be the winner of the Region Citizenship award in the year nominated.

12. Apex Month Publicity Award

- 12.1 The Apex Month Publicity Award shall be awarded to the Club which obtains the best press coverage in Apex Month.
- 12.2 The Award shall be presented at the National Convention/AGM immediately following Apex Month.
- 12.3 The award shall be judged by the Awards Committee.

13. National President Gavel and Stand

- 13.1 The National President Gavel and Stand shall be handed over at the National President's Handover to the incoming National President by the outgoing National President.

14. The Langham Proud Regional Communicator of the Year Award

Award Preamble

The role of Regional Communicator is the most vital of all Association positions. Without a hardworking, intelligent and communicative Regional Communicator, the Region cannot be successful. The idea of Regions is in fact the idea of development and fellowship amongst neighbouring clubs. This is the greatest gift that one of our Founders Langham Proud gave to our Association. Langham Proud was one of the three Founders of Apex. He served as Secretary of the original Club during its formation as the Young Business Men's Club and then as it transformed to the Apex Club of Geelong on March 10th, 1931. Langham Proud later moved from Geelong to Camperdown and it was their efforts to form a Club there that produced the Camperdown Apex Club. The inaugural dinner held in August 1931 resulted in the development of Apex from two clubs – Geelong and Ballarat to three – and as a result our Association was born. Langham Proud was the Fellowship Director on that first Camperdown Apex Club Board. Langham was then instrumental in the formation of Districts when he formed part of the Investigating Committee to develop the Association into Districts at the 1934 Albury National Convention. The idea of Fellowship, something that is so vital in the role of Regional Communicator is bound by the efforts of Langham Proud who was awarded Life Governorship in 1945. He was an Apexian who not only founded the first Club but also worked tirelessly in the development of Apex through other areas. This award is dedicated to his memory so that Regional Communicators' can aim to achieve fellowship, development and success in their Regions.

This award is to be presented annually at the National Convention/AGM to the Regional Communicator who has best represented their Region and the Association during the year.

- 14.1 The award shall be judged by the National President or their nominee.
- 14.2 A perpetual trophy which shall be retained until the next National Convention/AGM shall be awarded.
- 14.3 The winner shall receive a permanent trophy.

15. The Ewen Laird Apexian of the Year Award

Award Preamble

The greatest achievement any Apexian can make is that of service to their community, their Club and to themselves. Ewen Laird, was one of those people. One of the three Founders of our Association it was his foresight combined with that of the other two Founders, Buchan and Proud that lead to the development of what is the only Australian born Service Club.

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

Ewen Laird's time spent overseas in 1933 also assisted in the development of our International Relations in particular that with the Round Tables of Great Britain. His ongoing correspondence between Apex and Round Table during that time was one of the factors that culminated in the development of the group of Service Club's thread together in what is now known as WOCO.

Awarded Life Governorship in 1945, Ewen Laird remains as one of the three fathers of modern Apex. This award is dedicated to his memory and presented to an Apexian who symbolizes what our Association strives for. It is presented to an Apexian who upholds all that was first developed by Ewen Laird and Buchan and Proud, one who upholds the Ideals of Apex and serves their Club and community in an exemplary manner [NBApr02]

- 15.1 This Award is to be presented annually at the National Convention/AGM.
- 15.2 The Award shall be judged and presented by the National President.
- 15.3 Each Regional Communicator shall nominate one Apexian from their Region for this Award. The Apexian nominated will be the Region winner if the Region has an award".
- 15.4 A perpetual trophy shall be awarded and the winners name inscribed accordingly. A permanent trophy will be awarded to the winner.
- 15.5 That the minimum criteria for applications for this Award be:
- to have fully upheld the Ideals of the Association of Apex Clubs;
 - to have contributed towards their Club and the community in an exemplary manner." [NCAug02]

16. Harry Hodges Best First Year Apexian

Award Preamble

Harry Hodges is remembered by the Association as a long-standing, very active Member from New South Wales. Harry took an uncompromising stand on issues of importance, particularly where necessary to protect the interests of the Association.

Harry is best remembered however for this affinity with the younger members of our Association and his guidance to those members. Harry's efforts remind us that we must value and treasure our first year Apexians whilst listening to their ideas but guiding them in accordance with our Ideals.

- 16.1 The Harry Hodges Best First Year Apexian shall be awarded to the Apexian judged to have completed their best first full year in Apex.
- 16.2 This Award to be presented annually at National Convention/AGM.
- 16.3 The Awards Committee shall judge this Award.
- 16.4 Each Regional Communicator shall nominate one Apexian from their Region for this Award. The Apexian nominated will be the Region winner if the Region has an award.
- 16.5 That the minimum criteria for applications for this Award be :
 - to have completed one full calendar year in Apex
 - to have been awarded the VIP Award for accruing at least 100 points according to the VIP Program within their first year in Apex
 - to have fully upheld the Ideals of the Association of Apex Clubs
 - to have contributed towards their Club and the community in an exemplary manner
- 16.6 National Office shall send the list of Apexians completing the VIP Program in each Region to the Regional Communicators at least 6 weeks prior to the National Convention/AGM.

17. The Sir John Buchan Memorial Young Apexian of the Year Award

Award Preamble

The name John Buchan is synonymous with our history. He was one of the three Founders of the Geelong Apex Club and was a prominent figure in the subsequent formation of the Association of Apex Clubs. At the second Convention held in Geelong in 1932 the Association was formed and John Buchan was appointed as Association Secretary-Treasurer. He was National President in 1935 and was awarded Life Governorship in 1945.

Sir John Buchan was a strong advocate for youth both in his days as an Apexian and beyond. He served on numerous National forums to discuss youth related issues and was influential in the restructure of the Apex Association in the 90's. He was a visionary and saw our Association as one that had an important part to play in Australia's future. Sir John Buchan viewed youth and their own future as vital for Australia and this award named in his honour is one that recognises the achievement of young men and women in Apex. [NBJul01]

- 17.1 Each Region may submit the name and details of one [1] outstanding young Apexian [an Apexian under the age of 25 years at the time of the close of nominations] to the National Board. The Apexian nominated will be the Region winner.
- 17.2 The Young Apexian of the Year Award shall be awarded to the Apexian who during the year made an outstanding contribution to the future of Apex and who has future leadership potential.

18. Apex Australia Best Club Award

Award Preamble

This award was originally titled the Chris McGurgan Best Club Trophy and was first presented to Clubs within the original Women's Apex Association. It was then transferred to encompass all clubs after the 1997 merger. Chris McGurgan was the Women's Association of Apex Clubs of Australia National President in 1994/95 and 1995/96. The Award was renamed the Apex Australia Best Club Award in 2002 to recognise the successful merger of the two Associations and growth and success of Apex Australia and to celebrate the achievements of the Associations most outstanding Club for the previous twelve months. [NBNov02]

- 18.1 The Apex Australia Best Club Award shall be awarded to the Club considered to be the best for the Apex year last concluded or if the Convention/AGM is held prior to the end of the current Apex year, for the Apex Year to be imminently concluded.
- 18.2 The Award shall be judged by the voting members of the National Board.
- 18.3 Each Regional Communicator shall nominate one (1) Club from their Region for consideration for this Award. If any Region had already judged for the Apex Year in question its best Club, then that Club shall be the nominee for this Award. The winner of the Award shall be judged at the Pre-Convention/AGM National Board Meeting.
- 18.4 A perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the winning Club. The Club shall receive a permanent Trophy.

19. Public Speaking Awards

The Bevan Rutt Public Speaking Award.

Award Preamble

Bevan Rutt of the Adelaide Apex Club was the 1950 delegate to the WOCO Convention in Vancouver and was appointed to the position of World President of WOCO at that same Convention. Bevan Rutt was so impressed by the benefits derived from public speaking contests that on his return he actively pursued, developed and successfully commenced a National Public Speaking Competition that was subsequently named after him. The first competition was held at the 1954 Bunbury National Convention and the inaugural winner was Max Lemon of the Adelaide Apex Club. [NBJul01]

- 19.1 The winner of each Region Public Speaking Contest shall compete in the Association final to be held at the next succeeding National Convention/AGM at a time nominated by the National President.

General Rules [NBApr06]

- 19.2 Each finalist may speak on a subject of their choice; however the subject and content must be appropriate to a mixed audience which may contain children. The content of the finalist's speech shall be original to themselves. [NBJul99]
- 19.3 The duration of each speech shall be five (5) minutes with a warning bell at four (4) minutes.
- 19.4 The order of speakers shall be selected by ballot.
- 19.5 Adjudicators shall be three (3) in number, selected by the Convention Committee.
- 19.6 The Adjudicators' marking sheet shall be that which is contained in the Apex Manual.
- 19.7 The Adjudicators shall select a chairman who shall announce the winner and shall not deliver an individual criticism of each speaker.
- 19.8 All competitors have the right to:
 - know their placing
 - meet the Adjudicators provided that the Adjudicators are willing to do this.
- 19.9 The winner shall not be entitled to participate at any succeeding National Convention/AGM.
- 19.10 The Chairman at a National Convention Public Speaking Finals shall be the National Youth Manager or as directed by the National President. [NBApr06]
- 19.11 The Chairman at the National Senior Public Speaking Competition at a National Convention shall be the National Youth Manager or other National Chairman as directed by the National President.
- 19.12 The Chairman of all National Public Speaking Competitions has the right to stop a contestant speaking if the subject or content is not appropriate to a mixed audience which may contain children. [NBApr06]
- 19.13 The Chairman at a National Junior Public Speaking Final shall be the National International Youth Manager or other National Manager as directed by the National President.
- 19.14 Should a contestant who wins their Region competition decide not to compete in the National Competition then the runner-up in the Region Competition will be entitled to compete in the final.

Organisation

19.15 The following people will be responsible for various aspects of the competition:

- National International Relations & Youth Committee Chairman

19.16 Coordinate National competition for State winners

19.17 Select three (3) adjudicators for each competition

19.18 Regional Communicator or other person as directed by the Regional Communicator.

19.19 Arrange transport for their competitor and chaperone to National Convention/AGM.

19.20 Arrange accommodation for their competitor and chaperone.

19.21 Arrange National Convention/AGM registrations for their competitor and chaperone.

National Convention Committee

19.22 Suitable venue with stage, lighting and seating for audience

19.23 Microphones

19.24 Lectern

19.25 Apex Adjudicators for each competition (suitable qualified)

19.26 Apex Public Speaking Score Sheets (from web site) 3 for each participant plus spares

19.27 Birs

19.28 Chairs and desks in 4 separate locations in venue (1 for each adjudicator and 1 for the time keeper and chairman)

A Time Keeper

19.29 A Stop Watch

19.30 A Bell [NBOct04]

20. 22 year award

The National Board shall present an inscribed walking stick to Members of Clubs on the 22nd anniversary of that person's membership.

21. 27 year award

(a) A specially made pin shall be awarded annually to all members in their 27th year of that person's membership.

(b) The award shall be purchased each year for the recipients and shall be presented at the AGM and recorded in the minutes.

(c) The recipients will be notified by National Board of their achievement or prospective achievement (prior to the Association AGM of that year) by the National Board 120 days prior to the AGM.

(d) The recipients will be invited to attend the AGM to receive their award at the cost of the Association.