



Apex Children's Chalet

Management Committee



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RE: Apex Chalet (Magic Castle) National Project

The Apex Clubs of Australia voted in Wagga at the National Convention 2018 to make the Apex Children Chalet (The Magic Castle) The National service project. We need your help to carry out major works!

- The Apex Chalet was built in 1979 (The Year of the Child) for the Children of Australia, by volunteer Apexians and friends of Apex Australia. Teams of Apexians travelled to the Chalet for weekends and weeks at a time to help dig, build, construct, paint, lay tiles, hang gyprock, run cables and lay pipes. Hundreds if not thousands and men women and children, Apex clubs from all over Australia came together as one to make this Magical place happen.
- Now 40 years on, nearly 40,000 underprivileged and disabled Aussie children have had a holiday of a lifetime at the Chalet, some for the first and only time in the snow. The Magic Castle has made a huge difference in the Australian community.
- When the Chalet was built Apex Australia had a membership of 20,000 members and nearly 1000 clubs, sadly that has dropped by nearly 90%. This being said we have had some great support for many years by many clubs, but this needs to continue so we can provide the respite and keep the Chalet maintained to a high standard for the Children.
- Although all work is done by volunteers to help reduce labour costs, to keep the doors open the Chalet still needs to generate \$30,000 per year in operational costs, which doesn't include any major capital works.
- 20 years ago the heating system was upgraded from wood to gas, but now with the price of gas our heating costs are unsustainable. The proposed new system is going cost \$80,000 but will reduce our heating and power bills by up to 50% which will be a huge saving to the Chalet.
- Apex Australia has 1300 members if each member donated \$31 we would achieve our target of \$40,000, that's as little as 10 sausage sandwiches per member, we have 100 clubs so that is as little as \$400 per club, when you break it down its not a large amount of money. This project is not just for Apex clubs but for any supporter, all donations are tax deductible via the Apex Foundation.

The proposal to help raise the funds

The committee will be putting together an honour/sponsorship board to recognise the clubs and supporters, we will have the following sponsorship packages:

Diamond = \$5000 and over, Limited to 3

Gold = \$2500 to \$5000, Limited to 6

Silver = \$1000 to \$2500, Unlimited

Bronze = \$250 to \$1000, Unlimited

Friend of the Chalet = \$2 to \$250, Unlimited

Ways for you and your club to get involved or raise the money

BBQs, raffles, fine money, trivia night, or even better take a group of kids from your community to visit the Magic Castle, bring a group of your members to a work party.

Thanks in advance for your support of the Apex Chalet, to ensure that we can continue our important work long into the future.

Kind regards
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