

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Friday 15 November 2019

PLACE: Shaw & Partners, Level 7, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney



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CHAIRMAN Speaks



Welcome all to our latest newsletter and I hope you have been enjoying the publications so far in our new format. Many thanks to Editor and EO Clement Fernandez for his excellent work in collating each edition and to everyone who has made contributions to the contents. As we pass into the back end of the year, there are many activities occurring which include:

The Annual Apex Postie Bike Ride, this year was held in August and was a highly successful event. The Apex Magic Castle 40th Birthday party at Smiggin Holes will be held on 19th October. This will be a great opportunity to thank all those past and present Apexians who have maintained the flagship of our organisation for all those years. Congratulations all round. This year, we welcome Michael Godfrey, Apex Australia National President to our Board and and say farewell to Neal Molineaux who has served as their Representative over the last twelve months. Many thanks for your contribution Neal. We look forward to working with Michael and having a Board member attend their National Convention in October.

Our upcoming Annual General Meeting in Sydney is on 15th November, which, as usual, will provide great night of entertainment to supplement the normal business undertaken. Over the last few months, we have been working on a collaboration with Legacy whereby they will utilise the SHACK and Chalet for some of their people who are disadvantaged. This idea is being progressed by EO Clement and their CEO John Hutcheson. We hope in the long term this arrangement will be of mutual benefit to both organisations. Please enjoy the newsletter. Cheers. **Brian Powe,**



NEAL MOLINEAUX
Immediate Past National President



MICHAEL GODFREY
Apex Australia National President.

Join the celebration

Magic Castle
turns 40
Smiggin Holes
19 October 2019

Apex Australia
NATIONAL
CONVENTION
Kadina,
South Australia

11 -13 October 2019

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Lending a **helping hand**

for education

A parent with a purpose and path to follow

A young single mother from countryside Victoria appealed for financial assistance to undertake an art course through a community college. The appeal was investigated and considered before being approved. An excerpt of her reply to the approval is as follows:

“Thank you very much for this kind and generous assistance with the fees for my course. I thank you for being generous enough to help me to participate in a course which is building my confidence and also is helping me to open up and communicate with other members of my community.

At times this has been very challenging for me and yet I am confident that it is something that I wish to continue exploring and pursuing as it is valuable to me. I am so relieved and I hope that now I will be able to bring more dedication and focus to my practice because I know that I can stay there is nothing standing in my way now.

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement and best wishes for my future. I hope that your generous gift will not go to waste and I intend to do my best to make the best use of The Apex Foundation's generous gift by applying myself diligently to the practice and study this year so that I will do justice to this opportunity that you have funded.

It really is a weight off my shoulders to be able to walk into my classroom next week knowing that I have a right to be there and that my course has been paid for.

Thank you again for helping me to be able to participate in a course that is important to me and is helping not just in terms of developing and exploring an art practice but is also helping me to begin to feel that I am part of the community that I belong and I have a place here.

As part of our practice is sharing ideas and working with others this has challenged me and yet I think that is good for me too.

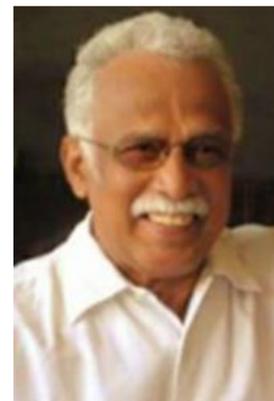
Not always easy but good. It is good to know that I am not just a parent on a pension, but a parent with a purpose and a path to follow.

I am indebted to the Apex Foundation.

With gratitude

(The single mother chooses to remain anonymous)

THE EDITOR



There has been a great deal of activity in the bookings for the Chalet and the Shack in the past few months because of the snow season and the school holidays. The Copper Coast Retreats were also well patronized. It is very encouraging to see the facilities that the Apex Foundation had built are being used for the underprivileged and less fortunate members of our society.

1. MEMBERSHIP

The following new members are cordially invited:

Apex Club of Katanning, WA

Club Gold Life Membership

Robert Tognela, Bussleton, WA

3 year membership

Martin Mitzinberg, Oyster Bay, NSW

One year membership and

William S Green, Bull Creek, WA

One year membership

The letters and forms for renewal of membership were sent out in late June with replies continuing to trickle in. If you have not renewed your membership or wish to join, please download the form at <https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/get-involved/membership>

and send it back to me either by mail or electronically.

For the Apex Foundation to continue to do its good work and to operate efficiently, we do need your financial support.

2. FEEDBACK

I strongly urge readers to provide feedback on whether you might like to include or exclude items in the newsletter. Your honest opinion will be greatly appreciated.

My sincere gratitude to all those who contributed articles for this publication and look forward to your continued support

Clement Fernandez

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Get on your bikes hot off the press

Broke all records



***\$1,120,000 raised
since inception***

In its 13th year this ride broke all records. The ride was dedicated to the late Justin "Buzz" Voumard, one of the instigators of the ride and unfortunately a victim of cancer last year.

With a record number of 107 riders, 95 on 'posties', they rode from Port Augusta, South Australia traversed through 1,200 km of the Flinders Ranges, on a lot of quite rough terrain, and raised an amazing \$180,000!

And it was all done on postie bikes designed to deliver mail!

This takes the total raising to \$1,120,000 since inception. Organised by the Copper Coast Clubs, led by Kadina and Jamestown, four 3 bedroom units have now been built at Wallaroo to provide a holiday for cancer sufferers and their families.

Along to support the riders were Apex Foundation Chairman Brian Powe, directors Mike Fitze and Lindsay Carthew

**The Apex Postie Outback
Bike ride takes off again**

**For the largest ride in the
13 year history!**

**Target of one MILLION
\$\$\$ achieved this year**



Commenting at the presentations in the aftermath of the ride, Brian called it "the greatest modern-day Apex project", on par with the Magic Castle Chalet and The Shack projects.

Participants on the ride included James Gerrish and Harry Watt, from Apex Foundations investment advisors Shaw & Partners. Their fundraising efforts at \$15,000 each wasn't the highest and that gong went to Andrew Venning with nearly \$20,000.

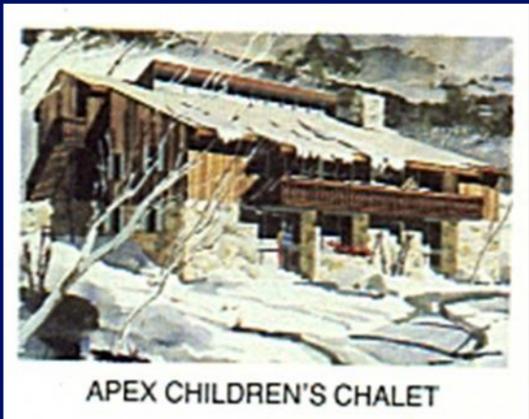
Well done Andrew. Amazing efforts and a hearty congratulation to the organisers, backup crew and the riders.





CHALET'S

40th Anniversary
Built in 1979



APEX CHILDREN'S CHALET

The Apex Magic Castle
is turning 40
40,000 children supported
Help us celebrate 40 years at
Magic Castle
Smiggin Holes NSW
12 noon
Saturday
19 October 2019

Please let all
past and present Apexians
know of this special event
Everyone is welcome
LET'S KEEP THE MAGIC ALIVE

RSVP
Jamie Vincent 0410587569



80

Octogenarian

Jack Kasses' Big Birthday Bash



On Sunday, July 21st, Jack Kasses ,
Life Member of Apex Foundation,
celebrated his 80th birthday with
family and friends

The celebration started with a lovely lunch at The Coast Golf Club, Little Bay NSW where many stories were shared, related to multiple events throughout the past eighty years including talking about his amazing years in Apex that began when he was just eighteen years of age. Apex has always been a huge part of his extended family and prepared him for his future journey.

A dedicated family man, who nursed his daughter Helen through leukemia, partnered with John Lough, also an Apex member, to see how they could raise funds for research into childhood cancer.

He recounted in 1977 the considerable local community events from his home town of Childers, and some seven hundred Apex Clubs and eighteen thousand Apexians nationwide who helped raise the necessary funds to enable the establishment of the first independent children's cancer research centre in Australia, The Children's Leukemia and Cancer Foundation, now known as the Children's Cancer Institute. This transformed the outlook for children with Leukemia and Cancer for generations to come.

Thank you Apex. Jack spoke of how blessed he was to celebrate this day with his wife Annette and children, his sisters and extended family and how his life has been full of many achievements including receiving an OAM.

**Has your Club
been missing out ??
If so, why don't
you read this?**

**\$\$ grants to help those in
your community in need**

The Apex Foundation manages several trusts that will consider applications for financial assistance for disadvantaged young people all around Australia.

The Association of Civilian Widows (CWT)

was originally founded in the 1950's to assist widows who were not receiving war veteran privileges. The Apex Foundation was heavily involved in their establishment and now administers these funds by working together in promoting the various trusts of the Civilian Widows, especially for sole parents with young children in need.

The Apex Necessitous Circumstances Trust (NCT)

replaced the Apex Foundation's General Trust in 2011. The General trust has been in operation since 1986 and has a long history of supporting Apex Club projects. The NCT's purpose is to make Grants to support people in difficult financial circumstances.

RECENT GRANTS

have included \$5,000 to Apex Associations 'Buy a Bale' program, and there have been many grants to families in need, with a total of over \$100,000 in each of the last 2 years.

HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Apex Foundation actively encourages enquiries and applications. For more information, please first refer to our website and then make contact with our Executive Officer, Clement Fernandez.

APEX FOUNDATION

Membership

Individual membership is
open to all ages

*Your membership assists
our commitment to our
mission*

**ASSISTING THE
YOUTH OF
AUSTRALIA
TO GAIN AN EQUAL
CHANCE AT LIFE**

Annual reports and regular
newsletters will keep you
updated on the progress
of our mission.

CATEGORY FEE

(including GST)

Individual Annual	\$50
Individual 3 years	\$125
Gold Life Membership	\$1,000

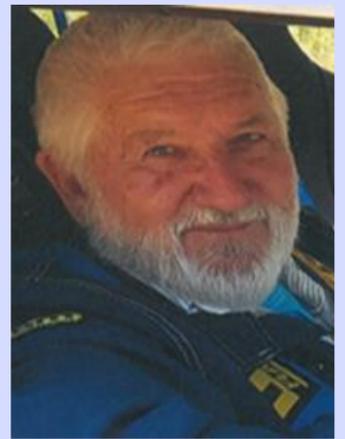
Contact the Sydney office
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OBITUARY



FAREWELL
*Life
Governor
Ken
Slatter*

It is with deep
sorrow that we
announce the
passing of a long
standing
member of the
Apex
Foundation, Life
Governor Ken
Slatter.

Our deepest
condolences to
his family and all
his loved ones.

Put your money where the miracles are!

We seek donations to support the many causes our trusts are dedicated to, and help with lifetime assistance to young Australians.

- Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust
- Apex Foundation Charitable Trust and
- Necessitous Circumstances Trust

All are
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Details in 'DONATION' section
of our website

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- Name:
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 - B. By card
 - Visa
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APEX FOUNDATION

OUR GOALS

Exhibit leadership by identifying humanitarian initiatives

To improve services to the community,

And facilitate their implementation

Work collaboratively with the ASSOCIATION OF

APEX CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

Contribute to material and effective research, activities and programmes that contribute to social, economic and social values

OUR MISSION

Improving the lives of children and families, and helping Apex Clubs Build Better Communities

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