

What are you waiting for?

Did you know that there are heaps of grants available for Apex Clubs to help people in their community, particularly our under privileged children?

This time last year, the Apex Club of Mt Isa rang and told us of the plight of a number of 'School of the Air' students. These students' families had been severely impacted by the severe ongoing droughts and later, issues associated with the loss of property and over 600,000 cattle due to the floodwaters.



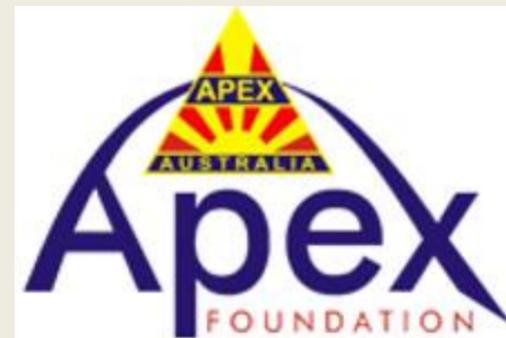
6 students were identified and The Foundation covered the cost of their airfares to Brisbane, amounting to over \$10,000. These students had received nominations to be a part of the State Honours Ensemble Program for Primary School Students. This educational program for music students helps and extends / encourages students' in their pursuit of musical excellence. Most of these kids had never been on a plane before, or even an escalator.

This is just one example on how Apex Clubs can help under privileged kids in their community through the Apex Foundation. Good one Mt Isa Apex Club and their initiative. We have grants available to help under privileged children and families with their educational and developmental requirements, mainly through our Civilian Widows Trust. The Civilian Widows Trusts in WA and Qld can only be sourced by people who reside in those States while the NSW / ACT Trust can be sourced from all States.

We also have the Apex Foundation Community Fund which can be used to give a helping hand to Australians in need.

Requirements for funding are varied and it is best to give me a quick ring, so I can point you in the right direction.

Tony Wilshire Tel: 0447 090 505



THE CHAIRMAN SPEAKS

Welcome to this, our last newsletter for 2020.

Clubs receive total grants close to \$60,000

12 months ago, my major aim was to gain even closer ties with the Association and to very proactively assist all the Apex Clubs with their endeavours. Working close with their National Board and our ongoing relationship with Apex 40 is very important, I thought. During the last financial year, we assisted Apex Clubs via the Apex Bushfires Appeal to \$25,000 and further supported Apex Clubs directly by approving grants totalling \$34,900.

The Coronavirus epidemic came along which resulted in grants being curtailed; however, given the strong bounce back of our corpuses, these trusts are now pretty well cashed up, for more grants to be effected.

It was weird having to Chair our AGM on Friday, the 20th of November by Zoom. It went down OK and needless to say, it was all done and dusted in about 40 minutes. We had a little over 30, so thank you to those who participated and your patience!!!

James Gerrish raised \$25,000

The AGM is normally hosted by James Gerrish, our Senior Advisor from Shaw & Partners. This function is usually hosted in their Boardroom, with lovely food and refreshments. As James could not host this year, he very kindly donated \$1,000 towards the Chalet. Thanks James your continuing support. Did you know that he also raised \$25,000 towards the Postie Bike Ride in the Flinders Ranges in SA to support the Copper Coast Units??

New directors welcome

Also last year, I spoke about my intention look at the makeup of our Board. There are some directors, who will be calling time on their directorship with the Foundation over the next few years. To this end, I am more than happy to field phone calls from people who would like to find out more in becoming a director.

In closing, I would like convey season's best wishes to everyone. Please be safe, and hopefully things will get back to some semblance of normality very soon.

Cheers,

Tony Wilshire



POSTIE BIKE RIDE - \$120,000 RAISED

Mid North, SA Apex Clubs do it again - 2020 Postie Bike Ride raises \$120,000
 Imagine riding a 110cc Honda bike over rough tracks in the beautiful South Australian Flinders Ranges for 1,000 km over 4 days and at the same time raising a few \$\$ for the Cancer Council SA
 On the iconic Apex Postie Bike Ride these bikes go where they are not meant to be ridden. It all starts on the Wednesday night at Port Augusta. Here old friends gather over a couple of quiet beers to get their briefing. Many are old hands and know 'the hell' the next four days will bring. The 'newbies' are all wide eyed and wonder what hell they have signed up for.
 Next day the riders start off. Within the first hour one rider had come off and needed hospitalisation. At the end of his ride. Out of the 73 riders, 72 were left. There are a couple of spills but most of them made it to Angorichina without too many bruises or broken bikes.
 Day two is out to Arkaroola. It is a tough track and the creeks beds had recently been raging with flood water. A couple of riders come off. One is concussed and its end of the ride for him. The other sports the biggest black eye anybody has ever seen, but he is extra tough and rides on with the one eye. It's a welcome relief for the riders when they get to Leigh Creek for the night.
 Day three sees a couple of sore and sorry riders pull out. "I didn't know it was going to be this hard they say".
 The ride goes through Farina and north of Lake Torrens and then south into to Roxby Downs.



The organising committee

Along this route, the sandy track is often a problem for the riders. For some riders it can be a big problem! Luckily, a bit of rain has firmed the track and most riders make it without too much trouble.
 That night is the final night and awards are given out. Often the biggest fundraiser has been Andrew Venning but this year he is out recovering from a hip operation and the gong goes to James Gerrish our investment manager at Shaw & Partners. Fines follow and tall stories are made for indiscretions that get exaggerated beyond the pale.
 The final day is the run home from Roxby Downs back to Port Augusta. Some of the track is washed out requiring a quick reset. Dealing with the unexpected is what the organisers do. It wouldn't be a Postie Bike Ride without a few challenges for the organisers.
 Back at Port Augusta the riders are tired, bruised but satisfied. Most want to know where to sign for next year!
 For a first-hand look at this event watch this Youtube video:
https://youtu.be/vNLCgVONA_E



Starting grid on Day 3

EDITORIAL

Contributions welcome

More than 1,100 readers

I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the coming festive season and holidays.

The past few months have been challenging from a work perspective due to the office closures followed by limited access. This had largely impacted attending to mail and delayed depositing of cheques that had been delivered to the office. My apologies if this has caused any inconvenience to you.

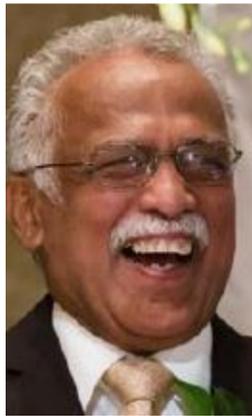
I have been fortunate once again to get strong support from the regular contributors of articles to make this newsletter possible and I hope they continue the good work. I would also welcome other readers to submit articles that may be of interest to our wide readership base. Any suggestions to improve the newsletter will also be greatly appreciated.

In this issue, some news items taken from the Australian Apexian and Apex 40 (Retired Apexians) are included to provide some coverage of their activities. We have also introduced an advertorial section and this is expected to continue if there is demand for it.

Our distribution list has now exceeded 1,100 and despite some "unsubscribes" it remains around this number due to the regular addition of new subscribers. This provides motivation for me to continue publishing at least 3 issues each year.

Thank you for your support and Seasons Greetings to all.

Regards



Clement Fernandez

Executive Officer
 Apex Foundation

\$1,235,524

APEX OUTBACK POSTIE BIKE RIDE RIDE'S TOTAL FUND RAISING TALLY



MEMBERSHIP

Renewed Membership

The following members have renewed their membership subscriptions up to the date of this publication. Your timely support is greatly appreciated. This year, all subscriptions will be channeled to The Apex Foundation Community Fund which provides grants to Apex Club in Australia to support their worthy causes;

Life Member

Robert Hertogs

Three Years

Keith Miller , Alan Randall
 Mark O'Donnell , Mathew O'Donnell
 Graham Wearn, Stephanie Blower
 Alan Robinson , Tony Long ,
 Geoffrey Atherden Martin Mitzimberg ,
 Michelle Dennis , Maggie Vincent ,
 Greg Knight, Shane Ryan

One year

Apex Club of Geraldton, Apex Club of Manjimup, Howard Pascoe , Alan Hawkins , Bruce Adams , George Broadway, Peter Haynes , Steve Starling John Turner, Jack Kasses , Wal Curry , Gregory Youngberry, Peter Overton and Neil Warne

New Members

Leanne Songer, Gregory Youngberry
 Alan Robinson, Greg Knight , Shane Ryan
 and Geoffrey Atherden

THE BIG HEARTS

Donate nearly \$16,000

*Alan Hawkins, Alan Randall,
 Graham Wearn, George Broadway, Peter
 Haynes, Steve Starling, John Turner,
 Martin Mitzimberg, James Gerrish,
 Ian Curran, Miles Ashton, Maggie Vincent,
 Peter Overton, Greg Knight
 and Shane Ryan*

Generous response to our appeal for donations

The Chairman and Board of Directors of the Apex Foundations sincerely thank the 'big heart' members and supporters for their generosity in donating nearly \$16,000 from July to December 2020, much of which went to the Community Fund to support Apex Club projects. This was our 2020 Apex Foundation Appeal.:

ALL monies raised are fully utilised to support the relevant causes and is not used for the Foundation's administration costs.

UPDATES

New club being chartered in Rockhampton

Apex Australia news:

At the AGM 2020 from the National President- Bethany Paterson

- Delegates Briefing Forum prompted some robust discussion and gave our National Board Directors an opportunity to respond to member concerns.
- Our member's training was a full day of training condensed into 1 hour
- Plans to hold a 90th Celebration in Geelong in March

- Convention in Bundaberg in October 2021 gives us hope for much-awaited fellowship for Apexians across Australia.
- Tony Wilshire's fantastic presentation on the Foundation.
- National Office - Following the resignation of our previous National Office, our caretaker Company Secretary Adam Stewart has hit the ground running and is doing an exceptional job under difficult circumstances.
- One of the most exciting developments in the past year is that there is a new club being chartered in Rockhampton

Annual Report - This is available on the resources page of our website.

<https://www.apex.org.au/files/Apex%20Australia%20Annual%20Report%202019-2020%20final.docx.pdf> .

Apex 40 news

- Zone 9 Reunion to be held on 15 to 17 October 2021 in Forbes. For more information contact Keith Miller on millerk@bigpond.net.au
- Annual Convention 2021 (RORT) is scheduled to be held in Bargara/Bundaberg for six days between Tuesday May 4 and Sunday May 9, 2021. For more information, email to: 2021Bargara@apex40.com
- International trips to South Africa and Noumea are scheduled to take place in September for South Africa and October for Noumea in 2021.



WAYS TO ARRANGE A BEQUEST

- *Bequests are a way for donors to leave a lasting legacy for their chosen charity.*
- *The following suggestions are to help make it happen the best way for you with the Apex Foundation.*
- *We have separate Foundation Trusts supporting medical research for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia, Diabetes, Melanoma, Cranio Facial Surgery and Autism.*
- *We also have Trusts to enhance the lives of underprivileged children (Underprivileged Children's Trust) and one to provide scholarships to youths in fine arts (Fine Arts Trust).*

When arranging a bequest to Apex Foundation, use of the following wording is preferred:

❖ For a specific bequest

(When you would like to leave a specific sum of money to the Foundation)

"I give and bequeath to the Apex Foundation ABN 58 001 347 897, in aid of the _____ Trust and for its general purposes, the sum of \$ _____ for which the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor for the Bequest."

❖ For a Residual Bequest

When there are leftover funds, after you have left specific items to certain people

"I bequeath to the Apex Foundation, in aid of the _____ Trust and for its general purposes, the rest and residue of my Estate, for which the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer shall be sufficient discharge."

❖ Arranging a Codicil

An amendment to your Will

If you have already made your Will, but would like to alter it slightly, you may like to add a codicil. This is an amendment to your Will, which may set out your instructions for a bequest to the Apex Foundation.

Thank you for thinking of the Foundation and being part of the family!

For more information, in strict confidence, on arranging a bequest please
phone 02 9253 7775 or e-mail to info@apexfoundation.org.au

NB. This is not legal advice. Any prospective donor should seek the advice of a qualified legal, estate and/or tax professional to determine the consequences of his/her gift.

ADVERTORIAL



Paul Hewitt

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I joined the Grafton NSW Apex Club at the tender age of 21.

A career in the Australian Public Service landed me in Grafton from Darwin in 1968. Not knowing anyone I headed to the local pub (Crown Hotel) where I met a local Apexian who invited me to a meeting. The rest is history as they say. I enjoyed a term as President of the Grafton club.

The Public Service saw me move to Canberra in the early 70s where I joined the Weston Creek club. Another wonderful bunch of blokes - as are all Apexians. When I finally reached the magic age I was honoured to be awarded Life Membership of the Weston Creek Apex Club. I served as President of the club on 2 occasion and also enjoyed 18 months as District Governor Zone 2, District 9.

I resigned from the Public Service in 1985 and joined the Real Estate Industry in Canberra. My many Apex contacts proved invaluable in establishing a data base of clients.

Having sold my business in 2000 I moved to the Gold Coast. Retirement however was not for me so I bought into another small boutique real estate agency (Chevron Realty) and still continue to work trying to keep the body and mind active.

One of my favourite sayings over the years is - you do business with people you Know, Like & Trust.

If any past members are thinking of moving to the Gold Coast, or who currently reside on the coast or own investment property here I would be pleased to offer my services as an ex Apexian real estate agent you can Know, Like & Trust.

I am available 7 days a week.

Thank you. Yours in Apex (1968- 1987). Paul Hewitt Director

