



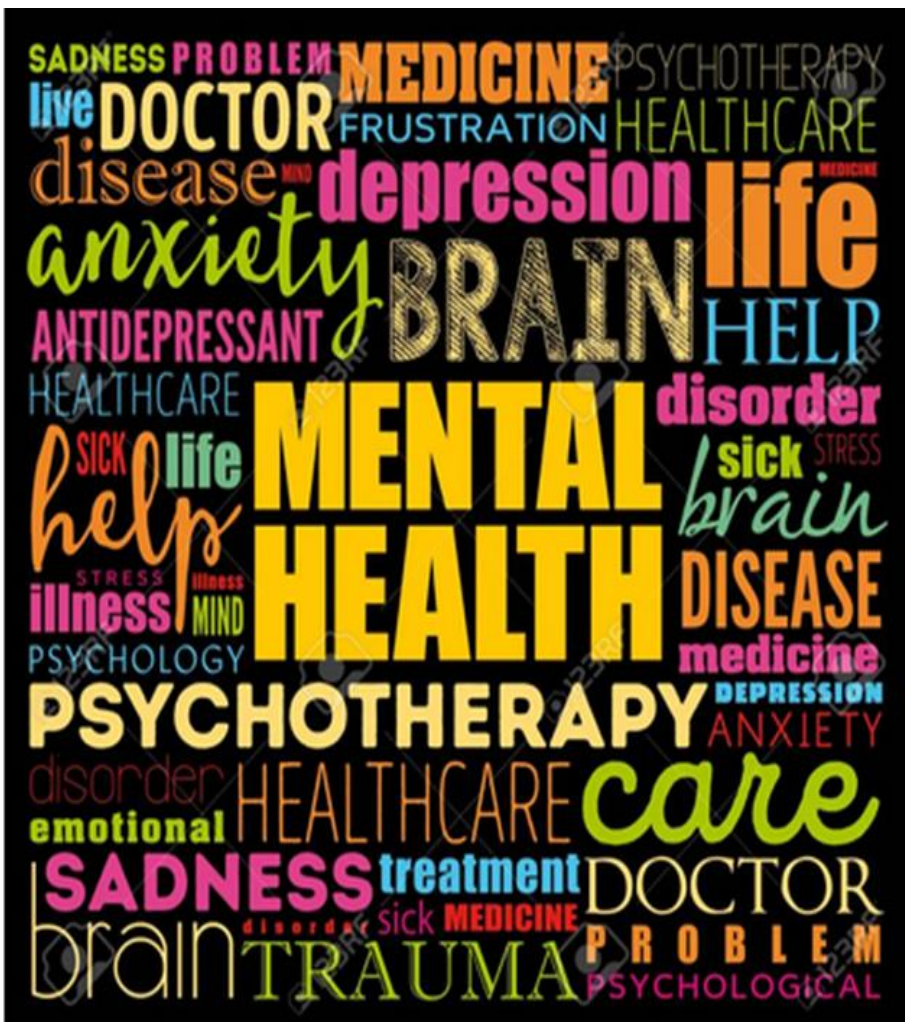
APEX FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA

45th Annual Report 2021 / 2022

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Promoting Mental Health

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Board of Directors 2021/2022

APEX FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA



Left to right: Simon Grant (Apex Australia), Lindsay Carthew, Brian Powe, Jamie Vincent, Clement Fernandez (Executive Officer), Tony Wilshire, John King, Mike Fitze, Mario Fricot (Accountant) and David Cotton.

CHAIRMAN - Anthony John Wilshire	VICE CHAIRMAN - Jamie Darren Vincent
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian Widows of Queensland Foundation Trust • Civilian Widows Trust, Western Australia • Apex Fine Arts Scholarship Trust ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee • Board Audit Risk Committee (BARC) • Ex Officio member of all committees 	SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underprivileged Children's Trust's Chalet account • Apex Foundation Charitable Trust's Autism Account ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing and Membership Committee • Board Audit and Risk Committee (BARC)
COMPANY SECRETARY - Peter Michael Fitze	DIRECTOR - Lindsay Murray Carthew
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex Foundation Community Trust • Civilian Widows Trust NSW • Administration and Staffing • Elections ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee • Board Audit Risk Committee (BARC) • Corporate Governance Committee 	SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apex Foundation Charitable Trust's Cranio-Facial Account • Underprivileged Children's Trust Copper Coast Account ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Audit Risk Committee (BARC) • Finance Committee • Marketing and Membership Committee • Chairman, Investments Committee
APPOINTED DIRECTOR - John Charles King	DIRECTOR - Brian Powe
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Governance Committee 	SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underprivileged Children's Trust's Shack Account ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Audit Risk Committee (BARC) • Finance Committee • Investment Committee • Corporate Governance Committee
DIRECTOR - David Maxwell Cotton	DIRECTOR - Simon Grant (Appointed 22 July 2022)
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CHAIRMAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee • Board Audit Risk Committee (BARC) • Corporate Governance Committee ❖ MEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investments Committee 	Apex Australia National President 2022 2023



Chairman's Annual Report

Tony Wilshire

We have all seen many changes in how we do business over the past three years. Very happily I can convey to you that it now looks more like business as usual, which means we will be celebrating and deliberating our achievements face-to-face at our 2022 Annual General Meeting.

It is with more positive and relaxed emotions that I write this report conveying to our members, supporters and partners an overview of the activities of the Apex Foundation over the past year. In doing so, I would like to give a huge shoutout to our Board of Directors who have again been a massive support.

Our very first consideration is still *'Improving the lives of children and families and helping Apex Clubs build better communities'*. Our very strong relationship with Apex Australia is of utmost importance to the Board.

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE This year, we continued our partnering with Apex Australia in *'The Building Better Mental Health Project'*. The Foundation, particularly Lindsay Carthew, worked closely with Apex Clubs, and we were delighted with the range of their projects presented to us. We understand that the successful clubs' foresight here made a huge difference to their communities. We also provided some funding to the organisation *'Are you Bugged Mate'* to help them extend the great work they do in helping farming communities with the menace of mental illness. Over \$30K was raised from our members and supporters to assist with this project.



Wongan Hills Apex Club (WA) – A grant was given to the students of Wongan Hills District High School to attend a Youth Mental Health Forum, zero2hero in September 2021



Bairnsdale Apex Club (Vic) – The Colour Ya World event was fun run of 5kms with the throwing of powdered colour along the course and at the finish line. The project aims to bring the community together and promote local running tracks and exercise and improve the quality of family relationships.

APEX CHARITABLE TRUST Grants totalling \$118K were made to a range of causes during the year, with the Board looking for practical applications rather than research. The causes of melanoma, diabetes, cancer and autism were supported through grants made respectively to Melanoma Patients Australia, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Tour de Cure, Bloomhill Cancer Care, Yurana Children's Cancer and Aspect. In addition, children's reading and development was supported through a grant to Raising Literacy.

It was great that the Directors were provided a special morning tea by the Aspect School on the Central Coast in April, as a thank you for the lawn mowing equipment we donated, and it was fantastic to see a group of these children experience a trip to the *Magic Castle*.

Very importantly, the Apex Foundation has continued our great partnership with the **Children's Cancer Institute**, this all starting back in the 70's with the *'Help A Kid Make it'* National Service Scheme. The Board approved a grant amounting to \$50K over the next two years to fund a PhD scholar to work in the institute's pre-clinical testing team. The recipient is to be known as the APEX Scholar and there will be more press around this very soon.

CIVILIAN WIDOWS TRUSTS Our three Civilian Widows Trusts have provided grants totalling more than \$87K this year, and most of these grant applications were generated through Apex Clubs. Over 120 underprivileged children benefitted here, mainly in relation to their education needs.

FINE ARTS TRUST It was once again great to be able to support (to the tune of \$5K) two very talented young Australians, in their soprano ambitions on the world stage at the Hans Belvedere International Singing Competition in Latvia. The ongoing support the Foundation receives from Sally-Anne Russell is immeasurable.

COMMUNITY FUND During the year the Foundation supported the homeless through Safe Waters Community Care Inc. in the Ulladulla NSW district, for people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, substance misuse difficulties, poverty, and social isolation. Due to the established need, assistance was provided by way of establishment costs for these Safe Shelter properties, with an initial \$30K grant approved for rewiring and electrical upgrade of the premises, concrete pathway for disability access and timber deck with pergola. It's great to see the Apex Club of Milton Ulladulla also assisting Safe Waters Community Care Inc. by offering support to the Committee and ongoing work parties.

Grants disbursed in 2021 /2022

Cause	Amount	Donated to
Diabetes	\$23,000	Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund
Melanoma	\$20,835	Melanoma Patients Australia
Cancer	\$28,000	Bloomhill Cancer and Yurana Children's Cancer
Other donations	\$21,070	Raising Literacy and Underprivileged Children's Trust
Autism	\$25,000	Spectrum Autism
Civilian Widows, Queensland	\$39,283	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autism & Beyond Coaching \$844 Nursery Road State Special School \$13,773 Grants provided to 154 underprivileged children to assist with their educational costs \$24,666
Civilian Widows, Western Australia	\$48,102	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuart House Women's Refuge \$4,021 Carey Park Scouts \$12,000 Kununurra Women's Boxing Club \$6,500 Grants to assist underprivileged children with their education requirements \$25,581
Apex Foundation Community Fund	\$ 7,277	Safewaters Community Care
Fine Arts	\$ 5,000	Two artists to perform in Vienna
Mental Health	\$21,314	Apex Clubs projects - Gawler, Jamestown, Wongan Hills and Bairnsdale and Are you Boggled Mate
TOTAL	\$238,881	

Total Grants to 2022

Apex Charitable Trust Autism	\$ 736,409
Apex Charitable Trust Cancer	\$1,634,961
Apex Charitable Trust Cranio Facial	\$1,897,898
Apex Charitable Trust Diabetes	\$1,642,585
Civilians Widows Trust	\$ 745,729
Fine Arts	\$ 339,886
AF Community Fund	\$ 416,685
Apex Charitable Trust - General	\$ 68,070
Mental Health Initiative	\$ 21,314
Trusts not active	\$1,041,137
TOTAL	\$9,737,361

OUR RESPITE FACILITIES The committees of our three Underprivileged Children's Trust entities continue to do an incredible job. Value in kind was calculated at \$680K for the year, bringing the all-time total to over \$12million.

At the *Magic Castle* at Smiggin Holes, we experienced periodic closures due to Covid-19. This presented the opportunity for a number of Apex Clubs, such as South Wagga, Bairnsdale, Braidwood, Blacktown and other individual members to contribute to the refurbishment and effect some repairs to normal wear and tear of this fantastic facility. Jamie Vincent and the committee do a great job.

At the *SHACK* at Shoalhaven Heads, all kitchens and bathrooms have been renovated and the barbecues replaced, marking the 30th anniversary of the facility. A huge thank-you to Ray Vincent and his team in undertaking this work. We are now looking at a major fundraiser to replace all the beds in the six units.

At the *Apex Copper Coast Retreats* – the major fundraising activity, the iconic '*Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride*' saw another \$150K-plus raised this year. This takes the grand total to more than \$1.5million. A fifth cabin was purchased in September for \$105K, and once again we acknowledge the incredible work of Dale and Neil Sawley and the committee.

Value of service provided over the years and for the year ended 30 June 2022

Respite Centre	Year Established	Occupancy	Days used to 30-June-22	Approximate guests for year	FY22 value of services \$	All time value of services \$
Copper Coast	2014	1,042	893	399	\$138,668	\$ 986,208
S.H.A.C.K.	1992	5,429	19,608	478	\$ 69,895	\$ 4,472,409
Chalet	1979	43,447	9,792	332	\$470,831	\$ 6,595,335
Total			30,293	1,209	\$679,394	\$12,053,952

1. The number of families that used the facility over the years
 2. Represents the number of occupants and not families
 3. Represents bed nights

INVESTMENTS Although we maintain a conservative and diversified portfolio we have seen considerable volatility over the past two years, no doubt induced by uncertainty surrounding Covid-19. The latest financial year saw the portfolio's value lose around 2%, but this was an outperformance of nearly 5% to our benchmark. It was nearly 8% better than the Australian share index and reflects the balanced portfolio approach undertaken at competitive fees. We thank Shaw & Partners for their excellent contribution.

This year we have continued with actions around strategy. Various business plans, documentation around directors' knowledge, history recording, communications, enhancing the One Drive facility and directors' manuals, plus the ongoing maintenance thereof, and many other items continue this agenda.

Following on from this the Directors, particularly Mike Fitze and Brian Powe, together with John King and Prolegis, have progressed the restructure of the Foundation's Trusts. The number of Trusts has reduced from eight (8) to three (3) without any change to our beneficiaries which we have supported over many years. The change takes effect in the 2022/23 financial year. This will greatly improve the administration of the Foundation's operations going forward. The actions here from both Mike and Brian have been massive.

A huge thank you to AON for the office and conference facilities they have provided over the years. Unfortunately, due to AON's internal office restructure, we have had to vacate the offices in Kent Street. Our very hardworking Executive Officer is utilising his home office to carry out his duties. Colin Biggers & Paisley have allowed us to utilise their 2 Park Street, Sydney Office as our registered and business address, and we are very thankful to their Senior Partner, Dunstan De Souza, for arranging this. Thank you to our incredible auditors, Rupa and Elias from LBW & Partners, our accountant, Mario Friscot, and finally our Executive Officer, Clement Fernandez.

During the year both Graham Cassidy and Neal Molineaux called time on their directorships. We thank them for their contribution, and also acknowledge the Apex Australia representative on our Board, Adam Stewart. I am very much looking forward to working with the current National President of Apex Australia, Simon Grant. Our new Finance Director, David Cotton has very capably stepped into this at times very complex role.

A huge thanks to all those involved with our committees and subcommittees.

As my report goes to press, we have director positions available to anyone with the capacity, skill and business acumen to further add value to our great organisation.

Company Secretary, Mike Fitze continued to be a tower of strength to me over the past twelve months and has my sincere thanks.

Thanks,
Tony Wilshire
CHAIRMAN

How to become a member?

Have you considered becoming a member of the Apex Foundation?

If so, contact the Executive Officer at eo@apexfoundatuon.org.au

Do you receive the newsletter of the Apex Foundation?

If not, go to our website

<https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/>

and “subscribe to newsletters”

How can you help us?

Every donation received helps us to continue the fantastic work of the Foundation.

If you are doing your Will, why not leave a little something for the Foundation and help the great work Apexians do in our community.

Please refer to our website on how you can donate

Or send an email to eo@apexfoundation.org.au for details

Remember us in your will

If you would like to leave ‘something for Apex’ why not consider a bequest to;

**The APEX FOUNDATION COMMUNITY FUND or
The APEX FOUNDATION CHARITABLE GENERAL TRUST**

Funds from both trusts can go to Apex Club projects

For more information, please see our website

<https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/get-involved/donate>

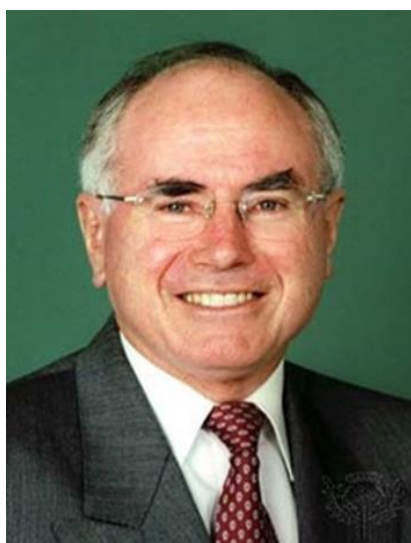
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We can tailor something especially for you.

OUR PATRONS



Honorable John Howard OM, AC



Jim Hughes AM