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2023/2024 National Board

NATIONAL PRESIDENT	Ben Curnow	VIC
NATIONAL SECRETARY	Emma Jackson	WA
NATIONAL TREASURER & VICE PRESIDENT	Tara Spotswood	QLD
NATIONAL RC CO-ORDINATOR	April Lancaster-Smith	QLD
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & CULTURE	Tyson Campbell	QLD
NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS	Daniel Lascelles	SA
NATIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	Gavin Mingay	QLD
RCC SUPPORT & TRAINING MANAGER	Luke Corkett	NSW
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MANAGER	Simon Grant	VIC
BURSARY MANAGER	Greg Youngberry	QLD

Founders

We pay tribute to the Founders of Apex and whilst they have passed from us, their ideals will never be forgotten:



Sir John Buchan



Ewan Laird



Langham Proud

National President Report



Greetings all,

What a fantastic year it has been in FY 23-24! To the membership of Apex Australia. Thank you for continually striving to improve things for the lives of others. It is appreciated and does not go unnoticed. So many of you have shared with me your great stories this year and my favourite thing about being National President is meeting Apexians doing great things in their communities.

Let me take you through the year from my point of view. The very first day as NP on July 1, I was a special guest at the Victorian Special Olympic Games, where I met Australian Olympians and spoke to the group about Apex. In August I attended the Singapore Apex Convention and participated in their Food Distribution Program. I made some great friends there, and it's been excellent to see the relationship between Australia and Singapore continue to grow. I was lucky enough to join a Woodzy's World Tour and meet many Australian Apexians on this fun journey. We visited many clubs in Malaysia and attended the Malaysian Apex Convention. Both conventions gave me the opportunity to speak, where I thanked all who fly the Apex Flag across the world.

I was fortunate to attend the Apex Gympie Music Muster in August last year. Simon Grant had been the year before and our strategy was to form a strong relationship with Gympie Muster Limited to allow further growth opportunities for both GML and Apex Australia. This has been a commitment from the NB and the majority of our board has attended the Muster in the past 3 years. It is a time commitment, however, it's so much fun to get involved in an event of that scale.

October saw our National Convention hosted in Geraldton, by the Apex club of Geraldton. We saw a motion to change to wording of the fourth ideal, which was ultimately voted down. My learnings from this convention were around making sure you have done the appropriate work in researching why things should or shouldn't change. I commend the people involved for their courage to put up a motion of that size.

In November, I attended the Apex Foundation AGM in Sydney. The relationship with Apex Foundation is currently in a strong position, thanks to the work of both boards and their willingness to learn from each other and collaborate. I have been very fortunate to be involved in the Apex Foundation board for 2 years and the learnings I have taken away have been immense. I have applied many of the skills and experiences learned from the board of Apex Foundation in my role as the National President.

January was a fun month as I attended the Chalet work party. A group of young and old Apexians came together to do the usual maintenance on the Chalet. I was part of a team that painted the ceiling. I can't recommend a visit to the Magic Castle highly enough. An



amazing place that is indescribable. So much so that in March we hosted the National Board face-to-face meeting there.

In February, myself and NVP Tara Spotswood went and met with some greatly experienced Apexians at Apex Camps Mudjimba. We learned about change management, implementation of new strategies and shared ideas around how Apex Australia could be bigger and better in the future.

Before the trip to the Chalet, a few of us managed to get some time with a few politicians in Canberra. Our angle was simple: Help us celebrate Volunteer Week in March. With great meetings held with representatives from different political parties, and some access into parliament that we would never have obtained if it wasn't for Apex, it was a great learning experience for all.

May was a huge month for me, as I attended the Apex 40's RORT, held at the Sunshine Coast. Everyone was so welcoming and looking to get to know me and hear about how great Apex still is! I was able to speak on the AGM floor and update everyone. We launched project helping hand where past Apexians with strong community connections help identify new clubs, new members and projects. Overall, a wonderful experience.

May also had me in the Philippines for their National Convention. It was hosted in Boracay, which was beautiful. I was fortunate enough to be able to take my family. The Philippines Apexians know how to party, but they also know what difference making service work really is. It was an eye-opening experience for my family and I, and I returned with a renewed sense of passion for service work and what it could be.

In June, we held our face-to-face on the Gold Coast, which is such a cost-effective way to meet. Only a few flights required, cheap Airbnb house and self-catered. It's currently the best model available to us. This meeting saw some ambitious goals set for Apex Australia as we are in year 3 of our strategic planning, which is the growth phase.

Well, what a year. So much learning. So much relationship building. So much travel. My wife does occasionally ask when will I go to work?

So, what have I preached in all of my communications this year? Opportunity. I have taken as many opportunities this year as I could to develop and grow Apex Australia. There has been so much wonderful learning opportunities that combined make a huge difference to how we are tracking as an organisation. There is loads you can do and achieve while in Apex and I hope you take on as many roles, projects and new ideas as possible.

I'd like to deliver my gratitude and acknowledgements, as I appreciate the work people have done in the name of Apex in the past year.

To my wife Elisha and Daughter Charlotte. Thank you so much for all your support and encouragement for the year. You often see the frustrating parts of the job, then I fly off and have all the fun with everyone else. Thanks for making home the happy place it is.



To my 23-24 board. Thank you for your support, your heavy workload and your friendship. Simply put, I couldn't do it without you. The countless hours from all of you is appreciated and makes a difference.

To Yolanda Smart and Anna Meredith. Thank you. Your work behind the scenes to help the National Board and the clubs stay organised is vital to the success of Apex. Thank you for the countless hours you don't claim as you both believe in the Apex cause.

To the Regional Communicators. Thank you for continuing to celebrate the achievements of Apex Clubs and members. We value your work so much and your feedback to us is so important in keeping us aware of the successes and challenges that clubs face.

To the Apex Foundation Board, led by Chairman Jamie Vincent. Thank you to all of you who continually invested time in me to develop my skillsets in a range of crucial board skills. I will be forever grateful. Well done, in particular, to Tony Wilshire for having the vision to see the value in mentoring the AA board. This will lead to great things for both organisations.

To Life Governor Jim Hughes AM. Thank you for being a mentor to myself and the board. Your support has been greatly appreciated and I personally have gained a great deal from our conversations.

To Craig Martin LM. Thank you for the continued passion you have for the Apex Australia National Board. It is so appreciated your advice, guidance and challenge has developed myself and all of us into strong directors of Apex.

To Mike Fitze, Brian Powe, Lindsay Carthew, Graham Lancaster, Mark Tramby, Col Gifford, Mark Ballin, Mick Godfrey, Mat O'Donnell, Chuck Curren, Leon Budden and John Phillips. Thank you for always answering my call and giving me your take on matters where your experience and skillset are relevant to my challenges. Your time and advice are appreciated.

Well, there you have it. A year's work summed up in a few pages. It has been a great privilege to serve you all as National President in 23-24. Just know that despite all of this growth and development, I'm just getting started. The board in 24-25 look to take Apex Australia to new heights. With our experience broader and our passion even greater, why wouldn't you want to be involved?

The time is now!

Ben Curnow

National President 2023-2024
Apex Australia

National Secretary Report



It's been another productive year for National Board, thank you Ben for your leadership and vision. You continue to challenge us all to do better, to envision and create an Apex that will continue for another 100 years.

Thank you to all the Apexians that travelled to Geraldton for the 2023 National Convention, it was fabulous to be able to show you all my hometown of Geraldton and give you a taste of what the West has to offer.

My whole Club had such a great time hosting, enjoying both the challenge and the opportunity to meet so many Apexians from all over Australia and the world.

A huge thank you to everyone that pitched in to make the event possible, especially my club and our drivers Mick Godfrey and Peter Rann, we couldn't have done it without you.

I encourage any club who is thinking about hosting a convention to do it. In addition to the great experience, our club managed to raise \$4000 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, a cause that is close to our hearts.

This year National Board has continued to strengthen the it's governance, both for the Charity and Association, putting us in a good position for the future. Part of this process was the review of our constitution which clubs will vote on at the AGM.

As a new mother, I would like to thank the board for their support and inclusive leadership which has enabled me to continue to be an active member on the board during my daughter's first year.

I am looking forward to another exciting year with Ben at the helm as I take on the role of RC Coordinator and take the lead with resourcing and driving our Apex Charity.

Yours In Apex

Emma Jackson

National Secretary 2023-2024

Apex Australia



National Treasurer & Vice President Report



Wow where has this last year gone? I swear I just wrote my last annual report. It has been a very full-on year in both Apex and personal life. Over the past year I have been lucky enough to travel many kilometres and visited a lot of different Apex clubs, events and members.

Highlights would include traveling over to the other side of this great land of ours for the National Convention 2023 in Geraldton, WA. Followed by my first international Convention in the Philippines. This was a real eye opener and great to visit fellow Apexians in their home country. I am sorry that it has taken me til now to take the plunge and do it. What I would say to anyone that is thinking about visiting Apex Clubs overseas and gets the opportunity – take it. You will not be sorry.

This year I have had the pleasure of being part of an Apex Club revamp. Fraser Coast was in hiatus for the best part of the last three years. With fellow Bundaberg member and current RC2 Trevor Simpsons help, we are back on track with the club inducting new members and taking back past community events as well as new ones to help get the Apex name back out there. The club now has six active members and are on their way to being an active volunteer organisation in the Wide Bay area again. Groundwork has also been made to see if we are able to revamp Biloela Apex in the coming year. Here's hoping we can see a resurgence in our clubs and members in the coming year.

I have had the pleasure of visiting many Apex clubs in Region 2, 3 and 4 of the past year. It is great to see so many active clubs getting out into their communities.

On a Treasurer level – after 356 days the National Treasurer is able to see and access the National accounts 😊 This may sound funny to many however this is a challenge that we have faced in the past years and hopefully can fix in the near future.

I am looking forward to holding the role of National Treasurer for a second year and all that this entails.

It is a very exciting time to be not only be part of the Great Association of Apex but part of this National Board.

Thank you and hope you to see you all in South Toowoomba in October.

Yours in Apex

Tara Spotswood

National Treasurer & Vice President 2023-2024

Apex Australia

Secretary Bundaberg Apex Club

President Fraser Coast Apex Club

Regional Communicator Co-ordinator Report



Throughout the 2023/2024 year, as the Regional Communicator Coordinator for the National Board of Apex Australia, I facilitated communication and collaboration among Regional Communicators (RCs), ensured continuity in roles, developed strategic initiatives, and participated in national and international events to further Apex's mission.

Regular meetings were held with RCs to discuss various topics, including the call for the National President and Board roles, planning for the National Convention, and the 2024 National Project. Meetings were initially bi-monthly and shifted to monthly as we approached the National Convention. Attendance varied, with several RCs consistently participating, while others had occasional absences or were unreachable. To ensure engagement and continuity, discussions focused on role

expectations for the 2024/2025 year and the need for new candidates where current RCs were stepping down.

Regional Changes: This year saw some changes to the regional structure, with several regions being 'merged' to streamline coverage:

- Regions 1 & 2
- Regions 9 & 10
- Regions 11 & 12

These changes have allowed for better resource allocation and have ensured that each region continues to receive the necessary support from its RC.

Key Initiatives and Projects:

1. **Social Media Strategy:** A comprehensive strategy was developed to standardise communication across all Apex Australia clubs, ensuring consistent messaging and effective use of social platforms.

2. **National Volunteer Week Campaign:** Executed a successful social media campaign highlighting the contributions of 2023 Apex Australia Award winners, which significantly boosted engagement.

3. **Overseas Work Party:** The team participated in the National Convention in the Philippines, revisiting the Atisan Day Care Project and considering future projects, such as revitalising a school built by Apex Australia in 2002.

4. **National Marketing Strategy:** A National Marketing Strategy was delivered online to all interested Apex members, providing an opportunity for a comprehensive understanding of the organisation's marketing goals and initiatives. The session was designed to be interactive,



allowing attendees to actively participate in discussions and share their insights. Those who attended were encouraged to contribute ideas and take part in the implementation of the strategy, ensuring a collaborative approach that leverages the diverse skills and perspectives within the organisation.

Challenges and Feedback:

- **Communication Issues:** There were noted gaps in communication regarding national projects and the distribution of information post-conventions. Recommendations include timely dissemination of convention materials to clubs to enhance participation and preparedness.

- **Working with Children Clearance:** Addressed the complexity of managing state-specific legislative requirements for working with children and proposed a centralised approach to simplify the process for new members.

Moving forward, the focus will be on filling vacant RC positions, refining communication strategies, and continuing to foster engagement through national and international initiatives. Efforts will be made to streamline processes and ensure all regions are adequately supported and represented.

The 2023/2024 year was marked by active engagement, strategic planning, and successful execution of key initiatives, all of which contributed to the growth and visibility of Apex Australia. As we prepare for the next year, the emphasis will be on building upon these successes and addressing areas of improvement to further strengthen our organisation.

Yours in Apex

April Lancaster-Smith
RC Co-Ordinator 2023-2024
Apex Australia

National Membership Culture and Awards Report



As my National Board term has come to an end, looking back in reflection I see how much I have grown as a person, an Apexian and a leader in my community.

But more importantly I see how our National Board has grown as a whole. A group of determined capable individuals who collaborate their skills and create a foundation for Apexians in the future to build on.

In the last two years we have seen overseas work parties be an idea, a thought, a plan and then executed not only by National Board members but also first year Apexians! Being on National Board I was lucky to see the background logistic planning etc of these work parties from start to finish. Due to personal reasons, I was sadly not able to attend. But these incredible results speak for themselves!

With the membership portfolio there has been a lot of headway in some ideas that I have collaborated by being in conversations with many Apexians. Some of these ideas have taken completely different tracks after having other members add or subtract ideas and input better execution strategies to a more appropriate outcome. Our aim is aligned to build a better and collaborative future for our association.

I have worked on some Power Points to simplify the process of life membership applications, applying for the national awards and some simple media pointers. These are to be on the Apex website for visual reference

I had a great sit down with Liam Gilmore at the June face to face at South Stradbroke Island talking about what I have worked on for the past two years and what projects were not finished and what direction I intended them to go. Liam is a fresh face and will add a lot of content to the National Board! I am hoping he can use what I have created and continue our journey forward as a united association.

My time on national board I was lucky enough to travel to some amazing destinations around Australia. Traveling to Victoria, Western Australia, Sydney, Canberra and a lot of Queensland! I would hope my interclub visits were of value to the clubs, the members and their respective communities, I see myself getting the most benefit out of interclub travel as I get to see first-hand how your club achieves greatness and I then get to bring the ideas back to my club. It may seem on the outside not much has been brought back but believe me there is a list of ideas slowly coming to fruition.

Out of traveling to South Stradbroke Island, Bundaberg, Beaufort, Geraldton and the Apex Chalet in Smiggin Holes I have been fortunate enough to visit places I have never been before! Meet many people who I would have never met and made connections and life-long friends.



Attending Gympie muster for the first time last year with my boys was a great opportunity for the three of us and also to walk around with other National Board members and meet all the Apex volunteers from many clubs. Seeing this year first-hand, ideas and thoughts of last year come to fruition this year is a great achievement from all involved and it will only continue to evolve year after year should we all adopt this plan of future proofing apex.

Post National Board I am aiming with my club to help build the 'Surat family fun day' that Roma Apex was involved in on the day by trying to create the group into an Apex Club. I also will be working on the revamp of Biloela Apex using it as a Blueprint for other Clubs who are struggling and looking at folding.

I would like to thank all the National Board members for all the answers you gave to my many questions, all the Apexians who have home hosted myself and my boys and of course the membership for allowing me to represent you all on the Apex National Board. I have had an absolute blast over the last two years and look forward to seeing the Board grow and tick off all the tasks one by one.

Yours in Apex

Tyson Campbell

National Membership Director 2023-2024

Apex Australia National Communications Report



Over the past year, we've seen growth in engagement and connection within our Association. I've been privileged to play a part in this, managing our social media presence and publishing The Apexian newsletter.

Throughout my year I have also attended some fantastic Apex events and Conventions. I attended the Philippines National Convention in Boracay, this was an amazing event with many international delegates. It seemed like the largest contingency of Australians I've seen at an overseas convention.

Then not long after that, I had the pleasure of attending and helping to organise the Over Seas Work Party in Cambodia organised by Greg Youngberry. Greg did an amazing job in getting this trip off the ground. To say this was a rewarding experience is an understatement. The people, organisations, and sights of Cambodia were brilliant. I recommend to anyone wanting to attend a work party or travel for Apex events, you will not regret it.

Off the Back of the Cambodian Work Party we headed to Singapore to attend their National Convention and participate in a service project. Apex Singapore were fantastic hosts, and we enjoyed fellowship with Apex Philippines and Malaysia as well. Whilst in Singapore I and many other Apexians participated in their weekly food distribution service work. This saw us supplying needy Singaporeans with donated food, this project is phenomenal and has a huge impact on the community. Not to mention this happens 52 weeks a year which is a huge effort, well done Apex Singapore!

After landing back in Oz I soon headed up to the Gympie Muster in QLD. What a brilliant event, huge presence of volunteering Apexians from Clubs all over Australia. I won't go into it too much as I'm sure Tara Spotswood will cover this as one of the key people in this event.

Finishing up for the year came the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride. This entailed 70+ Riders and about 20 Support Crew and Committee members travelling through some of the toughest terrain the Gawler Ranges in South Australia has to offer! I attended as Media taking photos and videos and looking after anything else technical that was needed. When the dust had settled, we had raised an incredible \$111,840 supporting the Apex Copper Coast Retreats, and Cancer Council SA. Of that I managed to raise \$6600.00, thank you to everyone who donated for your generosity. You have truly helped to make a difference to people going through a cancer journey.

Social Media Overview

Throughout the year, our social media channels have been instrumental in building a stronger, more engaged community. Regular updates, promoting events, and showcasing the work of our members have helped create a sense of unity and pride across the country.



Facebook: Our Facebook page has grown by 10%, becoming a central hub for real-time engagement. We've posted regularly about national events, club activities, and service projects. The Facebook page saw an annual reach of 71.4k for the year which was up 59% on the previous year. Highlights like the Apex National Convention and National Service Week reached record levels of visibility.

Instagram: We saw an 18% increase in followers on Instagram, through engaging visuals and event highlights we've achieved a reach of 451 which is a little down but the overall page growth has been promising. I'm sure in the coming year with April Lancaster-Smith taking care of Communications I expect this to grow.

The Apexian Newsletter

The Apexian newsletter continues to be a critical tool in keeping our members informed and connected. With approximately quarterly releases, The Apexian provides important updates, celebrates club achievements, and showcases ongoing service projects across Australia.

This year, I focused on enhancing both the content and design to make the newsletter more engaging and accessible:

Content: Each issue showcases achievements and activities, fostering a real sense of pride and camaraderie.

Design and Accessibility: I have given The Apexian a fresh look, ensuring it's not only more appealing but also easier to read, whether in print or on a screen. We also boosted accessibility with larger fonts and a mobile-friendly layout. I have also hosted the Apexian on an online magazine hosting platform (Issuu) to make the experience more realistic.

Digital Reach: With more members opting to receive The Apexian online. This move to digital has allowed us to reach more members while being more environmentally friendly over traditional print.

Special Editions and Features: Our National Convention Edition, which covered key speeches, award winners, and major takeaways, was one of the most viewed issues.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the year ahead, I'm excited about the opportunity to take on the International Relations Role and hand the Communications portfolio over to the extremely capable April Lancaster-Smith and wish her all the best. I'm sure I'll still be assisting with some media and photography along the way.

I have also been charged with the duty of organising the next Overseas Work Party in Malaysia for 2025. I'm very much looking forward to this and I'm excited for the challenge. Stay tuned for more details on this in the near future.



I'd like to thank the National Board and our Apex members for their support and dedication over the past year. Together, we've laid the groundwork for even greater achievements in the future.

It's been an honour to serve as the National Communications Director for Apex Australia. I look forward to building on these successes in the year to come.

Yours in Apex

Daniel Lascelles

National Communications Director 2023-2024

Apex Australia

National Office Report



Well, another year has flown by. We have had another successful year. There has been good membership growth and we are progressing well with revitalising the organisation.

National President Ben Curnow has been a very positive, strong President and helped continue the organisation on a great path. It was great to male to trip over to Geraldton for the National Convention. I was lucky enough to spend a week in Western Australia with my family and make the most of the trip while over the other side of the country. Emma Jackson and her Geraldton team did a great job. My son Percy has continued his love for Apex and loves to come along to all the Apex activities (wearing his own little badge).

We had another very successful work party, in Cambodia this time, a non-Apex nation, but one we can hopefully plant some seeds and develop Apex over there. Fantastic effort from Greg Youngberry and Daniel Lascelles to get it off the ground and all the Apexians and families who made the trip and the efforts will make a big difference to many children. Please keep an eye out for more opportunities in the very near future. The International Tree Planting Day was an excellent initiative and will hopefully grow year on year.

I was lucky enough to recently make the trip to the Singapore National Convention with Roisin and Percy. We were very impressed with what Singapore are able to do with such a small membership base. Hopefully we can continue to work with Singapore to help them continue to grow. I am very lucky to have a very supportive wife, Roisin, and son, Percy, who allow me to spend so much time with Apex.

Many thanks to our two contractors Yolanda Smart with bookkeeping and accounts and Anna Meredith in admin who have continued to do an amazing job.

Finally, thank you to the board for continuing to build Apex and helping plan a very bright future for Apex. And thanks to the members for all the amazing work we do all over the country and abroad.

Yours in Apex

Gavin Mingay
National Office Manager 2023-2024
Apex Australia

International Relations Report



The 2023/24 year of Apex Australia has been a cracker, the National Board has continued its work in the governance, compliance and membership space as well as being really active in the international arena.

As you all know I am incredibly proud of the Apex Global Tree Planting initiative which was a simultaneous service project across the Apex nations held in August 2023. We planted hundreds of trees and enjoyed fellowship along the way. While the 2024 event went ahead it was not as successful, but I can assure you all it will be back as a priority for Apex Global in 2025.

At the 2023 Convention in Geraldton we welcomed Apexians from Bangladesh, Singapore and the Philippines. This year in Toowoomba we will again receive visitors from those nations and welcome our friends with open arms.

In 2023/24 we have continued our commitment to the fourth ideal and ensured that we had Aussie Apexians attending National Conventions in Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and India. This commitment to support our International brothers and sisters remains a priority for the National Board and we actively encourage all Apexians to take the opportunity to head overseas for one or more of the International Conventions.

Earlier this year a Contingent of Apexians headed to Cambodia on the 2024 OWP to support youth in schools with the Teacher in a box program. Well done to Daniel Lascelles and Greg Youngberry for leading that. We are very much looking forward to the 2025 OWP in Malaysia – Please see Daniel to express your interest.

Moving forward to the 2024/25 year I have accepted the honour of Apex Global Chair, this is an absolute privilege and I'm really excited about what we can all achieve together. Daniel Lascelles has been appointed Global Secretary and together we are proud to be representing Apex Australia and our members. There is much to be done as we look to strengthen Apex internationally.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like any information or just to have a chat about anything Apex Global at Global@apex.org.au

Yours in Apex,

Simon Grant
National IR Manager 2023-2024
Apex Australia

Bursary Report



Overview

This past year has been a period of significant activity and progress for the Apex Australia Bursary program, with substantial contributions to our ongoing projects in the Philippines and the execution of the Overseas Work Party.

Bursary Program Achievements

- **Scholarship Awards:** We successfully awarded scholarships to deserving students in the Philippines, enabling them to continue their education without financial burden.

- **Club Involvement:** Increased participation from local Apex clubs in the Philippines has been instrumental. These clubs play a crucial role in identifying and supporting potential scholars from their communities.

- **Funding:** We have secured funding for all current scholars and have commitments in place to support incoming students for the upcoming school year.

Overseas Work Party Cambodia 2024

- **Preparation and Execution:** The planning and execution of the Overseas Work Party consumed considerable resources but yielded positive results.

- **Community Impact:** The focus has been on delivering educational resources and infrastructure to underserved schools, significantly impacting local communities.

- **Result:** 104 Tablets and 11 Servers deployed and setup in Cambodia.

Challenges and Learning

- **Resource Allocation:** Balancing time between the Bursary program and the Overseas Work Party presented challenges. Ensuring both initiatives received adequate attention was a learning curve.

- **Logistical Hurdles:** Encountering logistical issues such as the delayed arrival of tablets for the Work Party highlighted the need for more robust contingency planning.

Future Directions

- **National Convention:** We are excited about the upcoming national convention where we will have scholars ready for funding. This event will be crucial for rallying further support and ensuring the sustainability of the Bursary program.



- Program Expansion: Plans are underway to expand the program's reach within the Philippines and to increase funding per scholar from \$399 to \$499, with an optional \$549 to cover operational costs.

Conclusion

The past year has been both challenging and rewarding. As we look forward to the national convention and another productive year, our focus remains on strengthening the program and ensuring it continues to provide vital support to students in need.

Greg Youngberry

Bursary Manager 2023-2024

Apex Australia



Regional Communicator Reports

1. Region 1

REGION	1	Northern Queensland
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		John Davis
		Mount Isa Apex Club
<p>Over the past five years as Regional Communicator 1, I have had the immense pleasure of overseeing the activities and progress of various clubs within our region.</p> <p>During this time, I have dedicated my efforts to ensuring that all local clubs are not only operational but thriving within their communities. This report outlines the progress made by clubs under my supervision, highlighting their accomplishments and areas that still require attention.</p> <p>The last five years as Regional Communicator 1 have been both rewarding and enlightening. I have witnessed firsthand the resilience and dedication of the clubs in our region. The Herbert River Club exemplifies leadership and engagement, while Townsville faces challenges that require strategic focus and community involvement. The Mount Isa Club, on the other hand, continues to shine as a beacon of active citizenship and unwavering service.</p> <p>As I look ahead, I am optimistic about the possibilities for growth and collaboration within each of these clubs and am committed to supporting their endeavors as best as I can. Together, we can continue to uplift our communities and strengthen the fabric of service that binds us all.</p> <p>John Davis</p>		



Herbert River	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	10
<p>One of the standout clubs in our region is the Herbert River Club, located in Ingham. This club has demonstrated remarkable strength and vitality, currently boasting 22 units. The Herbert River Club conducts its affairs with commendable autonomy, meeting four times a year to strategize and implement community initiatives. The club's president, Michael Nash, has been particularly instrumental in maintaining open lines of communication. His timely responses and collaboration make it easy to gather information and assess the club's activities. Their commitment to service and promotion of local engagement is commendable and serves as a model for other clubs in the region.</p>				

Townsville	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	8
<p>The Townsville Club is presently navigating a transitional phase following an aging membership base. A significant number of former members have aged out, prompting a need for revitalization. Nevertheless, the club displayed remarkable perseverance by participating in this year's annual Townsville Show stall. Their request for assistance was met with success when I was able to connect them with a life member and a former Mount Isa member who offered their support. While there is still considerable work to be done to rejuvenate the Townsville Club, it is worth noting that the town had three active clubs just a decade ago. This presents a unique challenge, but one that I am confident can be tackled with strategic planning and commitment from its current members.</p>				


Mount Isa	Club #	292	Club Membership	6
<p>The Mount Isa Club stands out as the most active club in our region. This vibrant group engages in numerous events, each aimed at fostering community spirit and service. Among their most significant contributions is the Rock Pop Mime Show, which has garnered impressive attendance figures. For a town with a population of approximately 15,000, the event attracts between 5,000 to 5,500 attendees annually, with around 500 children competing on stage. This level of participation underscores the cultural significance and community investment in the event, making it a highlight of the year for many residents.</p> <p>Another key event organized by the Mount Isa Club is the annual Gunfire Breakfast held on Anzac Day to commemorate return service personnel. This event not only honors</p>				



those who have served but also brings the community together in remembrance and solidarity. Furthermore, this year, the club mobilized resources to provide support during the bushfire crisis, organizing barbecues for local firefighters. This kind of outreach exemplifies the club's commitment to community service and the importance they place on supporting those in need during critical times.

The Mount Isa Club's dedication to service extends beyond its events. The members, known as Apexians, actively collaborate with other service clubs in the area, including Zonta and Rotary. On average, each Apexian contributes around 250 hours of service work annually. This impressive commitment to community engagement not only enhances the overall impact of the Mount Isa Club but also fosters a culture of collaboration among different service organizations in the region.

2. Region 2

REGION	2	Central Coast QLD
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Trevor Simpson Bundaberg Club	
<p>It has been quite a busy year here in region 2. With a lot of events that I have had the pleasure of attending. Murgon's casino night, Cap west wheels in the park car show just to name a couple. I will continue to support all the clubs in this region to the best of my ability in the coming future. My biggest highlight of the year has been being able to assist in the revamp of the Fraser coast. Along with the induction of 8 members into the Murgon Apex club at the same time</p>		

Capricorn West	Club #	227	Club Membership	6
<p>This year saw a continued increase in club member numbers with 10 members in total, which is good to see. The club also held their first annual wheels in the park car show with well over 60 cars and bikes attending. This event also saw club members from Bundaberg and Roma attend the event to assist were needed. Along with regular raffles at local sport clubs. The Cap west club house also received a new roof and upgraded electrical from local supporting businesses and grants</p>				

Moura	Club #	647	Club Membership	11
<p>This year saw the return of the muddy water fishing classic with club members not only taking part but also running a bar as well. Membership has been steady with the members holding regular raffle's</p>				

Murgon	Club #	215	Club Membership	11
<p>This year saw Murgon's numbers swell with the induction of 8 new members at a regional catch up in Biggenden in late September. In December 2023 the Murgon apex club assisted in the running of the annual Christmas evening in the park which saw the Fraser coast train and jumping castles being used at the event which was a great success With the increase in club numbers Murgon apex is now able to hold monthly raffles at the local RSL which is a great money maker for the club allowing them to support local community projects and getting there name back out in the community.</p>				



August saw the club hold its second annual casino night which was filled with fun and laughter it was great to see local business get behind the club and support them by sponsoring all 10 tables.

Bundaberg	Club #	53	Club Membership	13
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The Bundaberg club has seen its numbers grow this year to 12 active members. The apex club of Bundaberg has been busy with regular bunnings BBQ's and 100 board in which the profits were used to purchase craft supplies for the Children's ward at the Bundaberg base hospital. The club also ran a Mother's Day raffle in which the proceeds were donated to Edon place (Women's domestic violence refuge). August 2023 saw the apex club of Bundaberg along with 65 volunteers from apex clubs from all over the country come together and work tirelessly with over 2500-man hours worked across the 4 days. Maning bars and gates at the Apex Gympie Music Muster

December saw the return of the pageant of lights (Christmas parade) in which the Bundaberg club took part in. Bowring the Fraser coast's train which was a massive hit again good to see local clubs supporting each other.

Biggenden	Club #	268	Club Membership	10
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This year has seen the Biggenden club numbers stay steady. The club holds regular pub raffle's and bar work at the local camp draft and rodeo. the club is also in the process of helping organize the local Biggenden Christmas fair.

Biloela	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	(?)
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This year saw myself and national board members along with members from surrounding Apex clubs Bundaberg, Roma, and Cap west make the trip to Biloela. To host a Saturday informational BBQ at the local hardware store as well as a dinner with the mayor and his wife. The following day we hosted a family fun day in the park with the Fraser coast Train and jumping castle, and the Roma clowns and jumping castle. The event was very well received by the local community. Biloela is a work in progress, and we will continue to get this club up and running again in the coming year.

Fraser Coast	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	6
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2024 saw the return of the Fraser coast APEX club. With myself and another Bundaberg member becoming dual members. It is good to see the club start to grow its membership with 5 active members 1 prospective member 1 past member and a few senior actives and life members. Attending regular BBQs at one of the local monthly markets. I feel that the club is headed in the wright direction. With plans in place to re-launch past events in the coming future.

Gympie	Club #	95	Club Membership	28
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It has been a busy year for the Gympie club with regular raffles. The induction of 6 new members and all the prep work that goes into the Gympie Music Muster with regular working bees at the site over the course of the year and planning that goes into running such an event.

3. Region 3

REGION#	3	QLD/NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Jesse Brinkmann	
	Goondiwindi, QLD	

Dalby, QLD	Club #	91	Club Membership	5
Dalby club has been on a 12month hiatus so nothing to report for this year.				

Roma, QLD	Club #	108	Club Membership	5
<p>It doesn't seem that long ago we were rallying Apexians to head west for an adventure to Geraldton Western Australia and now we are headed just down the road to Toowoomba for 2024 convention.</p> <p>In the past 12 months the Roma Apex Club has kept a steady pace in moving forward as a club and being involved in our community.</p> <p>In the last 12 months the Roma Apex club has a small list that comes to mind with our community.</p> <p>The Roma Apex Clowns went to miles on hire for the preschool fete. The clowns were in town for 10 minutes and already made the local community discussion page, the Fiji volunteers had never seen such a thing and loved them. Naturally they manned the clowns for the day.</p> <p>Tom Wehi and Tyson Campbell and his sons Riley and Sam set up, supplied and cooked the father day breakfast at the junior school and promoted our Apex club and our Apex caps for a great fathers day present.</p> <p>Due to some unforeseen circumstances our annual Fine wine and dine night had to be postponed leaving a great fundraising opportunity go begging but it will be back this year.</p>				



Apex members attended a Bbq and sausage sizzle at Roma Tools and industrial supplies. This is a great opportunity for all clubs in our community as the snags and bread is donated every weekend making it 100% profitable.

Later that afternoon the members had packed up and set up another bbq for the the running of the wieners. This is a great event with the sausage dogs coming from all over to compete in some great activities, races and competitions. The butcher makes the snags a foot long (300mm) and the baker makes the buns a foot long (300mm) covered in cheese and sauce and everyone walks away happy! This is a great event for any club who is wondering about how to get their Apex Club involved in the community.

We had some Apexians attend the Xmas st party in Yuleba which is a satellite town 45mins east of Roma. The members brought the Castle and the Clowns down for the children's entertainment and both assets were utilised all night.

Thomas Wehi and Tyson Campbell headed north to help out Cap West Apex club with a Trip to Rocky for a Xmas in the park. The community is fantastic up there and all the families and community members turned out for a day in the park and competitions and Jumping castle and clown fun. And of course the Apex members had some great fellowship afterwards.

The Jumping castle was again at the Xmas st party where the council shut off the CBD in Roma's Main st and every shop is open late and every community group are on display for the Community to see. Many members of our community in Roma wear many hats so this can be a busy night for some having to change shirts and run from one stall to another. The Castle is always a hit being put on free for the community by the Maranoa Regional Council.

Nearly all our members of our club attended the Wallumbilla Christmas ham wheel at the federal pub the crowd was very small compared to other years due to some local politics but that gave us a chance to talk to Matthew from AGL about what we do who we are and why we raise money. Tyson Campbell gave them a list of Apex projects in the pipe line for Roma Apex and they were amazed at the amount of growth we have in mind for our club. They announced unofficially that they would give us \$2000.00 to go towards our 'we go round swing'

Australia Day saw the Apex club attend the community event put on by council at the Roma drag club with the apex clowns and Jumping castle. This event was very warm and families did not come out until the event was nearly over, due to the heat.

At the start of the year the Apex club attempted to get more traffic on our socials with making posters to celebrate and create awareness for the national days of (there is a large list)

- the members had a hot chocolate for national hot chocolate day

-Ate pizza with chinchilla after raffles for national pizza day which were very close together. These were just to name a few.



The members manned the bar at the 'Wallumbilla bites long table' this event saw around \$3000 of refreshments head to Wallumbilla in our cold room to make sure we had enough of every kind. The bar was run as a success and we were even asked to provide our services at an event later on in the year. AGL employees were there and Matthew came up to us and presented us with the \$2000. To go towards our major project.

Copying our friends from Western Australia three members walked the main st with dunk in tow performing 'Random acts of kindness' we spent \$200.00 at the florist in flowers and walked the main st and Plaza presenting flowers to Ladies and children as random acts of kindness. Dunk was a talking point and really helped us get the Apex Brand out and about in our community.

Clean up Australia Day saw dunk and some members create a video and clean up some papers etc around our shed and the crown land in which we reside.

We were asked to hire our assets to the 'Surat family fun day' however we saw this a great opportunity to get involved in the Surat community and after discussing the plans for the event we started talking to the organisers that they should be an Apex club. Discussions are still on going but the contacts seem to be wary of joining such an organisation/association.

The annual Chinchilla and Roma 'Dulacca meeting' clashed with so many other dates and commitments so has not happened yet, possible Christmas joint celebration instead?

Have been in talks with pubs and Football club presidents to attend the pubs on State of origin night. Copying Moura's Calcutta we have a sign made up that is well presented for Apex and QLD and NSW. Lack of return communication made this event not happen at all this year but will be pushing much harder next year for this great idea to come to head. This is another great fundraiser for any club in the land of NRL.

Roma Apex had some members Attended Region 3 Condamine catch up and also saw Georgia Wilson be inducted by Life Governor Mark Ballin. Georgia got to meet many Apexians that she had heard about and then put a face to their name.

Tom Wehi and Tyson Campbell attended the Lions change over dinner, a few different traditions in the lions chapter but basically very similar to an Apex experience except they all rush home after the formalities.

Georgia Wilson and Tom Wehi attended the Roma Rotary Change over dinner held at the Explorers inn. Georgia enjoyed her first formal dinner with Apex and said it was very interesting how the traditions and procedure was very similar to Apex.

The Roma Apex Jumping castle at the PCYS open day was a hit with the children when there was not Police v Community futsal or basketball games. Free sausage sizzle was also a hit, this event gave Apexians great opportunity to talk to some of the transient population of Roma.



Georgia Tom and Tyson attended the Goondiwindi change over dinner and we lucky to witness the Presentation of the Newest Life member Peter Gray. The Goondiwindi members as always put on a great night and fellowship is top notch.

After doing such a great job at the Billa bite night in Wallumbilla we were asked to do a bar for 150 people at a long table dinner in Yuleba. The bar was to open at 5.30pm on Friday, this served complications as all our members have full time jobs so explaining to the thirsty patrons that we were still setting up took some explaining. We had two members of the community come and help who were asked through other networks and then one patron hopped behind the bar and helped set up and serve. This was a great community spirit and they received a Roma Apex Cap and dinner for their efforts. This was again great exposure for our Club and Apex as a whole. The night was tied in with the Cobb and Co celebrations and we even had some Victorians who knew of Apex and some past members of different Apex Clubs.

The Gympie muster was attended by Tyson Campbell and his sons Riley and Sam, arriving on Friday night, then attending our shifts on Saturday morning and Saturday evening the weekend went very quick but had a great time talking Apex and doing service work and walking dunk around the Gympie muster. The muster is untapped Apex potential with many ideas and improvements being made and spoken of throughout the whole weekend. If you have not been yet? Make 2025 your year!

Members have also started to meet at one of our local pubs on our off meeting weeks for Trivia Social nights. These are a great way to invite prospexians along to meet our members and create a friendship that could lead into an invitation to a service event or a meeting.

Applications for some local government grants for some service projects have been lodged with one being successful of \$25,000 and others being unsuccessful. Ticking off one box at a time The Roma Apex club will have a great collection of assets to serve our community.

South Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	427	Club Membership	5
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Well another busy year for our small but mighty club!

This year, as a club, we have collectively put over 250 hours of service back into our community. Members have volunteered their time to assist Scouts with Nighthawk, the Global Tree Planting Day, Blood and Plasma Donations, Christmas Wonderland of Lights, the Loads of Love Christmas Appeal, Hike for the Homeless, a BBQ for Educare Childcare Centre, Lifeline Bookfest, One Long Table in Chinchilla and our most profitable Bunnings BBQ ever!

We have also helped other organisations including Street Cat Alliance, Project School Formal, Toowoomba Marathon, the Toowoomba R.S.L. Sub-branch for ANZAC Day and purchased school supplies for the Apex Daycare Centre in San Pablo Philippines.



As usual the club put many hours into the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Floral Parade marshalling floats and setting up crowd fencing. This year it was great to have members from Chinchilla and Brisbane City travel to give us a hand.

A few of us travelled to the Gympie Music Muster for a little bit of service and a lot of fellowship! Some of us helped Bundaberg run the bar and some of us helped Sandgate with the soft security which is contracted through our club. It was a fantastic few days, with Apexians travelling from all over the country to attend.

Speaking of fellowship, the club has certainly kept it fun and social this year. Members from our club attended the Toowoomba, Roma, Chinchilla and Brisbane City Club Changeovers. We have kept it interesting with an escape room, movie nights, ten pin bowling, board game nights and dinners at Rashays and GYGs. We also mixed it up with interclub socials at the Sundowner, Bone Idol Brewing and the Region 3 Catch-up in Condamine.

A couple of our members travelled across the country to Geraldton WA for the 2023 Apex Australia National Convention. This year we collectively travelled over 36,000km. As we say, a club that travels together stays together.

What will the next year bring for South Toowoomba Apex? Well as you may know our club has been busy preparing to host the 2024 Apex Australia National Convention. This has been a real group effort and I am so proud of our club in putting up our hand up to host what I know will be a successful event.

Yours in Apex

Bec Abraham
 President, 2023-2024
 South Toowoomba Apex Club

Inverell, NSW	Club #	35	Club Membership	3
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Tyson Campbell currently working on this club. Watch this space

Chinchilla, QLD	Club #	295	Club Membership	7
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Well, another year of Apex has come and gone for the Chinchilla Apex Club. Community Service and Fundraising events kept us busy catering for Events, assisting other Apex Clubs with events, work party's interstate and overseas, grounds assistance to locals and working Bees on our own Assets and equipment.

The year started off in August with cooking sausages and giving away drinks at a Community Youth Event at the Botanical Gardens in Chinchilla. That month we also had



our food Van down at the Saint Joey's Centenary Celebration on the School Oval cooking a variety of food and drinks before half of our members left to travel to Malaysia. Our members along with the Apex Club of Klang competed in the Klang Club Hash run and assisted in the food for the homeless distribution and the Tree Planting ceremony. We also had another member attend the Gympie Country Music Muster helping other Apexian's at the event.

During September, we had a member assist at the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, and we also conducted the bar and had the van selling potato slinkies at the One Long Table event up the main street of Chinchilla.

During October the newly formed Chinchilla Archery Club held a national event out at the Brigalow Recreation Grounds where Apex Club members cooked a BBQ dinner for competing members on their arrival. We also assisted at the 'Not Just for Laughs' event held at the Cultural Centre and also at the Kindy High Tea fundraiser. We also had a member travel to the National Convention in WA.

During November the local district was struck by horrendous bush fires, and we were able to assist Ergon Energy with setting up a temporary food station at our shed with our catering Van and cold rooms to assist with the feeding of the many workers who were there repairing the power lines.

December saw our food van setup at the Botanical Gardens for the Chinchilla Community Christmas Party.

Coming into 2024, the CCCI conducted a Community open day in February, where we did a promotional stall, and we also assisted at the annual Tara show in March helping the Tara Apex Club with their food stall. With Easter coming up at the end of March 24, we once again carried out the Club Apex Random act of Kindness for the people of Chinchilla and community awareness of promoting Apex by giving away over 200 bags of Easter Eggs on a Saturday morning. We also had members attend the Condamine Catchup.

During April we did our annual Anzac Day Gunfire breakfast providing around 170 free breakfasts for the Anzac Day Dawn Service Attendee's at the Chinchilla RSL. In June, our club members used more of their bar working skills at the Saint Joseph's School P & F Triva. We had one member pitch in to help at the Biloela Club revival weekend. International service once again was carried out as well in the Philippines when one of our club members travelled over for the National Convention and helped with Apex projects abroad.

From fire to flood we had a couple of members kindly donate their time to help a Jandowae Resident clean up after a flash flood came through their property while we had a work party of 6 clean up the very large yard of a local Bell Street resident. New Apex signs were installed around town and in our parks. We also loaned out one of our cold rooms to the Wandoan club so that they could earn some further income and support their local events.



Every Friday night saw us down at the local Club Hotel conducting the weekly raffles in conjunction with the local Scouting Group. We also hired out our cold rooms and bay mairs for a variety of private and corporate functions as well as to local community and sporting events.

Financially over the 12 months, we sponsored or donated to many different organisations or events such as - the local Scouts Group, Pony Club, Sponsorship at CSHS Awards Ceremony, Sponsorship Horticultural Society, Sponsorship at CSS Awards Ceremony, Brigalow Bush Carnival, Scripture Union Australia, Qld Health - Chinchilla Hospital (purchase of equipment), ST JOEY's, Apex facilities down south - heater, microwave etc, Top Blokes Foundation, RFDS Fly Back to the Moon fundraiser, School Chaplains Breakfast Club, Chinchilla State School - just to name a few.

During the year our club of 10 members, did over 678 service hours and 155 904kms of travel (long overseas trips included). Though we are not a big club in numbers we make up for it in the great things we do within our community. From the Friday night weekly raffles to the Watermelon festival and everything in between, our maroon shirts, great work ethic and smiling faces are what we are known for in our community.

Toowoomba, QLD	Club #	43	Club Membership	9
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Apex Club of Toowoomba has had another successful year. We had our Young Citizen Award named the National Service Project. We have nine members, with a few Prospexians in the wings.

Throughout the year, we have undertaken a number of service jobs, including Vinnies buddies, where we drive underprivileged children to fun days out; we marshalled for Hike for Homeless, a fundraiser for a local homeless shelter; helped out at Christmas Wonderland, a massive Christmas lights show put on by a local Rotary club; helped pack up the Lifeline Bookfest; and our biggest job for the year is helping out with the BBQ at the David Hack Classic, a massive car and airshow at the local aerodrome, which raises funds for a few local charities.

We have also partaken in a number of social activities, including shooting, many Friday Afternoon drinks, our club Christmas Party and axe throwing.

Tara, QLD	Club #	239	Club Membership	3
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Tara was unable to produce a report.

Goondiwindi, QLD	Club #	343	Club Membership	13
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The Goondiwindi Club had another great year with our continued work on the Goondiwindi Apex Eisteddfod, Gourmet in Gundy, Hell of the West, Show Bar, Gundy 500 Presentation Bar, Race Gates and Lanescape. In addition to our regular events, we also helped out on bars for Toobeah Kinndy Dinner, Lions Convention and The Versatile Tractor Event. We regularly helped David Batterham with his Saturday BBQ's down the Main Street to raise money for Kaloma and then to top it all off with our working bees and mowing at the Apex Shed. Always, a BIG Thank you goes out to all our members and their families for their continued effort and service work.

Goondiwindi's Club social calendar this year included our Christmas party at the golf course where everyone showed off their impressive skills. The annual Condamine Catchup with Region 3 is always a great night and this year the club decided to do a shoot night which we haven't done in a few years. The club always know how to pull together a great weekend out at Bridgewater for our annual fishing weekend. More recently a few members met up with Inverell and Warialda clubs at Croppa Creek to battle it on which state is better at football.

It was unfortunate this year that we had to say goodbye to two members. It was sad to see James and Eloise leave the club we wish them all the best for their future and know that they will always be a part of the club. But on a positive note we welcomed Cameron into our club and put him to work straight away.

Wandoan, QLD	Club #	559	Club Membership	5
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Wandoan Club held a Seniors Morning Tea at the Wandoan Café in July 2023, with roughly 40 in attendance. Carols in Domain was to be lived streamed onto a blow up screen at one of our local parks however due to rain we had to cancel this. Donated to Wandoan State School a bursary. Our table and chair hire continues to be extremely popular in our Wandoan Community injecting funds to our club. Donated the hire of tables and chairs to the biannual Kindy Camel Races in October 2023

Warialda, NSW	Club #	177	Club Membership	3
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No contact received from club

4. Region 4

REGION	4	Southeast QLD & Northern NSW
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Brett Doig Brisbane City	
	<p>Hello from Region 4</p> <p>It definitely has been another great year with my region raising money for the Queensland fire recovery out at Region 3.</p> <p>The money we raised went to the town of Tara while helping Tara Apex Club getting known in their area and getting photos in their local newspaper. A win win for the two regions.</p> <p>The region has also supported each other in other events.</p> <p>I have attended meetings and service events in each club.</p> <p>It has been another fun year and I definitely like supporting my clubs and being a part of an organisation that is definitely going somewhere.</p> <p>This year's challenge for me is helping support my clubs and grow the region, as well have fun with the clubs in my region.</p> <p>We also had another Regional catch up in February.</p> <p>From Christmas Santa Sleigh, help with a Christmas BBQ for foster children of all ages with all needs, to Club major events raising up to \$100,000 with only 4 events, Bunnings BBQ, Golf Charity Events are just a few of the events that I have attended.</p>	

Brisbane City	Club #	40	Club Membership	13
<p>The club does have a few prospects interested in joining the club.</p> <p>Brisbane City has been busy doing service work as well as building membership.</p> <p>Events: moonlight walk raising money for MS, helping the housing industry foundation raise money for kids to have a place to stay and come off the streets and MS Bridge to the Bay. The Club's Charity Golf Event & auction for the first time in 5 yrs and we made a profit we also asked our beneficiaries to promote our club on their Facebook page and Instagram sites, the Club ended up giving away close to \$3000, and had fun we can say it was definitely a way of promoting our club a lot easier than a bunning BBQ</p>				



We also ran the Trivia Night and 2 Bunnings BBQs. A portion of the money raised supported Gemma's trip to Philippines and Cambodia.
 The club has a prospect who will be joining the club soon. The Club also helped support the Southport Apex Club with manpower
 The club has a Facebook page as well as Instagram and both are very active with a new Webpage up and updated regularly to keep it fresh.
 This club also gave money to the Tara fire event in October, helping students with learning equipment.

Southport	Club #	253	Club Membership	4
<p>Southport is donating funds as well doing a BBQ for the Foster Kids Christmas Party. Catering for over 500 kids plus careers, supporters, and donating the BBQ as well.</p> <p>They have run a few Bunnings BBQ and reached out to a local School to work out a how they can work together to attract Grade 12 students as new young members. The National Board - Ben and Daniel have attended the club this year This club is definitely looking at membership This club also gave money to the Tara fire event in October last year I have visited the club 5 times this year</p>				

Albany Creek	Club #	840	Club Membership	4
<p>Albany Creek is going well with a few members and still looking after their community. I am also working closely with this club to help support it. The Club is financially ok and has reached out for support from Gavin on National Board and myself. They have a prospect who has been with the club for a couple weeks now and is looking promising The Club gets out in the community weekly for a fundraising event so is still very active. They don't want to close only have asked if we help support them The club is financially ok I have been in contacted with this club 4 times so far this year</p>				

Nambour	Club #	190	Club Membership	8
<p>Nambour is doing Christmas in the park for the first time and donating the food as well the funds raised on the day to go back to the organisation to help support the kids in the community to celebrate Christmas. Nambour has a few prospects as they are always seeking new members with their big 5 events. Service Fundraisers Book Festival Caravan Expo Show Garden Expo Swap event The Club is also training their younger club members to take over in running the big events as the Club turns over \$100,000 a year with 5 events. The club also has a few social events though out the year as well This club does have a very active Facebook page</p>				



This club gave money to the Tara Fire project
 The club is financially ok
 I have visited this club 5 times so far this year


Maleny	Club #	?	Club Membership	9
<p>The Club does have prospects and is still very strong in their community and are well known.</p> <p>Maleny has been asked to cook a BBQ as well as prawn on a skewer to cater for the streets Christmas festivities the money will go back to the community to support school kids camps.</p> <p>The club has also sent a young lad to play professional soccer paying for his coaching as well and supporting a number of other community funds.</p> <p>The Club has also done the Show Bar where I attended the event and helped on the bar, The Club also has been at the Anzac Day doing the breakfast, Australia Day running the BBQ, helping with a shelter for Men and Women dealing with with stress and mental health in the community by getting supplies for the shelter. They are still doing the Kids Skids program in the way of helping young L drivers to drive a vehicle and learning how to get out a difficult situation.</p> <p>The Club has just finished doing the biggest event where they give away all the profits from the Muscle on the Hill event to everyone that helped on the day. Maleny has a few prospects coming along as well. The club is financially ok</p> <p>This Club has a newsletter This is a men's Club only Apex Club Maleny is very active This Club does have regular newspaper articles in the Sunshine Glaze Newspaper with photo of upcoming events as well past events. They have an active Facebook page This Club also gave money to the Tara fire event I have visited this club 6 times so far this year</p>				

Lismore	Club #	(#)	Club Membership	
<p>This is a club that I am working on getting up in the future, we have had meeting with the mayor as well reached out to Federal member, The mayor is working with us and on board as well We are very determined to make it happen</p>				

Caboolture	Club #	365	Club Membership	7
<p>Caboolture has been getting ready for the Christmas Street Santa run and if you followed this club it starts on the 1st of December and goes right though till the Sunday 17th December it is the busiest time of the year for this club. Caboolture has been doing a few BBQs in the streets to raise its profile in the community. The Club has also given away a few donations to the community. Club financially in a good place as well sorting out the rosters and will be at the Gympie Muster this year as well.</p>				

The Club does several hours with their Day Care Centre that the club owns. The Club has a few prospects and looking on how to grow their membership as well. This club does have a very active Facebook page. The club is financially ok I have visited this club 4 times as well had a zoom meeting with this club.

5. Region 5

REGION	5	SYD, NTH, STH COAST, MID NSW		
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Andrew Mellowship		
		LM Blacktown		
<p>2023-24 has seen clubs across the region continue to provide service and support relevant to their local community needs. Clubs continue to demonstrate resilience striving to remain relevant in the delivery of service to their local communities - many desperately in need. Clubs have continued to show effort through their positive & active service work, annual events, supporting schools & their communities where possible. Communication channels open generally through a combination of social media, emails and the occasional phone call. It has been a great pleasure being your RC & I would like to thank all of you for your communication, comradery, friendships & the privilege to serve in your communities. I will continue in the RC role for another term but look forward to passing on the baton to a younger fresher RC next year.</p>				

BEROWRA	Club #	755	Club Membership	20
<p>Very active men's club, continuing to deliver "tried and true" service projects and community engagement and support activities. Major events including Woodchop, Xmas Trees, Movies Under the Stars, Santa Runs & Park night continue to operate, and are reviewed and tweaked to encourage their ongoing success. The club has also undertaken fund raising activities for the Hornsby Women's shelter. The annual woodchop, a critical fundraising opportunity and the biggest community event held in Berowra was held in 2023 and planning is well underway for the 2024 event. The club has regular dinner meetings, catchups. Continuing to look at flexible ways to be</p>				



responsive to community needs. Berowra club continues to support the Apex Magic castle and had members representing at to annual working party.

BLACKTOWN	Club #	333	Club Membership	5
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Mixed club with male members. Their regular service gig is the Blacktown Show. Chris Riley's Youth off the Streets dinners have not been continued post-pandemic. The club has forged a strong relationship with Blacktown Lions, and have worked together on a number joint service activities to support homeless in Blacktown LGA, and donating Mens care packs. Plans to establish a men's mental, physical and social health weekly walk and talk have not eventuated yet but is still subject to discussion and seeking an appropriate venue can be secured. Blacktown Lions and Apex clubs conducted another mens health forum which attracted approximately 50 attendees, helping to breakdown the stigma of discussing mens health, particularly Mental health. The success of the two forums held to date has gained some impetus for similar forums to be held on an annual basis. Club supports the Apex magic castle and had 3 members attend the working party. Has also supported the Days for Girls project providing funding for Indigenous young women.

BRAIDWOOD	Club #	248	Club Membership	14
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Are a men's club, main events are Xmas Raffles, Diggers Golf day / bowls day, supporting RSL sub-branch, They have a mobile cool room which they hire out & a Jumping Castle. Have conducted quite successful wood raffles in recent months. Club continues to have regular interaction and catchups using IT and contact is supported by a club Facebook page which is regularly updated. Despite all the challenges of recent years, have still been able to donate significant amounts to local groups. Have received testimonials for the valuable (and the value of the) work they do in the community The club supports the activities and fundraising for the Apex Magic castle.

MILTON / ULLADULLA	Club #	382	Club Membership	11
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Are a very active mixed club with male members. Main events, South Coast Craft Beer Festival. Xmas Carols Family BBQ for 600 people and a blessing of the fleet at easter each year. Club is considering their current membership position with a couple of members heading towards the upper age limit. Club members undertook a 100 km walk. Club is financial, meets face to face bimonthly, has a highly regarded presence in the community and regular service work is relevant and well supported. conducted a "MUCK UP (Milton Ulladulla Community Kindness)" event, focussing a community based project including Anti-Bullying, Youth Mentors, and focussed on the local food industry and aligned with the "do it for Dolly" national anti-bullying day. The club proposed a National Service project based around the success of the MUCK – Up event this year, unfortunately unsuccessful, but continue delivering events around this concept

OBERON	Club #	133	Club Membership	TBA
<p>'Welcome to Oberon' Apex Sign greets you as you enter their town. Are a men's club, main event is the Oberon Show where the Club runs the bar in a shed in Feb. All reports indicate that the 2023 show, the first help following the pandemic, was the best on record.</p>				

SINGLETON	Club #	141	Club Membership	2
<p>Is a mixed club with male members. Have experienced difficulties being able to establish any contact with the club. General agreement that Singleton club wants to be wound up, but there is no energy or commitment to wind up the club.</p>				

WAUCHOPE	Club #	233	Club Membership	6
<p>Is a mixed Apex Club, Club still involved in convening a school public speaking competition for schools in the local and neighbouring area. Maintains a monthly cash – a- can. Involved in the local Billy cart derby. Participated in the National marketing plan, participated in a local volunteers Expo together with Lions, Rotary, CWA and local Rugby club. Continue to explore innovative activities to engage with the community. Assisted with other service clubs in and initiative by delivering fruit trees to schools in the local area.</p>				



6. Region 6

REGION	6	NSW South Coast
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Luke Corkett Albury
 <p>So, the time has finally come for me to hand over the torch for region 6. I first took on the role of Regional Communicator at the Kadina Convention in 2019.</p> <p>During this time, I have seen clubs gaining new membership, taking on new fundraising ideas and creating brilliant events for their communities.</p> <p>I have enjoyed this opportunity to assist and support my neighbouring clubs while building enduring friendships along the way. I hope that Damo enjoys the role as much as I did and can continue to keep region 6 clubs going strong.</p>		

South Wagga	Club #	356	Club Membership	25
<p>It's been a busy year for the club with a consistent rotation of events, service, and social schemes on the SWA calendar.</p> <p>Key events included the Mighty Murrumbidgee Duck race once again being held on Australia Day with fantastic community turnout and support from local business. The Biggest Ever Blokes lunch was a success as always, donating \$30,000 to local and national prostate foundations and receiving fantastic reviews from attendees. After a 2-year hiatus the Fisherama was back in action at the Wollundry Lagoon thanks to Tom for taking the lead on this committee and a special mention to Toby that also played a key role. The club also hosted the Motor Mania for the second year, with lawn mower racing enthusiasts travelling interstate to battle it out in Wagga. Isaac, well done on leading the committee for this event, still being a new event means the planning and preparation is quite demanding.</p> <p>As service Director, Tom ensured our club values of service and community betterment were consistently acted upon through several Lillier Lodge service dinners, our annual Christmas dinner, along with several other volunteer schemes. Tom was able to secure the club's service for the Anzac Day parade, we had not been involved with this event</p>				



for the past two years but it is a favourite service scheme for many members, it was great to see it back on our calendar.

This year has seen a good uptick in club numbers, we are very happy to welcome Zac, Matt, Toby, Connor, and Jos as new members this year. Well done to Tom for his efforts in introducing three of these members to the club.

Darlington Point	Club #	449	Club Membership	(?)

Albury	Club #	4	Club Membership	(?)
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Albury Apex is sitting steady with the main focus on our barbecue expo. Our first event brought in a crowd and put Albury Apex back in the public eye.

We hosted another charity Golf Day which may be our last as the barbecue expo continues to grow.

We are now running our second expo with continued support from the Venturer Scouts that are interested in becoming Apexian's and supporting the Carevan Foundation feeding those in need with our zero-wastage policy from our demonstrations.

We have also gained 2 new prospects that will be inducted in the coming weeks.

Wodonga	Club #	88	Club Membership	7
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Our club had another steady year maintaining 7 members. Our year started with a wood drive where members filled 6 trailer loads of wood and sold to the public raising \$1000. \$500 was donated to the Apex Copper Coast Retreat as Wodonga member Greg Murdoch participated in the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride through the Flinders ranges, covering 1000 km over 4 days. Greg was hosted by a member of the Kadina club and was well looked after. \$1000 was also donated to local schoolgirl Jessica Fraser so she could attend an International student exchange in China. Jessica gave us a comprehensive report on her travels on her return. This was an invaluable experience for a young local student.

A big club effort was again achieved at the Wodonga Council Australia Day Celebratory Breakfast. With over 20 helpers, members past and present, wives & children, 750 Bacon & Egg rolls were supplied to public and those attending the citizenship ceremony and Wodonga Citizen of the Year. Our BBQ trailer has been out and about at Yacht Club Regattas and Tennis Tournament to name a couple. Our club has continued to maintain working relationships with our joint tenants, Men;s Shed & Black Dog Ride, helping each other out at different events Like Black Dog Rides One



Dayer in March and their National ride to WA in October. Wodonga will continue to consolidate & grow in the year ahead.

Corowa	Club #	42	Club Membership	12
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The club has achieved a number of things over the last 12 months, such as running the train at the markets, up until it's unfortunate break down. Walking 26 kms from Corowa to Balldale to raise money for the royal children's hospital. Setting up and packing up the chairs for Anzac Day, catering for a fly in day at the airport, these are just a few of the club's achievements and there are many more ideas floating around to get out and about in the community.

Cobram/Barooga	Club #	237	Club Membership	23
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This year has been a success year for Cobram-Barooga, if a bit quieter than we have been over the last few years. We have had some highlights with our membership staying steady, the induction of two new members, one of whom has taken on the secretary role, and the sad farewell to another long serving member in Luke Rawson who has graduated into the 41er cohort of our club.

We have continued to have a successful year running events with our Lawnmower races having an excellent turnout, assisting the local Commemorative events and getting our inaugural Winter Ball off the ground to a raging success. It is one of our strengths that we can also show our support towards external club events including the Strathmerton Lions Fishing Comp, Katamatite Lions Rodeo and a smattering of BNS Balls. All these continued to highlight our skills in event operation and careful management, reinforcing that the key to success is operating as a team and having a good time while we're doing it.

We were also fortunate enough to help support the local dance troop League23 in going to the national competition on the Gold Coast, helping to fund 42 kids and their parents in the travel and accommodation.

Our major event for the year however had to take a back seat, with the Koonoomoo BNS taking a year off after a monumental effort from everyone in the club the year prior. Due to rising costs and uncertainty around getting the appropriate insurance we all felt it necessary to let it cool for a year and reassess for 2025.

Outside of events, the year has been very centred around our international 3-Way Link with Pretoria, South Africa and Neath, Wales Roundtable clubs. We had a very busy time with a visitor from both countries throughout the year as we continue the catch-up from COVID, and also held the 60th anniversary for the Link where we were host to 30 past Linkers and their spouses for a fortnight of laughter and memories. It saw us reconnect with many of the old guard who carried the torch in days past. After the



festivities had ended, we wished all a farewell and look forward to the next reunion which is to be in Neath in 2028.

We look forward to an exciting year to come with our club becoming more active on a larger scale, already having participated in a few inter-club activities, meeting new faces and rekindling old friendships, and we also are happy to have members stepping up into Regional and National roles. It will be a very big year to come for little Cobram-Barooga.

Jerilderie	Club #	601	Club Membership	19

Finley	Club #	453	Club Membership	14

Rutherglen	Club #	473	Club Membership	(?)
In the process of closing the club.				

7. Region 7

REGION	7	Eastern Victoria
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Elise Malberg	
	Bairnsdale, Victoria	
		<p>Elise is a Secondary school teacher from the Apex Club of Bairnsdale.</p> <p>It's been wonderful to support the region this year. I hope to be invited to, and to visit more club events next year.</p>

Apex Club of Bairnsdale	Club #	39	Club Membership	9
<p>The Apex Club of Bairnsdale currently has 9 members. The Apex Club of Bairnsdale are adept at organising and coordinating successful community events. The club has tried many new initiatives and are gradually being asked to assist with more community events such as local triathlons, school formals, kindergarten BBQs, and parkrun birthdays.</p> <p>This year the club ran another Colour Ya World Colour Run in the township of Buchan which was isolated due to the 2019- 2020 summer bushfires. The town is still recovering. They also ran another "Look for an Apex Book" event; hiding books in playgrounds across East Gippsland during Children's week. Another successful fundraiser was the Bairnsdale Mother's Day Classic in May along the Mitchell River. Well done to the Apex Club of Bairnsdale.</p>				



Apex Club of Traralgon	Club #	59	Club Membership	4
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Apex Club of Traralgon have been in recruitment mode this year. The club has completed some recruitment drives, Bunnings BBQs, online and in-person raffles. Traralgon club are avid grant-seekers and support the Portsea Children's Camp each year. The team have many new ideas and initiatives to promote Apex within our region.



Pictured: Ben, Nick and Brandon

Apex Club of Yarram	Club #	111	Club Membership	6
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The Apex Club of Yarram are a central group within their community.

The club support the local football and netball club and run the footy gates on weekends keeping track of patrons and collecting money.

Apex Club of Drouin, Warragul and Districts	Club #	245	Club Membership	(#)
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NIL.

Apex Club of Moe	Club #	83	Club Membership	4
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Apex Club of Moe have had a recruitment- focused year. Running raffles at the Newborough Pub

Hopefully, there will be good things ahead from this club.



Pictured: Brandon (assisting from Apex Traralgon), Jakey and Chris.

Apex Club of Mansfield	Club #	208	Club Membership	7
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The Apex Club of Mansfield support the Good Friday Appeal in March each year. In addition they hold a regular Christmas tree fundraiser each year.





8. Region 9

REGION	9	West Victoria
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Tim Glenton
		Beaufort Apex Club
<p>The clubs that I have been able to keep regular contact with are all doing well and continue to do great things for their communities.</p> <p>The key concern coming from clubs is still that of insurance coverage for events.</p> <p><u>Regional Catchup</u></p> <p>A highlight for the year was the recent Region 9 Catchup, held on 6-8 September. This was attended by members of the Beaufort, Ballarat, Warracknabeal and Cobram clubs, with additional visitors from the now defunct Stawell club.</p> <p>The weekend was held at the Grampians Park Estate in Moyston at the foot of the Grampians National Park.</p> <p>The weekend consisted of a bunch of activities including, paintball, clay target field and game style shooting and a bonfire.</p> <p>The Sunday saw us cut some 12m³ of firewood to go toward Beaufort's home help program.</p> <p>Federal Member for Wannon Dan Tehen also attended the wood cut and joined us for lunch.</p> <p>Feedback from the event was that the weekend was fantastic and that it should go ahead again next year.</p>		

Ballarat / Eureka	Club #	2	Club Membership	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 new members inducted and another in the pipeline • Xmas tree drive successful • Assistance at Pax Hill Scout Camp • New service partnership being initiated with local support agencies 				

Beaufort	Club #	440	Club Membership	18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally went ahead in Nov 23 & May 2024, the first for a while due to bad weather, members of Ballarat attended • Many BBQs cooked – 500+ service hours achieved • Lots of wood cut and donated through home-help program • Great amount of Prospexians coming along to see what it is all about 				



Echuca	Club #	11	Club Membership	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership remained stable • Celebrated the re-opening of their hall following substantial renovation 				

Goroke	Club #	372	Club Membership	38
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is stable at 36 members. • Fundraising activities continued throughout the year, including scrap metal, and battery recycling, caravan park site fees and roadside spraying contract • A club that is genuinely at the heart of their community. 				

Hoppers Crossing	Club #	922	Club Membership	0
Club has gone into hiatus				

Horsham	Club #	15	Club Membership	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership remains consistent • Newspaper drive continues • Assistance delivering portaloos for Horsham Fishing Competition • Many events impacted by covid • Longy BnS Ball was a success 				

Warracknabeal	Club #	99	Club Membership	
I have not been able to get in contact with this club – Horsham is trying to help me out.				

9. Region 10

REGION	10	Tasmania		
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Tim Glenton		
		Ballarat/Eureka		

Ulverston	Club #		Club Membership	16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrated their 70th year this year – NP Ben Curnow was in attendance 				

Latrobe	Club #		Club Membership	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still active with 5 members • Craft fair is the largest event they run – 70 stalls – 2500 attendees - \$16k raised • Having irregular meetings as members work in mining 				

Deloraine	Club #		Club Membership	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Ulverstone 70th anniversary 				



10. Region 11

REGION	11	East South Australia
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Leon Budden
		Gawler

Loxton	Club #	Club Membership	10
Club remains active with 10 members.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted Council with Sign installation at the 12 Cemeteries around the district. Multiple hire for our marquee and table and chair hire for Private functions, Weddings and Sporting Events. Assisted in the development of the Loxton APEX Park at the Loxton riverfront. Donated and installed 7 table and chair settings at the Hilbig Street playground development, Loxton sporting complex, and Loxton Riverfront. Catering Van with Hot dogs and Lamb rolls for the Loxton Mardi gras, Loxton Show, Loxton Lights up. Catering Van hire for multiple events. Assisted the Loxton Christmas Light committee with the Christmas Decorations. Joint meetings with the Loxton Rotary Club. Donated money to school children for Sport development and camps. 			

Pathaway	Club #	Club Membership	12
Currently 12 members with regular meetings. Main fundraiser is bar work for local sporting events.			

Naracoorte	Club #	Club Membership	
Naracoorte has been struggling for a few years with poor meeting attendance. Currently the club is considering joining with Padthaway.			

Keith	Club #	Club Membership	
No contact			

11. Region 12

REGION	12	West South Australia		
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Catie Bartholomaeus		
		Clare & Districts		
Western SA has been relatively quiet this past 12 months. Clubs have been difficult to engage with via email.				

Clare & Districts	Club #	968	Club Membership	3
No major fundraisers this year but have started donating the BBQ trailer to the local high school every Friday for the community engagement program they are running at lunch times. This has generated talk of Apex within the community and BBQ bookings are coming through.				

Gawler	Club #	87	Club Membership	20
Christmas Events are big fundraisers as well as catering for Packsaddle. Also have outdoor cinema set up for fundraising that started this year.				

Kadina	Club #	293	Club Membership	11
Christmas Carols, Farming and Hire equipment keeps club busy and financial.				

Maitland	Club #	668	Club Membership	16
Farming keeps club financial.				

Jamestown	Club #	928	Club Membership	17
Caltowie Music festival is a successful fundraiser. As is the LEGO raffle run annually in conjunction with the Jamestown Show. Mark Blake is now the president.				

Crystal Brook	Club #	422	Club Membership	6
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Wanting to reestablish and have apparently contacted Apex National, but no communication has been made with RC.


Port Augusta	Club #	(?)	Club Membership	6

Whyalla	Club #	159	Club Membership	4

Kimba	Club #	849	Club Membership	(?)

Central Australia	Club #	677	Club Membership	11
Been fairly quiet, the club has been using its BBQ trailer to raise funds for the community to support those experiencing hardship. The club is working towards an icy pole treat event for Christmas 2025, a blood drive and the refurbishment of the hospital playground.				

12. Region 13

REGION	13	Southern WA	
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR		Dylan Fryer	
		Katanning (617)	
		<p>This past year has been a particularly busy one for me, and I haven't been able to dedicate as much time to the RC role as I would have liked. Unfortunately, the State Catch-Up didn't proceed in March, but I'm hopeful that clubs across WA can still come together for a more casual gathering later this year.</p> <p>Attending the 2023 National Convention in Geraldton was a highlight, especially seeing so many Apexians from the eastern states make the journey west. A special congratulations to Peter Rann for winning the Apexian of the Year Award, and to the Katanning Apex Club for receiving the Publicity Award—both well-deserved recognitions.</p> <p>As I enter my third year as RC, my goal is to foster greater interclub support, particularly when it comes to signature events. I'd also like to congratulate Ben Curnow on his continuation as National President for a second term. I believe this consistency in leadership will greatly benefit our association.</p> <p>Yours in Apex, Dylan Fryer</p>	

PINGELLY	Club #	291	Club Membership	8
I have not heard from this Club recently. When I last heard from this club they were going to decide if they wanted to continue as an Apex club or hand back their charter.				

ALBANY	Club #	85	Club Membership	5
The Apex Club of Albany is our most southernmost club in WA and I have not made contact this year. The club hosts the annual Carols by Candlelight that is a permanent fixture in the Albany calendar. Due to work I have not been able to attend a dinner meeting, but I hope swap a day off and attend a dinner meeting this year.				



MANJIMUP	Club #	147	Club Membership	5
<p>The 2023/24 year has been another challenging one for Manjimup, with the club continuing to operate in caretaker mode. Despite these difficulties, the club successfully hosted its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the end of November 2023. On September 15, 2024, current and former members will gather to discuss the club's future. I look forward to attending, seeing where I can contribute as RC, and exploring how both the region and national can support the club moving forward.</p>				

BUNBURY/KOOMBANA	Club #	26	Club Membership	8
<p>Bunbury Koombana once again cooked up the Australia Day breakfast, this time from a new location at Koombana Bay. This event continues to receive strong support from local politicians and friends of Apex.</p> <p>I had the pleasure of attending one of the club's dinner meetings this year, which was fantastic. The club has also been actively fundraising for important community causes, such as the MND Big Freeze and Relay for Life.</p> <p>It's wonderful to see Bunbury Koombana still sending out dinner notices for their meetings, and I hope other clubs in the region will bring back this tradition.</p>				

BUSSELTON	Club #	197	Club Membership	6
<p>I have not had the opportunity to visit the club since their last changeover in 2023, but I am pleased to see they have stayed active, particularly with their famous donuts at various community events. While the members have been busy with commitments outside of Apex and have not met regularly over the past year, their dedication to serving the community remains strong.</p> <p>The club is gearing up for their annual sheep shearing service, providing support to hobby farmers in the district once again.</p> <p>A special congratulations to Peter Rann for being awarded Apexian of the Year! It was a privilege to be there and witness the award presentation at the Geraldton convention last year.</p>				

KATANNING	Club #	617	Club Membership	7
<p>Katanning Apex has had a busy year, actively contributing to the community by selling donuts and providing bar services at major local events like the Harmony Festival, Katanning Show, and the Rotary International Dinner.</p>				



Under the leadership of President Chloe Hart, the club has continued to serve the Katanning community, despite her balancing a career change and relocating to Perth for studies. John Paul Collins has now stepped into the role of president and is eager to continue the club's fundraising efforts and focus on growing membership.

Dylan, JP, and Dita represented the club at the National Convention in Geraldton, where Katanning Apex was proudly awarded the Publicity Award.

Additionally, the club has welcomed two new members, Umair and Linta.

KOJONUP	Club #	336	Club Membership	12
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Kojonup, one of the largest clubs in WA with around 12 members, is a relatively reclusive but highly active group, regularly contributing to the community through initiatives like sponsoring the Kojonup Speed Shears Competition, fundraising via mulesing work and bartending at local events, while holding informal monthly meetings that, although potentially lacking in governance standards, continue to serve the community and uphold the Apex name, despite no ICVs resulting from invitations extended by Katanning Apex.

13. Region 14

REGION #	14	North Western Australia
REGIONAL COMMUNICATOR	Dannielle Reed	
	Wongan Hills	
<p>Region 14 hasn't been as active as some of the other regions over the past 12 months. Wongan Hills & Geraldton have been busy in terms of service work, regular meetings etc.</p> <p>Kununurra are approaching their biggest event of the year with their Barra Bash but apart from that they appear to be quiet.</p> <p>Karratha, Perth, Dowering / Goomalling & Corrigin have all gone into hibernation. Unfortunately, it appears that some of these clubs may unfortunately fold.</p> <p>Talking to Emma J – she is hoping to breathe new life into the Perth club and hopefully getting it back in the land of the living.</p> <p>Dowerin & Karratha are taking a break due to lack of members.</p> <p>Corrigin are looking to close.</p> <p>Membership numbers within our clubs and activity seems to be an issue along with communication. A lot of the Northern Clubs don't use their Apex email and clubs themselves do not seem to be that active.</p>		

Corrigin	Club #	412	Club Membership	5
The club is in the process of closing.				

Dowerin / Goomalling	Club #	504	Club Membership	2
The club is currently taking a break to regroup after the local council took back ownership of running the bar at the local field day. Previously this was the clubs main event and fundraiser.				

Geraldton	Club #	178	Club Membership	16
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The Geraldton club have been busy beavers since last year. Hosting the 2023 National Convention was a great event for the club, which helped to raise their profile in the local community and bring the club together as a team.

They recently volunteered to help with "Backroads Gravel" Which is the biggest push bike race in the Midwest. Riding through the shire of Chapman Valley. (Can safely say you won't catch me doing that, I have seen the hills.)

July saw the club hold their annual Traditional "Soup and Cards night" in which they had a lot of fun and laughs. They also had some new faces turn up which is great to see.

May the club helped out doing a Sausage Sizzle for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning tea.

They have also been out helping with Garden Cleanups, planting trees, more sausage sizzles for the community at various events.

Geraldton is still a very active club with a strong contingent of members (inducting 4 new members in the past month) and achieving fantastic things within their community.

Karratha	Club #	717	Club Membership	(?)
The club is currently in hiatus, and haven't held a meeting in over a year.				

Kununurra	Club #	915	Club Membership	18
Kununurra hosted their 25th annual Barra Bash. Kununurra was inundated with 1125 anglers fishing for the prized Barramundi. It was well supported by locals and tourist from far and wide.				

Perth	Club #	23	Club Membership	(#)
There has been no response to emails and there is no updated information for the club. Emma J is hoping to restart the Perth club but currently is a work in progress.				

Wongan Hills	Club #	464	Club Membership	7
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Wongan has hosted and been a part of several Event's this year. The Apex Expo Markets for our local Reynoldson reserve, Various local events selling our infamous Nacho's & Meat n Gravy rolls. Assisted other local community groups with various projects along with helping people within our community with small home jobs that they have needed assistance with.

Our Club Hosted a RFDS fundraiser back in February this year by running a Bogan Bingo night. I can quite proudly say that it was a great success. We managed to raise \$ Wongan Hills is looking at making this an annual event.

We Also hosted another Cabaret Show which was enjoyed by about 40ppl. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their night.

The club has also completed several service jobs including pulling down old sheds. Helping people move things around that they are unable to do themselves.

The club is also nearing the end of manning the local footy gates as we are now into finals.

The club have been doing regular sausage sizzles up in the courtyard of our local supermarket to start raising funds to be able to start revamping our Apex Park which has several major stages that we would like to achieve.

Unfortunately, they will be losing a valued member this year due to relocation.

Wongan Hills Club is still moving along Quite strongly which is great to see.

Their changeover this year will be now in OCT as their President is away for 6weeks. Elections however have been held and there will be a new incoming president and secretary.