

Roaring 40's January 2022



Official publication for Apex 40 Australia Inc.
Apex 40 Australia Inc. is the recognized body of affiliated past
Apexians groups



The Original Adelaide River Queen
Jumping Crocodile Cruise
will be one of the highlights of the
Darwin Territory 22 Rort.

About Us.

For Continuing Fellowship

Apex 40 Australia Inc. is not a Service Club, but an organisation formed to foster fellowship among past Apexians and their partners, and to retain the many friendships formed during their Apex years.

It also exists to assist Apex, when asked, and not to operate in opposition to Apex. It is open to past members and their partners, and Ex-World Councillors who have retired from their respective organisations.



A GROUP OF THE FOUNDERS OF APEX 40
BACK (Left to Right) - ALAN KINDER, KEVIN FRAZER, DAVID SAUNDERS,
LIONEL MUSSELL (1st NAT. PRES.)
FRONT - NEIL HOOKEY, LEY GARRETT, JOHN RITCHIE

Some Apex 40 members decided to form sub-committees which are generally based around past or present Apex Club locations. These sub-committees may meet monthly or less regularly, but all with a view to maintaining and fostering friendships, and occasionally providing assistance to Apex Clubs.

Each year members from Apex 40 gather for a weekend to attend the Annual Convention known as 'The Rort'. During this weekend there is a brief interruption to the festivities to conduct the necessary formality of The Annual General Meeting. In the past, after the RORT, a Post-RORT tour of 4 or 5 days duration has been programmed, visiting areas surrounding the town hosting The Rort. In future both events may be combined and shortened to reduce costs.

The socialising of individual members with each other, across the whole organisation, never ceases. When on an interstate holiday, for example, members invariably look up acquaintances and friends made during the Rorts. It is a huge social club, and fosters friendships among whole families.

Membership is open to all past members of Apex, their partners and members of affiliated clubs.



President's Report
Julie Primmer, Sunraysia. Vic.

Well, we are closing in on the date for our Darwin Rort. The planning team are now re-checking details with all of the providers, as this has been a very long time in the organising. So many things could have changed, but we are finding that actually very little has changed apart from dates by one day, which is not new and you are all aware of this. The temperatures here in Sunraysia and particularly the humidity is making me feel as though I am already there; high 30's and into the 40's for the last few days. I am heading down south to the coast areas tomorrow, so, looking forward to cooler temperatures for a few days.

Apex Australia was not able to celebrate their 90th anniversary last year so is planning to celebrate the 91st year at Toowoomba on 2nd April. Those members who are on Facebook will have seen the preliminary notice asking anyone interested to save the date. It would be wonderful if anyone in the vicinity of Toowoomba could attend to represent us. I had planned to attend last year in Geelong, but this year's event is a bit far for me. Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for further information.

I am not going to mention the state of health of the Nation as I am sure we are all well aware of it and what we should be doing.

It is wonderful to see sub-committees meeting again. I wish everyone well and looking forward to catching up soon.

Yours in Apex 40,

Julie

president@apex40.com



Vice President's & Membership Report
Mark Tramby. XEPA. Q.

Hi everyone, many reading this, will know me but many don't (or won't know my back story) so I thought I'd do a "get to know your incoming President" feature for this edition of the Roaring Forties.

I was born in 1955 in Moree, northern NSW with my father being a stock and station agent and my mum helping in the office and at home.

I have two stepbrothers who are a bit older than me, one still runs the family stock and station agency near Moree, the other is retired in Sydney.

After a brief attempt at following in my father's footsteps and spending a few years in western NSW chasing sheep around I was made redundant in 1975 due to the major drought that was happening at the time (sheep were worth 20 cents) and so had to return home to Moree where I lived again with my parents for about 8 months.

I however didn't leave western NSW with nothing, finding my future wife Rosemary in Nyngan. I couldn't bear to leave her there, so we were married at the end of 1975, and we started our new lives together in Moree.

After a year of bits and pieces jobs Rosemary said one day "find a normal job Mark because I'm sick of this not having a regular income".

So, in 1976 I took a job as a travel agent and who'd have thought that I'd remain in that role until I fully retired in 2015.

For 30 of those years, I was in Moree and ran a hugely successful travel business but, in 2005 we sold that business and moved to Brisbane where I started all over again before calling it a day 10 years later. Back then Travel was a great business; these days you probably couldn't find a worse one, I feel so desperately sorry for them all, what a tough time it has been.

My Apex career saw me joining the Moree Apex Club in 1976 during which I served in every role on club board that you could do (some twice). I was Moree Club President in 1987.

I then went on to become a District Governor, a Zone Service Chairman and then a year as Zone Vice President. My Apex career culminated with me being the last ever Zone 5 President before Zones were disbanded in 1989-1990.

I retired from the Moree Apex Club in 1996 and was granted a Life Membership.

I immediately joined Moree Apex 40 and my first Rort was Caloundra in 1997. Since we joined Apex 40 I've attended 18 of the 25 possible Rorts and have loved everyone.

For those that might remember I organised the iconic "back of Bourke" Post Rort tour after the Moree Rort (3 bus loads went) and also the 2003 Norfolk Island Rort in conjunction with National Board.

This is my second stint on national board and I'm very much looking forward to becoming your next National President in Darwin in May.

Rosemary and I (yes still together after 47 years) have two beautiful daughters, Jane who lives in Melbourne and Alice who lives in Moree.

We are blessed with 5 wonderful grandchildren, aged from 15 years down to 10 months.

In our retirement we enjoy caravanning, and the occasional overseas trip (although we've done a lot more of that than most people already) and I'm really bad at bowls but still love playing it. Hopefully when Covid settles down we might be able to do a bit more overseas travel but in the meantime there's lots of caravanning.

Well in a nutshell that's me, there's a lot more of course but that would just bore you.

Yours in Apex 40

Mark Tramby
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Secretary's Report
Col Ramsay. Wynnum Manly. Q.

From the Secretary's desk January 2022

Newsletters:

These are sent at random during the year. Our Newsletters are designed to give you the latest Apex 40 information plus information from Apex Australia and any other relevant information.

If you have information that you would like shared, please email me at:- secretary@apex40.com.

Facebook:

Facebook is a great means of communication to keep you up to date with bits and pieces regarding Apex 40 and the goings on in each sub-committee: This is a great place where members can share information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543334949270004>

Apex 40 WEB site:

Have a few minutes or an hour to spare? Visit the Apex40 WEB site where you can find lots of information such as our history, documentation, picture, stories and also this copy of the Roaring 40's in a printable version.

<https://apex40.com/>

Roaring 40's

If you have any information that you would like to share with other members, please send the details to our Roaring 40's editor Bill at:- roaring@apex40.com for publication in the Roaring 40's.

Darwin Rort:

Darwin Rort is just around the corner, with 123 registered and rearing to go. All we need now is for Covid to settle and the NT to relax some of the rules a little so that we can all get together safely to enjoy this event. There are still a few places available, so come and enjoy the ongoing friendships gained in Apex and Apex 40.

Membership details:

The Financial year is about to turn over (February 1st) and our Treasurer Keith has been busy sending emails to all sub-committees and MAL's requesting membership dues. To-date, we only have 170 financial members but, with a good response from sub-committee Treasurers and MAL members we hope to be 700 plus by the 31st of January.

A reminder to all Secretaries: **Please update me with your members details at:-**
secretary@apex40.com

If, as Secretary of a sub-committee, you would like a copy of your current membership records that we have in our Register, please email me.

Please note that information regarding other members will not be provided to individual members.

If you wish to contact another member, contact me I will ask the other party to contact you.

Stay Happy, Healthy and Covid-19 Safe and please remember to "Continue the Fellowship",

YIA40,

Col Ramsay,

National Secretary.

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Treasurer
Keith Miller. Nepean. N.S.W.

From The Treasurers Safe

Members are reminded that the Apex 40 Australia Inc 2022 National Membership Fees (held at \$7.50 per member) are now due and payable by 31st January 2022. Invoices have been sent to all sub-committees (prior to Christmas) based on membership data held by the National Secretary as at 01/12/2021. Should there be a discrepancy in actual numbers of sub-committees, to that Invoiced, please advise the National Secretary, Col, secretary@apex40.com and/or the National Treasurer treasurer@apex40.com of the variation, to enable an amended Invoice to be issued.

Membership Invoices were also sent to all Members at Large.

Those members attending the Apex 40 Australia Inc RORT to be held in Darwin in May 2022, are reminded that Full Payment is required by 28th February 2022, to qualify the Early Bird Discount.

Cheers
Keith Miller



International Relations and Apex Liaison
Gayl McKay. Alstonville. NSW.

While international borders remain closed or with travel restrictions in place, any overseas travel plans are deferred, so there is nothing to report here. However, Gayl is our prime contact for the Darwin Rort arrangements and has been keeping up to date with the current requirements. Her report follows shortly.

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Ed.



Webmaster.
Ken Wright. Nepean Valley. N.S.W.

Ken is busy working on the details of the 2023 Rort which are not ready for release, however he wishes everyone a happier New Year in 2022 and reminds us to “save the dates” of 7th – 11th. May 2023.

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From the Editor's Desk

Bill Cramp, Redlands. Qld.

Happy New Year!!

Welcome 2022.

We start this year prepared to enjoy many of the freedoms denied over the last 2 years but not neglecting the lessons learned. The Bargara Rort proved we can exercise social contact with one another while protecting our own health and without difficulty. I look forward to many reports of successful events from our groups and sharing the news with all our members.

Many groups were able to enjoy meetings late last year and several are reported on in the club's roundup. Please continue to provide me with news and a photo or two for inclusion in the Roaring 40's. Also, it would assist in keeping up with events, add me to your mailing list for meeting notices.

Darwin Rort is approaching fast and we are excited. It will be great; almost an overseas trip like the members enjoyed many years ago, when the legs were younger, and the days could be longer.

Let us all enjoy our health, safely and "continue the fellowship".

Bill Cramp.

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Darwin Update

Only 4 months to go until the Territory 22 Rort. The strongest monsoons in ages have struck Darwin and there is water everywhere. That bodes well for us to find the Top End clothed in its greenest, brightest and most luxuriant foliage with an abundance of wildlife to see. With any luck it will also be a great dragonfly season when we arrive. These beautiful insects, thick in the air in May most wet years, are something to delight.

Those of you who are intending to go to Darwin might want to keep your eye out at the 'End of Summer' sales for a special tropical outfit or shirt to wear to our Poolside 50th Birthday Party. Remember that natural fabrics will make you feel much more comfortable while partying. And that as far as Territorians are concerned, ties and pantyhose are forbidden in the Top End. Keep it casual.

As most will be aware, the NT is dealing with serious Covid issues like the rest of the country, with conditions changing from week to week. Julie Primmer and Gayl McKay are intending to visit Darwin in mid-March to finalise all our arrangements – as much as is possible. There may be some program changes required to manage Covid restrictions, but that can apply to any event these days. Please bear with us if changes are needed. We will do our very best to make it a great experience.

Whatever we do, however we have to adjust, we expect to have great time at this Rort, like we do at all Rorts. Something to do with the company we all keep!!

Territory 22 Organising Committee.

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Territory 22
Apex 40



NORTHERN TERRITORY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Border entry requirements for people travelling to the NT from interstate or overseas as at 13th January and are subject to change. Please check the latest restrictions for the NT at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au> before you leave your home state.

Double vaccinated visitors are welcome to enter the Northern Territory without having to quarantine. Only [Therapeutic Goods Administration approved](#) COVID-19 vaccines are accepted for the purpose of travel to Australia and the Northern Territory and [proof of vaccination](#) will be required on arrival.

Unvaccinated visitors are not permitted to enter the NT.

When in the Northern Territory you can travel to key tourist destinations and national parks outside of [excluded communities](#) including Litchfield National Park, Kakadu National Park, Nitmiluk National Park, Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles, West MacDonnell National Park, Uluru-Kata Juta National Park.

Border Entry Requirements

You must:

- Complete a [Border Entry Form](#) before arriving in the NT
- Follow the [testing regime](#)
- You can travel anywhere in the Northern Territory except to an [excluded communities](#), within 14 days of your arrival to the NT.
- You will be required to download the [G2G Now app](#)

Check the [border entry flow chart PDF \(154.3 KB\)](#)

- in addition to completing a [Border Entry Form](#) and downloading the G2G Now app.

You also must:

- Have a [Rapid Antigen Test](#) within two hours after arriving in the NT.
- Have a [Rapid Antigen Test](#) on Day 3 after arriving in the NT.
- Have a [Rapid Antigen Test](#) on Day 6 after arriving in the NT.
- Wear a mask when in excluded communities up until the seventh day after your arrival in the NT.
- Essential workers must have a daily [Rapid Antigen Test](#) while in excluded communities, up until the seventh day after your arrival in the NT.

As proof, a photo must be taken of each of the test results, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying yourself, this must be retained and provided on request. You must submit an [online declaration](#) stating that you completed the first test within two days of arrival and additional tests no later than Day 8 after arriving in the NT.

Testing regime

Anyone who is double vaccinated is able to enter the NT subject to the following COVID-19 testing regime:

1. COVID-19 testing after you arrive in the NT and online declarations

All arrivals are required to undertake a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) within two hours of arriving in the Northern Territory if travelling by air and within two hours of reaching a [Rapid Antigen Test Distribution Centre](#) if traveling by road. You are also required to submit an [online declaration](#) that you have carried out this test within two days of arriving in the Territory. Rapid Antigen Tests are provided for free at the airport or at NT Distribution Centres.

You are also required to have a COVID-19 [Rapid Antigen Test](#) (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 6 after arriving in the NT.

As proof, a photo must be taken of each of the test results, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying yourself, this must be retained and provided on request. You must submit an [online declaration](#) stating that you completed the first test within two days of arrival and additional tests no later than Day 8 after arriving in the NT.

If you do get a positive result on your RAT test, you will be required to isolate, please upload your result using the [online declaration](#) and follow [advice](#) on this page.

2. Rapid Antigen Test

People entering the NT will be provided with three Rapid Antigen Tests upon arrival at the airport.

You can also collect Rapid Antigen Tests from NT Government COVID-19 testing sites.

A list of testing locations can be found on the [Rapid Antigen Test information page](#) or you can call the COVID-19 Hotline on [1800 490 484](#).

You can also purchase your own Rapid Antigen Test from the pharmacy or supermarket. Rapid Antigen Tests approved for supply in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) can be used in the NT. These are listed on the [tga.gov.au](#) website.

[Guide to performing a Rapid Antigen Test PDF \(227.8 KB\)](#)

Around the Sub-Committees

New South Wales

Alstonville

740 kms north of Sydney



The group enjoyed their Christmas lunch meeting in early December.

Byron Bay

760 kms north of Sydney

Blue Mountains Crest

100 kms west of Sydney



Recent events have included Melbourne Cup Day at Bronwyn's and morning tea in the garden at Gail Metcalfe's. Christmas lunch was planned for Madame Wang's Restaurant, Leura.

Great 8 Hunter Valley

170 kms north of Sydney



Robyn Baker posted the above photos on Facebook with the following comments: -
"Beautiful night last night for our Great 8 Apex 40 Christmas gathering, sadly we had 19 apologies, several at late notice because of members being notified they'd been close contacts of Covid! Thanks everyone for taking responsibility, we missed you all! Our traditional Christmas dinner of ham, prawns, chicken and salads to share. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas!"

Inverell

560 kms northwest of Sydney

Leeton

590 kms southwest of Sydney



Joanne Carter posted on Facebook: -

"Great Apex 40 Leeton Christmas luncheon at Aria 62 Coffee Shop, Ardlethan, for those who could make it. Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a better 2022. See you all in Darwin next year."

Lismore

745 kms north of Sydney

The Lismore Apex 40 club did manage to meet in October at Shelly Beach Cafe in Ballina for Breakfast, a beautiful morning, numbers were down due to many members being in lockdown in their local government areas at the time & unable to travel. We caught up again in December for our end of year Xmas party, good time had by all.

Manly

15 kms east of Sydney.

Moree

640 kms northwest of Sydney.

Nepean Valley

60 kms west of Sydney.



Janice Wright reported in late November on Facebook: -

“Apex 40 Nepean Valley Luncheon. Great catchup with friends,” with these photos.

Wyong

100 kms north of Sydney

Tom Dumbleton reports: -

“Our last meeting in November the first for five months was a very good day, being able to get together with 21 of our great friends again. It was certainly good after four months of lockdown it was the first time many of us had been out anywhere. Marie & Dennis had just returned from their long break up in Queensland, so they weren’t locked down here at home. Marie said Dennis spent nearly all his time on the internet buying lots of bargains.”

Victoria

Bendigo

153 kms north of Melbourne



Elaine Dumont reported on Facebook mid-December: -

“Bendigo Apex 40 Christmas lunch at the Gold mines hotel. (Not sure what Peter told Kevin to make him cry!!)

Merry Christmas to you all.”

Dandenong Valley

35 kms south of Melbourne

Geelong

73 kms south west of Melbourne

Melbourne-Gippsland

40 kms east of Melbourne

Melbourne Nor-westers

22 kms north west of Melbourne

Melbourne Sou-westers

270 kms south west of Melbourne

Sunraysia

546 kms northwest of Melbourne



Christmas function at the Mildura Settlers Club function room. First meeting since November 2020! Julie commented on Facebook “great catchup with old friends and welcome to 1 new and 3 returning.”

Queensland

Caloundra

103 kms north of Brisbane



Caloundra Apex 40, had a great roll up at the Currimundi Pub for lunch. 23rd. November

Curtis Coast

530 kms north of Brisbane

Gold Coast

80 kms south of Brisbane



We had 38 members attending at Ashmore Road Seafood & Steak restaurant. We had a couple of last-minute non-attendees due to illness.

The most serious is our friend Darryl Sulzberger who has had a massive relapse re his cancer and was given a maximum of 6 weeks. Sadly, Darryl died peacefully on 11th December after a long and painful battle.

To Loraine and family, we extend our sincere condolences.

We had in attendance Bill and Val Cramp (Bill is the editor of the Roaring 40s magazine and a member of Redlands Apex 40). Plus, we had Scott O'Donnell - a current member of Southport Apex.

Hervey Bay

290 kms north of Brisbane

Maryborough

290 kms north of Brisbane

Redlands

35 kms south of Brisbane



Sergeant Smith!

Redlands was able to have an almost 100% attendance at their Christmas lunch at the Redland Museum at the end of November. Santa was so excited about that; he made an unexpected visit to mark the occasion.

Wynnum Manly

20 kms east of Brisbane

Their AGM and Christmas party was a trip to Stradbroke Island, on Friday 3rd December with lunch at the Stradbroke Island Hotel.



XEPA Great South East

30 kms south east of Brisbane



Xepa Christmas Party at the Redland Bay Hotel 16th December

South Australia

Adelaide Hills

35 kms south east of Adelaide

Tasmania

Devonport

255 kms north west of Hobart

Launceston

200 kms north of Hobart

Apex 40 Pre Darwin Rort 2022 Caravan Convoy

About the Convoy Reprinted from earlier editions as a refresher for Caravaners's.

Just another reminder to those taking their caravans / motorhomes up that I have listed a weeklong suggested itinerary coming into Darwin. Whilst I'm not caravanning this time, I do really hope lots of you going up this way join in. No bookings are held you'll have to make your own for the places listed (some won't need bookings at this time of the year).

We had already committed to attending a caravan event in Victoria in April and then our annual National Gathering for our Lotus Caravan group and subsequent convoy to outback Queensland in June. So, the logistics of doing all three by caravan just didn't work. BUT, I'm happy to arrange the itinerary and assist however we won't be travelling with you. There are no set departure or arrival times each day and you are encouraged not to travel along all in a line. DO NOT think of this as a "tag along tour". It's just a suggested itinerary that you can choose to join in for the full itinerary or if you prefer just a section. Nobody is "group leader", no one is "the boss". It's just your choice to be at these places and enjoy the company of the other Rort attendees. The meet point has been designed to suit those coming up the middle from the southern states OR those coming around through Queensland. The meeting point is just up the road from "Three Ways" where the Stuart and Barkly Highways meet.

Sunday 8th May

First port of call on the run into Darwin will be the fabulous "Banka Banka" Station stay, just off the Stuart Highway, 77 kms north of Three Ways. This will suit those coming from either of the major arterial roads leading to Darwin.

Now this is a station stay so it's largely unpowered, however they do have just a few powered points (not enough to run air conditioning just to keep the power up to your fridge / lights). You would need to call in advance to book these. If going unpowered no need to book, just arrive and they will put you in position, They have an excellent open camp fire area with fires each night and on some nights, entertainment (usually the donation type) and the toilets and showers are wonderful (hot and strong pressure).

This will be a fantastic meet point and start to the Convoy.

Banka Banka West Station

(08) 89644511

bankabankawest@mcmurtriecompany.com.au

Monday 9th May

Free day and give everyone time to relax.

Tuesday 10th May

Leave Banka Banka today heading north to the historic "Daly Waters Pub" (which is a short drive off the Stuart Highway), a distance of 305 kms.

No bookings are required (although you can actually book if you want to) and you can choose either a powered option or unpowered which is at the back of the facility.

The main aim of coming here is to see the historic pub and enjoy their famous "beef and barra" night with entertainment. If you have never done it, it's great, if you have done it already you can choose from the normal menu if you prefer.

Daly Waters Pub Caravan Park

(08) 89759927

dalywaterspub@cartersretail.com

Wednesday 11th May

It's a shorter drive today (170 kms) to Mataranka where I suggest you stay at Mataranka Homestead Tourist Resort (just off the Stuart Highway on the right-hand side). If you have never been this is an oasis in the desert with beautiful hot mineral springs to enjoy in a very well set up area that's suitable for all ages and physical abilities (don't forget your swimmers).

Mataranka Homestead Tourist Resort

(08) 89754544

matarankahomestead@bigpond.com.au

Bookings are a must here, powered and unpowered are available.

Thursday 12th May

Free day to enjoy the springs

Friday 13th May

It's a very short run today (110kms) to Katherine where you'll be staying at the Katherine Holiday Park (a huge park with lots of facilities including a huge camp kitchen).

Katherine Holiday Park

20 Shadforth Road

Cossack, Katherine, NT

(08) 89723962

bookings@katherineholidaypark.com.au

Bookings are absolutely essential here as its very very popular.

Saturday 14th May & Sunday 15th May

These are free days in Katherine although there's a LOT to do here including the main event, the Katherine Gorge Cruise. What I suggest here is closer to the time I can arrange a group booking so you can all do the cruise together, but let's wait and see how the numbers go first of all.

For more information on things to do here, Katherine Tourist Information Centre is a great start and you can call them toll free on 1800653142.

Monday 16th May

Today is the end of the pre-Rort Convoy and the longish drive up to Darwin of 320kms where you'll arrive at the Rort Caravan Park the Lee Point Caravan Park.

OPEN YOUR DIARIES AND SAVE THIS DATE!!



Apex Foundation News

Chairman Tony Wilshire's Christmas Message



Welcome to our last newsletter for 2021.

We continue to support Apex Clubs around Australia, within their communities.

\$25,000 is in the process of being distributed to support many clubs in their local

mental health initiatives. In the last month or so, we have assisted literally

hundreds of students with their **schooling needs** in Queensland and we have

assisted Apex Clubs in Western Australia to facilitate such things as purchasing essential **baby items for a**

young mother of 4 children suffering the effects of domestic violence and covering the cost to fund a

number of students from regional areas of Western Australia to attend **leadership camps** in Perth where

they had access to a number of higher education facilities.

The board has also made a conscious decision in recent times to endeavour to financially aid regional community organisations in Australia particularly to assist people who suffer from such things as cancer and leukaemia, melanoma, and autism. In recent months, grants have been made to: -

- Bloomhill Cancer Care \$12,000

- Yurana Cancer Kids Holiday Home Inc \$10,000

- Autism Spectrum Australia Health and Wellbeing Project \$25,000

- Honorary Life Membership to Stephen Bigarelli
- Mike Fitze, Brian Powe, Lindsay Carthew and Neal Molineaux re-elected
- New director, David Cotton
- Special guest speaker, Sally-Anne Russell

Once again, our **AGM**, which was held on Friday, 19th of November 2021 by Zoom. Retiring directors Mike Fitze, Brian Powe, Lindsay Carthew and Neal Molineaux were all re-elected unopposed, for a further 3-year term. Highlight of the night, was the presentation of **Honorary Life Membership** to Stephen Bigarelli. His contribution to Apex and the Apex Foundation over a 37-year period is incredible. It was also great to have our newest Director, David Cotton along to his first AGM. David takes over from Brian Powe as our Finance Director, along with several other responsibilities. Our special **guest speaker** was Sally-Anne Russell. Sally-Anne was one of the winners of the Fine Arts Trust in the 90's and has been the backbone of this award for decades and has mentored many young budding Sopranos, who have represented Australia. She is one of Australia's finest mezzo sopranos and has sung in over 15 countries worldwide. Sally-Anne will be one of our guests at the next AGM, hopefully held face to face in Sydney. The Apex Foundation board continues to place greater emphasis on where we stand strategically, and we continue to place the utmost importance on all things governance.

We are always looking to have people with the **right skill sets** to join our Board. There are some directors, who will be calling time on their directorship with the Foundation over the next few years. To this end, I am more than happy to field phone calls from people who would like to find out more in becoming a director.

In closing, I would like convey **season best wishes** to everyone.

Please be safe and Cheers for now.

For the complete Apex Foundation newsletter, click on the following

<https://www.apexfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Apex-Foundation-Christmas-2021-Newsletter.pdf>

Apex Australia News

Excerpts from the President's Report in the Christmas edition of The Apexian

“As a board we have been focusing on the future as we believe we need to rethink the way Apex runs going forward so that we can attract young vibrant members. We had a Face-to-Face meeting in Adelaide in November and made significant progress on many issues. We are not yet where we would like to be but plans are in motion in the key areas of finance, membership, communication and compliance. I thank Life Governor Jim Hughes AM for his continued support, advice and mentorship of the National Board.

I would like to acknowledge all the clubs and members that participated in the Polished Man campaign we raised \$1663 which is a great result. I thank Kaitlyn Harasym and Louka Parry for donating their time to speak and waving their presentation fees for a donation to the Polished Man.

Thank you to those who participated in the National Convention. Whether it be in person in Bundaberg or via zoom, your dedication to Apex Australia is appreciated. For us to thrive as a National Association, we need the active participation of current and past Apexians.

Included in this edition, are details on a membership drive on Australia Day. We encourage clubs to get out to the Australia Day celebrations that local councils run and actively spend time dedicated to the recruitment of new members. Anyone who attends local community Australia Day functions is likely to value where they live and potentially could have an interest in joining your next dinner meeting. Lots of people who join Apex did it because they were asked.

Adam Stewart
National President 2021/22”

Apex Australia Podcast

Hopefully you have heard about The Apex Australia Podcast. It's a new and exciting Podcast featuring stories about Apex and its impact on people and communities. Available to listen to on Spotify, Audible or iHeart Radio. With 6 episodes released in Series 1, help make this Podcast the biggest community service Podcast in the world by listening to each episode and following on your preferred platform. Spotify is easily downloadable for free. Simply Type “The Apex Australia Podcast” in the search function. What a great thing to listen to in the car when you are out Road Trippin' to an Apex Event! Tell your clubs, mates, families and even total strangers. Get on this early so you get to say you were there at the start!



Bundaberg - The Almost

National Convention

Well Bundaberg is really starting to think they may be cursed....

2020 – Didn't happen thanks to COVID but Qld was able to meet in Wandoan and spread the love to a small town with a great Apex Club.

2021 – ran but only open to QLD and Past National President Bethany Pattenson and Regional Communicator Daniel Lascells from SA who were able to jump the border, and let's not forget the Tasmanian – RC Kevin Van Helfteren.

Bundaberg will give it one more shot in 2022 if we can't pull it off then – Bundaberg Quits but should this go ahead we have already had 2 trial runs so far so we will be a well-oiled machine and have it running like clockwork for 2022.

The complete magazine is available online at:

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