

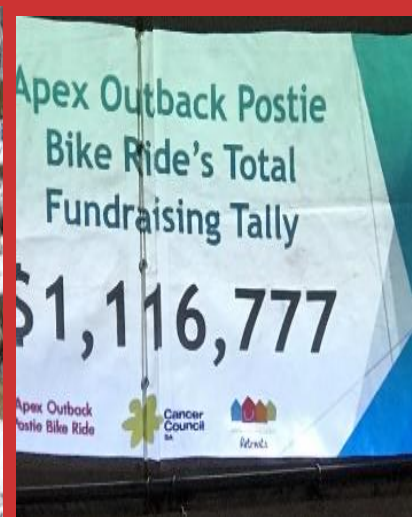
# 42ND ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019



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## MISSION

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



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to present the Chairman's Report this year, it has been a great honour to have worked with your Board of Directors and staff over the past two years.

I would also like to welcome our new members who have recently joined the Foundation.

This year, we saw the retirement of our long serving Accountant Phil Higgerson and welcome his replacement Mario Fricot. We also had the changeover of Apex Australia representatives on the Board from Neal Molineaux to Michael Godfrey.

We have seen some major milestones achieved during the year as you will see outlined in this report, however I would like to summarise a few:

- The 50th year anniversary of the Autism Walk Around Australia Fundraising Scheme.
- The 40th Anniversary of completion of the Apex Children's Chalet.
- The passing of \$1.1 million mark of funds raised by the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride and the construction of the fourth cottage at the Apex Copper Coast Retreat.
- The purchase of the Mini Van for the Aspect Special School on the Central Coast.
- The total value we have provided to date has exceeded \$10.68m for accommodation and \$10.14m of grants.
- From an administrative perspective we have continued our Strategic Planning process with the following.
- Reviewed our Trust Deeds to ensure they are compliant and where appropriate, changed the name eg Apex Necessitous Circumstances Trust to the Apex Foundation Community Fund.
- Reviewed our Mission Statement to make it more appropriate for today's needs.
- Widened the base of the Charitable Trust Beneficiaries to allow greater flexibility with our grants.
- Reviewed the Constitution which is to be put before you for adoption.
- Investigated collaboration opportunities with other like- minded Charities such as Legacy, and where appropriate, looked to provide support to communities where Apex Clubs exist.

I would also like to thank all our supporters who have contributed in funds and kind to this great organisation which allows the legacy of past and present Apexians to continue.

I have truly enjoyed my Foundation travels over the last two years, meeting people in the Apex family, their friends and reconnecting with those of many past years.

**Brian Powe**

Chairman Apex Foundation





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018/2019

The strategic and management direction of the Apex Foundation is achieved by an honorary Board of Directors who collectively make decisions in the best interests of the Trusts. Under the Chairmanship of Brian Powe, each Board Member, all Directors, participate in the formal decision-making processes regarding allocations.

**Brian Powe** – Chairman, Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust (SHACK)

**Tony Wilshire** – Vice Chairman, Civilian Widows of Queensland Foundation, Association of Civilian Widows Trust of Western Australia, The Apex Foundation of Civilian Widows, New South Wales – Chair, Fine Arts Trust and Board Audit & Risk Committee.

**Mike Fitze** – Company Secretary, Board Audit & Risk Committee, Administration, Apex Necessitous Trust (now called Apex Foundation Community Fund).

**Stephen Bigarelli** – Finance Director, Board Audit & Risk Committee – Chair, Governance, Legal and Compliance and Investment Committees.

**Lindsay Carthew** – Investment Committee, Marketing and Membership Committee, Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust (Copper Coast Retreats), Charitable Trust – Cranio Facial – Chair, Board Audit & Risk Committee.

**Jamie Vincent** – Charitable Trust – Autism – Chair, Marketing and Membership Committee and Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust (CHALET).

**Graham Cassidy** – Charitable Trust – Diabetes, Charitable Trust – Cancer and Charitable Trust – Melanoma. - Chair and Marketing and Membership Committee,

**John King** – Governance, Legal and Compliance - Chair

**Neal Molineaux** (July 2018 to June 2019) – Apex Liaison

**Michael Godfrey** – (July 2019 onwards) – Apex Liaison



## Michael Godfrey joins the Apex Foundation Board

### Michael Godfrey comes onto the Apex Foundation Board with 16 years of Apex experience

I joined The Apex Club of Wongan Hills in 2003 and I was fortunate enough, at that time, to have the current WA State President as a fellow Club Member. This led greatly to my interest in the Association and in understanding the importance of what has been achieved.

I have been fortunate enough to travel around to visit over 40 individual Clubs for various Functions from National and State Conventions through to Annual Social Event and Changeover Dinners. Despite the journey being thousands of Km the benefit and value of the visit far outweighed any hindrance.

The 2019/2020 Apex Australia National Board has set the challenge to all Members to aim for a 20% increase in membership in 2020. This will be debated, as a motion, on the Convention floor. I personally believe that this achievable.

I feel that the tide is turning, and a real sense of Community is starting to return. A bit of confidence is coming from the Apex Nations and it is up to us to continue to ride this tide of optimism.

We still need to have an Association that is not only relevant for today's members but meet the changing commitments of future Apexians.

Apex Global is focusing efforts on Education in South East Asia. This is something that Apex Australia was recently involved in with a Teacher placement in Lombok. I feel that without the support of the Foreign Governments our efforts to bring education to those most in need will continue to be impeded.

Apex Global is also continuing work to establish an Association in Cambodia.

## TRUST ACTIVITIES

### Apex Foundation Charitable Trust

The Apex Foundation Charitable Trust supports a range of causes, primarily associated with medical research and support.

#### Autism

It is hard to believe that it has been 50 years since young, visionary Apexians took the lead role and walked around Australia to help find a cure for Autism. From this first step, there have been huge improvements particularly in the area of early intervention and the Apex movement has been an integral part of this development.

Autism is still misunderstood but it is commendable that Apex identified the need for attention to this disability in 1969 but we are still a long way from finding a cure. Congratulations to all those hard working Apexians that walked around Australia back in 1969 for a job well done.

This year has been very exciting with the Autism Trust as the Foundation together with the CWT of NSW and the Apex Foundation Community Trust gave a bus to Aspect School, Central Coast. This programme is to assist their high school children with Autism integrate into the community for work placement and community access. It is the first High School on the Central coast for children with Autism and from reports received it has been a huge success.

#### Diabetes

The Apex Foundation has supported Diabetes since 1985 when the Apex National Service Scheme for 1983/1984 initiated a fund-raising project for research into diabetes. Subsequently, the Diabetes Australia Research Program was established in 1987 to support and develop diabetes related research across Australia and also to enable and foster young and upcoming researchers in this field. Apex Foundation is a regular supporter of this program and has donated more than \$1.30 million for the cause so far. In November 2018 the Foundation donated \$15,000 to the Diabetes Australia Research Program.

In addition, through the Carthew Foundation we also contributed \$25,000 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund in the current year.



## Children's Cancer

The Apex Foundation was instrumental in the establishment more than 30 years ago of the Children's Cancer Institute and its continued funding throughout the years. Over the past 33 years we have donated more than \$2million.

The Apex Foundation granted a further \$20,000 this year to support the research into a promising new anti-cancer agent carried out by Dr. Tao Liu and his team at Children's Cancer Institute Australia.

## Melanoma

Apex's involvement in the melanoma cause began in 1988 when more than \$600,000 was raised through the 1988/1989 National Apex Service Scheme. In this program, Apex Foundation has been funding melanoma research and has so far donated almost \$1.2million towards it. We provided a further \$ 15,000 in the current period.

## Cranio Facial

The aim of cranio facial surgery is to correct severe facial and skull deformities in children and adults. This is achieved through advanced surgical techniques which have been progressively developed with ongoing research. Apex's involvement began when over \$800,000 was raised from the 1983/84 National Service Scheme promoted by the Salisbury Apex Club in South Australia. Apex helped establish the internationally renowned Australian Cranio Maxillo Facial Foundation (ACMFF), based in Adelaide.

During the 2018-19 year the Apex Foundation granted \$25,000 to the ACMFF to fund research into the psychological impact of untreated metopic synostosis - the third of a four-year study.

Apex has now funded a total of \$2,655,000 to this cause.

## Apex Underprivileged Children's Trust

### Magic Castle – Children's Chalet at Smiggin Holes in New South Wales

This year marks a milestone for the Chalet as it celebrates 40 years of providing respite to nearly 40,000 Australian Children. To date the value of services provided amounted to \$5,914,714. At the 40th anniversary celebration on 19 October 2019, we had some very special guests at the Chalet, including the Deputy Premier, NSW the Hon John Barilaro and Past National President and life Governor Graham Salter. The Apex Australia National Project for the year was the Chalet and we managed to get to our target of \$40,000 for 40,000 children for 40 years. We now have a new lease now up to 2034 thanks to the hard work of Apex Foundation Director Mike Fitze and Patron Jim Hughes in securing this lease.

### Shoalhaven Heads Apex Cottage for Kids (SHACK)

The SHACK continues to be a major attraction for children and their carers looking for respite from their illnesses or disabilities. Located on the South Coast of NSW in the town of Shoalhaven Heads, it is only a two-hour drive from Sydney, and two and a half hours from Canberra. Accommodation consists of six self-contained units across the road from the Beach.

This year the complex has undergone extensive renovations with roof painting and Solar installation being the main improvements

We thank the businesses and sporting clubs in the town for their generous support, as well as the Vincent Family for the enormous amount of time devoted to the SHACK.

Bookings can be made online at <http://theshack.apexfoundation.org.au> where more details can be obtained on the facility.

### Apex Copper Coast Retreats at North Beach Tourist Park, Wallaroo (ACCR)

The Apex Copper Coast Retreats are located in the North Beach Tourist Park on the beach front at Wallaroo, north of Adelaide. Excitingly the fourth cabin was opened in March 2019 and all have been made possible by success of the iconic Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride fundraiser.

In its 13th year, the Apex Outback Postie Bike Ride this year raised a whopping \$180,000 taking all-time funds raised to \$1,110,000 – an amazing effort and a credit to all involved.

The Retreats provide respite care holidays for families experiencing the stress and demands of a cancer diagnosis. All recipients are referred by Cancer Council SA and all booking enquiries should be made to them.

We thank the Mid North Apex Clubs for their continued support, especially Kadina and Jamestown Clubs. Without their initiative and drive none of this would be possible.

### Value of Service provided over the years:

Respite Centre	# of years	# of families used over the years	Number of days used up to June 2019	Approx. Guests pa	Value of Service for the year	Value of Service since inception
ACCR	4.5	609	3,047	542	\$174,960	\$555,020
Shack	27	4,653	17,983	1,199	\$151,240	\$4,213,039
Chalet	40	39,478	9,168	987	\$145,550	\$5,914,714
Total			30,198		\$471,750	\$10,682,773



## Apex Necessitous Circumstances Trust

(Now known as the “Apex Foundation Community Fund”)

Apex Necessitous Circumstances Trust supports programs for children and families at risk due to necessitous circumstances.

Two grants were made in the 2018/19 Financial year \$5000 to support the National Presidents drought relief fund (buyabale), and \$1150 to assist a young person in necessitous circumstances with education costs.

The Board has recently approved the change of name of the Trust to the “Apex Foundation Community Fund” in the anticipation that it may attract more applications from Apex Clubs and the community.

## Funding by Apex Foundation to date under various Trusts / Causes

The table below shows the funding in the year 2018 – 2019 and from inception to date:

Trust/Cause	Year started	Number of years	Grants to date (\$)	Grants 2018/2019 (\$)
ACT – Autism	1970	49	522,023	4,654
ACT – Cancer	1978	41	2,288,467	20,000
ACT – Craniofacial	1983	36	2,655,283	25,000
ACT – Diabetes	1985	34	1,340,565	40,000
ACT – Melanoma	1988	31	1,154,768	37,202
Civilian Widows	2005	14	566,383	73,165
Fine Arts	1980	39	282,633	7,500
NCT (including General and Destiny)	1977	42	285,021	24,392
Trusts not active			1,041,136	199,222
<b>Total</b>			<b>10,136,279</b>	<b>431,135</b>

## Fine Arts Scholarship

2 grants totalling \$2,500 each were given to Louise Keast & Ayako Ohtake to cover their return airfares to Vienna to represent Australia at the 2019 Hans Gabor Belvedere Singing Competition in Vienna.

## Association of Civilian Widows

### Civilian Widows of Queensland Foundation

Grants totalling \$21,400 were made this year, which aided 97 underprivileged children with their extra curriculum activities at school.

### The Apex Foundation Association of Civilian Widows – New South Wales Trust

A grant amounting to \$9,150 was made to further assist Pedro Kalimnakis with his ABA therapy in connection with his Norries Disease.

## Association of Widows Trust of Western Australia

Grants totalling \$42,615 were made this year with many being identified and arranged by Apex Clubs in Western Australia.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

Every donation received helps us to continue the fantastic work of the Foundation. If you are doing your Will, why not leave a little something for the Foundation and also help the great work Apexians do in our community. Please refer to our website on how you can donate or send an email to [eo@apexfoundation.org.au](mailto:eo@apexfoundation.org.au) for details.

## SUPPORTERS

- Apex Clubs of Australia
- AON Risk Services
- Management Committee of Apex Children's Chalet at Smiggin Holes
- Management Committee of Shoalhaven Heads Apex Cottages for Kids
- Sub Committee of The Apex Foundation Association of Civilian Widows – New South Wales Trust
- Sub Committee of Civilian Widows of Queensland Foundation
- Sub Committee of Association of Civilian Widows Trust of Western Australia
- Colin Biggers & Paisley Solicitors
- Steadfast Group Limited
- Carthew Foundation
- Shaw and Partners
- LBW and Partners
- All Apexians – Past and Present.

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Honourable John Howard AC



Jim Hughes AM