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2009-2010 Victoria State Board Newsletter Issue 2.



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# **STATE PRESIDENTS RANT**

Hello everyone and welcome to our second edition of the State Newsletter, I hope you find the content of our newsletters useful. Please let myself or Mick (State Secretary) know if you would like information put in the next edition, or if you would like us to cover a certain topic.

Well the year is certainly flying by and I can't believe that Christmas is only a couple of months away (yes the Xmas decorations are already in the shops and have been for some time).

The state appears to be travelling along well at the moment. I and other members on State Board have had the opportunity to speak to members from different clubs around the state and our NSW bubble clubs and we've had some really positive feedback. Keeping in contact with clubs is so important, it only takes a few minutes to make a call but it can make a huge difference to a club that is struggling and needs some help, even if the clubs aren't in trouble it's nice to just catch up for a chat.

The Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards (AATFA) Victorian Final was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and was a great success with 30+ entries. The talent of the entrants is amazing as there were some very interesting creations, especially in the fantasy section as the dress was made of maps and stamps (yep stamps) very interesting indeed. I'm looking forward to seeing the National Final in Sydney on the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

There are a few important events coming up in the state that we will be asking clubs for assistance. The Great Vic Trek is on from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December and is travelling around the State raising money for Yooralla. This event was voted the State Service Project for the year and will be a fantastic opportunity to promote ourselves within our communities.

We also have the Santa Sleigh coming down from the Berowra Apex Club in NSW, the club really wanted to assist people in fire affected areas and thought that this would be a great way to bring some fun and excitement to the areas concerned. They will be here from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> December. A huge thankyou also to Andrew Follows (past Apexian) who is co-ordinating the visit and arranging for donations of goods and services to make the event even more memorable for those affected. Thankyou Andrew.....and also the Apexians from Berowra, NSW.

Our next state board meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November in Horsham, all members are welcome to attend. The club have got a fantastic weekend planned including a spit roast dinner on the Saturday night. If you are interested in attending please let myself know on either 0419 350 479 or email [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au)

That's all for now folks.

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Melinda Grose

Apex Victoria State President 09-10

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## **Useful Websites**

National Website - [www.apex.org.au](http://www.apex.org.au)  
State Website – [www.apexvic.org.au](http://www.apexvic.org.au)  
Apex Foundation – [www.apexfoundation.org.au](http://www.apexfoundation.org.au)  
Oz Supplyhouse - [www.apex.ozsupplyhouse.com.au](http://www.apex.ozsupplyhouse.com.au)

## WANTED

Clubs to host the 2011 State Convention / STS

Clubs are invited to nominate for the combined 2011 State Convention/STS which is to be held mid to late May 2011.

Nominations should be forwarded to the state secretary **no later than** the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

For further information please contact either the State President or State Secretary.



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## CLUBS TO DO LIST.

Make sure you have completed your annual returns for Consumer Affairs Victoria.  
Club report for District Governor to present at the upcoming State Board meeting.  
Send your dinner notices to [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au) & [secretary@apexvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@apexvic.org.au)

*Please send a list of your upcoming events to the State Secretary and President. We are really keen to hear from clubs and help promote your events to the wider Apex community. Details of the events will be added to the State website and included in the next newsletter.*

*Additionally, if you have any reports or suggestions of what to include in the next newsletter please send them to [secretary@apexvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@apexvic.org.au).*

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## INVITATION TO STATE BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER

All members are invited to attend the State Board meeting in Horsham on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. The Jardwa/Horsham club are hosting us and have got a great weekend planned.

If you are interested in attending, here's a summary of the weekend:-

**Friday night:** social evening at their clubrooms from 6pm (bbq and drinks at Apex prices)  
**Saturday morning:** Admin Committee meeting – Angling Club (closed to admin committee only)  
**Saturday afternoon:** State Board meeting commencing at 1.30pm – Angling Club  
(all members welcome)  
**Saturday evening:** Dinner at Angling Club and Awards presentations to some members.  
**Sunday morning:** Brunch and home or sightseeing around Horsham.

For further information please contact either myself at [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au) or 0419 350 479 or Jamie Beavis at [jamie.beavis@au.nufarm.com](mailto:jamie.beavis@au.nufarm.com) on 0438 381 927

## UPCOMING EVENTS.

### Oct

**10-11** National Final Teenage Fashion Awards – Sydney & National Board Meeting  
23 Life & Senior Active census due to National Office  
30 Fees Drawdown #2

### Nov

**21-22** State Board Meeting at Horsham

### Dec

**6-27** The Great Vic Trek  
**17-20** Santa Sleigh to fire affected regions

### Jan 2010

**29** Fees Drawdown #3

### March

**8-14** APEX WEEK  
**20-21** State Board Meeting at Leongatha  
23 60 Day Call for State Convention Agenda Items  
30 Fees Drawdown #4  
30 Active member's Census due to National Office

### April

**2-5** EASTER  
25 Convention Agenda sent to all Clubs  
**30** Nominations for State Awards Due

### May

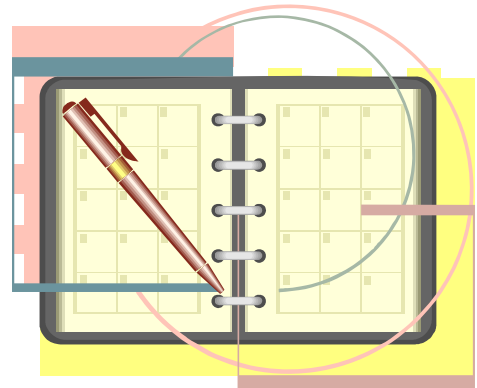
**28-30** State Convention & Training Seminar – Myrtleford

### June

**26-27** State Board Meeting & Handover Dinner (venue tbc)

### July

**12-16?** National Convention in Tasmania



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If your club is having significant events or special projects that you would like publicised then please send details to either myself at [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au) or State Secretary, Mick at [secretary@apexvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@apexvic.org.au)

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## APEX DUNK – FOR HIRE

If you have an event and you want to publicise Apex, then why not hire “Dunk”?

You must collect, clean and return “Dunk” (to Ballarat) in as good or better condition at the clubs expense.

Why not use the opportunity for a photo shoot and arrange publicity in your local paper. Whoever gets the best publicity for the year using Dunk may be eligible for an award at the end of the year. Of course you would have to send all articles to [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au) or [secretary@apexvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@apexvic.org.au) for judging.

So if you are interested in hiring “Dunk” for a function please contact Mick at [secretary@apexvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@apexvic.org.au)



The photo above is an old photo I came across in my Apex archives and was taken at a “Relay for Life” event a few years ago at Mortlake.

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Mortlake Apex Club (which now has only four female members) put out a request for a new bbq so that they can get out into the community, promote Apex and increase membership in the Club. As a result of their request, the Wendouree Apex Club (or should I say Sleepy’s pledge on Facebook) has now contributed over \$100 towards a new bbq which should be delivered to Mortlake before the end of October. Good luck to the girls with their future endeavours.

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# SANTA WILL BE VISITING FIRE AFFECTED AREAS OF VICTORIA

**Santa**  
Is Coming to Victoria  
Bush Fire Regions '09



This Christmas, the Apex Club of Berowra, NSW is keen to share much needed Christmas cheer with the Victorian bush fire affected families.

**'Simply, we hope to provide a merry event that can provide happy memories.'**

We have witnessed the Christmas spirit that our sleigh has provided in the upper northern Sydney to generations of children.

**Our Mission**

Our primary mission is to ensure that these regional communities know they are not forgotten. Anyone who has endured tragedy would understand that Christmas can be an extremely lonely time, especially for those who have lost family and friends. We hope to provide some light during a difficult time for many.

**The Plan**

Santa flies his sleigh down to regional Victoria for a series of visits on the weekend before Christmas (17th December through to 20th December).

**A Typical Santa Visit**

- ❖ Santa arrives in the Sleigh with elves
- ❖ Santa gives out lollies and talks to kids and families. Santa's elves may also hand out presents
- ❖ Mrs. Santa will provide Santa photos for families/groups etc
- ❖ Santa sing-a-long
- ❖ A BBQ and drinks for all who attend

**Locations**

A number of locations, mostly in relief centres, have been chosen for Santa to visit.

Venue	Date	Time
LB Davern Reserve (Wandong)	17/12	11:30a
CFA (Clonbinane)	17/12	5:30p
St Andrews Hall	18/12	11:30a
Kinglake Football Oval	18/12	5:30p
Narbathong	19/12	11:30a
Traralgon	20/12	11:30a

**Our Objective and what can you do to help?**

**Black Saturday** was Australia's highest ever loss of life from bushfires. 173 people died and 414 were injured. 7,562 people were displaced, with over 2000 homes destroyed. 78 townships were affected. There are over 2500 children in these areas.

Our objective is to have as many Santa visits as possible in 4 days, provide presents to kids under ten (\$8000), provide a BBQ at these events (\$5000) and provide photographs for those who attend (\$6000).

**Our target is to raise \$20,000 to appropriately fund this event. We require donations to meet this target.**

Please contact Keith Roscarel for more information or if you can assist.



**Event Contact:**  
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Berowra Apex NSW  
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**Andrew Follows (former Apexian from Diamond Valley Club) is also assisting with this event, if you have an enquiries please contact him on 0400 962 795**

# Victorian State Service Project

## The Great Vic Trek

The Great Vic Trek for Yooralla powered by Health Super is an event designed to raise awareness and much needed funds for Yooralla.

Sunday December 6th 2009 will see Victoria's favourite sports people and celebrities embark on a 21 day trek around the state via all modes of transport.

The Trek will kick off with former Australian cricketer Dean Jones leading a group of walkers from Melbourne City Square where he will walk for five days to the East Gippsland town of Traralgon. He will then pass the baton onto a mix of former AFL stars and sports people who will cycle through the beautiful Victorian Alps all the way to the border city of Wodonga.

The trek will then be ran, sailed and ridden throughout 100s of Victorian towns until reaching it's final destination – The MCG on Sunday December 27th 2009. Each of these towns will experience fund raising activities with the likes of great names such as Danny Frawley, Michael Klim, Pat Cash, Cadel Evans, Marc Murphy, Damien Fleming, Tony Shaw to name just a few and of course Dean Jones.

Check out the details on the webpage <http://www.thegreatvictrek.com.au/> clubs will be asked to assist along the way by either helping cook bbq's, selling raffle tickets, tin rattling etc. Of course anyone is welcome to help tin rattle at the MCG at the Test Match on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. More details to follow or contact Phil Keily on [service@apexvic.org.au](mailto:service@apexvic.org.au)



# Grants / Fundraising

## FUNDRAISING IDEAS

**BBQ's** are a great fundraiser, especially on a Saturday morning in front of the local supermarket or large store (ie Bunnings, Harvey Norman etc).

**Chocolate Drives** are a great fundraiser, let's face it who doesn't like chocolate especially around 3pm while at work. Cadbury <http://www.fundraising.com.au/> or Mars <http://www.marsfundraising.com.au/>

Ask your local bakery if they would help you with a **Pie Drive**. Ask your friends, family, work colleagues to purchase pies and you'll be amazed at how much money you can raise. Easter is a great time to have a **Hot-x-Bun drive**. Again ask your local bakery for assistance.

Ask your friends and family for their favourite recipes and make a **Cook Book** to sell. Or have a **Cake Stall** at an event or on a Saturday morning in front of the local supermarket.

**Trivia nights** are great fun and easy to do, ask local business to donate good or services to use for prizes, put together some questions (the internet is a great source of questions & answers) and invite lots of friends, family, workmates, sports clubs, schools etc.

Organise an **Afternoon Tea, Morning Tea, Lunch** or **Drinks** with your sporting group, community group, a school group or workmates. Bring goodies and ask people to make a donation.

Have a **Garage Sale, Flea Market** or **Auction**. Ask your friends and family to donate unwanted goods to sell and allow the club to keep the proceeds.

Dancing is a lot of fun! Organise a **Dance Party** with a latin, rock n roll or 'dancing with the stars' theme. Ask a local dance instructor to donate their services in exchange for promotion. Charge for tickets and donate the proceeds. Get together with the local Police and run a **Blue Light Disco** for the local youth of the town. **Bush dance** – hold a bush dance for your next social club outing where your family and friends can show off their line dancing skills!

**Book sales** – get your friends, family and work colleagues to clear out the book shelves and organise a "book sale" where all proceeds are donated to the club.

Make and sell **Calendars**. There are some photocopying places that can do this sort of thing. Have children draw pictures for the months and pick the best 12 or take photos of the Club doing "Apex things". You can sell dates in the calendars to people for birthdays of their kids, anniversaries, or special events. Ask locals to pay for each entry (ie \$1 or \$2 per date). Obtain some sponsorship from local businesses to pay for the printing then sell the Calendars to everyone who wants one (perhaps \$5 per calendar).

Organise your own **Fun Run**, or participate in a locally organised event. Seek sponsorship or donate the entry fees.

Have a **Golf Day**. Test your techniques on the green and charge for the tickets or donate an amount for each point of the final score.

Organise a **Guessing Competition**. Guess the number of lollies in the jar, the weight of your manager or CEO, or the baby in the photo guessing competition.

Have a **Free Dress Day, Hat Day** or **Crazy Hair Day** at your workplace, school or group. Pick a theme, make a donation, or "charge" double for people who don't get into the swing of things!

## **FUNDRAISING IDEAS CONT'D**

Organise a **Competition**. Juggling, karaoke, skipping, paper aeroplanes, sprints, three-legged sack races, wheelbarrow races, or 10km walk. The options are endless! Charge an entry fee. Entrants can ask friends to sponsor them (much like a "walk-a-thon").

Have a **Raffle** and get the prize donated. That way 100% of the funds raised will go to the Club. Ideas for prizes are sports memorabilia, services, travel, gifts, wood, fuel, tool trailers etc.

Organise a **Lucky Dip**. Ask friends, family, staff or team mates to buy items for the lucky dip, or seek out donated goods. Ask people to pay a fee to enter the lucky dip.

Have a **Beauty Day**. Ask a local masseuse or beautician to come to your office or workplace for a couple of hours and donate their services in return for the opportunity to hand out brochures. Charge staff a nominal fee for a foot massage, head massage or manicure and donate the proceeds.

**Recycle** office paper, aluminium cans and toner cartridges. Donate the returns, enhance your company image and save the planet at the same time.

**Sponsor Your Boss** to do something out of the ordinary like sit on reception for two hours, not talk, dye their hair, dress backwards or just to stay away from the office.

Have a **Swear Jar** and donate the proceeds. You may be surprised how quickly it mounts up!

A **Talent Quest** is a great way to raise funds, and it's a lot of fun. Ask people to sing, dance, act, tell jokes, hoola hoop or do magic tricks - and sell tickets to attend the event. What about organising a **Karaoke Night** at the local pub>

Have a **Treasure Hunt**. Write the clues to a treasure hunt by car, bike or on foot, and charge an entry fee.

Contact your local movie theatre and see about hosting **Movie Nights** for an upcoming blockbuster, you can ask for a small portion of the ticket sales to go towards a specific project that the club is working on. It's also a great way to advertise for new members. You could also investigate running a **Drive-In Movie night**. There are companies around that could assist you with this.

**Casino Nights** are a great fundraiser, again ask local businesses to donate products or services and use them for auction items. Have the evening in a local hall. People pay for "chips" and receive "monopoly" money, they can purchase as much as they like and at the end of the night they bid for auction items with their winnings. It's also a good idea to have drinks available on the night.

**Service Hour's Raffle** (ie slaves for a day, raffle off hours you wish to donate as a prize. Could be 20 hrs ie 10 members @ 2hrs each or 5 members @ 4hrs for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 10 hours, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 5 hours. There is no cash outlay just a few hours of time and a very easy way to raise money.

A couple of websites with fundraising ideas are:-

<http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/>

<http://www.fetesandfestivals.com.au/>

<http://www.fundraisingideas.com.au>



## **SELF PROMOTION FUND**

This fund will allow Victorian Apex (& NSW bubble) clubs to apply for funds to assist with membership drives or holding events that they believe will raise their profile in the community. It also provides clubs and districts with financial support if they see the need for the establishment of new clubs in communities,

At the 2001 National Convention in Warrnambool the rules were changed so that a District could start a new club, however it costs money to advertise, hold a meeting, and to do mail outs. These funds are there to allay these costs.

The 2009-10 State Board has made \$5000 available for clubs to apply for. Applications over \$1250 will be required to be presented to the entire State Board, however applications under that amount will be dealt with by the Admin Committee. An application must be submitted with all relevant information before the committee will consider the application.

**NB: These funds are not intended to pay fees or to donate to the community. It is there to be used by a club and / or district for self-promotion (i.e. signage, flyers, advertising) or for the establishment of a new club.**

Application forms and information can be found on the website [www.apexvic.org.au](http://www.apexvic.org.au) or contact Steve Ronnfeldt on [membership@apexvic.org.au](mailto:membership@apexvic.org.au) or phone 0428 449 110

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## ***General Trust Grants from the Apex Foundation***

General Trust funds come from both donations and member subscriptions made to the Apex Foundation. As a means to enable the Apex Foundation to assist worthwhile service projects in local communities throughout Australia, Apex Clubs are invited to submit applications for grants between \$500 and \$2,000.

Each year successful applicants are announced during the Apex National Convention.

Enquiries for more information regarding grants can be made to the Apex Foundation Sydney office. Free call 1800 0APEX0 or visit the Apex Foundation Website <http://www.apexfoundation.org.au>

### ***FUNDS DISBURSED FROM THIS TRUST:***

***2007/08 \$8,427***



# STATE BOARD MINUTES



## Apex Victoria Inc.

### Minutes of State Board Meeting Number 2 held on Saturday 12 September 2009 at Wendouree Commenced at 1.30pm

#### 1. Preliminaries – Melinda Grose

- 1.1. Ideals
- 1.2. Introduction and Welcome
- 1.3. Roll Call

Chairpersons	Name	Pres
State President	Melinda Grose	✓
State Vice President		
State Secretary	Michael Oldaker	✓
State Treasurer	Paul Hutchison	✓
State Membership and Citizenship	Steve Ronnefeldt	✓
State IT and website	Trevor Staats	Apol
Teenage Fashion Awards (AATFA)	Robyn Ward	✓
Convention Chair	Travis Gunson	✓
<b>District Governors</b>		
DG Central Highlands	Jamie Sleep	✓
DG Gippsland		
DG South Gippsland	Cameron Dowling	✓
DG Glenelg		
DG Goulburn Valley		
DG Melbourne	Phil Keily	✓
DG Truganina	Amanda Casey	✓
DG Murray Riverina	Chris Stronge	Apol
DG Ovens & Murray	Richard Keating	✓
DG South Western		
DG Wimmera		
<b>Other attendees</b>		
Apex club members	Carli Lamb	✓

- 1.4. Apologies
- 1.5. Procedure of Meeting
- 1.6. Appointment of Sergeant at Arms

**Motion: That Amanda Casey and Travis Gunson be appointed joint Sergeants at Arms**

**Moved: Cam**

**Seconded: Phil**

**Carried**

- 1.7. General

#### 2. State Secretary – Michael Oldaker

- 2.1. Correspondence in / out
- 2.2. State asset list

### 3. State Treasurer – Paul Hutchison

- 3.1. Claims
- 3.2. Follow up unfinancial clubs
- 3.3. Fee deferral & fee waiver for clubs
  - 3.3.1. **Motion 1 “That Apex Victoria grants fee relief for Grovedale’s 2008-09 fees as per motion passed at Portsea State Board Meeting in June 2008.”**  
**Moved: Paul      Seconded: Cam      CARRIED**  
  
**Motion 1A “That the State Board pays from State Reserves the outstanding national component for Grovedale for 2008-09.”**  
**Moved: Paul      Seconded: Amanda CARRIED**
  - 3.3.2. **Motion 2 “That Apex Victoria grants fee relief (deferral) for Murtoa, Nhill and Paynesville for 2009-10 subject to required paperwork being submitted 30 September 2009.”**  
**Moved: Paul      Seconded: Phil      CARRIED**
- 3.4. Motion for State to pay clubs outstanding fees for 2008-09
- 3.5. Follow up to 2008 Motion to write off club debts prior to 2008 financial year – get motion of mel / motion not actioned previously.
- 3.6. General

### 4. State Membership & Citizenship – Steve Ronnfeldt

- 4.1. Self Promotion Fund  
No new applications this year  
3 Applications carried over from last year – Wangaratta, Moe and Myrtleford.
- 4.2. Life Memberships  
No new applications this year  
2 applications carried over from last year.  
New life memberships need to be signed off by atleast 2 club board members and 2 floor members to ensure club is happy with application.

### 5. State Service – Phil Keily

- 5.1 Great Vic Trek  
Phil has been speaking with Rod Loader.  
Gala launch is to be held at the RACV Club on Thursday 15 October 2009.  
Helpers – Peter Woods, Melinda Grose, Phil Keily, Dean Freeman + 4 others required.  
Tickets are \$150 each.  
Due to the number of food safety permits required (130) food will not be sold.  
Will run a Christmas Sleigh through approx 6 fire affected towns in December.  
Semi trailer load of hay from Tongala will be delivered to Marysville shortly.

### 6. 2010 State Convention Chairman – Travis Gunson

Going ahead fairly well  
Budget and registration form presented to State Board  
**Motion :”That the State Board accepts the budget for the 2009-10 State Convention as presented.”**  
**Moved: Travis    Seconded: Cam      CARRIED**

## 7. DG Reports

### 7.1. Central Highlands

- Ballarat/Eureka, Wendouree, Beaufort & Maryborough
- Attended Ballarat/Eureka, Wendouree and Beaufort clubs handovers.
- The Wendouree shed has been 'made' over thanks to Bunnings. Also got two prospexians as a result. Club has 3 other prospexians – so 5 prospexians all up.
- Maryborough is organising trip to Blazeaid.
- Will be attending Maryborough hand over next week.

### 7.2. Gippsland

### 7.3. Glenelg

No Report

### 7.4. Goulburn Valley

Per report

Mitchell is down to 1 member

Shepparton is undertaking resurgence/closure

Seymour is being relocated by council to a smaller shed

Mansfield is going strong – 18 members

### 7.5. Greater Melbourne

Per report

Diamond Valley is undertaking closure guide. Club has effectively transferred to Apex 40. Club BBQ trailer will be retained by Apex 40 Diamond Valley.

Frankston – following up on outstanding debt.

Frankston and Nunawading about to lose key members which may see closure of clubs.

### 7.6. Murray Riverina

No Report

### 7.7. Ovens & Murray

Only club not visited is Myrtleford. Has attended other clubs handovers etc.

Has been discussing with clubs budgets, fundraising, membership levels.

Has introduced membership mug into club – if you get a new member you get the mug. If you have the mug you can hit up any other member for a round.

### 7.8. South Gippsland

Per report

Going along pretty well

Poowong has 17 members, all other clubs are under 10 members.

Drouin is unresponsive – won't advise DG when club is meeting or where.

Moe bonfire on Saturday November 7.

Has received letters from Poowong and Drouin regarding DG of the year. Advised only saw DG once during year and that they don't feel award is warranted.

Leongatha owns a caravan park & has just built a \$180,000 amenities block.

### 7.9. South Western

No Report

Mel and Mick attended a crisis meeting with Camperdown. Working with State to resurge club.

### 7.10. Truganina

Per Report

Werribee and Tulla/Essendon had inductions on Wednesday.

Trying to organise more interclubbing.

- 7.11. **Wimmera**  
No Report  
Nhill and Murtoa clubs are struggling.

## 8. President –Melinda Grose

- 8.1. Grovedale Club  
Proposed to recharter Geelong Club (Club No. 1)  
National denied recharter as it would see Grovedale fold with no benefit to Apex as a whole.  
Grovedale has advised their intention to change club name to Greater Geelong.  
Mel has advised Grovedale that they are required to write to State Board requesting name change, it will then be requested from National Board.
- 8.2. Ballarat/Eureka merger  
Discussion held with both clubs as to what is required to merge clubs.  
**Motion: That the Eureka Apex Club be placed into suspension and be removed from the fee file.**  
**Moved: Mick Seconded: Carried**
- 8.3. Gippsland DG  
Election of DG disputed by one of the district clubs.  
As a result Stacey Savige has resigned as DG of Gippsland.  
Per Best practices 7.3.6 Vacancies between elections: *In the event of any vacancy occurring in the position of District Governor the Clubs may vote to appoint an active Member to fill the office for the unexpired time. If the Clubs cannot agree to an appointment the State President will appoint an active Member to fill the position.*  
**Motion: “That State President Melinda Grose appoint Cameron Dowling to be to be DG for Gippsland effective immediately.”**  
**Moved: Jamie Seconded: Travis CARRIED**
- 8.4. Clubs in crisis – Camperdown, Shepparton, Mitchell, Eureka & Mortlake
- 8.5. State working with clubs. District Restructure  
Due to closure of clubs a restructure of districts is required.  
Need to give clubs 28 days notice to respond to proposed changes.  
Proposal is change to 9 Districts.  
Proposal will be circulated before November State Board Meeting.  
Hope to have resolved to take to National Board Meeting in March.
- 8.6. YRIPP – Youth Referral and Independent Persons Program  
Program to support at risk youth with help from the community.
- 8.7. Website

## 9. General Business

- 9.1. Teenage Fashion Awards Vic State competition  
Per report
- 9.2. Dunk  
Need to draw up a hire agreement for Dunk now that he has been recovered from South Australia.  
Dunk will reside at Wendouree.

- 9.3. November Board meeting  
Have asked Jardwa/Horsham to host meeting as we have walking sticks for members of Wimmera district to distribute.

Meeting date is 21 November 2009. Admin meeting in the morning, State Board meeting in the afternoon.

- 9.4. Other business  
Mel - Tongala, Cobram/Barooga, Coleraine are working with an electricity company to change light globes and receiving \$2 per light globe. Tongala is hoping raise \$6000 through this project.

Mel - has received a book from about the aftermath of the Ash Wednesday fires which contains details of Apex's involvement.

Travis – Ovens district is organising a fishing/camping trip in November. Myrtleford is having a Calcutta on the night before the Melbourne Cup.

Jamie – Wendouree is having meeting 1100 on Thursday 1 October at Mid City Motel from 7am.

Phil – Has been in discussions with City of Knox about using Apexians as Slow/Stop Traffic Management at street closures for events. Training / certification is required but can be arranged at approximate cost of \$250 per person.

Mick – Asked for content for newsletter.

Cam – State Board Meeting in March (20,21,22) is to be a District Convention / Family weekend. Approximate cost will be \$120 per person and held at Yarram. Further details to be presented at November board meeting.

Steve – Thoughts on obtaining corporate sponsorship to help offset costs.

**Motion: That the fines money be donated to the Lighthouse Foundation.**

**Moved: Travis Seconded: Phil CARRIED.**

## 10. Close of Business

Meeting closed 5.25pm.



## SPY CAM



The boys from Poowong Apex club playing volleyball at the Poowong Field days. I hear they won too, beating the local Lions club members. Well done boys!!!!

If you are out and about and see other Apexians-in-Action please send a photo to me at [president@apexvic.org.au](mailto:president@apexvic.org.au)

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## PHOTOS

National Office in Nurioopta S.A.



Paul Hutchison (State Treasurer) & myself out the front of National Office

## JOKES PAGE

### Subject: Letter to the Treasurer

Dear Mr. Swan,



Please find below my suggestion for fixing Australia's economy.

Instead of giving billions of dollars to banks that will squander the Money on lavish parties and unearned bonuses, use the following plan. You can call it the Patriotic Retirement Plan:

There are about 10 million people over 50 in the work force.

Pay them \$1 million each severance for early retirement with the Following stipulations:

- 1) They MUST retire. Ten million job openings - Unemployment fixed
- 2) They MUST buy a new Australian car.. Ten million cars ordered - Car Industry fixed
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off! Their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed
- 4) They MUST send their kids to school/TAFE/university - Crime rate fixed
- 5) They MUST buy \$100 WORTH of alcohol/tobacco a week .....and there's your Money back in duty/tax etc

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members of parliament pay back their falsely claimed expenses and second home allowances

Yours sincerely,

The Whole Country

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### The Banana Test

There is a very, very tall coconut tree and there are 4 animals,



a Lion

, a Chimpanzee



, a Squirrel



and a Giraffe



, who pass by.

They decide to compete to see who is the fastest to get a banana off the tree.

**Who do you guess will win?**

Your answer will reflect your personality. So think carefully.

Try and answer within 30 seconds. Got your answer? The answer is elsewhere in this newsletter.

## BEER TROUBLESHOOTING

SYMPTOM: Feet cold and wet.  
FAULT: Glass being held at incorrect angle.  
ACTION: Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling.

SYMPTOM: Feet warm and wet.  
FAULT: Improper bladder control.  
ACTION: Stand next to nearest dog, complain about house training.

SYMPTOM: Beer unusually pale and tasteless.  
FAULT: Glass empty.  
ACTION: Get someone to buy you another beer.

SYMPTOM: Opposite wall covered with fluorescent lights.  
FAULT: You have fallen over backward.  
ACTION: Have yourself leashed to bar.

SYMPTOM: Mouth contains cigarette butts.  
FAULT: You have fallen forward.  
ACTION: See above.

SYMPTOM: Beer tasteless, front of your shirt is wet.  
FAULT: Mouth not open, or glass applied to wrong part of face.  
ACTION: Retire to restroom, practice in mirror.

SYMPTOM: Floor blurred.  
FAULT: You are looking through bottom of empty glass.  
ACTION: Get someone to buy you another beer.

SYMPTOM: Floor moving.  
FAULT: You are being carried out.  
ACTION: Find out if you are being taken to another bar.

SYMPTOM: Room seems unusually dark.  
FAULT: Bar has closed.  
ACTION: Confirm home address with bartender.

SYMPTOM: Taxi suddenly takes on colorful aspect and textures.  
FAULT: Beer consumption has exceeded personal limitations.  
ACTION: Cover mouth.

SYMPTOM: Everyone looks up to you and smiles.  
FAULT: You are dancing on the table.  
ACTION: Fall on somebody cushy-looking.

SYMPTOM: Beer is crystal-clear.  
FAULT: It's water. Somebody is trying to sober you up.  
ACTION: Punch him.

SYMPTOM: Hands hurt, nose hurts, mind unusually clear.  
FAULT: You have been in a fight.  
ACTION: Apologize to everyone you see, just in case it was them.

SYMPTOM: Don't recognize anyone, don't recognize the room you're in.  
FAULT: You've wandered into the wrong party.  
ACTION: See if they have free beer.

SYMPTOM: Your singing sounds distorted.  
FAULT: The beer is too weak.  
ACTION: Have more beer until your voice improves.

SYMPTOM: Don't remember the words to the song.  
FAULT: Beer is just right.  
ACTION: Play air guitar.

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## Answer to the Banana Test:

**Lion = you're dull.**

**Chimpanzee = you're dense.**

**Giraffe = you're a complete moron.**

**Squirrel = you're hopeless.**

A COCONUT TREE DOESN'T HAVE BANANAS.



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### **The Ideals**

#### **The Ideals of the Associations of Apex Clubs:**

- To make the ideal of service the basis of all enterprise;
- To develop by example a more intelligent and aggressive citizenship;
- To provide a means of forming enduring friendships, rendering altruistic service and building better communities;
- To promote international understanding and friendship.

### **The Invocation**

For good food, for good fellowship, and the privilege to serve, we give thanks.

### **Mission Statement**

To grow, learn, make friends, and have fun, while helping others.

