

'Get to Lake Coobey
Shore in 2024'



INFORMATION & REGO PACK

2024 APEX AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL CONVENTION & AGM

HOSTED BY
APEX CLUB OF SOUTH TOOWOOMBA

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Who is South Toowoomba Apex?



Club #427

The Apex Club of South Toowoomba.

The Apex Club of South Toowoomba began making a difference in the Toowoomba community in 1964. In 2024, the South Toowoomba Apex Club will celebrate 60 years of service to our local community and hosting the Apex Australia National Convention is a great way to continue the celebrations throughout the year and showcase the work that our small club contributes to Toowoomba.

The Apex Club of South Toowoomba has been a cornerstone of community support, consistently making a positive impact on the vibrant city of Toowoomba. Through our dedicated efforts and numerous initiatives, our club has played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of unity and service. Whether organising local events, supporting charitable causes, or spearheading community development projects, the Apex Club of South Toowoomba has exemplified the spirit of volunteerism and civic responsibility. Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Toowoomba is not just commendable but has left an incredible mark, making the community stronger, more connected, and resilient.



The Garden City Toowoomba



Toowoomba

Toowoomba, located in Queensland, Australia, is a picturesque city renowned for its stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Nestled atop the Great Dividing Range, the "Garden City" boasts vibrant gardens, including the acclaimed Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, attracting tourists and locals alike. The city's historic architecture, like the Cobb & Co Museum, reflects its colonial past.

Toowoomba is a hub for education and health services, with the University of Southern Queensland and major hospitals playing crucial roles. Residents enjoy a diverse culinary scene and numerous parks, contributing to a high quality of life in this charming Australian locale.

Lake Cooby

Lake Cooby, just 30 minutes North of Toowoomba in Queensland, Australia, is a tranquil reservoir that offers a serene escape from urban life. Known for its calm waters and scenic surroundings, the lake serves as a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Reflections Lake Cooby lives up to its name, showcasing stunning mirror-like reflections of the surrounding landscape. It's a haven for fishing, boating, and picnicking, with a peaceful ambiance that attracts both locals and tourists. Surrounded by eucalyptus trees and rolling hills, the lake provides a perfect setting for nature walks, bird watching, and unwinding amid the breathtaking scenery of the Darling Downs region.



Getting to Toowoomba



Toowoomba is located approximately 125 kilometers west-southwest of Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland.

Road

Only a 90-minute drive from Brisbane and 2 hours from the Gold Coast, the road to Toowoomba winds its way up the Warrego Highway to the top of the Great Dividing Range, 700m above sea level.

Alternatively, take your time meandering through beautiful national parks by taking the northern scenic route via the Esk turnoff through the high-country communities of Ravensbourne, Hampton and Highfields.

Air

Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport, situated just 17 kilometres west of the city, offers a convenient and direct arrival point. It is then a short 45-minute drive north to reach Lake Cooby.

For those arriving via Brisbane Airport, a scenic drive awaits as you embark on an approximately 1.5 to 2-hour road trip to Toowoomba and then north to Lake Cooby.



Event Program



DAY	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Thursday	National Board Meeting Social Dinner*	TBC Cobb+Co Museum
Friday	RC Training Rising Stars <i>Transport to Reflections Lake Cooby</i> Executive Training Sessions Lunch Social Tour* Social Dinner - Op Shop Glam Theme	TBC Conference Room Dining Hall Monty Brewing Co BBQ Area/Lawn
Saturday	Breakfast AGM Non-Delegates Tour* Lunch Social Tour* Afternoon Activities (High Ropes / Canoeing)* Gala Dinner - Masquerade	Dining Hall Conference Room Toowoomba Dining Hall Pechey Distilling Co. Lake Cooby Lakeside Marquee
Sunday	Breakfast Service Work - Highfields Scouts	Dining Hall Highfields

Note: Convention registration covers from Friday lunch - Sunday breakfast only

*Open to everyone. Costs not included in convention registration



Event Program

Thursday



National Board Meeting - Comfort Inn Grammar View

Social Dinner - Cobb+Co Museum

\$45pp (not included in convention registration)

Join the National Board and local Toowoomba dignitaries for drinks, nibbles and dinner at Cobb+Co Museum. Cobb+Co is home of the National Carriage Collection and focuses on horse-drawn vehicles and heritage trades.

Includes:

- Cheese platters on arrival
- Short Tour
- BBQ Buffet Dinner
- Dessert Platters

Bar will be available to purchase drink at own cost

*Accommodation on Thursday evening is not included in convention registration and attendees will need to arrange individually.



Event Program *Friday*



Regional Communicator Training - Location TBC

Rising Stars Meeting - Location TBC

Transport to Reflections Lake Cooby

Lunch

Executive Training Sessions - Conference Room Reflections Lake Cooby

Social Tour - Monty Brewing Co.

Award-Winning family-owned craft brewery located in Highfields.
Food, drinks & tasting paddles available at own cost.

Social Dinner - BBQ/Lawn Area

Op-Shop Glam! - Come dressed to (un)impress

Dive into the world of thrift store treasures and showcase your unique style by crafting an ensemble that epitomises opulence on a budget. Whether it's vintage finds, retro chic, or repurposed couture, let your creativity run wild.





Event Program *Saturday*

Breakfast

Annual General Meeting - Conference Room Reflections Lake Cooby

Non-Delegates Tour

For those who prefer to explore the beauty of Toowoomba instead of attending the AGM, we've crafted an exciting Non-Delegates Tour that promises a delightful escape.

Immerse yourself in nature's wonders as we visit local gardens, including the enchanting Queens Park and the picturesque Laurel Bank Park, where blooming flowers and lush landscapes await. Capture breathtaking views at Picnic Point, a scenic lookout offering panoramic vistas of the region.

The tour also includes a visit to the Cobb+Co Museum, a treasure trove of history and culture that showcases the fascinating heritage of transport and industry.

The Non-Delegates Tour is designed for those seeking an alternative experience, ensuring that everyone finds enjoyment in their own way during our time together.

Return to Reflections Lake Cooby for Lunch

Social Tour - Pechy Distilling Co.

Located in the high country near Crows Nest, Peachy Distilling Co. are Toowoomba region's first craft distillery. Located at the historic Pechey Homestead, they offer distillery door tastings and purchases.

Gin tasting is **\$10pp** or free if you buy a bottle





Event Program

Saturday cont.

Afternoon Activities

For those not wishing to attend the Peachy Gin Distillery, there will be 2 activities on offer to do at Lake Cooby (for both adults and children) while this tour is taking place. We need a minimum of 15 people to run these sessions.

These activities will be:

High Ropes **(\$45pp)**

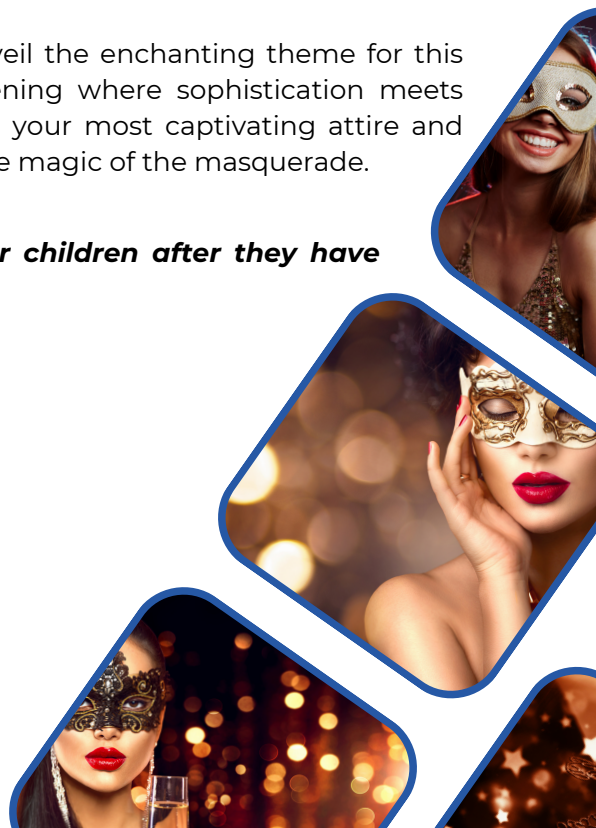
Canoeing **(\$55pp)**

Gala Dinner - Lakeside Marquee

Masquerade

Prepare for a night of mystery, elegance, and intrigue as we unveil the enchanting theme for this year's Gala Dinner—Masquerade! Join us in a mesmerizing evening where sophistication meets secrecy, and glamour is adorned with a touch of mystique. Don your most captivating attire and conceal your identity behind an exquisite mask, as we celebrate the magic of the masquerade.

****A movie night can be arranged in the Conference Room for children after they have eaten at the gala dinner.***





Event Program

Sunday

Breakfast

Service Work - Highfields Scout Group

Before bidding our farewells, we are excited to engage in a meaningful service opportunity alongside the Highfields Scout Group. As a community-focused conclusion to our gathering, we'll join hands with the Scouts in contributing to a positive impact on the local area.

Our time spent with the Highfields Scout Group will not only strengthen bonds within our group but also leave a lasting mark of goodwill on the community. This service work reflects our commitment to making a positive difference, leaving behind not only memories but a tangible contribution to the well-being of the local environment and its residents. It's a wonderful way to conclude our time together with purpose and shared dedication to community service.



Costs

Full Convention Package - Bunkhouse

\$299pp Early Bird

\$349pp from 1 August 2024

Includes:

Accommodation – Friday & Saturday nights
Friday Lunch, A/Tea & Social Dinner
Transport to Social Tour - Monty Brewing Co
Saturday Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch, A/Tea & Gala Dinner
Transport to Social Tour - Pechey Distilling Co.
Sunday Breakfast

**Dormitory style accommodation with 4-8 persons per room. Single bed without linen.*

***Linen Package additional \$20 (includes bedding, pillow and towel)*

****3 x Family Bunkhouses available on request*



Full Convention Package - Bell Tent (Twin Share)

\$329pp Early Bird

\$379pp from 1 August 2024

Includes:

Twin Share Accommodation – Friday & Saturday nights
Friday Lunch, A/Tea & Social Dinner
Transport to Social Tour - Monty Brewing Co
Saturday Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch, A/Tea & Gala Dinner
Transport to Social Tour - Pechey Distilling Co.
Sunday Breakfast

**This is at a per person rate. Each bell tent requires 2 people in single beds or a couple in king bed. If you wish to have a bell tent singularly, the price is \$599pp*

Early Bird (\$649pp from 1 August 2024)

***Maximum of 10 tents available*



Costs

Convention Package - Unpowered site (Caravan or Motorhome, no tents/swags, limited sites available)

\$180pp Early Bird + \$30 per night per Caravan/Motorhome
\$210pp + \$30 per night per Caravan/Motorhome from 1 Aug 2024

Includes:

Friday Lunch, A/Tea & Social Dinner
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Sunday Breakfast



Convention Package - No Accommodation

\$180pp Early Bird
\$210pp from 1 August 2024

Includes:

Friday Lunch, A/Tea & Social Dinner
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Saturday Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch, A/Tea & Gala Dinner
Transport to Social Tour - Pechey Distilling Co.
Sunday Breakfast

Saturday Only - AGM, M/Tea, Lunch & Gala Dinner

\$90pp Early Bird
\$110pp from 1 August 2024

Saturday Gala Dinner Only

\$60pp Early Bird
\$70pp from 1 August 2024

Extras

Thursday Social Dinner
\$45pp

Non-Delegates Tour
\$10pp Early Bird
\$15pp from 1 August 2024

Pechy Distilling Co. Tour
\$10pp tasting payable at venue
(Buy a bottle, tasting fee is waived)

Monty Brewing Co.
No charge. Buy own drinks/food at venue

High Ropes Activity
\$45pp

Canoeing Activity
\$55pp

Convention Shirt
Sublimated - Interlock
Long Sleeve \$55
Short Sleeve \$45

Stubby Cooler
\$7 available for purchase all weekend



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