



Advanced Professional Education 2019

Conference dates:
SilverStar: 7-11 January

Learning where it counts

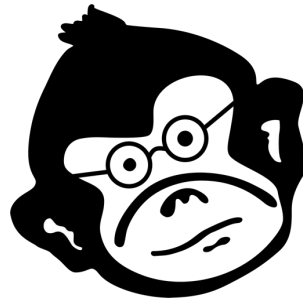




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Background

APE runs multidisciplinary professional conferences. The program covers issues such as strategy, finance, governance, health and human resources. We aim to create a relaxed learning environment. Attending can allow delegates the ideas and poise for professional and business success.

If you have not previously attended an APE conference, hopefully this briefing will be useful. You will find much of the information, and more, on the APE website (www.goape.com.au).

The Venue

Chilcoot Conference Centre, Vance Creek Hotel,
SilverStar BC

The conference centre is in the heart of the SilverStar village. It provides an ideal set-up with the flexibility to handle upwards of 100 delegates. Catering is provided by the dedicated team at the Vance Creek Resort and the 1609 Restaurant.

SilverStar is one of the world's best, yet undiscovered, mountain resorts. Some of the adjectives applicable to SilverStar are picturesque, diverse, intimate, challenging, friendly, convenient. It benefits from lots of quality snow and a brilliant ski school. All accommodations, including the many condos and luxury houses, offer direct access to the ski runs.

More information on the [SilverStar website](http://www.silverstarresort.com).



Indicative program

APE dates are designed to fit comfortably within Southern Hemisphere school holidays but outside of Northern Hemisphere vacation periods. This means that the resort is virtually **queue free** during the conference.

Most of the official conference program is compressed into the **4pm to 7pm** period. In addition to the formal presentations there are two social functions; an icebreaker on the Monday evening and the conference dinner on Thursday.



Catering is sufficient to cover the whole family at social functions. We'll contact you for numbers and dietary requirements as the conference date approaches. We can cater for most requirements - gluten free, vegetarian etc.

Each year we select a theme to inspire the program. The theme for 2019 is "Bonds". We encourage as many delegates as possible to think about presenting. We endeavour to incorporate all presentations into the program. By having more presenters it means that we have shorter presentations and more diverse subjects.



Logistics

The first step in securing your attendance at APE is to organise travel and accommodation. There are many options for doing this ranging from doing it all yourself or working with one of a number of professional companies. Bookings are now open for season 2019.

A good place to start for information on SilverStar is with the Australian representative - Marg Malkin (mmalkin@skisilverstar.com). Marg has a wealth of knowledge and experience in all things Canada, snow, accommodation and travel deals.

Popular itineraries for Australians are direct flights from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Vancouver and then connecting to Kelowna. From Kelowna it is just over an hour by shuttle



to your accommodation in SilverStar. People are also taking advantage of a number of direct flights from US ports (LA and SF) to Kelowna.

Specialist packagers, such as Travelplan, can often do very competitive deals. Drop a line to [Leah Scott](#) at Travelplan and she will be able to help you out.

Why attend APE?

If you are a person who is curious, intent on making the most out of your business or professional life and wanting to share ideas and experiences, then APE is for you.

Fundamental questions addressed by APE conferences include:

- What are the ingredients for running a successful professional life?
- How do you combine that with a healthy and happy “real” life?
- What are the world changing developments that you need to anticipate - be they threats or opportunities?
- What are the new twists on age-old questions of success, survival, ethical issues and principles of behaviour?

We believe any professional or business manager can benefit from an APE conference. A wide range of professions have been represented in the past including doctors, lawyers, bankers, financial planners and accountants, engineers, recruiters, property and insurance specialists, successful business people – exporters, importers, retailers and others.

Having an eclectic mix of delegates and presentations avoids the group-think experienced in many specialist conferences. It reveals commonalities and differences between professional groups.



APE provides opportunities to meet people from different places and situations. This occurs in an atmosphere of appreciation for the great fortune in life we enjoy. The contacts made through the conference are the basis for enduring friendships.



Presentations

Please contact the convenor if you would consider presenting. It is a low stress : high return investment and is strongly recommended as a way to get the most out of your conference participation. In acknowledgement of your contribution you will enjoy a **substantial discount** on registration. For further details about presenting see [For presenters](#).

Summary proceedings from 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 are available on the website. These give you an idea as to the quality and variety of presenters and presentations.



Registration

You can register for APE on line - the earlier the better. The registration process takes you to a payment option via Pay-Pal where you can use a PayPal account or credit card.

Alternatively you can make a payment directly into the APE account with an email confirmation to convenor@goape.com.au. APE account details are: BSB 062905 A/C: 10104369

Registration Fees start at \$1320 but can be as little as \$880 as per the table below.

Registration represents outstanding value for this level of conference with attendant social functions. This is particularly the case given that APE is not supported by corporate sponsorship. Funding the conference purely from registration fees has been a factor in



keeping the conference free of commercial influence and distractions and ensuring that delegates are free to present and ask questions in an un-compromising way.

REGISTRATION TYPE	COST	GST COMPONENT
Standard	\$1320	\$120
Speaker	\$990	\$90
Partner of a speaker or standard delegate	\$1100	\$100
Partner who is also a speaker	\$880	\$80

APE REC Academy

Keen to take advantage of the time in SilverStar to improve your skiing skills? The APE REC academy may be for you. Partnering with the SilverStar SnowSports School, we are running clinics from 9am to 12pm with great instructors. It is open to all APE Delegates and adult family members at a very reasonable price.

As indicated by the “REC bit”, the academy does have a recreational focus. But it is also an acronym for the Retracing Evolution Cup which, conditions permitting, will be the pinnacle event on the Friday morning. It involves gliding through a few slalom gates while making the maximum amount of noise. The APE REC program is fabulous value and will see us getting about with simian grace and agility!

Contact the [conference convenor](#) if you have any questions.