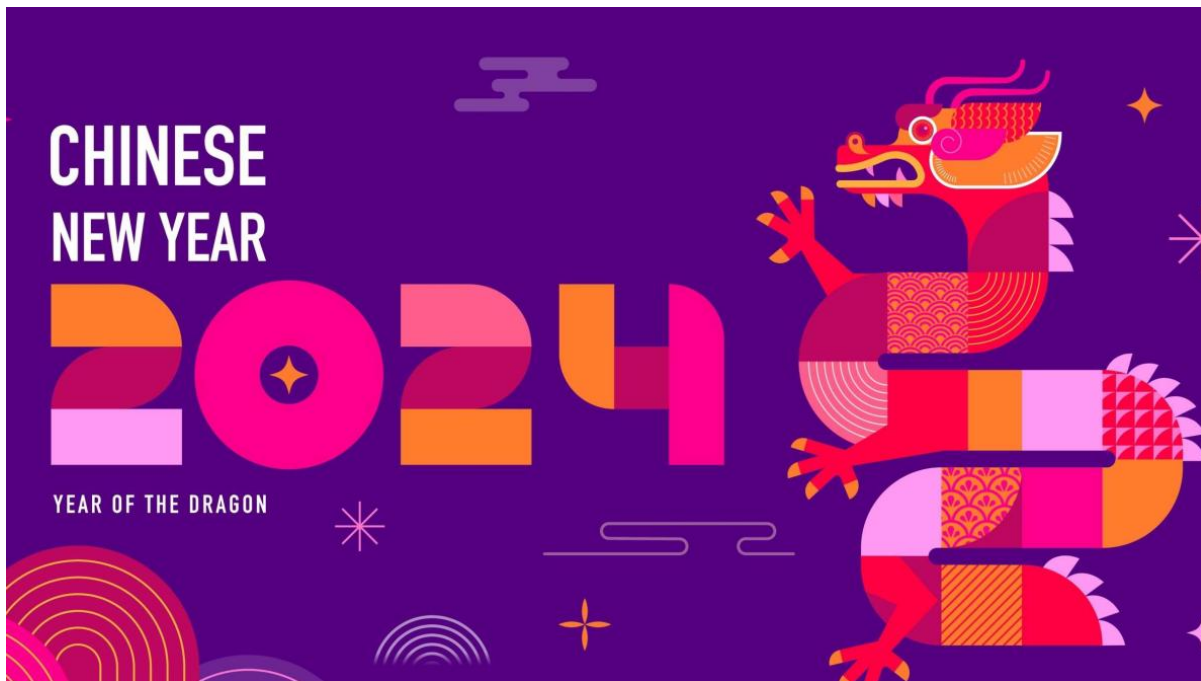




Happy Year of the Dragon!



Keeping in touch in 2024

We hope you and your loved ones have enjoyed good health and happiness over the festive season, and have lots in plan for the coming year.

The easing of COVID restrictions in 2023 enabled many of us to resume social activities, and visit family and friends across Australia and overseas. However, advancing years and health issues are presenting challenges for some members.

Despite these challenges, IBM QCC Victoria has seen growth in our membership, and give opportunity to deliver further benefits to our members. The Treasurer's report for the 6 months ending 31st December 2023 shows a healthy bank balance of \$10,060 to cover our ongoing operational expenses and provide for subsidies for formal events. We

have a total of 350 members of whom 105 (30%) provided financial support through annual subscriptions and donations.



... for your feedback

We wish to thank those members who provided new ideas and options for planning 2024 events - both formal and informal gatherings.

The decline in numbers at our 2023 Annual Dinner reflected reluctance of our aging members to attend evening events, particularly at venues outside of the CBD and with limited access via public transport. We will take this into account when planning for this year's Dinner (or Luncheon).

Greg Cassano's suggestion of monthly lunches at Bell's Hotel in South Melbourne will no doubt be of interest to many of our Members. Pam White is keen to see more excursions to wineries or places of interest with ease of access via train or coach services. She also suggested a Sunday Croquet match at East Brighton Croquet Club might be fun for all. May Arcilla was quick off the mark to arrange a lunch at the Old England Hotel on February 5 with a good roll-up on the day (see Ed Greenaway's photograph below).

These and other options will come into consideration for our AGM and a Special General Meeting to be scheduled in coming months. In the

meantime we encourage Members to post items on our Facebook page to invite others to participate in various networking lunches or cocktail gatherings which are not limited to QCC members. We are happy to promote such events in our newsletter or post photos after such events.



Click on the button below if you wish to promote any upcoming events:

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Rebranding Update

Our December 2023 Newsletter informed Members of our plan to make changes to our Constitution and title by end of June 2024.

The Rebranding taskforce has been hard at work over recent weeks in reviewing our current Constitution and membership, and considering options for ongoing support for current and prospective members in the years ahead.

In the next few weeks team members will make contact with individual members seeking their input on what they value most, and how they might be better served under a revised Constitution.

We welcome input from all QCC members to assist us in drawing up the changes which will be put to the vote of our financial members at a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held May 26, 2024.

Click on the button below if you would like to be contacted by one of our team members.

[Register your interest](#)

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Save the Dates

May 26, 2024 - Special General Meeting

August 11, 2024 - Annual General Meeting

November 2024 - Annual Dinner (or Lunch?)

Networking Events ... *let us know what's in plan or post on our Facebook page.*

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