IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

2020 Events

- February – Committee Meeting
- July – 2020 AGM & Mid-Year Lunch
- November – 2019 Annual Dinner

Dates and venues to be advised in the next Newsletter.

Message from the President

On behalf of all Committee Members of the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc., I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe year ahead in 2020!

I wish to thank all QCC Members for their support over the past 18 months since we became a Registered Association. Thanks to Tom O'Dea (our Treasurer and Web Master), we now have an established web site with 292 Member profiles enabling online access to information, event details and news while providing faster and simpler paths to communicate with our members.

Two events were held in 2019:

- *The **Annual General Meeting and Mid-Year Lunch** was held at Young and Jacksons Hotel on Sunday 7th July with 26 people in attendance click here for details*

- *The **2019 QCC Annual Dinner** was held on Friday, November 15 at the Kew Golf Club with 82 people in attendance – see below for an update on this event.*

Special thanks to:

- *Those who have given us financial support in paying a Membership Subscription for the 2019/2020 financial year. Your contributions will cover our budgeted operational expenses e.g. software licences, CAV fees, AGM expenses, etc*

- *Those who donated cash, services or raffle prizes which enable us to provide some subsidies when catering for events.*

- *IBM Australia for its contribution towards our Annual Dinners in 2018 (approved by David La Rose) and 2019 (approved by Katrina Troughton). While this funding is based on numbers attending our Annual Dinner, we do not apply it as a re-imbursement to those who paid to attend those events. There is no guarantee of continued IBM funding for QCC Dinners and the amount funded is insufficient to cover the costs of such events. We are seeking input from all members on how the IBM funding received in the 2019/2020 financial year might be applied to the benefit of all members i.e. not restricted to those who are able to participate in an Annual Dinner. The demographics of our QCC members are such that many do not have the capability of attending*

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an evening event in the metropolitan area while others may have family, business or travel commitments which preclude their attendance.

- *Our Committee Members for their efforts and enthusiasm for planning and executing the many tasks involved in keeping our QCC Chapter engaged, informed and involved year on year.*

- *All who have participated in our events, provided feedback, or passed on information of interest and relevance to all members and subscribers. Sadly, some of the news concerns death or illness of fellow members.*

- *The President and Committee Members of other QCC Chapters for keeping us informed on their activities – in particular, the NSW Chapter which represents all IBM Australia QCC Members in liaising with the IBM CEO and HR Director regarding QCC matters.*

Looking forward to hearing from you in 2020!

Regards Ed

2019 Annual Dinner

Our **2019 QCC Annual Dinner** at the Kew Golf Club on Friday, 15th November was attended by 82 people (47 Members and 35 guests) – 20 more than last year's event.

Katrina Troughton was unable to attend due to a clash with Ginny Rometti's visit. Her delegate, **Jill Bye** (HR Director for IBM A/NZ), expressed her delight in being able to speak at this year's event and her excitement at the prospect of qualifying for QCC Membership in 2020.

Piotr Golec was welcomed as a 2019 QCC qualifier and invited to raise the toast to IBM.

A wide selection of prizes were on offer for the raffle including a Voucher donated by Kew Golf Club to the value of $400 which was snapped up with the first ticket drawn.

The general vibe and feedback provided was indicative of a great night enjoyed by all.

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Membership Update

292 QCC Members are registered on our website including 20 new Inductees for 2019.

71 Members have paid the Annual Subscription fee of $20.00 for the year ending 30 June 2020. As defined in our Constitution those who are not Financial Members at 31 December 2019 will be re-classified as Associate Members.

For further information on Membership Eligibility and Benefits go to our website at https://ibmqccvic.org/membership/

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In Memoriam

Alan Ackland passed away on Sunday, 3rd November 2019, at the age of 86 years. He worked for IBM in Melbourne for 32 years, qualifying for the Quarter Century Club on 18th November 1982. Alan was a much loved husband of Joan (dec) and father to Diane and David.

*Sadly, we must also report the passing of **Mark Chan** in October 2013. Mark was a banking systems specialist in the Banking and Retail Branch in Melbourne and was highly respected by banking clients and all IBMers who worked with him for more than 30 years across various accounts. He is survived by his wife Maria, son Milton and daughter Michelle.*

Associations such as ours have an ageing demographic with many choosing to make sea or tree changes in retirement, or to move interstate or overseas to be closer to family. Others through ill health or lack of mobility may have moved into aged care facilities.

We receive some notifications of the passing of QCC Members and former colleagues via Vale notices posted by other QCC chapters or Facebook pages.

We wish to respect the privacy of immediate family members in all cases when posting items on our In Memoriam page. We ask members to ensure that any details referred to us have been sourced from family members if not already released on print or electronic media.

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