

IBM QCC Victorian Chapter - February 2019 Newsletter

Our first newsletter for 2019 features:

1. Heads Up on 2019 AGM, Mid-Year Lunch and Annual Dinner
2. Membership criteria and fees to be implemented 1 July 2019
3. Update on IBM funding for Quarter Century Club annual dinners
4. Ibmqccvic.org website status update
5. Member news updates

1. SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, 7th July: 2019 Annual General Meeting and Mid-Year Lunch

Venue: tba

We are exploring options for a venue to accommodate at least 40 attendees. Details will be communicated in our next newsletter post-Easter with announcement and instructions for registration and payment to be published on our website no later than 15th May. To help our planning would you please let us know if you would like to attend and what would encourage you to do so (eg location of venue, price range).

Friday, 15th November: 2019 Annual Dinner

Venue: Kew Golf Club, 120 Belford Rd, East Kew ([map](#))

Given very favourable feedback from those who attended last year's event, we have booked the same venue for our 2019 dinner. Further details will be posted on our website with bookings to be opened by the end of September.

2. Membership criteria and fees to be implemented 1 July 2019

At a Special General Meeting held on Friday 26 October 2018 in conjunction with the Annual Dinner, the members unanimously decided that membership subscriptions for members of the IBM QCC of Victoria would be introduced as from 1 July 2019. Details are available on the Club's web site: <https://ibmqccvic.org/2018-sgm>

The money raised from membership subscriptions will be used to cover the operational costs of running the Club and to help ensure the Club is sustainable into the future.

The annual membership subscription for QCC Members for the 2019/2020 year is \$20.00. The annual membership subscription for QCC Partners (surviving partners of deceased members) for the 2019/2020 year is \$10.00.

Members will be offered 3 payment options:

1. **Online.** You can pay online using your credit card or debit card. If you have a PayPal account, you can pay using your PayPal account or your linked bank account.
2. **PayID.** You can make a deposit into the QCC bank account using the Club's PayID.
3. **EFT.** You can make a deposit into the QCC bank account using the Club's BSB number/account number.

You can expect to receive an invitation to pay your membership subscription about mid May 2019.

3. IBM funding for Quarter Century Club annual dinners

After negotiations between Mike Hall, President QCC NSW Chapter (representing all Chapters) and David La Rose, Managing Director IBM A/NZ, agreement was reached that IBM would subsidise each QCC Chapter for expenses incurred for their 2018 Annual Dinners. David La Rose

has agreed to reimburse each chapter an amount of \$50AUD for each attendee at the 2018 events. We are now seeking reimbursement of \$3100 to offset the total costs of our event on 26th October 2018.

IBM Australia has not committed to continue providing reimbursement for future events. However, we remain hopeful that with David La Rose's personal commitment there will be support the 2019 event of \$50AUD per attendee; although that is dependent upon IBM Australia's financial performance.

Your committee has decided to preserve the reimbursement for the 2018 Dinner until a future time when IBM funds are no longer provided.

Funds raised via raffles, donations and other fund-raising activities will be applied to pay deposits when booking venues for our Annual Dinners and minimise prices charged for each booking.

As noted above, the annual subscriptions are for covering our operating expenses, and not the AGM nor the Annual Dinner.

4. ibmqccvic.org website

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 22 July 2018 we announced the establishment of the QCC web site. The web site address is: <https://ibmqccvic.org/>

The web site objectives are:

1. Provide an online service to members of the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.
2. Enable Members to manage their own Blog notification subscriptions so that they can choose the items of interest to them for receiving communications from the QCC, e.g. Vale notices.
3. Provide a self-service facility which will enable Members to update their own contact details, e.g. email address, phone number, postal address.
4. Enable Members to Post items of interest to the Blog.

The development and testing of the web site has now reached a point where we will soon be inviting all members to start using the site.

What will happen next:

1. Your web site account will soon be activated.
2. You will then receive an email with your username and initial password.
3. Once you receive this email, you should login to the web site and change your password to something meaningful to you.
4. You should then review your user profile and check your membership details. You can update your user profile if any changes are needed.

We will be sending out further instructions within the next few weeks.

5. Member News Updates

Pat Weir – many QCC Members are aware that Pat suffered a stroke in October 2017 while on a 3-month caravan holiday touring the Northern Territory and Queensland. Barrie Opperman has asked that we advise Pat's friends and former colleagues that Pat was relocated to Thailand in

early February. Having lived in Thailand for some years prior to his stroke, Pat has decided to return there where friends have set up a residence and a 24/7 support environment for him. Pat has retained right side paralysis & speech defects from his stroke. On behalf of all QCC Members we have asked Barrie to pass on our best wishes to Pat.

Graham (Dinger) Bell – Dinger suffered a stroke in early February 2018 is still in care. His son Justin has provided an update to share with our QCC Members. Graham is walking quite well unaided. He recently had a successful cataract operation with the other eye to be done later this year. He appears to be in good spirits but has speech difficulties. He will commence speech training lessons shortly.

Many thanks to Barrie Opperman for keeping us informed.

In Memoriam – we regret the long delay in posting notices for two deceased QCC Members whose details were missing or incorrect on our QCC membership database. We are striving to maintain complete and accurate records of our members. Two In Memoriam notices have now been posted on our website for:

Peter Byrne who passed away at Mount Martha on 20th November 2018

Frank Greenacre who passed away on 14th July 2016

We extend apologies to the families of these members for our failure to issue Vale notices. QCC Members are invited to post tributes to these deceased members by adding comments to the respective In Memoriam pages.