



IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.

President's Report

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Welcome to all our members, those present and those online, and all receivers of this report.

First and foremost I, and your Committee, trust that you are all safe and well as we all are, and that your loved ones, relatives, friends, colleagues, and neighbours are similarly safe and well.

This past half-year has been trying for everyone, and we hope you are all coping as best you can. These times have highlighted the need for, and importance of, communities such as this Organisation of yours.

This report, and its accompanying Annual General Meeting, are all being delivered electronically.

It had been our plan to have our traditional AGM with an accompanying luncheon and fine beverages, however events overtook our planning, and so the timing, format, and conduct of the AGM has been adjusted.

I am pleased to report that in the past 12 months we did gain new members, mainly from the cohort of LendLease personnel that were transitioned to IBM in 1994. All were invited to the Annual Dinner and one attended to be our Rookie of the Year, viz. Piotr Golec.

I am also very pleased to report that your Committee received and subsequently approved an application for full membership and voting rights from an IBMer who had split years of service. When we became a legal entity under Victorian Law we collectively decided to frame our Constitution around recognising an IBMer's years of service and contribution even if such service had been interrupted for any one of a variety of reasons: "once an IBMer, always an IBMer" is a good motto.

This AGM thus marks a special transition for us as a Community whereby we welcome a friend, a colleague, someone known to all of you, as a fully qualified member of IBM QCC Victoria: May (Maria) Arcilla.

With respect to IBM Executive movements I wish to report that Jill Bye has left IBM Australia to join a university in Tasmania as their HR director; your Committee has wished her well, and have expressed the hope that she will apply to join us as a Tasmanian representative to the Victorian Community.

Sadly have to report losses from our Victorian Community, even though some had relocated to warmer climes, namely:

- Grahame Legge,
- Derek Neill,
- Pat Seivers,
- Joo Ng,
- Alan Ackland,
- Mark Chan,
- Peter Rose, and most recently
- Rob Owens.

Your Committee is looking ahead to the Annual Dinner and making plans and arrangements. All things being well, we expect have a significant turnout at the Kew Golf Club - which was a tremendous venue for last year's successful dinner and raffle - with a great prize donated by the KGC.

I wish to thank all members of the Committee for their contributions these past 12 months.

Importantly I need to highlight that at the AGM we have Committee members who are retiring from their formal roles, and therefore we must have new nominations and accompanying acceptances by the attendees of the AGM.

Legally our most important role is the one of Secretary, and this has been superbly filled for quite some time by Judy Horman. In particular during our transition to be a formally registered association. It is with regret that we have accepted Judy's decision to not renominate for the role of Secretary. It is time for that particular baton to be passed to another member.

I wish to note that Judy has additionally been quite the driving force on a number of fronts - and so I am pleased that she is nominating to stay on the committee especially in the role of assisting and tutoring the incoming Secretary.

I thank Judy for her outstanding contributions to our Community and your organisation.

I am pleased that Tom O'Dea as your Treasurer will be reporting that your organisation remains in a healthy financial state. I most sincerely thank Tom for his diligence in this area.

Also, Tom has continued to do a superb technical job in extending your web site. I wish to thank him for that, as well as those members who assisted in testing those extensions.

And of course I can not mention Tom, without also thank Ruth for all her support. Ruth respectfully declines to hold a formal position, however she has always graciously given many hours of her time to supporting Tom and the Committee by attending and minuting some Committee meetings, and by reviewing and correcting our various papers and communications.

I wish to acknowledge the formal role of Vice-President performed by Jenny Anderson, and all the good work she does in making the electronic arrangements for today (and handling the selection and the cancellation of the venue we had planned), and this year's dinner.

In closing I wish to thank all members of QCC Victoria for their support and contributions that have been made these past year - our continued and successful operation is a credit to you all: your commitment to one another, to the community of ex-IBMers, and to the spirit of IBM: excellence, service, and respect.

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