



IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.

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2020 Calendar

- May – Committee Meeting
- July 12 – 2020 AGM & Mid-Year Lunch
- October 23 – 2020 Annual Dinner

Message from the President

To all QCC Members in Victoria,

I trust that you and your families are in good health, safe and secure in the face of a rather tumultuous start to the 2020 calendar year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who may have been directly impacted by the bushfires or are now in lock-down or isolation due to the threat of COVID-19. Many overseas holidays may have been cancelled but we can all do our bit to support our local businesses and producers during the coming months

It is business as usual for our Quarter Century Club in Victoria as we are working on preparations for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Mid-Year Lunch and planning for this year's Annual Dinner. Your Committee met at the home of Tom and Ruth O'Dea on 14th February (yes, St Valentine's Day) to set dates for these events and kick-off a number of activities to engage with our QCC Members and those who will qualify in 2020.

Our Secretary Judy Horman has given written notice of her intent to stand down from the role of Secretary at our upcoming AGM. Judy will complete 6 years of service on our QCC Committee in July including 2 years as Secretary since we became an Incorporated Association in 2018. Much has been achieved over this period in which we established our Constitution, our web site and the financial planning and processes needed to conduct events which were no longer fully funded by IBM. Judy feels that the timing is right for a new Secretary to be appointed to support the ongoing activities and administration of our Association.

Judy has made a valuable contribution as Secretary in support of myself, our Treasurer Tom O'Dea and Vice-President Jenny Anderson while keeping all Members informed through her preparation and distribution of regular Newsletters and emails. She wishes to acknowledge the support received from Mike Ward and Jim Boyle who joined the Committee in July 2019. Judy has indicated her wish to remain on the Committee and will nominate for a vacant position once a successor has been appointed as Secretary.

*As an Incorporated Association the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc. must notify Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) of the appointment of a new Secretary within 14 days when the position becomes vacant. **I am now calling for Nominations or Expressions of Interest from our QCC membership of likely candidates to assume this position at the 2020 AGM. Candidates must be Financial Members of the Association at the time of the AGM.***

The position of Secretary provides a great opportunity for someone who has interest in the governance and ongoing operation of a Not-for-Profit organization serving close to 300 QCC members in Victoria.



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While the position requires some responsibility and leadership attributes, it does not carry a heavy workload with Committee Meetings scheduled every 2-3 months and input provided for Newsletter to be distributed at least quarterly. While prior experience with Committees for Sports Clubs, Owners' Corporations or other NFPs would be advantageous, we would be happy to consider anyone seeking to develop knowledge and experience in this role. Early identification of likely candidate would provide the opportunity to shadow Judy in the weeks leading up to the AGM or, perhaps, enable an appointment to be made in advance of the AGM. The best candidates may not be available to attend the AGM, so election or selection will not be subject to the physical presence on that date.

Please consider nominating yourself as Secretary or talk to other QCC Members who you would consider strong candidates for the position. Feel free to contact myself (president@ibmqccvic.org) or Judy (secretary@ibmqccvic.org) if you would like more information. A formal Call for Nominations will be issued separately for Members to submit online Nominations/Applications.

Regards Ed

IBM Leadership Update

*On 30th January an announcement was issued that **Ginni Rometty** would step down as CEO of IBM at the end of April. She will remain as executive chairwoman of the board until the end of the year.*

***Arvind Krishna**, who has led IBM's cloud computing business, was named the new chief executive while **James Whitehurst**, the chief executive of Red Hat, was named the president of IBM. In August 2019, IBM bought Red Hat, the largest distributor of the popular open-source operating system Linux, for \$34 billion.*

*In this week's local news **Jodie Sangster** was named Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) for IBM in A/NZ. Ms Sangster first joined IBM in 2018, after she left her post as CEO of industry body ADMA to take on a position with IBM Watson. She served as CMO Singapore for 12 months before returning to Australia to take up her new position reporting to Katrina Troughton.*

2020 AGM & Mid-Year Lunch

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) is the Victorian government agency responsible for registering and regulating incorporated associations in Victoria. As an Incorporated Association in Victoria we must comply with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and conduct an Annual General Meeting (AGM) no later than 5 months after the end of our financial year.

*Please mark your calendars that our next AGM is planned to be held on **Sunday, 12th July 2020** in conjunction with our Mid-Year Lunch which will be held in the Parliament Room at [The Imperial Hotel](#) on the corner of Bourke and Spring Streets in the city. **We remain hopeful that current restrictions imposed on such gatherings due to COVID-19 will be lifted ahead of this event.***

Further information on this event will be posted on our web site and advised in our next newsletter.

2020 Annual Dinner

*Given very favourable feedback from attendees at our past two Annual Dinners, the 2020 QCC Dinner will again be held at the **Kew Golf Club**. Please note this event in your calendar for the evening of **Friday, 23rd October 2020**. Full details will be posted on our web site in coming weeks with bookings to open in early September.*

It is not too early to think about making up a table of your QCC cohorts and guests.



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Membership Update

At 15th March 2020, our 289 QCC Members are registered on our web site of whom 73 are Financial Members. 216 are classified as Associate Members. We thank Jeff Wells and Mike Ward who have already paid their membership subscription for the year ending 30th June 2020.

If you wish to check your Membership Status follow the instructions in the next section of this newsletter.

We encourage applications for Membership from those who may have served 25 years or more with IBM across different countries or interrupted by periods of Leave of Absence or employment by other companies. Jim Boyle has accepted the role of Membership Advocate to consult with those who may wish to seek membership. Jim can be contacted via email to jim@ibmqccvic.org

Mike Ward has undertaken a project to build an online register of all QCC Members in Australia based on the last Membership Booklet published in 2017. He will share this with Chapter leaders in other States once he has reconciled our current QCC VIC records of recent qualifiers and deceased members'

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

Keeping Your Contact Details Up To Date

In our May 2019 newsletter, we launched our web site: <https://ibmqccvic.org/>

As part of that announcement, we defined the web site objectives as follows:

- 1. Provide an online service to members of the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.*
- 2. Enable Members to manage their own 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.*

Our web site operates as a self-service facility so you should login to the site to check your contact details and make any changes that may be needed.

Login using your Email Address or Username, and your Password: https://ibmqccvic.org/pm_login/

If you've forgotten your Password, you can reset it here: https://ibmqccvic.org/pm_forgot_password/

You can view/edit your user profile here: https://ibmqccvic.org/pm_profile/

Privacy

An online directory of QCC members is available for viewing and searching: <https://ibmqccvic.org/qcc-members/>

Note that this directory is available to members only. If you want your contact details to remain private, you will need to change your user profile by selecting the "Settings" option and updating your Privacy settings.



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Email Addresses

If you have an IBM email address, i.e. with a domain name of *au1.ibm.com*, we recommend that you use a personal email address instead. We have received reports of missing emails sent from the *ibmqccvic.org* domain to *au1.ibm.com* addressees.

Emails from the QCC

Some emails sent from the *ibmqccvic.org* domain maybe treated as spam by some email systems. To avoid this, we recommend that you add the domain *ibmqccvic.org* to your whitelist.

Membership Status

If you're not sure whether you have paid your membership subscription for the current financial year, you can check your membership status when you view your user profile.

If your Membership Status is shown as Financial, it means you have paid your membership subscription for the current financial year and you will continue to receive the full benefits of membership:

- You will receive invitations to attend Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.
- You will receive invitations to attend functions organised by the Club.
- You have the right to vote at the Annual General Meeting and at Special General Meetings.
- You will be able to nominate for election to the Committee
- You may receive discounts for attending functions organised by the Club.

If your Membership Status is shown as Associate Member, it means that:

- You will continue to receive invitations to attend Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.
- You will continue to receive invitations to attend functions organised by the Club.
- You do not have any voting rights.
- You will not be eligible to serve on the Committee.
- You will not be eligible to receive discounts for attending functions organised by the Club.

In order to receive the full benefits of membership, you should pay your membership subscription for the current financial year. You can pay online using your credit card or debit card: <https://ibmqccvic.org/membership/online-subscription-form/>

Problems, Suggestions, and Questions

If you encounter any problems using the web site or if you have any suggested changes, you can raise a Help Desk Ticket: <https://ibmqccvic.org/help-desk/>

If you have any questions about the web site, please send an email to webmaster@ibmqccvic.org



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In Memoriam

In early January we were notified of the passing of Peter Rose on 29th December 2019. While Peter spent his retirement in northern NSW after a long career spent across different States and many international assignments, it was his wish to remain on the books of QCC in Victoria where he commenced his career with IBM and sustained friendships with colleagues over many decades.

Happily, we have no further additions to our In Memoriam page for the 2020 year to date.

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.

Committee Members 2019/2020

President: Ed Greenaway
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Treasurer: Tom O'Dea
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Vice-President: Jenny Anderson
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Committee Member: open position
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to nominate for this committee position