



IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc.

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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2020 Calendar

- June 24 – Committee Meeting
- July 26 – 2020 AGM
- August 16 - Mid-Year Lunch
- October 23 – 2020 Annual Dinner

Message from the President

To all QCC Members in Victoria,

I trust that you and your loved ones have remained safe and well while in COVID-19 isolation. Thankfully our country's health care professionals and political leaders have done extremely well to contain the spread of this pandemic. While the implementation of new financial measures and regulations have eased the burden on those whose business and employment have suffered immensely, we all face some tough times in the months and years to come.

While our health and well-being continues to be our primary concern, we look forward to the time that will allow us to resume regular face-to-face contact with friends and family. Many have had to cancel travel plans both within Australia and overseas.

On Wednesday 20th May, our QCC VIC Committee conducted its first video-conference meeting using Zoom to cover topics related to governance and schedule for our 2020 AGM and events, particularly in the light of restrictions on gatherings while COVID-19 regulations are in place.

All Committee Members participated in this meeting and agreed on the following course of action:

- 1. The **2020 Annual General Meeting** will be conducted via video-conferencing in late July.*
- 2. The **Mid-Year Lunch** will now be held in August subject to easing of restrictions (Editor's note: Subsequently confirmed for August 16 – see details on next page)*
- 3. The **2020 Annual Dinner** will remain as planned for October 23 subject to whatever COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at that time.*

Further updates on these events are contained in this newsletter.

I am happy to share some good news with you in that IBM has kept faith with us in reimbursing each QCC Chapter \$50.00 per attendee at the 2019 Annual Dinner. These funds will enable us to continue to subsidise the costs of our Annual Dinners while holding some in reserve to benefit the wider QCC membership.

My best wishes to all QCC Members, particularly those who may not be enjoying the best of health. Special wishes go to Rob Owens who has recently been through immunotherapy, radiotherapy and neurosurgery and is currently in rehab.

On behalf of all of our Committee Members, I wish to thank all QCC members in Victoria for their ongoing support and hope to see many participate in our upcoming AGM and social events.

Regards Ed



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2020 Annual General Meeting

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.

Given that many QCC members have been living in isolation from their own families and friends since late March, they may have some catch-ups planned over the coming weeks as Covid-19 restrictions are eased, allowing for more movement and larger assemblies for social gatherings. With this in mind, the IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria has opted to hold its 2020 AGM as a virtual meeting using the Zoom App to enable QCC members to join via telephone or video from locations all over Australia.

***To minimize conflict with family or other social activities the AGM will be held from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, 26th July.** A Formal Notice of the AGM and its agenda will be distributed in late June along with an invitation to participate in the Zoom Meeting.*

*Please note that any QCC qualifier and their partner may participate in the AGM but voting on any motions, or election of candidates nominating for the Committee, is restricted to those who are financial members of the **IBM Quarter Century Club of Victoria Inc** at commencement of the AGM. A financial member of the association may submit a proxy form nominating another financial member to vote on his/her behalf should they not be able to participate in the AGM.*

Further information is available on our website regarding:

- [Constitution](#)
- [Registration for the 2020 AGM](#)
- [Membership](#)
- [Nomination for Committee positions](#)

Call for Nominations - Office Bearer and/or Committee

Under our Constitution, all Office Bearer and Committee Member positions must be declared vacant at each Annual General Meeting and Nominations called for each position. If more than one nomination is received for any position an election must be conducted and votes taken from those eligible to vote at that AGM including any who have submitted proxy nominations.

Judy Horman has submitted written notice of her intent to stand down from the position of Secretary at the 2020 Annual General meeting. As the Secretary position must be filled within 14 days of it becoming vacant, all QCC members in Victoria are asked to consider nominating for this position, or to encourage nomination of other members whom they consider ideal candidates.

Nominations for the position of Secretary or other Office Bearer or Committee Member positions are sought in advance of the 2020 Annual General Meeting to give all members the opportunity to nominate or vote for the candidates of their choice.

It is not a requirement for nominees to be present at the AGM to be considered for election. Please refer to Part 5 of our Constitution for further details on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. Feel free to contact any current Office Bearer or Committee Member for further information.

[Submit your nomination here.](#)



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Mid-Year Lunch

QCC Victoria's 2020 Mid-Year Lunch

Sunday, 16th August 2020

Parliament Room - The Imperial Hotel

2-8 Bourke Street, Melbourne



We look forward to having good numbers at this event and will be looking to provide a generous subsidy on the cost per person for QCC Members and guests.

Further information on this event will be posted on our website and a Call for Registrations issued within the next few weeks.

2020 Annual Dinner

*The 2020 QCC Dinner will again be held at the **Kew Golf Club** on the evening of **Friday, 23rd October 2020**.*

The cost per QCC Member and guest will be reduced considerably by applying some of the funds received from IBM for the 2018 and 2019 dinners. Full details will be posted on our website 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.



Membership Update

At 31st May 2020, 288 QCC Members were registered on our web site of whom 76 are Financial Members. 211 are classified as Associate Members.

Please note that Membership Subscriptions provide funding to cover the annual operating expenses of our Association for each financial year. We have no guarantee of funding from IBM to cover such expenses and must negotiate each year to secure some financial support for the Annual Dinners conducted by each Chapter. We need to manage our finances well to be in a position to pay deposits



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on venues and catering for any event while asking members to pay reasonable costs for attendance at such events.

We now call for new membership applications and renewals of Membership subscriptions for the year commencing 1st July 2020.

Go to our website at <https://ibmqccvic.org/membership/> for further information on membership applications and subscription payments.

In Memoriam

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

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to nominate for this committee position*