



IBM QCC Sydney Chapter Newsletter - 2009/1

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Sydney Chapter QCC Newsletter for 2009.

This will be sent, by email only, to all members of the Sydney Chapter of the IBM QCC. Please make sure you let the secretary know of any change to email address. Note that all members of the **IBM QCC** who live in NSW are eligible to join the **Sydney Chapter of the QCC** which organises social events for members.

Our program of events has kicked off with the February Dinner. The full program for 2009 is attached at the end of the newsletter. The plan for the newsletters is to provide an update up to four times a year to connect you with the QCC Sydney activities. We are keen to see more people attend our functions and are keen to hear your feedback and suggestions for new events.

Ian Miller – President, Sydney QCC Chapter

Victorian Bushfire News

The news from IBM is that one employee has lost two relatives and two people have lost their houses. So far, with our checking, along with Jenny Anderson from the Melbourne QCC, we have not identified any retired QCC members directly affected by the fire.

Special General Meeting

On February 10th at our quarterly dinner we held a brief Special General Meeting to make a small change to the constitution. We have changed our financial reporting period from the calendar year to the financial year. Our constitution required that we hold our AGM before the end of June, which meant we could not produce our accounts for the AGM. We proposed that the section be amended to require that the AGM be held before the end of December. The amendment was passed unanimously. Thank you for your support.

February Quarterly Dinner

Simon Annandale from NSW Maritime was the guest speaker. Simon is the River Keeper for the Georges River that runs from Appin south of Sydney through Campbelltown and Liverpool to exit into Botany Bay. He presented on a range of



projects covering the whole river ecosystem – including stormwater management, rubbish removal and prevention, and riverbank restoration and replanting. If that sounds a little ‘dry’ then you needed to be there! Simon’s presentation included many photographs: – for example showing the removal of 42 cars from the river in one day, the barges and trailers loaded with tonnes of rubbish collected from the mangroves, and his illustrated stories of using ‘people with plenty of spare time’ from Correctional Services weekend detention to run the lantana-removal chainsaw gang! At least six permanent teams, with workers including volunteers, paid supervisors, and unpaid low and medium risk prisoners perform cleaning and repair of the riverbanks - replanting over 70,000 native plants.

The diners all thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and question time, and the topic raised many discussions over dessert and coffee.

Simon has a connection to IBM through his father Ian Annabel a long time employee and CE/CSR in Sydney, who also attended the event. All present enjoyed the lavish Italian cuisine.

Weekend Away – initial planning

Each year (usually in mid-September) the QCC has a weekend trip to an area of NSW between 2 and 5 hours drive from Sydney. Last year it was at Gulgong near Mudgee. We are looking for interesting areas to visit for 2009 and would be pleased to hear of your suggestions.

Other

We are very keen to see more members attend our events so please let Mike Hall or Ian Miller know of activities you would be interested attending. Feedback can be sent to qccsyd@au1.ibm.com

To stay in contact with the latest information about QCC activities please visit the QCC web site at www.qccaustralia.org. This site contains information for all Australian states and territories.

Ian Miller
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2009 PROGRAM			Committee Meetings	Chapter Meetings	Chapter Meeting Speakers & Social Events
Feb	10	Tue	4:00pm II Bolognese	5:30pm for 6:30pm II Bolognese	Speaker: Simon Annabel – from NSW Maritime 'Georges River Riverkeeper'
Apr	18 or 19	Sat or Sun			Social function TBD
May	6	Wed	4:00pm II Bolognese	5:30pm for 6:00pm 6:30pm dinner II Bolognese	After dinner speaker TBD
July	9	Thu	4:00pm II Bolognese	5:30pm for 6:30pm II Bolognese	Speaker: TBD
Aug	TBD	TBD			Social function for August TBD
Sep	11-13	Fri – Sun			Weekend away: Dates not yet confirmed.
Oct	6	Tue	4:00pm II Bolognese	5:30pm for 6:30pm II Bolognese	Speaker: TBD
Nov	13	Fri		AJC Randwick	Annual Induction Dinner