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Welcome

Welcome to the winter 2011 edition of the Sydney Chapter QCC Newsletter.

Annual Dinner

Preparation has started for our centennial year annual dinner. Please put 11th November in your diary and watch out for the invitation. As this is the Centennial Dinner we have been flirting with making it an optional black tie event. Please send your comments to qccsyd@au1.ibm.com We expect a large crowd to celebrate the Centennial.

AGM

It is getting close to Annual General Meeting time. The AGM will be held on October 4th at Il Bolognese. As usual we will start the AGM at 6pm and follow with dinner. A speaker is yet to be finalised.

Weekend Away

Reluctantly we have cancelled the 2011 Weekend away. We were unable to find suitable accommodation at Kiama in our price range. We target the cost to be close to \$500 for the weekend and we were not able to persuade motels in the area to reduce their prices. It appears they do too well from visiting Sydneysiders. Many thanks to Geoff and Ronda Nash for their efforts in planning and negotiations.

IBM Centennial Books

IBM has produced a book to celebrate the IBM Centennial. It is called "Making The World Work Better". We are negotiating a supply and expect to hear mid-August how many copies we will receive. Details in the next newsletter.

Constitution Changes

Thank you for supporting our changes at the Special General Meeting. We improved the wording of a few sentences that mentioned the number of committee members and most importantly changed the auditing requirements. We have widened the scope for someone to review our finances by removing the qualification for a "qualified auditor". We are therefore looking for someone with suitable accounting skills and experience to volunteer to review our financial statements. Please let Lorraine Tacouni tacouni@au1.ibm.com if you can help.

Sydney Chapter Archives

We have secured more space for our archives. We are interested in receiving donations. Before you send any please check with Lorraine Tacouni tacouni@au1.ibm.com if they will fit in our store.

Australian Computer Museum

The Australian Computer Museum is also looking for material. They can be contacted at <http://www.acms.org.au/>

Retiree Benefits

We receive regular requests for information about the funeral benefit that was part of IBM employment conditions for those who retired before the change in 1995. We reproduce the details here and they are available on our web site www.qccaustralia.org.

For an ex-employee to be eligible for the Group Life Insurance (GLI) for Retired Employees benefit he/she must have 'retired' from IBM prior to September 30, 1995.

This means that employees who left IBM prior to reaching Early Retirement age (55) are not eligible for the benefit (even if they had qualified for the QCC at that time).

IBM Employees (including QCC members) who 'retired' after October 1, 1995 are not eligible for the benefit because they received a Part IV benefit in lieu of the GLI benefit. IBM Employees who left after that date (without 'retiring') are not eligible for either GLI or Part IV benefits.

Eligibility is confirmed by checking an AMP Annuities listing which shows all ex-employees who 'retired' prior to September 1995 and are in receipt of the Annuity.

Committee

Your committee needs new members. After 9 years I will be standing down as President at the AGM in October. Lorraine Tacouni will also be standing down as Treasurer. This will mean a reshuffle of the committee and we are keen to add some recent QCC qualifiers. Your chapter relies on its members' active participation and with Lorraine and I standing down from long held positions this provides an opportunity for new ideas. 2011 is IBM's "Centennial of Service" so please consider volunteering to join the QCC committee. If you are interested in joining the committee in any capacity please contact Mike Hall or Ian Miller at qccsyd@au1.ibm.com

Other

Ideas for new events or improvements to existing events are welcome. Please email Mike Hall or Ian Miller at qccsyd@au1.ibm.com We are sure the dinner club approach will be successful and are looking to adopt it for other activities.

Web site

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.

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