



IBM QCC Sydney Chapter
Minutes of 48th AGM
Location Il Bolognese, Boronia Park

Date:
15 October
2014

PRESENT: (Committee Members): Lorraine Tacouni, Ian Miller, Valerie Percival, John Watts, Geoff Nash, Hugh Buckle, Len Norman, Michael Ferguson, Anthony Saba plus additional members and partners

APOLOGIES: (Committee): Mike Hall, Rosie Iannelli, Clyde Lee, Paul Robinson

- 1. OPEN MEETING:** In Mike's absence, Ian Miller opened the meeting at 6:31pm and welcomed members and guests to the (48th) 2014 AGM of the Sydney Chapter of the IBM Quarter Century Club.
- 2. APOLOGIES:** As above.
- 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Copies of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 10 October 2013 were available to members. Hugh moved to accept the minutes, Valerie seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ian Miller read Mike Hall's report for 2013-2014. A copy is at the [end of this document](#).
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Geoff Nash presented the Chapter's Balance Sheets covering 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 ([see attached](#)). Geoff moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Len Norman and carried unanimously.
- 6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:** Ian again thanked the Chapter members for their support and the outgoing Committee Members for their hard work during the year. He then declared all positions vacant and handed over the meeting to the Returning Officer, John Watts.
- 7. THE ELECTION:** John Watts began the process with a quote from Joseph Stalin: "The people who cast votes don't determine the outcome of an election: the people who count them do." Vivian Roberts nominated from the floor as Committee Member and was elected. Valerie Percival, Rosie Iannelli, and Lorraine Tacouni are standing down from the committee this year. The nominations for the Executive and Committee positions were moved as a single motion. Mike Hall was nominated as President, no nominations were received for Secretary, Geoff Nash was nominated as Treasurer. Ian Miller, Hugh Buckle, Clyde Lee, Len Norman, Paul Robinson, Michael Ferguson, Anthony Saba and John Watts were nominated as the 2013/2014 Committee Members. The motion to accept these nominations was moved by John Watts, seconded by Ian Miller and carried unanimously. Ian thanked Valerie Percival and Rosie Iannelli for their contributions to the Committee in general and specifically to the extremely successful Annual Dinners that they organised.

The Sydney Chapter is therefore represented for the forthcoming year by:

President: Mike Hall

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Geoff Nash

Immediate Past President: Ian Miller

Committee: Hugh Buckle, Clyde Lee, Len Norman, Paul Robinson, John Watts, Michael



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Ferguson, Anthony Saba, Vivian Roberts

At the completion of the elections the Returning Officer handed the meeting over to Ian Miller.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Lorraine Tacouni has agreed to continue as Secretary, appointed as a casual vacancy by Mike Hall, until a permanent replacement can be found.

9. CLOSE MEETING: Ian Miller thanked the Committee and the members for their support.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CLOSED: 6:51 PM



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Treasurer's Report to Sydney AGM 15th October 2014

Note: this statement covers the 2013/2014 Australian financial year

Statement of Income & Expenditure for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 (audited 30 June 2014)

	Number Attended	Cont Recovery	Refund	Donations	Program Conts	Misc Conts	Gain/Loss	Deferral for next year	Actual Gain/Loss
June 2013 Social (Manerail)			15.00				0.00		0.00
Geoff Nash overpayment refund									0.00
July 2013 Garden Island racial	46	1036.00	0.00	0.00	1574.27		-538.27		-286.27
+ Recovery from previous year		252.00					252.00		
August 2013 Trivia Night	25	875.00	0.00	0.00	915.00		-40.00		-40.00
September 2013 Weekend Away	31	7218.00	0.00	0.00	7291.10		-73.10		-73.10
October 2013 AGM & Dinner	43	1512.00	0.00	0.00	1634.00		-122.00		-122.00
November IBM QCC Induction Dinner					228.80		-228.80		-228.80 (dinner prize)
February 2014 Dinner	28	1008.00	0.00	0.00	1102.00		-94.00		-94.00
April Dinner	25	864.00	0.00	0.00	950.00		-86.00		-86.00 (including dinner payment for quortzspeaker)
June Dinner	26	936.00	0.00	0.00	988.00	100.00	-152.00		-152.00 (\$100 for trivia quiz movie ticket prizes)
June Sydney Observatory racial	43	440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	-440.00	0.00 (reconciled in 2014/2015 accounts)
Christmas In July racial		1400.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		0.00	-1400.00	0.00 (\$200 banking deposit) (reconciled in 2014/2015 accounts)
September 2014 Weekend Away					100.00		0.00		0.00 Sept 2014 Weekend Away coach banking deposit (reconciled in 2014/2015 accounts)
Interest income Financial YTD							326.47		326.47
Administration expenses						14.98	-14.98		-14.98 (stationery)
						12.50	-12.50		-12.50 (cheque bank rounder)
Misc Expenses						454.00	-454.00		-454.00 (2 x Filmaker Practitioner; QCC Membership DB Modernisation)
Total		15541.00	15.00	0.00	14983.17	581.48	-1237.18	-1840.00	-1237.18
Earnings and expenses to be reconciled in the 2014-2015 Financial Year									
- June Sydney Observatory racial									440.00
- Christmas In July racial member's payments									1400.00
- Christmas In July racial banking deposit									200.00
- September 2014 Weekend Away coach booking deposit									100
Gain/Loss for 2013-2014 Financial Year									-1237.18
Bank balances as at 30 June 2014									
S1		\$2,039.52							
S60	\$	-							(Dormant account has been closed)
iSaver		\$13,635.07							
Total showing in Intech Accu		15,674.59							
ACTUAL BANK BALANCE 30/	\$	15,254.59							(June Sydney Observatory racial: uncashd cheque for \$420 carried over to next month)



IBM Australia Quarter Century Club Sydney Chapter President's Report 2013/2014 (for inclusion in the AGM minutes of 15 Oct 2014)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again, we're at an AGM and I am not here in person. I welcome you to the 48th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Chapter of the IBM Quarter Century Club. My wife, Annie and I are right now (on 15th October at 3:40PM Hong Kong time, 6:40PM your time) enjoying some sort of afternoon tea Hong Kong style – and knowing us it could be at McDonalds, during a 2-day port stop on our Asian cruise. Honestly, we would rather be in Sydney having Italian...

I thank Ian Miller, as Immediate Past President, for presenting the President's report on my behalf for 2013/2014.

The past year has been a busy and successful one for the Sydney Chapter of the IBM Quarter Century Club with a number of well supported events. I was very pleased that the QCC Committee was able to come up with a full program of events for the year in time to announce them at last year's Annual Dinner.

- We started with the Annual Dinner last November which I'll cover in more detail later.
- In December we had a chance for a *post-Annual-Dinner, pre-Festive Season* get together lunch at Sahara Turkish restaurant. Members thought this was a good idea, so we're repeating it this year at Drummoyne Sailing Club.
- Our 'fast-start' for the New Year's events got going in February, with dinner and rum tasting.
- In March we had our first '*Pay on the Day*' lunch at the Grounds Keeper's Café. This type of event is easier to organise, and has been well supported during the year.
- Also in March, we had a social outing to Leura for lunch and visit to the Toy Museum. This museum is a particular favourite of mine as I haven't grown up yet, and it appears many of our members have the same attitude!
- April was a dinner here at Il Bolognese, with a guest speaker from NRMA discussing our driving.
- May was buffet lunch at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford, once again reminding us that there IS a limit to what you can eat in one sitting.
- June's dinner here at Il Bolognese was a Trivia Night – which seems popular as run by our own quizmaster Peter Norman, followed a couple of weeks later by a daytime trip to the Sydney Observatory and lunch.
- Everyone knows that Christmas falls in July – with lunch in the Southern Highlands. A very popular event, and you should expect to see something like it next year around Christmas (in July)



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- August was dinner at Carnarvon Golf club, with a fascinating talk about our consumer rights – stimulating many interesting questions for discussion.
- We held the popular QCC Weekend Away in September, with our treasurer Geoff Nash and wife Ronda organizing another great event – this time in Maitland. On our bus excursion day we visited the Kurri Kurri murals, the stately homestead and farm at Tocal, and the delightful small town of Morpeth. The rest of the time we seemed to be either socialising or eating or both. As the organiser is also our Treasurer, it was very gratifying to see that we broke even on the event.
- Also in September a ‘Pay on the Day’ lunch at Sydney Rowing Club was most enjoyable.
- This brings us up to tonight – where after our traditional brief AGM we will enjoy dinner and our guest speaker Julian Day talking about the ‘Waterline Challenge’. I’m sorry I’m not here to enjoy his presentation.
- The major QCC activity each year is the Annual Induction Dinner in November.

The 2013 Annual Induction Dinner was again at Waterview in Bicentennial Park. It was a wonderful event, in particular due to the celebration (organised by John Watts) of some of the Pioneers of IBM in Australia– our QCC members from the first sales school, each in their nineties, celebrating 60 years since they started with IBM. Also thanks to Valerie Percival and Rosie Iannelli for their planning and expertise organising this event.

The 2014 Annual Induction Dinner is coming up soon, and I hope you have all accepted for Friday 7th November. Please see Lorraine if you have not sent in your RSVP.

I’ve already recognised Geoff Nash as organiser of the weekend away, but I also thank him once again for the excellent job he does as Treasurer.

Our website continues, thanks to webmaster Hugh Buckle, but this year I would also like to thank Hugh for thoroughly researching and implementing a more modern database for our members. We’ve migrated from our old (free) copy of Lotus Approach to Filemaker Pro – and taking advantage of the transition Hugh and our secretary, Lorraine Tacouni, did a wonderful job of ‘tidying up’ our records and improving the accuracy. Please help by letting us know when you move or change email address.

Our other committee members provided excellent service, many of them taking on the role of event organisers for our ‘pay on the day’ events, assisting with strategic planning, and contributing their expertise at our committee meetings.

I am pleased to inform you that the majority of the current committee members are offering themselves for re-election this evening. We will of course be pleased to accept any new nominations from the floor. Unfortunately we have some committee members who will not be nominating. This includes both Valerie Percival and Rosie Iannelli - who have assisted for so long on the annual dinners as well as various committee items.



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There is one very important committee member who is not standing for re-election this year. You will all have seen the notices and emails from our tireless secretary, Lorraine Tacouni. You did not see the 'behind-the-scenes' efforts she puts in to each event, committee meeting, and the management of our membership database. Please thank Lorraine for her efforts. She and John are planning to move to Queensland 'sometime soon' and she will not be able to continue as Secretary once that happens.

Your committee members for 2013/14 were Hugh Buckle, Michael Ferguson, Rosie Iannelli, Clyde Lee, Ian Miller (Immediate Past President), Geoff Nash (Treasurer), Len Norman, Valerie Percival, Paul Robinson, Anthony Saba, Lorraine Tacouni (Secretary), and John Watts.

Please join me in applauding their efforts.

I thank the Chapter members and partners for the support you have given the QCC over the year, and we hope this will continue into 2015.

I would now like to hand over to Geoff Nash to provide the Treasurer's Report.

Thank you

Mike Hall
President, Sydney Chapter
IBM Australia Quarter Century Club
8 October 2014