



## BCI NSW Member Forum

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### **Minutes of BCI Member Forum meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2007**

#### **1. Welcome**

Forum Leader, Barry Pendle, ABCI, welcomed the attendees. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the NSW BCI Forum in 2007 attracted approximately 60 attendees. Barry thanked Marsh for generously hosting the BCI NSW Forum meeting in their offices in Darling Park.

Barry then provided a brief update on several items of interest to the membership. These were

1. National and state BCI / BCM news and issues
2. A summary of upcoming BCI recognised / sponsored events
3. Update on the status of [www.thebci.org.au](http://www.thebci.org.au)
4. Introduction to the new BCI Forum convener for WA
5. Introduction to the new BS25999-1 Code of Practice

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

Forum Secretary, Tim Janes, MBCI presented the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted.

#### **3. BCI Update & News**

Bill Hannan provided an update on the Business Continuity Institute in Australia. Items and news covered included

1. Following the election of new Board members to the BCI three members were elected representing the Asia Pacific region. They are Phil Carter, FBCI, Henry Ee, FBCI and John Worthington, FBCI. It is hoped that this will help to provide the BCI in Australia with even greater representation and profile in the international BCI community.
2. Bill alerted the members to the upcoming Business Continuity Awareness Week, which will be between 6 to 12 May 2007.
3. The first BCI Business Continuity Summit Asia Pacific will be held in Sydney to coincide with Business Continuity Awareness Week. The dates are 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May. Details are available on the BCI website, where BCI members can get information about member discounts on tickets.
4. BCI forums have now been established in South Australia and Western Australia. There has been a 60% increase in the Australian membership.
5. The BCI in Australia is planning to conduct some local surveys on Australian Business Continuity status and issues. Details will be announced soon on participation.
6. BCI members are now receiving complimentary subscription to the BC Security Magazine.

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7. The BCI in Australia is moving toward completion of a Charter for the Australia Chapter. Details of progress and what it will mean for the BCI in Australia are available on the Australian pages of the BCI web site.

### 4. BCI Board Perspective

Barry Pendle summarised an update on the BCI Board from John Worthington, who was unable to attend the meeting. Key points from the update were.

1. The BCI fully recognises that countries such as Australia need autonomy provided for within new BCI by-laws. This is happening and should be in place by end March 2007.
2. Australia is well to the fore in staking its claim for a Chapter and Bill Hannan is leading this new direction that will somewhat revolutionise how the BCI conducts affairs in Australia.
3. Through BCI Chapters will come far greater benefits for Australian BCI members. These benefits include local retention of funds for a start & greater autonomy in all BCM matters.
4. The BCI in Australia is spreading the net of members to encourage other related disciplines to join the BCI or at least be aware of the BCI vision. This includes risk managers, security managers, IT managers, internal auditors and so on.

### 5. Guest presentation – IAG’s Response to Cyclone Larry

Domminic Surace, National Home Support Manager for IAG provided a presentation on IAG’s Response to Cyclone Larry. The presentation focused on the detailed response to a specific Australian climate-generated disaster. An open forum following the presentation prompted questions and discussion. Tim expressed the BCI’s thanks to Domminic for his participation.

### 6. Guest presentation – Climate Change Business Risks and Solutions

Steve York, General Manager, Head of Marsh Risk Consulting, gave a presentation summarising the recent Marsh paper on Climate Change Business Risks and Solutions. A copy of the presentation was made available to all members who left their contact details with Marsh. An open forum and discussion following the presentation. Tim expressed the BCI’s appreciation to Steve for his participation, and reminder the members that Marsh was also hosting drinks after the meeting.

### 7. Next meeting and close

The next BCI NSW Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007. As usual, the meeting time will be from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Full details will be given when the venue and speakers are finalised.

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