



The Business
Continuity Institute

Canberra Forum Meeting 12 April 2006

Australian National Archives, Barton

Minutes

Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1 Welcome and Venue Information	Cass Morgan welcomed the attendee's to the Archives venue and ran through the general housekeeping of the building.		
2 Business Arising & Acceptance of Minutes	Nil business arising from previous February meeting.		
3 BCI Scheduled Meetings	Thursday June 15, 2.30pm-4.30pm Theatrette, 5th Floor ACT Health Building, 1 Moore Street, Canberra City. Wednesday August 9 – venue as above. Wednesday October 11 – venue as above. Wednesday December 6 – venue as above.		
4 BCI Membership	Les Whittet discussed the benefits of membership of the Business Continuity Institute, including access to business continuity resources, templates and guidelines and attendance at Chapter meetings. Les encouraged members to attend interstate Forum meetings if travelling and noted that a Western Australian Chapter of the BCI has now been established.	Attendees are encouraged to become members of the BCI to gain these benefits.	
5 Business Continuity Resources	BC surveys, templates weekly digest (newsletters), articles and checklists on a variety of topics from both Australian and international perspectives are available through the BCI website, www.thebci.org . The BCI Good Practice Guidelines are available through the BCI website. Another interesting website for BC resources is www.continuitycentral.com . (this site is endorsed and supported by BCI).		
6 Presentation/ Papers & Updates	Athol Yates, Executive Director of the Australian Homeland Security Research Centre delivered a presentation on the lessons learnt from the 1918-1919 pandemic for today's pandemic planners and a summary of last month's Practical Pandemic Conference. Athol's presentation highlighted the need for pandemic planners to study the past in order to plan effectively for the future and outlined some of the issues surrounding the Australian response to the 1918-1919 pandemic.		Athol Yates

	<p>Patrick Newton from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet gave a brief update on the status of government planning for pandemic. Cabinet is scheduled to consider both the National Action Plan for Human Influenza Pandemic (NAPHIP) for consideration at the next Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting in July 2006, and approval of the Commonwealth Government Action Plan for Influenza Pandemic Prevention and Preparedness (CGAP).</p>		
<p>7 Topics for next meeting</p>	<p>- TBA</p>		

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