



BCI NSW Member Forum

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Minutes of BCI Member Forum meeting held on 14th December 2006

1. Welcome

Peter Sierwald, MBCI, welcomed the attendees. The 4th meeting of the NSW BCI Forum in 2006 attracted approximately 50 attendees. Peter thanked Morgan Andrews for generously hosting the BCI NSW Forum meeting in The Parliamentary Theatre at the NSW Parliament House

2. Pandemic Issues Update

Following on from the last NSW Member Forum and as a introduction to the speakers, Peter Sierwald provided a brief update on Pandemic issues in Asia and the Region. This included comments on the APRA information paper and prudential practice guide on Pandemic planning and references to two pandemic websites of potential interest – www.birdflubook.com and www.pandemicnetwork.com

3. Minutes of last meeting

Barry Pendle, ABCI presented the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted.

4. BCI membership

Peter formally ended his tenure as BCI NSW Forum Leader and handed over to Barry Pendle. Almost simultaneously, Barry handed over his former role as BCI NSW Forum Secretary to Tim Janes MBCI.

Peter provided a summary of the recently released British Standard BS25999 Business Continuity Management, which received significant production input from the BCI. Peter confirmed the Standard is available with a £10 discount via the BCI web site (see the link at <http://www.thebci.org/pas56.htm>.)

Peter then introduced a special limited time offer available to guests of the Forum. The offer provides free 12 months Affiliate level members to all non-member attendees at the meeting. Applications using the one page form available at the meeting need to be submitted to the BCI offices in the UK by 14th February 2007 to qualify for this offer.

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5. BCI news

Chris Green, BCI Chair and Board Member, visiting Australia from the UK, outlined recent BCI news. The following points were discussed:

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| BCI Exams & Course | The BCI is planning to introduce a new application system requiring entry by exam at MBCI level and by Dissertation at FBCI level. Development of the exam course is underway with introduction scheduled for 2009. |
| BCI Chapters | Larger BCI Forums (over 100 paying members) will be given the chance to establish quasi-commercial Chapters. This will allow for greater fundraising and operating opportunities to those Forums that take up the offer. |

Chris reinforced the benefits of the new British Standard BS25999 Business Continuity Management, which he was involved in producing. He then took a few questions from the audience.

6. Guest presentation – ‘NSW State Pandemic Planning

Michael Powter, Senior Security Advisor from the NSW Premier's Department provided a presentation on the NSW State's Pandemic Planning preparations, plans and involvement in the recent Federal 'Operation Cumpston' exercise. A PDF copy of the presentation is available on the BCI NSW Forum web-site - <http://www.thebci.org.au/NSW.htm>.

An open forum following the presentation prompted questions and discussion. Barry expressed the BCI's thanks to Michael for his participation.

7. Guest presentation – ‘Antivirals in Pandemic Planning

Alan Sweeney, Executive Representative from Roche Australia, provided a presentation on the morphology, history and use of antivirals in pandemic planning, including issues of supply and distribution. A PDF copy of the presentation is available on the BCI NSW Forum web-site - <http://www.thebci.org.au/NSW.htm>.

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8. Next meeting and close

The next BCI NSW Forum meeting will be held on Thursday 8th March 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.