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Message from the Chairman

On behalf of the present Management Committee of Australian (Brisbane) Chapter of ICAI, I am pleased to re-introduce the latest avatar of the Chapter's newsletter. The previous committee did a great job in initiating the newsletter and it is the intention of the present committee to carry this forward. The newsletter will regularly communicate our Chapter's vision, future activities and articles of interest. This newsletter is also a forum for members to share their knowledge.

Chapter's future direction:

- We aim to involve fellow Accounting/Financial professionals in this chapter.
- It would be our endeavour to organise quality events including knowledge sharing sessions, social events, networking events & professional development programs.
- We are in the process of developing our web site.
- We aim to deliver quarterly newsletter.
- We will regularly analyse & improve our actions with your feedback through our short surveys.

Did you know that :

- Membership of this chapter is open to all accounting or finance professions even if they are not a CA from India.
- You can become resource person for knowledge sharing session of the Chapter
- You can be member of organising team of Chapter's activities
- You can contribute articles to this newsletter.

We look forward to be more connected and stay connected with all of you.

Best regards








Surender

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

When the Chairman approached me to help bring out the Chapter newsletter, I was a bit apprehensive on whether this was my cup of tea. However, I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to test my writing skills and also another means to bring the community together in Brisbane. This is my first attempt at something like this so I would appreciate any feedback, positive or negative. The Committee's intention is to bring this newsletter out on a quarterly basis. We have really talented members in our group and if you can express some of that talent through your writing skills through this medium, be it in English or Hindi, it would be much appreciated. I am also looking for a couple of volunteers who can help in sourcing information and editing. At the cost of sounding repetitive, there is no Community without "U". Last but not the least, a big thank you to the previous editorial team of Dhvani Tanna, Arvind Singh and Vibhor Jain for having initiated the newsletter last year.

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Meet our Committee Members

	<p>Surender Sharma – Chairman</p> <p>Professional Association: Finance Manager at Not for Profit organization, Lives Lived Well Ltd. (www.liveslivedwell.org.au)</p> <p>Passion in life: VOLUNTARY WORK: Life member of Service Civil International (www.sci.ngo)</p>
	<p>Durga Karra - Vice Chairman</p> <p>Professional Association: ERP Solution Consultant at Technology One.</p> <p>Passion in life: Teach children, especially modern education coupled with traditional values.</p>
	<p>Roshan Pokhrel - Secretary</p> <p>Professional Association: Engaged in bookkeeping, accounting, taxation, mortgage finance and other business services in association with Lotus Smart, Chartered Accountants.</p> <p>Passion in life: Travelling, music and movies</p>
	<p>Kinjal Dhruv - Treasurer</p> <p>Professional Association: Group Accountant at ERM Power Limited</p> <p>Passion in life: Painting and reading</p>
	<p>Arvind Talan - Member</p> <p>Professional Association: CFO & Company Secretary, Mahindra Australia</p> <p>Passion in life: Travel and writing</p>
	<p>Bijay Agarwal - Member</p> <p>Professional Association: Group Financial Controller, Kramer Ausenco Group</p> <p>Passion in life: Music, Movies & Sports</p>
	<p>Raj Dua - Member</p> <p>Professional Association: Management Accounting Team Leader at Aurizon</p> <p>Passion in life: Changing Cars (14th car in 20 years) and Share Market trading</p>

Poem penned by our very own Committee Member- Arvind Talan

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

सुरेन्द्र शर्मा कहलाते हैं
हरियाने से आते हैं
ऑस्ट्रेलिया की बढ़ा रहे शान जी ..

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

नाम है, सुर के साथ
काम भी सबके, सुर के साथ
सबसे मिलाते सुरतान जी ..

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

बतलाते हैं सुरेन सबको
लोग समझते सुरा – नहीं बुरा
पीते, खाते; बढ़ाते सबका मान जी.

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

रहते सबके साथ
जीते सबके साथ
सबका करते सम्मान जी ..

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

सी ए के सदस्य पुराने
लगे हैं चेपटर को चमकाने
सारी समस्या का समाधान जी ..

परधान जी, परधान जी ..

Chapter News and activities

April 2016

Vibhor Jain, former Chairman, presented knowledge sharing session on Excel – an essential tool for Accountants on 12th April 2016. Vibhor covered key features of Excel for data management, analysis & presentation. The session was very interactive and participation was overwhelming. Presentation and Excel Shortcuts sheets were emailed to those who requested. If anyone still requires a copy, please contact any of the committee members.

May 2016

Social get together at New Farm Park. An opportunity for members and their families to get to know each other better. Activities included games and a sumptuous pot luck lunch. A total of 57 people attended the event.



June 2016

Management Committee meeting held to review progress of Chapter and discuss future plan of action.

July 2016

Knowledge sharing and discussion on “Individual Taxation”

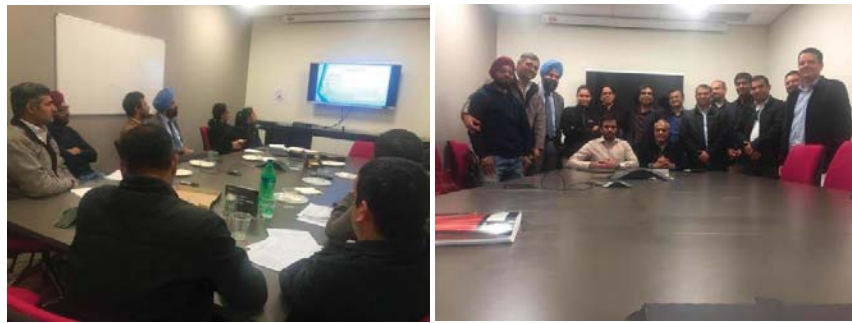
CA Gayatree Mishra

On 14th July 2016, AICA (ICAI Brisbane Chapter) organised a session on Individual taxation for its members. CA Bijay Agarwal graciously arranged for the members to meet at his office premises at Montague Road.

The speaker of the evening, CA Ritam Thapa who also holds a CPA, currently manages Taxation and Business services portfolio with Marsh & Partners. He has got more than ten years of experience in public practice.

It was an interactive session wherein various topics regarding sources of income and its taxation were discussed. Speaker primarily focused on Individual taxation, negative gearing, tax on capital gain (or loss) and dividend income. The group also discussed expected upcoming changes to taxation policies and its impact. During the session, few other related topics such as overseas income & double taxation and pension fund/voluntary contribution to super and its tax liabilities were covered.

The session was attended by close to 15 members. The group not only shared its views but had some pizza to share too. Chairman of AICA, CA Surender Sharma informed the group about upcoming events and sought feedback on holding more such informative sessions. The discussion was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by CA Roshan Pokhrel.



Forthcoming activities

August 2016

‘Picnic in the Park’ at Roma Street Parklands on Sun August 14, 2016.

September 2016

Technical session : Presenters - Director & Partners – William Bucks

October 2016

Technical session – Presenters – Speaker from Deloitte (to be confirmed)

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