



Membership Benefits

Join the local professional body of Indian Chartered Accountants and expand your horizons

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India was set up by an Act of Parliament in 1949, and now is the second largest body of professional accountants in the world, with more than **250,000** members worldwide.

The Australian Chapter of ICAI based in Sydney was inaugurated in Jan 2007, since then the Chapter has organized more than 300 professional events including monthly CPD meetings, International Conference, weekend workshops, New Migrants Session, Study groups, and other professional events. The Chapter has also proudly represented its esteemed members in a number of accounting forums, state and federal government agencies in matters of professional and community interests. The chapter also organises Diwali Gala Night, Family Picnics, Fun activities and community events for members and their families.

We are always looking to provide more value to our members through the various professional and family events. Here are few of the benefits available to all our members:

Professional Events:

- **Fortnightly CPD meetings:** The Chapter offers complimentary fortnightly CPD meetings to its members on 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. The leading subject matter experts are invited to present on latest and relevant professional topics. During the questions and answers round, members get a chance to get their professional queries on the subject answered from the industry expert presenting the topic. At the end of the event, the forum is opened for members to put their view forward. Members also get the opportunity to network with peers while enjoying Light Dinner provided by the Chapter.
- **Professional Workshops:** The Chapter organises quarterly half day workshops for the members. The workshops aim at raising the professional skills of members to the next level. The members acquire the skill through practical application under the guidance of the expert presenter. Few of the previous workshops were on MS-Excel, Power BI, LinkedIn, etc.
- **International Conference:** The Chapter has successfully conducted the Annual International Conference since 2010. The judicious mix of various presentations on topics of professional interests ranging from accounting, taxation, business, banking, economy, financial markets, startup and leadership are presented on the day. The conference is addressed by high profile speakers and is attended by more than 100 local and overseas delegates from various corporate houses, public practice firms and professional bodies.
- **Attend events remotely:** In 2020, the Chapter has introduced this new initiative for the benefit of members, which has been highly appreciated. The members can register for remote attendance of all events instead of attending it in person. This gives them the flexibility to attend meetings and remain connected while attending to their other commitments. Also, the members can access powerpoint presentations and event recordings through the website (Subject to speaker's permission).



- **Whatsapp Group:** The membership gives access to exclusive whatsapp group of members. All the activities and initiatives of the Chapter are announced on the group. The members get news about professional matters, business environment and job opportunities through the group. The group has been appreciated a lot for the peer support received by members especially in getting their professional queries solved and getting job referrals.
- **Networking opportunities:** Networking is one of the best ways of finding new opportunities and getting job referrals. The chapter has over 500 members in public practice and commerce across various industries and many at managerial and director positions. Most of these members are either CA or CPA qualified in Australia.
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- **Other Benefits -**
- **Volunteer opportunities:** The chapter is managed through voluntary activities provided by its members who are always enthusiastic and actively involved in its activities. We welcome ICAI members to join us and contribute to the common good by volunteering in various activities organised by the Chapter.
- **New Migrant Support:** The Chapter organises new migrant sessions regularly to guide the new migrants in matters regarding job search, acquiring local qualifications and understanding Australian culture. The migrants can also join the New migrants whatsapp group to remain connected with activities of the chapter. In case of financial difficulties, they can also request for concessional membership fees by contacting the Chapter's officials. We strongly recommend the new migrants to go through the New migrants pack on our website for useful information.
- **Local Qualification Prep Support:** The Chapter organises regular prep support sessions for members to help them achieve local professional qualifications. The sessions include guidance on exam patterns, practice questions, notes, mock exams, peer support and more.
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- **Family Events:**
- **Diwali Gala Night Dinner:** A special festive celebration on occasion of Diwali is organized for the members and their families along with esteemed guests from different professional bodies, state & federal government.
- **Family picnic and Vivid Cruise:** The Chapter organises a family picnic once a year on beautiful picnic locations/parks of Sydney. In nature's lap, members and their families enjoy the fun time while mingling with each other. Enjoy the mesmerizing views of Sydney Vivid festival through a Vivid Cruise.
- **ICAI sporting event:** The health benefits that come with playing an active sport are hidden from none. The Chapter actively promotes sporting groups where members meet and play cricket matches at regular intervals. The Chapter also organises sporting events, where members compete with each other for various prizes. The event is open to families of members as well.