

CARLYLE GARDENS
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COMPUTER CLUB
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WHAT'S NEW?

The Committee has long considered that it may well be time to pause a while and get back to basics. Many of our members have been through a tutorial system in a variety of programs but may feel that they need a refresher course to regain their skills. Others may feel reticent to engage in a tutorial program for a number of reasons, including that of not knowing what it is they want to learn. So, the Committee has devised a set of workshops, each one spread over three days. Members are invited to turn up for any session(s) in any or all of the periods and receive practical, hands-on advice from a leader/guide who will use his/her experience to lead the participant through the workshop. The workshops are listed on a separate attachment. File it somewhere where you can see it.

Leader/guides will come from volunteers from the Club. Initially, some Committee members will be on duty, but it is hoped that non-Committee members will put hands up to assist. The qualifications are not great: what is needed will be:

- > A willingness to sacrifice a little time on Thursday mornings to assist a fellow Club member
- > Some little knowledge and experience in the topic
- > A desire to get involved in a practical way in Club activities

Any member who can take part in the program should contact President Clive (240), Secretary Kevin (133) or Wal Watkins (257). The more we can have at any session, the better and the more we can share the load, the better.

Members wishing to attend any workshop can simply turn up at the designated time, or close to it. However, it would be of great advantage if there was an indication of intention to attend. There will be a form on the shelf of #1 computer that can be completed by a member intending to attend any session. However, if you have not filled in the form, do not let that deter you from attending; just turn up, but bring a pen and paper.

It has been decided that there be a request for a small voluntary donation of \$1 per session for the service offered. This money will go wholly to boost Club revenue, in particular to pay for any materials used during the workshops.

The Committee will continually evaluate the progress of the program and, depending on how successful it is shown to be (or not), will add more topics (or cease the program) in the future. Please note that this is being done solely for the edification of our members, of whom you are one.

INFONITE

The *INFONITE* of 5 May was well attended, although numbers were a little down. Paul Brown certainly knows his subject. One must wonder if the "homework" task that he set has been taken up, to write one's own family history.

The next evening will be at 7 pm on Tuesday 23 June, when two ladies, Alicia and Dawn from City Library, will go through the library database live on line to demonstrate how we can use the computer to access library facilities. Pat O'Brien has spent some time and effort in liaising with the Library to organise this event, which should prove to be an entertaining and informative evening, so mark your diaries. There will be a reminder in the June newsletter, with some more detail provided. As usual, supper will follow the presentation, thanks to Marion and Helen, with Jennifer Gimm as the convenor of the event.

TECH SERVICES

Please do not consider this to be an advertisement, but Secretary Kevin has received a communication via a relative of a resident is offering his services to the Resort as a technician in just about all things electronic. His name is Tim Leech, trading under the name "Install-it-All". He works with TV equipment, digital devices, computers cameras, mobiles etc etc. A supply of his business cards has been placed on the shelf of #1 computer; feel free to take one. Tim is offering substantial discounts to Resort residents.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is another reminder that the AGM of the Club will be held in August, so keep in mind the need to staff the Committee for 2009-10. Also, if you consider that changes to the operations of the Club are desirable, the coming month or two will give you time to formulate Notices of Motion which can be debated at the AGM. Formal notices will be sent out probably with the June newsletter.

For now, happy computing

