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WHAT'S NEW?

The workshops designed to get back to basics have taken off and are already moving into the second set, that of using basic WORD. Check your roster issued with the previous newsletter to see what is going on; if you have misplaced it, there is a copy on the notice board in the Computer Centre. To date, attendance has been good and the response to the workshops positive: there is no reason why this state of affairs should not continue, provided leaders/guides remain available. The clue word is "basics" and anyone should have no fear of being embarrassed by supposed lack of knowledge or experience in order to attend; anyone of any standard is welcome to do so.

In the previous newsletter a request was issued for members who could assist in acting as leaders/guides in the workshops to volunteer their services. Sadly, no one has done so and it has been left to a couple of committee members to carry the burden. So far, that situation has been manageable, but it has become obvious that, with the number of members fronting up for the sessions, the instruction would be so much better if there were more guides to move among the participants. Please, if you have a working knowledge of the topics listed in the workshops program, come along and help your fellow members. You will not be expected to take a leading role (unless you want to) but rather an assisting and advising one.

INFONITES

As previously announced, the next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 23 June, in the Conference Room, topic "Accessing your library online". Dawn and Alicia, from the City Library, have prepared a very comprehensive program on searching the library catalogue, doing reservations and reviews and accessing library online databases. Getting into the library catalogue will include accessing the TCC website, pointing out features on the library home page, login, explaining links, demonstrating alert profiles and searching the catalogue for information such as title, author, subject, anywhere, and even how to carry out advanced research.

Information will be presented on how to make reservations, look at reviews, activate renewals and requests and access online databases on such topics as health, The Times, Newsbank, Libraries Australia and LearningFast – obtaining a membership number and password (at Thuringowa Library). Questions will be invited both during and after the presentations.

Going to the library to get information is old hat – do it from your own (or the Club's) computer.

The meeting is open to all residents; feel free to invite your neighbours who may be non-members. As usual, supper will be served after the presentation and you will get the chance to talk directly to Dawn or Alicia. There will be a **RAFFLE** for a 2 Gigabyte USB flash drive on the night, three tickets for \$2.00, so make sure to bring along that small change. One source claims that a 2 Gb memory is sufficient to store about 2000 books, so the winner will be in the position to become a major author (Agatha Christie, look out).

The following *INFONITE* will take place on Tuesday 21 July. This will be a surprise fun night presented by our own Wally Watkins, the title being "**LOOK, NO HANDS**". Wal will show how he has used voice recognition software to operate a computer just by talking at it. You will get another reminder in the July newsletter, but make a note in your diaries; you won't want to miss it.

The Club is now in the position of being able to use the laptop computer in the Conference Room to access the internet, owing to the purchase of a WAP (Wireless Access Point), which is the three-pronged device sitting on the shelf above #3 computer. The advantage of this will be evident during the library presentation, which can be performed in the Conference Room instead of having the Computer Centre filled with people to suffocation levels.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is another reminder that the AGM is coming up, in fact at 7 pm on Tuesday 18 August, hopefully in the Theatre. A formal notice will appear in the July newsletter, together with a nomination form for membership of the Management Committee for 2009-10. Present arrangements are that submission of Notices of Motion will close on 28 July and nominations for Committee on 4 August, so you have some time to think about it and act accordingly.

Most of the incumbent members of the Committee have expressed their willingness to continue next year, but some are looking for a spell. Please give the matter serious consideration and put your hand up for election. The task is not onerous and you do not have to be knowledgeable in computing.

If previous years are any indication, the AGM itself will last about ten minutes. Plans are to follow it with an *INFONITE*, topic yet to be decided. The Treasurer will be looking for the year's subs on that (and following) night(s); the Committee has resolved to recommend that subs remain at \$5.00 per member.

For now, happy computing

