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TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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WHAT'S NEW?

The end of year 2009 is approaching rather faster than may be wanted by many and operations of the Club are slowing down, but there are still some events to take place that will keep us involved.

INFONITE

To repeat what has already been announced, the next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 27 October in the Conference Room, the topic being entitled **The Music Man**. Geoff Dillon has kindly volunteered his services to share his secrets in how he organises the wonderful music that residents enjoy at the communal gatherings. He will demonstrate how to record and transfer music and hopefully, how to download music from the net. Jenny has organised a great raffle prize, a photo-key ring, on which may be downloaded up to 100 photos that you can carry everywhere with you. Marion is donating the second prize, a mud cake. There will be some interesting and entertaining short features, with Laurie Wickham taking over the role of organising the show, so be sure to be there. As usual, a scrumptious supper will be laid on. All residents are invited, so spread the word.

The final *INFONITE* for the year will be held on 24 November; the Committee had hoped for a visit by a police officer to talk about "Phishing", but the officer concerned cannot make it at a time suitable for him and us in November. We will look further into it next year. As a replacement, but a very worthy one, Peter Bennett has kindly agreed to give a presentation on Windows 7, about which there are copious notices in the media. Peter will spell out the advantages and disadvantages of the new operating system and put your qualms to rest about upgrading or not, if that is possible. More on that later, but there will be the usual raffle, with Christmas fare as the prizes, and Laurie's short features.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was no response to these items from the previous newsletter, so we will try again.

- 1 The Committee wants to update the list of volunteer tutors; if you can help at all, even at the most basic level, contact Kevin (133). Volunteers from the (not so) new stage are very acceptable.
2. If you would like a copy of the Club's Constitution, contact Kevin.
3. As a matter of interest, have a look at the website www.necseniors.net.au; you may find something there that will take your attention. The Committee is presently looking into the site to see if there is anything available for the Club, but you may find something that interests you as an individual.

CLUB FACILITIES

It is timely to list some of the major facilities and services that are available through the Club, all desk computers using XP as the operating system.

1. Three computers for general use, two linked to the internet through the Resort's system.
2. These same computers have printers attached, with a scanner/copier on #1 computer.
3. One computer dedicated to simple games, including Hoyle's card and board games.
4. One computer dedicated to transferring vinyl and taped music to CD.
5. One laptop computer, employing Vista and used for training and demonstrating purposes.
6. One projector, used in presentations and in workshops.
7. Tutorials in a variety of topics, depending on available expertise; these may be conducted at home or in the Computer Centre (a charge of \$2 per session is made).
8. Workshops (commenced in 2009 and to be continued in 2010) on a variety of topics, conducted in the Computer Centre (a charge of \$1 applies).
9. A range of CDs and manuals, self tutorial material and related materials.
10. More, which the writer cannot think of at this time.

The equipment and the services are available for your use, at most times. A Committee member will advise anyone that asks.

Subs for 2009-10 are due at \$5 per member; please pay direct to Treasurer Jeff (212).

If for any reason you do not wish to re-subscribe, please inform Jeff.

For now, happy computing; see you at the *INFONITE*.

