

CARLYLE GARDENS

TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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WHAT'S NEW?

In the October Newsletter there was reference to the necseniors website, into which the Committee was looking to see if anything may be available for the benefit of the Club. Well, we found some very interesting features that were being offered through the program. Basically, there are on offer two free "Computer Kiosks", which consist of computers and furniture, for the purpose of giving tutorials to seniors about the internet, e-mailing and Wordpad (the standard letter writing program on all Windows systems, a scaled down Office Word).



President Clive and Secretary Kevin commenced investigations immediately and soon enlisted the aid of Eric Lindsay who has been a tower of strength with his technical knowledge, far above that of the first two mentioned. Summarising events to date, we have been through a preliminary Stage 1 which required basic information and have now proceeded to Stage 2, with more detail required. This has been submitted and we are now awaiting further instructions as to how to proceed, assuming that we have satisfied the required criteria. The program is a Commonwealth Government initiative, in association with NEC. Watch this space for any eventualities.

We met with Leigh Bradley to discuss the matter and we must acknowledge the cooperation and assistance that she provided; we offer Leigh our sincere thanks.

INFONITE

To repeat what has already been announced, the next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 24 November in the Conference Room, the topic being entitled **WINDOWS 7**. Peter Bennett, whom many of us know as our computer saviour, will inform us about the current Windows system that is being shoved down our throats by the advertising 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. Peter has promised not to be too technical.

Jenny has gone to her usual trouble to organise raffle prizes for the night, the top prize being an iced Christmas cake, courteous of Helen Rattlidge. and there will be other goodies appropriate to a Christmas theme. Laurie will introduce the evening with the popular short features. The sumptuous supper will again be served. This evening virtually constitutes our end of year breakup, so be there.

The first *INFONITE* of 2010 will take place tentatively on Tuesday 16 February. Since Geoff Dillon has more to offer, having not been able to cover it all at his previous performance, we have invited him to produce a reprise, **THE MUSIC MAN SINGS AGAIN**. A reminder will be forthcoming in the New Year.

ROOM CLEANING

Because of the changes made to the cleaning contract, discussion with Leigh has resulted in our being responsible for cleaning the Computer Centre. Jock Saint-Smith has donated a small but adequate vacuum cleaner for the purpose. The Committee has appointed Jock Head **Sadie** and she will organise the cleaning procedures. The Club (and Jock) would appreciate volunteers to assist in this task, which will not be an onerous one. After all, we don't exactly transport loads of dirt into the room and everyone who uses it leaves it in good condition.

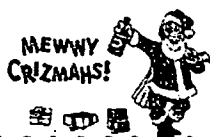
If you can help, contact Jock directly (Unit 167)

MISCELLANEOUS

The Committee is going into recess until 16 February, but the Club is not. All equipment is available as are tutorials by arrangement. When the office closes for their holidays, the Centre may be accessed by asking any Committee member for a key.

Financial membership currently stands at 92, some 20 less than last year. Please contact Jeff (212) to pay subs or (hopefully not) to inform him that you are not continuing with your membership.

Finally for 2009, President Clive and the Committee wish you and yours every best wish for the festive season and happy and successful computing in 2010.



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