

# **CARLYLE GARDENS**

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KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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## **WHAT'S NEW?**

Those members who were present at the *INFONITE* of September will be aware that the new laptop has been received and commissioned. For ordinary use there seem to be *no mysteries* about it: it turns on to a different screen but it still looks like a computer screen whatever the operating system. The Office 2010 programs, such as Word and Excel, look very similar to the Office 2007 programs as on our other laptop and it seems that very little adaption will be required to convert from one to the other. An interesting feature, not available to many of our members, is a wireless mouse. Anyone wishing to examine the computer is welcome to do so, simply by contacting President Clive (240), Secretary Kevin (133) or Wal Watkins (257). The Club is now equipped to offer tutorials in Office programs ranging through 2000, 2003, 2007 and 2010, as well as make use of the operating systems Windows 98, 2000, XP, Vista and Windows 7.

Other than that, there is no great activity at the moment. The festive season is fast approaching and people are reacting accordingly.

## **INFONITES**

Members appreciated the visit by Peter Bennett at the September *INFONITE* when they were reliably informed of the new tricks of the trade in the computer world. Peter gives up his time voluntarily to attend for these sessions and the Club is grateful for his valued contribution and service.

The next *INFONITE* will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 26 October in the Conference Room. Eric Lindsay has kindly volunteered his services to talk about and illustrate **What History tells us about the Future of Computers**. He informs us that he will discuss how computers developed, cover a few paradigm (that word) changes like mainframe to personal, internet and the invention of the web, changes in the personal computer market and briefly cover i-phones and portable devices. It promises to be an interesting night, with the usual short features, supper and raffle to back it up.

Eric may also discuss his idea of starting an Apple Interest Group.

The final function for the year 2010, to be held on Tuesday 23 November, will be a Happy Nite, when there will be no presentation as such, but will be a breakup for the year. There will be a variety of short presentations, both humorous and serious, supper and special raffle. If any member has a favourite presentation, load it on a memory stick and bring it along.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

The Club will go into recess over the silly season, with the Committee meeting for the last time in 2010 in November and the first time in 2011 in January, in time to organise the first *INFONITE* in February, topic yet to be decided (any suggestions). Recess does not mean that the Club is not in operation; tutorials, assistance and facilities are always available by contacting Kevin (133), who will direct you to the appropriate person.

## **DUES ARE DUE**

Members who have not yet paid their dues of \$5 per member for the year 2010-11 are reminded that payment is now overdue, payable to Treasurer Jeff Stickley (#212). If for any reason you do not intend to renew your membership, please inform Jeff at the earliest opportunity.

**A little bit short on news this edition, but as said earlier, things are slowing down.**

**However, as always, Happy Computing**

