WHAT'S NEW?

The management Committee has met on 20 January for its first meeting of 2011. Committee members are looking for bright ideas, preferably novel ones, to get the year up and started so that we can "move forward" with interesting and informative activities in the coming months. To assist the Committee, it is seeking submissions from members of the Club. This follows the current trend in our society, "consultation" to drain the brains of the populace for ideas. One must question whether such consultation is offered because the prime-movers have exhausted their ideas and are searching for new ones. Whereas the Committee does not admit to being devoid of ideas, it wants the general Club membership to contribute in whatever way they can. More on this later.

INFONITES

The November *HAPPY NITE* was very well attended and a good time was had by all. You may remember that Peter Bennett was present with his rather impressive moustache. The proceeds of the raffle plus the many generous donations from individuals from the meeting amounted to $130. Peter has requested that his sincere appreciation be expressed to all concerned.

The next *INFONITE* will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 22 February in the Conference Room, so we are up and running straight away. We have a guest presenter in Peter Bennett, who is donating his time to show his appreciation for the way we backed him earlier. Peter will demonstrate tools and techniques for backing up files and folder, etc. This should prove to be very useful, even essential: computers do have the unfortunate habit of playing up, even crashing completely. Back-up gives security in that our precious files need not be lost forever in the event of a calamity.

As usual there will be short features (if we can organise the projector), a raffle and supper.

FUTURE PLANS

The Committee has decided to carry on with the Workshops that have been operating over the last two years and is considering what kinds of topics should be included and what format to use. Under consideration is to provide a brief recapitulation of the lessons previously learnt (Word, Excel, internet, email) but with applications to a slightly advanced level. So, participants who have "been there done that" will not simply do the same thing again but will add to their experiences. We may need to provide lead-up sessions for the un-initiated. Also, a new concept of small group workshops for more specialised applications will be examined.

At the moment, it is anticipated that the workshops will commence in May and will be followed by the specialised sessions.

This is where we request your comments. What kind of experiences would you like to be available during the workshops? There is a cut-off section at the bottom of this page which enables you to make your own specific request. You also have the opportunity to make a request for an *INFONITE* topic.

DUES ARE OVER-DUE

There are still some members who have not yet paid their dues of $5 per member for the year 2010-11. Please send payment to Treasurer Jeff Stickley (#212) or notify him that you do not intend to renew membership.

For now, Happy Computing

Cut off and return to Secretary Kevin (#133) at the earliest opportunity.

List the type of Workshop topics and/or *INFONITE* topics that you would appreciate:

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