# CARLYLE GARDENS

TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

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#### WHAT'S NEW?

There has been a development in our data projector story. Those members who were at some recent INFONITES may recall that there was trouble with the colour reproduction; this resulted in Kevin having to call the colours of flowers in one presentation. In our ignorance, we had put the trouble down to the bulb and we were considering whether to purchase a new bulb or a new projector. A new bulb costs so much we would have been justified in the second alternative and the Committee had ordained getting advice and quotes for a new projector. In seeking such advice, Vice-President Don took our machine to an acquaintance of his who had some knowledge of the subject and he diagnosed the problem, not as a faulty bulb, but in a simple cable. The cable was replaced and, lo and behold, all was fixed. The next INFONITE will provide the testing time.

The moral of this story is, don't jump to conclusions when it comes to anything electronic. Seek advice from someone in the know: the solution may be very simple (or maybe not).

#### **INFONITES**

The next *INFONITE* will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 22 February in the Conference Room. As announced earlier, we have a guest presenter in Peter Bennett, who 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. Peter may be willing to respond to some queries on other topics after the presentation, but please leave them to then. As usual there will be short features, a raffle and supper.

Future INFONITES are under discussion; we will miss March because of a clash in dates, so the next one will be on Tuesday 26 April (we know that that is a public holiday). It will be a BITS & PIECES NIGHT. Topics will include NEARMAP, Kindle e-books (or alternatives) etc. We are looking for volunteers using (eg) Kindle or familiar with NEARMAP to identify themselves and attend a meeting beforehand to plan out an approach to a presentation. More on this later.

### **WORKSHOPS 2011**

There were only two responses to our request for ideas and suggestions on the content of workshops and INFONITES for this year. One was centred on basic photographic editing, the other on e-mail (use of folders, fax, scanning and attachments). Are any others interested in such topics? We can make arrangements to cover them, but if only one person is interested, it would be better and more efficiently done on a one-to-one tutorial basis than in a workshop. If any member possesses at least basic skills to present these or other topics in a workshop or tutorial situation, please contact Secretary Kevin (#133); your contribution will be welcomed.

We'll try again and give members another opportunity to express their views on what they would like to learn or gain more experience in; the request form is printed at the bottom for cut off and return. Please give your name so that we can contact you. Even those ex-workshop participants who would like to have more experience in WORD, Excel or internet use could express their views.

## For now, Happy Computing

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