

CARLYLE GARDENS

TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

March 11

WHAT'S NEW?

The Committee has been busy and is arranging some very significant events for the coming months, the success of which will depend entirely on the participation of Club members: more on these later. On the subject of membership, there are currently 117 fully paid up members. We lost a couple but also gained a couple, so our membership is fairly static.

WORKSHOPS

A set of available Workshop topics has been formalised to the extent of how many members respond to the choices available. The final listing will depend on this response. Attached there is a separate page (a blue paper), which gives details and a cut-off sheet that members wishing to be involved are requested to return by 1 April. You need not restrict yourself to one choice; we will try as much as possible to respond to all requests, depending on the numbers for a particular choice.

In the blue paper, a request is made for volunteers to act as leaders or assistants in any of the workshops. Please consider this very seriously. The more assistants the closer we get to a one-on-one situation which is ideal in teaching/learning computer techniques. For those who do volunteer, it is planned to conduct a lead up session to ensure that all instructors are reading from the same page and not going off at tangents so that different "students" are receiving different instructions. These preliminary sessions will be organised as soon as possible. Members prepared to assist can contact Kevin (133) directly, or indicate your intention and expertise on the bottom of the blue paper, with or without notification of participating in a workshop (you can do both).

All being well, it is anticipated that the workshop period will commence on Thursday 5 May. This will depend on the return of choices by 1 April and the ability of some Committee member(s) to construct a timetable to make things work. Eventually, a timetable will be placed on the notice board in the Computer Centre, and/or hopefully, attached to the April newsletter.

SOCIAL CLUB RAFFLE

The Computer Club has been allocated Sunday 1 May for its raffle to be conducted in conjunction with the barbecue following the Social Club's quarterly meeting. Once again, the Committee is seeking the support of members in different ways: to assist in the provision of prizes, to assist in the selling of tickets and distribution of prizes, to be there and encourage others, particularly non-members, to attend and perhaps assist in the serving of meals also.

With no intention of criticism, the Committee, basing its view on past experiences at these functions, is of the opinion that we should strive for **quality** of prizes rather than quantity. To this end, we suggest that, if donors of prizes are concerned what they could give, they give cash. This would enable the purchase of prizes that may be of more use to winners than something that they really could do without and place more value on individual prizes. This does not mean that members wishing to donate wine, chocolates etc should not do so; they will be equally appreciated.

Please deliver tangible prizes to President Clive (240) and hand in cash to Treasurer Jeff (212) before 22 April, or notify either of your intention. Some additional funds resulting from the event will come in handy, as the Committee is looking to update some of the Club's equipment.

INFONITE

The next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 26 April in the Conference Room. The title of the session is "BITS & PIECES". At this time, two topics are being arranged. The first will be a look at NEARMAP, a presentation available on the net which enable some rather clever mapping images to be viewed. One example is a before-and-after view of selected catastrophic events, such as the Japanese earthquake or the south-east Queensland flooding. In the second half, we will examine e-books. Following an introductory talk, members will divide up into groups to examine at first hand what can be achieved in the reading world for very little outlay. It is requested that members (or others) possessing e-books of whatever ilk bring them along and participate in the presentation.

As usual there will be short features, a raffle and supper.

For now, Happy Computing

