

CARLYLE GARDENS
TOWNSVILLE
COMPUTER CLUB
KEEPING YOU ON LINE
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WHAT'S NEW?

Nothing very much! The last couple of months Of 2011 are upon us and things are slowing down as we approach the silly season. However the Committee is still active and will remain so; if members seek advice, it is always available to the best of the Committee members' ability, even over the real holiday period.

On a sad note, the shredder which was available for use by the general Village community has died, after the third event where it was misused and fault not reported. It will not be replaced.

INFONITE

The next *INFONITE* will take place at 7 pm on Tuesday 25 October, when Bryan Roebuck will make a presentation on buying stuff (safely, using Paypal) on the net. Bryan has had considerable experience in this field and it should be a very informative evening. At least we should be aware of the process as it may well affect us in the future, if not already.

This brings us again to the question, what is the purpose of *INFONITES*? The answer is, as always, to educate, to entertain, to increase our appreciation of computing, to improve our computer literacy, to socialise... They are not meant to instruct or to teach. That may happen in follow-up sessions on the particular topic, if required. It is a computer based social evening in which we try to involve members (the supper afterwards certainly brings people together).

A case in point was the September occasion, when Jeff Stickley presented a session on Jigsaws. It was a great fun night and appreciated by all who attended, even if numbers were rather disappointing. Eleven of those present (plus a couple of others since) were so impressed that they have downloaded copies of the program from Jeff's software on to their own computers. If you weren't there, you missed a great night.

Advance notice for the November *INFONITE* is that it won't be one as such. It will take place on Tuesday 22 November and will be an evening of computer entertainment with special prizes in the raffle and a sumptuous supper to send us into the break over Christmas.

MOBILE PHONES

The survey on running a workshop on "Mobile phones for Grandparents/aunts/uncles" has had very little response (two to date). There was considerable support for the idea at the AGM when the proposal was first mooted and one must wonder what has happened in the interim. There is no point in proceeding with his idea if there is not a significant requirement for it.

If you have any interest at all, contact Kevin (#133) soon to discuss it further. It will depend entirely on the response of members if this project is to proceed, in the new year.

GAMES

The Committee has decided to resurrect the "Games Computer", the one near the photo-copier. The previous computer has gone to computer heaven and all the loaded games with it. The games will include all the standard ones on most computers, Hoyle's Card Games (a whole host of them, bridge, euchre, crib canasta etc), Board Games, including chess, mah jong, backgammon and many others, a set of Casino games and Jeff's Jigsaws; others will be added if they become available. Give us a little time to set it up and then check it out. A list of available games will be attached to the desk, eventually.

You won't find any of the terrifying games that your grandchildren play – it is not meant to be a play station and you will not have to shoot down space invaders or whatever it is one does on such games.

YOUR DUES ARE DUE

Annual subscriptions for 2011-12 are now due, \$5.00 payable to Treasurer Jeff (#212).
If for any reason you do not intend to renew membership, please inform Jeff asap.

For now, Happy Computing.

