

CARLYLE GARDENS

TOWNSVILLE

COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

June 12

WHAT'S NEW?

The Club has acquired a new printer which will be connected to computer #1 when it is returned after some major part replacement (under warranty). It is a Canon, priced at about mid-range for modern printers, but importantly it is wireless enabled. The idea for the future is that, as the printers are replaced (as they need be, they don't last for ever these days), all will be wireless capable and we can network from any computer to any printer. This will give a real flexibility in our operations. We hope to have the computers under repair back in operation this week, with all three main computers having internet access.

INFONITE

There are some real treats to see out the 2011-12 computer year. On Tuesday 26 June, guest presenter Bob King will demonstrate SNAPPISH, by taking a selection of photos of Carlyle activities and arranging them in an album by use of a FREE program (apart from the cost of the album itself). Our own Bob Bowd has been consulting with the other Bob (his brother-in-law) and has assured the other members of the Committee that this will be a night to remember. You may even be able to see the end product. The usual applies, start at 7 pm, with raffle and sumptuous supper.

Tues 24 July
The July *INFONITE* will feature Tod from Telstra at the Willows. Tod has volunteered to bring us up to date with modern phones. He will present information ranging from the use of the simplest mobiles to the u-beaut equipment that is on the market today. Included will be hands-on demonstrations of some tablets (no need to bring your own panadol, you won't need it), and there may even be some give-aways, but no promises. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

The August date is reserved for the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 28 August. A formal notice will be issued in the July newsletter, but all members need to start thinking about the Committee to lead you into the next year and beyond. The present Committee has done its utmost to maintain good communication and services to members, but feels that there is a need for some change in direction if interest is to be maintained. Every piece of electronic equipment is virtually a computer these days and so we may need to be thinking of "computerisation" rather than "computers". In all probability, the Club would best be led by a group of which at least some are inclined towards a broader aspect of our operations than we now employ.

Some of the present Committee have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election, having been very active over several years. They will need to be replaced. Being a member of Committee does not require much effort or computer knowledge. None of the present group can say that they are expert in any field, even though they may have some little experience and expertise in some particular area. What is required is just a little time, enthusiasm, dedication and an interest in helping fellow members to enjoy their computer-based experiences.

President Clive and Secretary Kevin have indicated that they will not be standing for those positions, but will continue, if elected, in different roles. Vice-President Don and our lovable "Sadie" Jock will be retiring (we'll need another Sadie). Others are as yet undecided. With the secretarial position, it has been decided that the new role will be as a paper person, not as a Russ Hinze type as has been in the past.

When the notice comes out in July, please think about who (including yourself) could serve as an effective committee member and nominate accordingly.

BITS & PIECES

Workshops 2012 has been a success for those who attended, with numbers sufficient to occupy most if not all benches (fortunately several members had their own computers). One outcome has been that there is a safety issue with leads to laptops going everywhere. The Committee has approached Management with a view to having a central power supply from which leads can radiate. Management has agreed to help us look into the situation.

For now, Happy Computing

