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COMPUTER CLUB

KEEPING YOU ON LINE

September 11

WHAT'S NEW?

The Committee for 2010-11 has been "elected" (or "reappointed") to manage things on your behalf for the next twelve months, with one addition to the Committee in the person of Laurie Wickham – with the approval of Club members present at the AGM. Sadly, the attendance at the AGM was rather poor, being the lowest for some years even though our membership is at a peak. The meeting, of very short duration, was followed by computer generated shorts and the usual sumptuous supper.

HAPPY HOUR RAFFLE

Our Club's version of the Happy Hour Raffle was conducted on 2 September through the efforts of Committee members and some valuable outside assistance. Attendance was good and some generous spending on tickets enabled the Club to make a very good profit of \$417 (prizes value \$400), a tidy amount to add to our coffers. Thanks go to all who assisted and contributed in any way, but a special mention must be made to Jenny Gimm and Jock Slack-Smith who did all the buying and organising of prizes. Jock and Laurie were ticket sellers extraordinaire.

INFONITES

As announced earlier, the next *INFONITE* will have as its topic "Jigsaws" (the old fashioned puzzles, nothing to do with carpentry tools). We have as presenter our own Jeff Stickley, who is arguably our Club's top guru on this subject. Jeff will demonstrate, in puzzling fashion, how to use computer software to play at jigsaws and promises to make it an enigmatic evening. There will be the usual introductory shorts, raffle and supper, ensuring lots of good fellowship. Come along, bring your friends and neighbours and enjoy an entertaining evening.

The October *INFONITE* will be different again, but just as entertaining and informative. Bryan Roebuck has kindly volunteered his services and expertise to demonstrate the use of eBay in buying and selling on the net. He will do this over a series of sessions on the topic. Possibly some members shudder at the idea of doing such a thing, but there is no doubt that eBay is part and parcel of our modern way of living and it may do us a lot of good to find out more about it.

The November *INFONITE* will be the Christmas break-up – more details later.

MOBILE PHONES

At the AGM it was suggested that the Committee investigate the possibility of conducting a workshop on "Mobile phones for Grandparents/aunts/uncles"; there seemed to be some support for the idea. Before we can organise anything we need to know what kind of mobile phone operations members would like to know more about. We assume you would want the full gen on calling, receiving, SMS, the basic operations, but what additional features do you need? We are looking at the prospect of having a Telstra expert to advise us and even to conduct the workshop, so the information should be spot on. We can start simple, and expand later on if required.

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.

GOOGLE SKETCHUP

Eric Lindsay has donated a book "Google SketchUp for Dummies". SketchUp is a fast easy way to build 3D models of anything – buildings, furniture, or your own unique creations. Best of all – it's free. The book is available in the Computer Centre from which it may be borrowed, recorded in the green register and returned. Thanks to Eric for his generosity in making the book available.

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.

