WHAT'S NEW?

Good news for some of our members: we are back on the internet. The Club has purchased a Wi-Fi device which allows wireless connection to the net. We are indebted to the assistance of Meryl Cheetham from Sales in presenting a submission from the Committee to the "owners" (aka the receivers), following advice from Peter Bennett on the matter. The owners came to the party and donated $150 to the project. In effect, this amount purchases 10 GB over twelve months. The Club purchased the equipment at a special price of $99. There was some expense in having Peter set up the #1 and #2 computers to be wireless enabled. In future, the Club will pay $150 (at current prices) for recharge either at the end of 12 months or when the current charge runs out – whichever comes first. It is up and running, but there are some conditions to be observed:

➤ The Club has to make a charge on a user-pays basis. Members using the internet will pay $1 for every half hour or less, as on a notice attached to the desks which house the computers linked up. Details should be entered in the pink folder and money placed in the money box.

➤ A member using the facility for the first time will need tuition on how to access it and must seek this tuition before attempting to do so. Contact Kevin (133) or Laurie (303) for assistance. Hopefully, no further tuition will be required. The guidelines that are provided should be adhered to rigidly, so bring a notebook. Don't be alarmed, the procedure is really very simple; it becomes necessary because of security concerns. There are some matters which need to be kept confidential; these will be explained.

The Committee will keep a close eye on the usage of the internet to make decisions on the continued operation of the facility, which is available to members only. Present indications are that the user-pay system will not cover the costs involved, but Club funds will contribute to a large degree in using time and memory in the recurring updates needed to keep the computer systems, including our two laptops, in top order.

INFONITE

The next *INFONITE* will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday 24 April, when Bryan Roebuck will present Episode 2 of using bPay. Previously, Bryan had demonstrated the buying potential of bPay and this time will show how to sell. Just imagine all those not wanted Christmas presents or all those superfluous items up in the carport just waiting to be sent to a more deserving home. This could be a good chance to find out one way of disposing of them; besides which, it could be a bit of fun. The usual short features, raffle and supper will be on the program. Bring your friends.

The Committee is organising some interesting and informative topics for the coming months, using guest presenters in the main. Watch this space for future developments.

WORKSHOPS 2012

You are reminded that the cut-off date for registration for Workshops 2012 is 20 April. To date there has been a trickle of responses, but enough to make some topics definitely viable, if not all. As soon as possible after 20 April those members who have responded will receive a personal timetable, a copy of which will be placed on the notice board in the Computer Centre. Late entries may be considered, depending on spaces available, but it would be appreciated if all entries could be made before the cut-off.

Owing to the absence of some key personnel involved in the presentation of workshops, the earliest date for commencement seems likely to be 24 May, with the final session in late June. All will become clearer when final acceptances are received.

The Committee has decided that these workshops will be limited to members only and not thrown open to non-members. The charge of $1 per session to cover costs will still apply.

Any member who has "lost" his/her application form (attached to the March issue of the Newsletter) and who wishes to enrol, contact Kevin (#133) as soon as possible.

For now, Happy Computing

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