

# The Meridian

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT

The month goes by so quickly its hard to keep up with everything.

It looks like people are happy in the way the Committee are performing as the suggestion box is always empty.

The Computer 286 is no longer in use. It was voted by the Committee to sell it. The printer is not for sale. Tenders to be given to Santo in a sealed envelope - they will be opened by him on the day of the meeting.

Some other decisions made by the Committee:

We give the choir \$100.00 towards expenses to celebrate the Choir's 21st Anniversary Concert. A date to be confirmed. The craft group will have a table for craft sales on that day.

We support the Table Tennis Group entry in the Masters Games to the extent of \$200.00 between eight entrants. This was voted for. Added to this is the \$100.00 donated by the Commonwealth bank, and \$100.00 from the Southern Cross Club.

Landscaping of the car park is being looked into. We are seeking advise on the best way to go about it.

The amount of money raised from the raffle for the Childrens Cancer Research was \$60.00. My thanks to all who support this worthy cause.

Santo

## COMPUTER GROUP

### Seniors Internet Cafe

I suspect that the organisers of this project are discovering that although there is no shortage of people willing to make approving noises, volunteers willing to make a firm commitment in time and effort are somewhat more difficult to find. Whatever the reason, the starting date has been put back once again and is now forecast to coincide with Seniors Week in September.

### The Beginners Course

This is now finished, but the survivors are continuing to meet on Mondays at 1.30pm. to pursue some of the topics further, and for mutual assistance, discussion and problem solving. I am going on holiday for three or four weeks, and when I return in August the group will continue to run as a formal "class" for a little while - perhaps until the end of October - looking at some more advanced DOS aspects; but after that I expect the group to be self motivating, so that I can have some time to use my own computer! The signs are hopeful - animated discussion usually continues long after the normal closing time of the meeting.

I am still receiving a few requests to repeat the Beginners Course, but to do so would involve a substantial re-write, especially of the practical exercises, since the old 286 around which the course was designed is due for honourable retirement. There is insufficient space in the Committee Room for two desk-top machines and so I expect the Committee will be calling for offers for the 286. Any future course will use the 386 on loan to the Club. Rewriting the course will take a lot of time, so if there is a repeat it is unlikely to be this side of Christmas.

### The Club's 386 Computer

Apart from the members of the Monday Computer Group, I see little sign that other Club members are making use of the 386. Remember that this machine was installed for the use of the membership as a whole, so why not come and try it out - even if its only to prove to yourself how much better your own computer at home is! I know that the Committee room always seems to be in use for something or other these days, but believe it or not there are still times when it is free.

*Genius*

## CAR SPACES FOR ADVANCE PERSONNEL

In view of the interest expressed by Club members in the matter of car spaces being allocated to workers from Advance Personnel .. an employment service for handicapped persons .. it was decided to make the following statement.

The letter came to the committee on June 2 but was inadvertently treated as a flyer and no action was taken. Subsequently it was thought an Executive decision could be taken but instead<sup>n</sup> thirteen of the 18 committee members were consulted 10 of whom signified their intention to agree to the parking being leased at the specified price. Three voted against it. Because of this the Public Officer went ahead with the contract and the ballot on July 14 passed the motion by 11 votes to 3. The lease is now in effect and the money has been paid.