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NEXT MEETING:— 18th JANUARY 1987

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[Executive Committee]

Terry Sweetser   - President.
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[What's When]

Sunday 14th December 1986.
Informal Open-day/committee meeting at the Registrar's home - 51
Centaur Street - Kippa Ring (Redcliffe) - Qld 4020. This
"meeting" is strictly a B.Y.O. (bring your own everything)
Starting time is 10.am. No earlier please.

Sunday 18th January 1987
Open Day at the Hooper Centre.

Monday 19th January 1987
Committee Meeting at the Hooper Centre.

[Editorial]

by Terry Sweetser.

Ah... what a laid back existance editing the clubs newsletter; no
pressure; no deadlines and plenty of contributions. It would be a
shame to give this job away to some diligent, enthusiastic,
youthful work-aholic, NO NO, I mean PERSON. It's so easy puting
one of these together you know? But we can't have the President
doing all the work can we? NO NO, so we need some-one to come and
fill a little yet well-respected position, EDITOR. The hours are
short and benefits great, and no marginal tax rates and many
untaxable fringe benefits. So, if you want this fantastic job
then apply now.

              Have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

                        Happy Computing,
                              Terry.

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[Secretary's Notes]

by Vince Crosdale.

At last exams are over and I think this will be a big relief not only to myself, but to all the school children out there as well. Finally, we can get back to doing some serious computing.

Little has happened in our small corner of the computing world over the last month, but one item that did occur was the arrival of a new Apple //gs at the November meeting. This sparked a large amount of interest in Apple's new little beauty, and the queue for a 'hands-on' demonstration of this machine was never wanting for numbers. Glenn MacDanial (of Delsound, in the City) provided all and sundry with as good a display of the machines capabilities   with   the   limited   amount   of   software   he   had available. The machine appeared to impress all who actually got the opportunity to have a 'play' with it.

A bit of friendly competition appeared later in the day in the form of an Amiga, and once this had been set up next to the gs, a challange was issued to see who could impress the crowd better. The end result of this would have to be declared a draw, as reports back from the members present indicated that all felt each machine had its own place in the market with both of them performing well in the applications that they were put through. Many thanks must go to Glen from Delsound for providing us with the //gs.

A few magazines have arrived in the mail over the last month, with a new addition to our library appearing in the form of the newsletter of the ACT Apple User's Group. The arrival of this came as no great suprise, actually as the deal was arranged with a gentleman in Canberra who rings the BBS regularly. It is an interesting magazine, consisting mainly of articles from other magazines around Australia and the US.

A few points that need to be cleared up. We have had many inquires as to how the Club Treasurer could be allowed to do the club audit. Well, to set the record straight, Eric performed the audit before he became Treasurer, and was asked to do this by the previous committee as he is a bank manager. It was after he had performed the audit that he was approached to become Club Treasurer and accepted. The discrepancy of $100.00 in the totals is due to a typo, nothing more, and Eric received no remuneration for performing the audit.

Another matter that seemed to cause a bit of confusion was the item about membership cards in the minutes. You should have received a membership card with this newsletter, providing your membership expires after January, 1987. This card will cover you until your membership expires. The deal with displaying the cards is that we would like all members to display their membership cards on their machines from the January meeting onwards. We would also ask all visitors and members to please sign the book near the front door. This is to allow us to try and regulate visitors coming in and setting up their equipment and inconveniencing club members by taking up space. We would like to point out that we are not trying to stop visitors coming to the

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meetings, but we do ask that if they wish to set up their
equipment, please join up first (feel free to have a good look
around and make all the enquires you like first) before setting
up their equipment. We are not doing this to try and become
militant, it is just in reply to complaints received about
members not being able to set up because a non-member is using
club facilities.

The BBS has been extremely well received by the general public
with membership now up to 70 users. It is constantly in use (when
modifications aren't in progress) and the message bases are
filling up quite well. Again, for all who didn't get the number
last month, it is

> RApple-Q ABBS   (online 24 hrs)
> 300, 1200 and 2400 baud, Bell and CCITT
> Telephone (07) 284-6145

Well, that's about it for this month, but with a two month
break from the newsletter coming up, we hope to have a fair bit
to forward to you all in the February edition.

Best Wishes for the Christmas/New Year season to all, and Good
Computing.

> Regards, Vince.

[The Trading Table]

by Graham Black

The Trading Table will be operating as usual in the new year,
with a few added items of interest. In 1987, we intend having
some modems on sale, so that members who don't have one yet, will
have the oportunity to buy a good quality modem at the right
price, so that they can enjoy the pleasures of BBSing, along with
the rest of us. We are hoping to be able to sell the NetComm 3+12
manual modem for around the $300 mark. NetComm produce a very
good range of modems, and it is only a matter of personal
preference as to the type of modem you want, at a price that is
realistic. The BBS (RAppleQ), is operating with the NetComm 1234A
modem. This modem is almost top of the range, and will handle a
variety of baud rates. The NetComm 3+12 modem uses 300 baud and
1200/75 baud. This will allow you to access Telecom's VIATEL, as
well as any BBS in Queensland, and more than likely, any BBS in
Australia and overseas.

Our current stock items will be reduced to the special prices
which were advertised in the last two newsletters. These prices
are being retained, simply to clear out our existing stocks. Once
they are gone, all new stocks will be at the usual prices. We
still have a reasonable supply of Single Sided Double Density
disks in stock, at $23.00 per box.

> Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Regards, Graham

*** WANTED URGENTLY ***

We have a few members on our books, who have not bothered to inform us of their change of address. If you know any member who has changed his/her address, would you PLEASE ask them to give us the appropriate details, or let a committee member know their NEW ADDRESS as soon as possible, so that we can ammend our records, and let them have their Newsletters that they are missing out on. We are getting a number of Newsletters returned to us each month, because nobody has bothered to let us know their new address. It would be appreciated if ALL members would fill out the enclosed MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM included in this newsletter, and return it with the correct details, so that we can check our records. Please include the area code with your phone number. These forms can be sent directly to me at the following address:

        The Registrar
        Apple-Q: the Brisbane Users' Group
        P.O.Box 698
        Redcliffe
        Qld. 4020

We need the address's for the following members:-

David Makepeace .... late of Mansfield
Leicester Hibbert .... late of Jamboree Heights
W.F.& M.I.Savage .... No address what-so-ever

The Membership Register has now been condensed, and NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS are being issued. Your NEW MEMBERSHIP NUMBER is on your mailing label, and your new membership card. Would all those members who currently have the old white and green membership cards, please return them with your membership renewal form, as they are no longer valid.

[Special Discount Offers]

Delsound Electronics & Computer Orchid (Chermside), have offered a cash discount on all Apple products to members, on production of CURRENT membership cards.

DELSOUND ELECTRONICS
            1 Wickham Terrace (corner Wharf Street), Brisbane
                telephone: (07) 839-6155

COMPUTER ORCHARD
            671 Gympie Road, Chermside
                telephone: (07) 350-1255

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership of Apple-Q is on an annual basis from the month that you join.   All members on our books are required to note any changes to their personal details and forward to the Registrar upon renewal of membership.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

$18.00 Adult and Family memberships
$ 9.00 bona fide students under the age of 21
$ 9.00 pensioners upon production of pension card
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Membership Renewal Form

Membership Number ....

Surname:..

Other names:..

Private Address:..

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Private telephone: .(....).............................

Business Address:.......................................

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Business telephone:.(....)..............................

Please complete these details to allow our records to be checked. DO NOT use this form for an initial membership application. Forms for that purpose may be obtained from the Registrar or Secretary.

THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED - WITH FEE - EITHER:-

at the next Open Day -or-

post to   The Registrar
           Apple-Q: the Brisbane Users' Group
           P.O.Box 698
           Redcliffe. QLD 4020