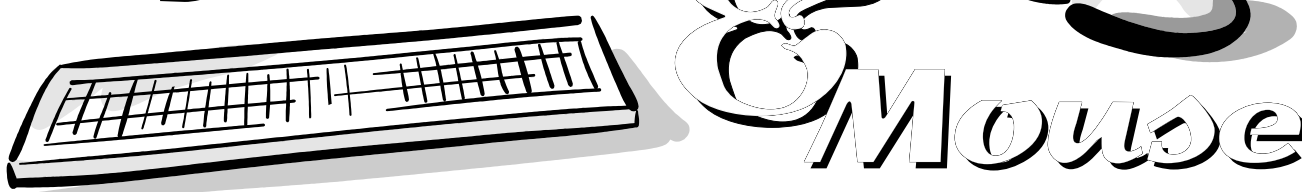


# Keyboard & Mouse



## Annual Meeting adjourned

Peter Campbell reports

### No Committee

The AGM was held as advertised, but when we reached the election of Office Bearers there were no nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, or Secretary. As the Group cannot function without these positions being filled, the AGM was adjourned in accordance with the Rules of the Association until 23 September 2003.

### Sub-Committee

To avoid the situation of not having made any progress in addressing the problem, a sub-committee was formed consisting of President Cindy Campbell and member Don Trotman, and any other persons they care to second.

The sub-committee was charged with continuing the search for Office Bearers, investigating the possibility of a merger with another body, and, failing either of those, with winding up the Group in accordance with the Rules of Association.

If that last is what you, the members, want, you need take no action. Your wish will be fulfilled in the fullness of time.

### An alternative proposal

However, some members are not content to allow the Group to fold and have proposed that a Caretaker Committee be set up. This would enable us to complete the AGM, including passing the proposed Rules of the Association.

The revised Rules still require the Office Bearer positions to be filled, but do not require us to have four Ordinary Committee Members.

Once the AGM is out of the way, further amendments could be made to the Rules, if necessary. (Within the restraints imposed by the relevant Act.)

### The way forward

Under the proposal, currently being evaluated by the sub-committee, all General Meetings would be suspended. Group activities would be restricted to the HCUG-list, "Bytes and Pieces" electronic newsletter, and development of the website. This would be a similar situation to that which TasLUG faced until their recent revival. It retains the Incorporation and assets of the Group and avoids having to wind the Group up.

The Management Committee would then try to develop a new direction for the Group, (such as daytime meetings and workshops, and alliances with other bodies to promote membership), and meetings would be restarted when:

1. We are able to fill all Committee positions on a fully active basis, and
2. There is sufficient member interest in having meetings.

### Input invited

To have an input into these deliberations before 23 September, contact either:

- Cindy Campbell 6234 4691 or
- Don Trotman 6229 6268

If you miss that deadline, be at the continuation of the AGM to have your say.

Don't write your \$25 off, please, help rescue the Group from its present difficulties.

# Random thoughts

Compiled by Peter Campbell

## Last K & M?

Unless we get some new Office Bearers, this looks like being the last *Keyboard & Mouse*. At least for the present.

However, it is my intention to keep *Bytes & Pieces* going for as long as there seems to be interest in my jottings.

If you do not receive *Bytes & Pieces*, you have not subscribed to the HCUG-list, or the email address you used when subscribing is no longer current. To remedy that, go to <http://lists.southcom.com.au/mailman/listinfo/hcug-list> and subscribe, or correct your email address.

## HCUG-List

The HCUG-list exists so that you can advertise for gear you want, or want to sell. It is open to anyone, not just members.

One non-member recently took advantage of it to enquire about 19 inch monitors and ended up

buying a new 19" LG Studioworks for \$315, a price he would not have found in the shops.

The list can also be used for discussions and seeking help. If General Meetings are suspended, as seems likely, this will be your best means for keeping in touch.

## Website

The other Group activity that we intend to keep functioning while the Management Committee seek to put the Group back on track, is the website.

The intention is to build a revised website that requires users to log on using a registered ID and password. Hopefully, over time, this will give us a pool of interested people, some of whom may join if meetings resume.

Just whether they will resume depends on our finding people to run the Group. If you know someone who might consider joining the Committee, ask them now, while there is still time.

**The Hobart Computer Users' Group Incorporated**  
**Resumption of adjourned Annual General Meeting of the Association at**  
**New Town Senior Citizens Centre, 22 – 28 Creek Road, New Town, Tas 7008**  
**at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2003.**

The Business to be transacted shall be in accordance with Rule 11, of the Constitution and Rules and shall continue as given hereunder:

1. Apologies.
2. Tabling of the audited Treasurer's Report. (Audited figures not available at August meeting)
3. Election of Office Bearers:
  - President (No nominations)
  - Vice President (No nominations)
  - Secretary (No nominations)
  - Treasurer (Elected)
  - Committee (Elected)
4. Presentation of the sub-committee's report
5. Consideration of sub-committee's report
6. Fixing of Annual Subscriptions
7. Appointment of Auditor.
8. Revised Rules of the Association
9. Any other business