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Welcome to our I.T. INFORMER Newsletter. Informer is a way for us to keep connected with you. This is a quarterly snapshot of what you need to know as a small business and individual in today's technological environment. As well as a bit of fun. Enjoy!

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Expert Advice

Connecting home appliances to the internet

What is a smart appliance? An appliance that can connect to your tablet, computer or smart phone via the internet, giving you more information and control. Some advantages include, but aren't limited to; sending you an alert when the roast is cooked or the laundry is washed and ready to hang out. They adapt to their users and environment through the ability to learn and evolve.

The extensive presence of Wi-Fi in the home is making device connectivity easier and more prevalent than ever. Your computer, television, refrigerator, dishwasher, washing machine and dryer can all be linked to the World Wide Web. This opens users up to a broader range of features. There are 3 main benefits to having smart appliances in the home.

* Problem alerts in a timely fashion-

Smart appliances can notify the user of problems as they occur, and as with most things, the earlier problems are detected and rectified, the better.

* Remote Access-

You don't even need to be at home to control your smart appliances.



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* Save on energy and money-

Smart appliance can supply their users with feedback on their energy consumption. This information can help consumers to make smarter choices themselves.

If you have any questions about connecting appliances to the internet, or the advantages to using smart appliances, give the team at Imagine Now IT a call today on 4934 4966.

AUTUMN RECIPE | Chicken and Vegetable Bake

Ingredients

- COOK TIME: 25 minutes
- 8 Chicken Thigh Cutlets
- 1 tablespoon ground paprika
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/4 cup (60ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 500g kent pumpkin, seeded, cut into wedges
- 4 flat mushrooms
- 1 large brown onion, unpeeled, quartered
- 2 beetroot, peeled, cut into wedge
- 400g can chickpeas, rinsed, drained
- 1/3 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves

Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 200C. Combine the chicken, paprika, garlic and 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large bowl. Toss to coat.

Place the pumpkin, mushrooms, onion, beetroot and chickpeas in a large baking tray. Drizzle with the remaining oil. Top with the chicken. Roast for 40-45 mins or until the chicken is cooked through and vegetables are golden and tender.

Step 3

Sprinkle the chicken and vegetables with parsley and serve with bread.



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Imagine Now I.T. News

Welcome Back Aaron!

We are happy to report that Aaron and his family are all settled in, and loving life in Tassie.

After his planned two month break to move house and adapt to the new family setting and lifestyle, we are pleased to inform that Aaron has returned to work! Working remotely from Tasmania, Aaron is back on board with the Imagine Now IT team, resuming his role and is ready to help "tackle your IT qualms."



Client Profile | Club Singleton

Formed in 1912, Singleton Bowling Club sprung from humble, informal beginnings by gaslight in the former council chambers in Burdekin Park. The meeting, consisting of 25 interested citizens, resulted in the purchase of land on Pitt St, where a playing surface was laid and play commenced.

The club has undergone multiple extensions over the years to what is seen today. Recently, the Club changed its name from Singleton Bowling Club to Club Singleton to better reflect the diversity of the community. While the game of bowls is still popular, particularly with work social events, Club Singleton supports many other local and surrounding sporting organisations including, junior touch football, netball, rugby league, cricket and darts.

Club Singleton is home to the Club Singleton Thai Family Restaurant. Known for high quality food in both Thai and Australian cuisine, the restaurant is open 7 days and has a convenient takeaway menu for the nights you would prefer to eat at home.

Function facilities and menus are also available that can cater for events of 20-300 guests. Free room hire is available, though conditions do apply.

Look out for our regular nights of entertainment. Upcoming shows include The Buddy Holly Tribute Show in July, The Kings of Country Rock in September and the ever popular Dirty Dicks Theatre Restaurant Show in November this year.

Of the services they receive from Imagine Now IT, General Manager, Brett Burgess says, "I have to be honest, we have Chris here because he does a bloody good job. Even over Anzac Day, Chris made himself available to handle some minor technical issues experienced by the club. We have Imagine Now IT looking after a range of computers, our server, updates and antivirus. They are honest, reliable and always do a fantastic job. We know we can call on Chris for help too whenever difficulties arise.

We appreciate that Chris and his team understand the needs of small business, and as a small business we have been treated as valued clients. Not being particularly tech savvy myself, it has been a big help to the functioning of the business to know our IT matters are in such safe hands.

We would recommend Chris and Imagine Now IT to any business as a reliable partner in IT processes, but especially to those in small business."

If you're in Singleton and looking for somewhere to eat, or a local wanting to get in to bowling, or you have a function you're looking to host in the near future, call Club Singleton today on 0265721455 or just stop by!



Future Business Expo A successful event

The Future Business Expo held in March was attended by Chris and Candice. A successful event where we heard from some of the best minds in Australian business. It was also a great opportunity to network with other local businesses.



Goodbye until next time. Chris and Team



GET A FREE I.T. HEALTH CHECK

Valued \$900

At a brief consultation a local I.T. Expert will analyse the health of your I.T. systems including:

- Backup & Recoverability
- Security
- Software & Hardware
- Cloud Technologies

You will be provided with a comprehensive report on the health of your I.T. Systems including recommendations to improve your systems and staff productivity.

