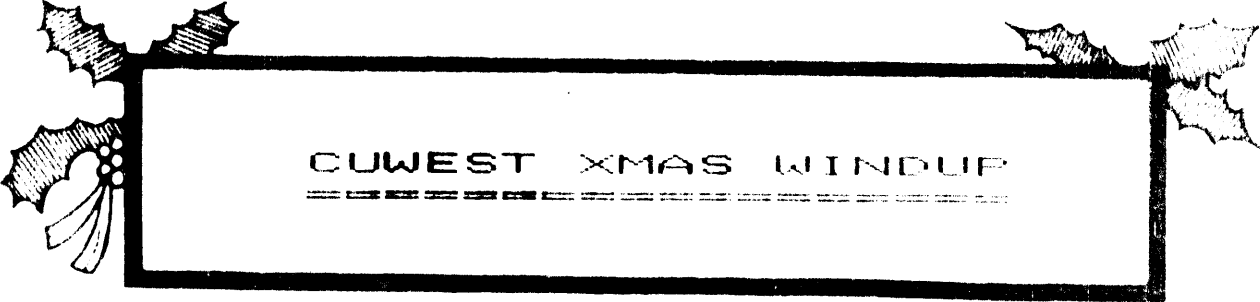


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CUWEST XMAS WINDUP

Wednesday 5th December, 8pm at Anderson Digital Electronics, 112 Jersey St. JOLIMONT.

NO agenda. Don Sforcina (ADE Service Manager) has promised a good spread together with some demonstrations of colour graphics equipment, a laser printer and the new Televideo Personal Computer.

Notes from last meeting (The AGM)

Don Sforcina has been elected our new CUWEST Convenor.
Robin Scartacinni has agreed to continue as treasurer. His address is: 137 Keymer St., Belmont 6104
Doug Grant continues Librarian. His address is: 2 Brookside Ave., South Perth 6151

This leaves the positions of secretary and newsletter writer vacant. Volunteers are urgently required. Contact Don at ADE on 387 6055 if you can help.

At the October meeting, Don gave a very interesting history of Intelligent Systems Corporation and their involvement with colour graphic computers since the first one way back in 1975. Don himself, continues to be actively involved with ISC products, both with ADE and Color Computer Systems. He designs new hardware and software, as well as providing a maintenance service for Intecolors. ADE are also considering taking on CompuColor maintenance again.

The Dick Smith Challenger was also demonstrated at the October meeting. This machine is another IBM PC 'workalike' with all of that machines features. Until the recent invasion of Asian PC workalikes, the Challenger was the best value for money in this particular PC range. About 2600 Challengers have been sold in Australia to date. With an RGB screen and software, the Challenger retails for \$3600.

Jeff Middleton as usual provided us with excellent refreshments at the close of the meeting.

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W.A.I.T has decided to make a major upgrade to its computing facilities valued at nearly \$5 million over the next three years. One of the major changes of direction for academic computing is the provision of a large number of 16-bit personal computers for staff and students. These will be all IBM PC or workalike (such as the Challenger or Televideo). The reason for this is the introduction of the IBM-Apprentice range of software at about \$25 per program and manual.

The software is standard 16-bit, but has been slightly cut down to make it commercially available. For teaching or home use however it is ideal.

