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Dear Paul,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in our Australian TI User Groups. We have been in operation for about 1½years with groups in just about every capital city of Australia,...
BRISBANE(QUEENSLAND),SYDNEY(NEW SOUTH WALES),MELBOURNE(VICTORIA),ADELAIDE(STH.AUST), PERTH(WESTERN AUSTRALIA),HOWRAH(TASMANIA),with a group soon to commence in our Nations Capital of Canberra(A.C.T.= Australian Capital Territory).

I am the National Co-Ordinator & Founder of each of these groups,and have been elected for National, by the Co-Ordinators of each State group, to be their P.R. PERSON etc. I am in constant communication with TIHOME in England(being a POM myself),also CINN-DAY,INTERNATIONAL,ARKANSAS,& HOUSTON User Groups,plus others in Sinapore & Hongkong. The membership in our groups is approx as follows... Sydney=100,Brisbane=20+,Melbourne=30+,Perth=60+, and the others below 20 and growing fast.My letterheads will soon be changing to read TEXAS INSTRUMENTS HOME COMPUTER GROUPS OF AUSTRALIA,and many of the State groups will be doing similar,as we have asked the 9900 User Group to merge with us.They are a group of individuals who make their own computers around the powerful TMS9900 chip, but todate had no structure to their group.

Please find enclosed the latest issue of our Sydney group's NEWS DIGEST, with 12 pages of News,reviews,& programming etc.It should give you a clearer understanding of how this group runs itself. And I wish to thank you for copies of your own publication which we can share with our members.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE: Just to give you an idea of how we are going here regarding hardware & software etc...We have the 99/4 & 99/4A Computers. The'A' sells for $499.00(Aust) as a number of mods had to be done to it like...change from NTSC to PALd(Australia colour TV system),plus RF MODULATOR to UHF TV and a special 110vlt step-down unit had to be build(our voltage is 240 volts).
We have most of the range of modules such as Personal Record Keeping,Extended Basic (both versions),MINI-MEMORY, EDITOR/ASSEMBLER and games such as TI-INVADERS,CARWARS, TOMBSTONE CITY,MUNCH MAN(munch person),with TUNNELS OF DOOM and a few others soon to arrive here.However, our software is still very limited compared to the States(U.S.)and in an effort to keep our members happy, we provide them with club software from around the world,to keep them going until such things as PARSEC,TI WRITER,and other programmes become available. We get the 99'er magazine, and a few of us have 32k extra memory,disk drives,& printers etc.

Hell, hows that for an informative letter, and I know that our group in Sydney would be very interested to swap newsletters etc. I will inform the Co-Ordinators of our other groups,all about your group, and you will be hearing from them. Cheers for now, yours in computing the TI way,

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