Infocouncil News

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Introduction

Welcome to Infocouncil News. This time we report as follows:

- We now support 64 bit Office,
- We now integrate with Objective ECM,
- In 2016 we set a new record for sales in a calendar year,
- We will soon get underway on moving Infocouncil into the cloud. This topic is very deep, so over the next few newsletters we are presenting a series titled 'Heads in the Cloud' to inform you of our plans.

As always, we will keep it brief. Thank you for your interest.

All the best,

Bill Shute
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Infocouncil Now Supports 64 bit Office

At long last we have completed the work required to enable Infocouncil to run in 64 bit Office. This is the culmination of thousands of hours of effort to migrate our code to Microsoft.NET. Included in this migration is our unique scripting language. This script is what makes Infocouncil so flexible and powerful and also what makes Microsoft Word behave itself when doing something diabolical like compiling a council agenda.

There are a few vestiges remaining to be migrated. These will be dealt with in the fullness of time.

Councils whose agenda compilation pushes 32 bit Word to its limits should give serious consideration to 64 bit Word and Infocouncil. The amount of working memory available to 64 bit Word is theoretically unlimited. In the 64 bit world you can compile an agenda of as many pages as you like with as many images as you like.

Objective ECM Integration Now Available

We have completed the integration between Infocouncil and Objective ECM. The integration enables Infocouncil to:

"We have completed the integration between Infocouncil and Objective ECM"	– File records directly in Objective ECM on pressing 'save' in Infocouncil documents, – Recognise all relevant Objective permissions as they pertain to Infocouncil documents, – Retrieve Infocouncil documents from Objective for further processing, – Submit Infocouncil actions to Objective workflows. We would like to thank Objective Corporation for their help in making this a reality and we look forward to working with them as councils in Australia and New Zealand start to use this integration.
"In 2016 we smashed our record for sales in a calendar year"	## New Sales Record After a quiet 2015, we are pleased to announce that in 2016 we smashed our record for sales in a calendar year. The previous record was 26 councils. The new record is 30. The total number of councils using Infocouncil is now sitting at 182. Included in this are all of the newly amalgamated councils in Sydney and most of those in regional NSW. We are very grateful for the support.
"We acknowledge the inevitability of the cloud and the imperative for Infocouncil to operate successfully in it"	## Heads in the Cloud part 1 We acknowledge the inevitability of the cloud and the imperative for Infocouncil to operate successfully in it. Essentially, what this means for us is operating in Word Online. If only it were that simple. First of all, let us state categorically that Word Online is at present a mere shadow of its desktop cousin. Many functions are removed from Word when you are in a browser. In 2015, for the first time, basic add-ins could be incorporated with Word Online. In 2016, Microsoft released the ability for an add-in to be able to customise the ribbon. At the same time they also released the ability for programmers to start to control some aspects of a Word document beyond just simple getting and setting text. Infocouncil is a Word add-In. It makes extensive use of the richness of functionality offered by the desktop version of Word. This is a blessing and a curse. It is a blessing because it is what has made Infocouncil what it is today; the undisputed leader in Australia and New Zealand for agenda management software. No competitor can match our ability to deliver the documents you want in the formats you want. It is a curse because Word Online is too far behind for us to simply make Infocouncil work, as is, with it. So we have to build a bridge between Word Online and Infocouncil. In time all Infocouncil functionality will be in the cloud, but there is too much work involved to take a big bang approach to this. Instead, we will do the work in stages. We will explain these stages over the next few issues of this newsletter. Up next some technical preliminaries and then report writing, report approval and managing actions.

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