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Dates to Remember

Thursday, 7th July:
Social Outing , Newcastle Museum

Tuesday, 19th July:
Classes Resume after Break

Friday, 12th August:
Annual General Meeting

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President's Report

For the month of June I have been travelling, the Red Centre was the focus. I had wanted to do this drive since I was a teenager. With roads and cars far superior to the days of my dreaming in the 1960's I found the driving quite a breeze, the roads were exceptionally good and the sights spectacular. This all means that I have been out of touch with ComputerPals.



Kings Canyon from the Rim Walk (Mobile Phone)

I entrusted ComputerPals to the very capable Sandra and the equally capable committee members. I am only just catching up with the events of June. Sandra has given me a brief report and it seems the "ship" is pretty stable and all developments positive. Over the next little while I will catch up.

Back to the trip, we reviewed technology from the 1870's at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station and marvelled at the changes brought about by the brilliant technology of 140 years ago. The School of the Air was also very enlightening from the time of communication over pedal radio to the use of current technology. What a boon for the children of the remote communities. We watched the School of the Air in action and were very impressed by the skill of the teacher and the response of the children. Technology really does achieve wonders.

As for my own technology, I had my smart phone and a notebook computer (which I only turned on once). The mobile coverage was far less extensive than I anticipated. There were long stretches of highway with no coverage and even places like Kings Canyon had no coverage. However almost everywhere we stayed had free Wi-Fi (except Kings Canyon Resort). The surprise was the Wi-Fi hot spots provided free by Parks and Wildlife and others. The shelter at the carpark for the Kings Canyon walks blew me away a little with lots of people sitting around with their eyes focused on phones or tablets. This proved to be a repeating experience.

I managed to carry out all necessary internet activity on my mobile phone including receiving the numerous reminders of bookings. Really the notebook was baggage! I took the rash step (for me) of putting a data plan on my mobile, but really I could have managed without it with only minor inconvenience. My only issue was with the account set up for my primary email address, I had set it up at home to communicate with my home Wi Fi and found that while travelling I was receiving Emails OK but could not send them from this account (Gmail was OK). After fiddling around and resetting the account in the Google Gmail App I got it working.

The email experience made me realise that I think I have learned enough, but I need to learn more thoroughly the capabilities of the technology so that I use it more effectively. I wonder how many of us could benefit from a better understanding of our technological devices? THAT'S why we are ComputerPals. I am looking forward to getting back into IT!

Your President, Lindsay

Social day Out—June



Saturday 4th June saw a chilly, windy and rainy day, where just 7 members ventured out to visit the historic Sunnyside House and South Sea Island Museum at Cooranbong.



Sunnyside House was built in 1895 for Ellen White, the pioneer of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. With the usual musty scent lingering, an inspection of the various rooms saw some classic period furniture and decor, reminiscent of the time. We then moved over to the Museum, where all manner of artefacts and information pertaining to the South Pacific region was on display. This was



broken up into displays from the various countries scattered throughout this region, showing the subtle but distinctive differences in their way of life and items produced. A highlight was a magnificent war canoe that filled the length of the main room. Carved from a single tree, it showed the skill required to complete this craft, given the primitive tools available at that time. Mission accomplished, a few of us called in at Toronto for a coffee and a chat en route to home.



Next Excursion ...

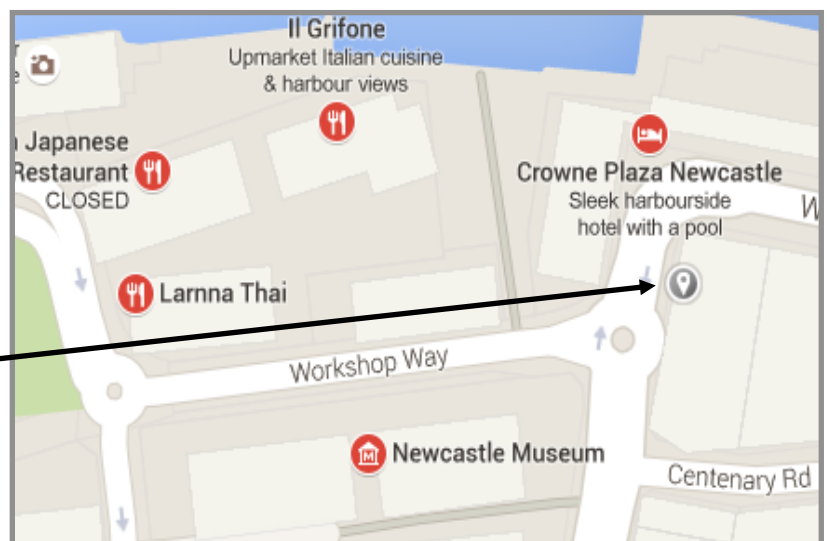
Our next ComputerPals Social Outing will be visit to the **Newcastle Museum**, where we will play host to a group from Parramatta Computerpals who made us welcome on our earlier trip to their region.

When: Thursday, 7th July

Transport: Own arrangements.
Meet at the One Picket Fence Café

Arrive: 12:00pm

An email with details and map attached has been sent to members.



Morning Tea / Special General Meeting ...

Our Members Morning Tea was held on Monday 20th June in conjunction with a Special General Meeting, called to vote on amending the Club’s constitution from a “Not For Profit” organisation to a “Registered Charity”, enabling us a better chance of receiving donations, etc. to keep our funds up.

Vice President Sandra Keen opened the meeting, giving an overview of the Club’s activities. This was followed by Treasurer Barry Keen, who spoke of the diminishing level of Club funds (mainly due to our greatly increased rent) and the need to source additional income. This led to the Special General Meeting, with the amendment passed unanimously.

A delicious morning tea followed, leading to Guest Speaker, Lisa O’Sullivan from Access Communication.



Lisa spoke of a new telecommunication home phone that prints out on a display screen word for word everything your caller says-brilliant! This captioning service is provided free of charge by the Australian Government. Judging by the number of questions asked, the subject was of great interest.

Lisa provided an informative and entertaining presentation, taking seven definite installation bookings.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

As you are all aware, our Club’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 12th August 2016, where all committee positions will be declared vacant. I have run my race in the position of Social Secretary, and a number of other committee members have reached the end of allowable tenure under the Constitution, so will not be contesting their current positions.

Fresh ideas and directions are needed to keep things rolling and provide renewed interest for current and prospective members alike. So give serving a term on the committee some serious thought and “give it a go”. **Remember, we need a committee to operate—Your Club Needs You!** All current serving members will be only too willing to assist those coming on board to make the transition a smooth one. In my case, social outings have been planned to the end of 2016, so the new incumbent will have a “heads up” start to this role.

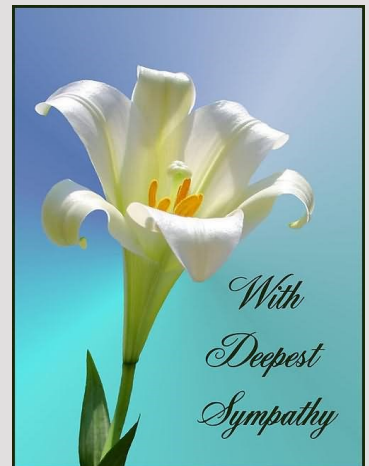
Brenton Elsey, Social Secretary

Best Wishes

For all our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - hearty congratulations !



To those who are ill we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Condolences

To those of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our sincere condolences. You are in our thoughts.



Special Interest Groups



MemoryPals

Our new group meets on **first Monday** of each month at 1:00pm in the clubroom. Reminisce about your childhood memories and learn how to preserve them.

WriterPals

Our Creative Writing group is for enthusiasts, not experts. We meet on the **second Monday of each month** at 15 Hubbard Street, Islington. Meetings are from 1:00 pm. until we go home!



DigiPals

DigiPals is an active group of

ComputerPals members who meet on the **third Monday of each month** at 1 p.m. in the Islington clubroom to explore digital photography.

TabPals

If you have a portable device: iPad, Android tablet we have a Special Inter-



est group called TabPals. The **fourth Friday of the month** is our regular meeting Apple devices at 11 a.m, Android at 1pm in the clubroom.

MemoryPals

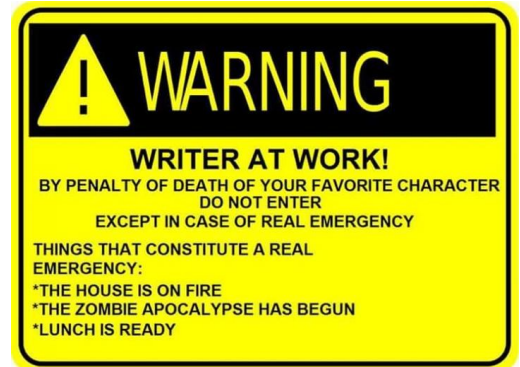
MemoryPals commenced in June with a small group of interested members. We hope to grow that number as word spreads of the fun to be had in reminiscing our past. The July meeting investigated the use of voice to text to record our stories. We will continue to learn enjoyable ways of preserving those memories while relaxing over a cuppa!

WriterPals

Greetings one and all,

With germ production humming merrily along and the travel bug biting as well, numbers at our last meeting were low, but the quality was still sky high.

Once our numbers get back up to normal, there are a number of other directions we talked about for our writing - make sure you come along and find out what they are.



The topics set for our next get together included

Off the Top of my Head ----- this could lead you anywhere..... from baldness to the epitome of wonderful discovery

The Judge ----- Are you the judge, being judged, been judged, the object being judged, the result of judgement.....

The Shoebox ----- what's in your shoebox and where could it lead you????

We meet on **second Monday of each month** in the clubroom at 1pm and will meet on Monday, 11th July. Please come and join us. You will be made very welcome.

Cheers & blessings
Carmel

DigiPals

Due to the Members Morning Tea and a very cold, wet day DigiPals did not venture out to another venue in June. Stay posted for an email regarding the venue for DigiPals in July.

Members are reminded of the **deadline for ASCCA entries**: Barry will need to have these handed in at the clubroom by the **August meeting of DigiPals** to ensure all entries are ready on a disk for mailing to ASCCA by the deadline of 5th September. (He may even take a trip to Sydney to make sure entries arrive safely) Check May newsletter for all details.

TabPals

The new TabPals times worked well at our June meeting. As more people are embracing mobile devices there is much to learn. If you know of anyone struggling with this technology you are most welcome to invite them along. They will need to join our club but an introductory session at TabPals as visitors will help them see the advantages of our friendly group.

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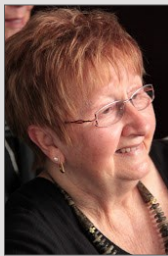


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Roster Team

Judy Wallace



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Camel Smith



Wendy Cripps-Clark

These ladies are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

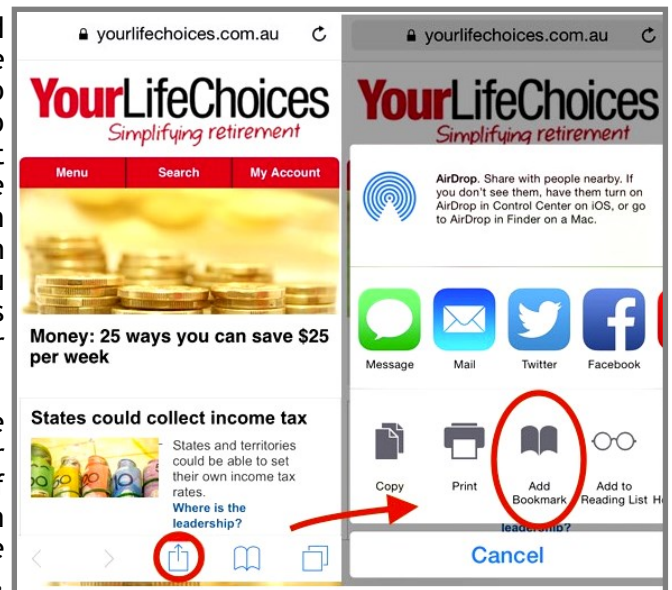
Tech Talk

Here's how to Bookmark your favourite page on a mobile device.

Using Safari (for iPad/iPhone people)

Open Safari and navigate to the page you want to bookmark. Now tap the 'Share' icon at the bottom of the screen, as shown in the picture. From the following menu tap where it says 'Add Bookmark' or simply 'Bookmark'.

You can now choose the name for your bookmark and, if you wish, sort them into folders. Once you have finished, tap 'Save' at the top right of your screen.



Bookmarks can be accessed by tapping the book shaped icon located to the right of the share icon in Safari.

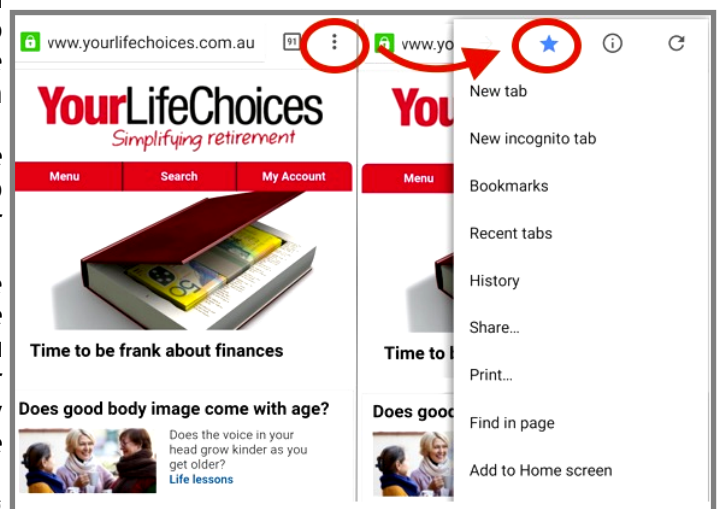
Bookmarks can also be made and placed directly on your iPhone or iPad's home screen, just as an app is displayed. To do this, open up Safari and navigate to a page then tap the 'Share' icon, then tap 'Add to Home Screen', then tap 'Add'. You will now have a shortcut directly to a website right on your device's homepage.

Google Chrome (for Android people)

Tap the ellipsis icon at the top right (circled in the picture below), then tap the star icon at the top to add it to your favourites.

Whenever you open a new tab in Google Chrome you can tap 'Bookmarks' button at the bottom left to access your bookmarks.

If you are browsing the internet, you can access your bookmarks by tapping the ellipsis icon, then tapping 'Bookmarks'.




Article from Life Choices

ComputerPals Mission

Our mission is to educate seniors in the use of computers as a way of enriching their lives and making them more self-reliant. We bridge the generation gap and assist seniors to find ways to benefit the community through their collective experience and knowledge.

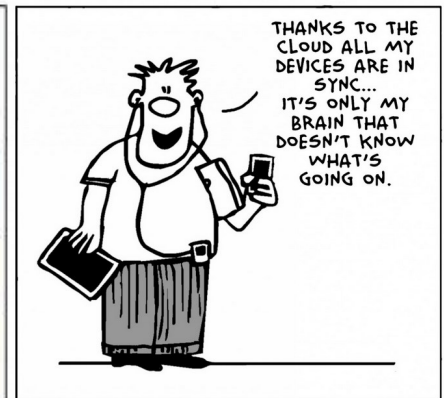
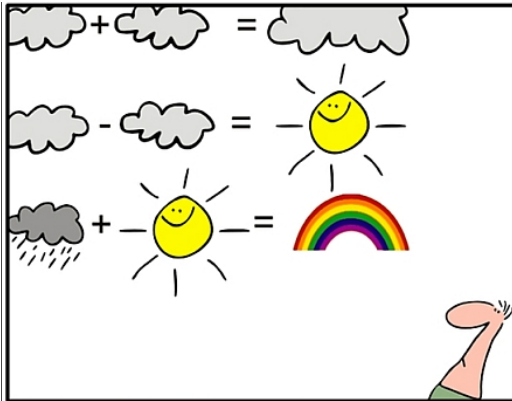
Tip from a Member ...

“I had Windows 10 automatically download itself at the end of May, then did the course with ComputerPals. I had a problem with only having Back Arrows to use on Edge. This sometimes meant the whole page shut down back to the desktop. I then had to open Edge again to continue.

Resolved the problem by accident: **Open Edge, click ... then Settings → Show Advanced Settings, turn Home button ON.** Now I have the symbol next to the  Back Arrows, making it so much easier.”

Funnybone ...

Cloud Computing



You Know It's Time To Turn Your Computer Off When...

1. A friend calls and says, "How are you? Your phones have been busy for a year!"
2. You forgot how to work the TV remote control.
3. You see something funny and scream, "LOL, LOL."
4. You meet the postman at the kerb and swear he said 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL'.
5. You sign off and your screen says you were on for 3 days and 45 minutes.
6. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
7. You chat several times a day with someone from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next door neighbour yet this year.
8. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have email addresses.
9. You haven't played solitaire with a real deck of cards in years.
10. You turn off your modem and get this awful empty feeling, like you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

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