

**ComputerPals - Newcastle**

Where Seniors master technology

# SWITCHED ON SENIORS

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## President

**Sandra Keen**

## Dates to Remember

**Monday, 9th October:**  
Writerpals - 1 pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
Next Enrolment Day—  
9:30–11:30 am.

**Monday 16th Oct.**  
Morning Tea – 9:30–  
11:30 am. Islington  
School Hall

**Monday 16th Oct.**  
Digipals – 1:00 pm.

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Australian Seniors  
Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

## President's Report

Computerpals was represented at the Seniors Expo held by Pat Conroy MP earlier this week and even made the NBN News. Hopefully some of the folk who took away brochures will seek out further information about our club and classes. We encourage you all to spread the word about our services. Word of mouth is the best advertising.

The new timetable for October through to December is on our website. You may notice some classes are subsidised. We have been successful in receiving a grant from Newcastle City Council to assist with lessons on Mobile Communication. This means the new class called 'Know Your Mobile Phone' which is an introduction to Mobile Communication may be accessed at a minimal cost. The same applies to the 'Apple iPad and iPhone Basics' and the 'Android Basics'.

Our Treasurer, Grahame, has put together an outline of the best way to record payments made online or at the bank. As all our Committee members are volunteers we need to make their tasks as simple as possible. Often considerable time is spent linking payments made with the club member due to incomplete information. Please read his article later in this newsletter to gain understanding of how to ensure your payment is recorded correctly.

Please note in order to attend classes you must be a financial member of the club and pay for the particular class before attending. This also includes checking that there is a vacancy in the class by phoning 49616576. It is important to remember that Tutors cannot accept payments at classes. For face-to-face payments our next Enrolment Morning is Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Renewal of membership for 2017-2018 is now due and should be paid before end of year to avoid paying the extra amount of a New Member fee in addition to the Membership Renewal.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30 am is time for our Members Morning Tea. Please join us at the Islington Public School Hall for an interesting morning. We anticipate having a speaker on Internet Banking. Watch your email for more information.

Sandra Keen – President

## Funnybone—

THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE I HAVE IN COMMON WITH COMPUTERS. WE BOTH START OUT WITH LOTS OF MEMORY AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME OUTDATED, CRASH UNEXPECTEDLY, AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO HAVE OUR PARTS REPLACED!



**I'm so sorry**

**I heard your family got a cat**

**Don't even think about it...  
Don't U dare...  
Don't do it!!!**



**YUCK!!!**



### Winter in America

WHEN YOU FIND PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY TOLERATE YOUR QUIRKS BUT CELEBRATE THEM WITH CRIES OF "ME TOO!" BE SURE TO CHERISH THEM. BECAUSE THOSE WEIRDOS ARE YOUR TRIBE.

Joe and Sue were listening to the Minneapolis weather report at breakfast. The announcer said, "There will be three to five feet of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the odd-numbered side of the street so as not to impede the snow-ploughs." Joe got up from the breakfast table and went out to move their car. Two days later they heard another radio report: "There will be two to four feet of snow today. You must park on the even-numbered side of the street." Joe grumbled and went out to move their car. Three days later the weatherman announced, "There will be two to twelve feet of snow today and you must park..." Just then the power went out and they didn't get the rest of the instructions. "Great," said Joe. "What are we supposed to do now?" "Aw, Joe" Sue replied, "just leave the car in the garage today."

Instead of a sign that says: "Do not Disturb" I need one that says: "Already Disturbed Proceed with Caution".



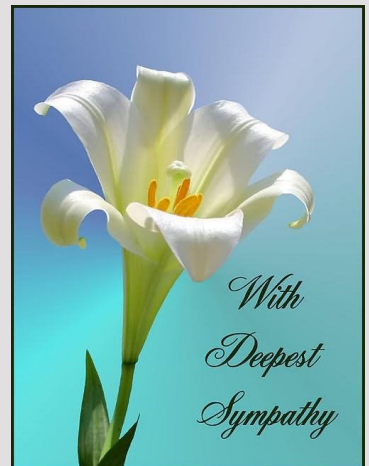
DespicableMeMinions.org

## 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.



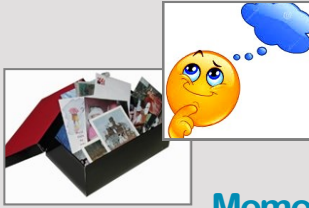
*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

## Condolences

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

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## 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 Interest 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

At the last meeting of MemoryPals we experimented with PowerPoint as a means of presenting photos of loved ones and recent holidays. Hopefully at the next meeting we will see some of the projects people are working on using PowerPoint.

## WriterPals

Greetings everyone. Our next meeting is on 9th Oct and I have a challenge for us all. Think of a scenario—then ask yourself “What would happen if.....” eg my mind goes to some of the things I did with my pony as a child in school holidays. It was sheer good luck and a very hard-working guardian angel that got me through.

Your story doesn’t have to be a drama—just your story, told by you, for you. We usually share our stories in the group but no pressure to do so. Turn your memory loose and see what you come up with.

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1pm, and all are welcome - with or without stories in hand.

Give it a try—you might just surprise yourself.

## DigiPals

Last meeting we hopped in the car to Hamilton, bus to Auckland St then walked to Hunter St. Our intention was to walk up Hunter and back down Scott Sts or the Foreshore taking photos of ‘Newcastle—New & Old’, but we didn’t get past the new University Building where we were given permission to wander and take our photos from all the vantage points. The views from the 8th Floor from all sides of the building were fantastic. We got some great shots, and finally back down on the ground floor we found the coffee shop (they serve very nice coffee).

Digipals people watch your inbox for an email from Barry who will let you know where and when the next get together is.

Digipals group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm. Next will be on 16th October (the afternoon after the Members Morning Tea) - join us, bring your lunch and make a day of it!

## TabPals

There was a good attendance at TabPals in September. We look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting—note it is the 4th Friday (27th October)

You will learn things you weren’t aware you didn’t even know!

**Apple users**—tablets and phones—meet at 11 am

**Android users**—tablets and phones—meet at 1pm

Bring your device fully charged and your charging cable.

## 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.

## Contact Us



To contact the Roster Team or the Treasurer regarding rosters or payments use:

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## Roster Team

Barry Keen



Mitzi Gordon

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Wendy Cripps-Clark

*These people 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.*

## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

As you would all be aware member contributions are essential to the operation of our Club. All executive and tutoring positions are voluntary but we have considerable overheads for rent, equipment, insurances, etc.

The two main types of contribution are membership fees paid on an annual basis and course fees which are calculated on an hourly basis in respect of each individual course.

**You must be a financial member and course fees paid in advance before attending classes.**

Approximately twelve months ago *course numbers* were introduced to facilitate the identification of each course and this is particularly relevant for payments from members.

There are three ways for members to pay fees -

**CASH** - Payable only at Enrolment Mornings which are widely publicised and held periodically in the Club room. The Treasurer is on duty to issue cash receipts for all payments. (Note - For security reasons tutors are not authorised to accept cash payments at their courses.)

**CHEQUES** - Membership and course fees can be paid by mailing a cheque to Computerpals, PO Box 73, Broadmeadow NSW 2292. For membership new members should attach their Membership Application form and existing members a note with their name advising renewal. For course fees please complete the form available on the Computerpals web site setting out your name and the course details.

**BANK TRANSFER** (including Electronic Funds Transfer from your bank account and over the counter deposits at your bank or financial organisation) - There are only a limited number of characters which come through on our bank statement so please use the following protocol in the reference section. Your SURNAME and INITIAL, plus Mb (for membership payment) and C (for course payment) followed by the course number(s). For example if Fred Bloggs was paying his membership renewal (\$25) and also enrolling for course 29 Q & A (\$18) and course 36 Windows 10 (\$36) the reference would be - **F BLOGGS Mb C 29 36** and the payment to be transferred would be \$79.00. If you are enrolling for multiple courses which will not fit into the allocated reference characters please break it into two or more EFT payments. You will find this method is quick and easy and saves you the time and expense of mailing an explanatory form to our Box number as was required previously. Our bank account details are - **Computerpals with NPBS BSB 650 000 Account 962205402.**

We look forward to your cooperation in following the above guidelines.

Grahame King - Treasurer.