



# SWITCHED ON SENIORS

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## President



**Sandra Keen**

## Dates to Remember

**Monday, 11th September:**

Writerpals - 1 pm

**ASCCA Competitions extended to 15th September**

School Holidays Sept 23rd–Oct 8th

Seniors Expo Tuesday, 26th September 10am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Next Enrolment Day

Morning Tea 16th Oct.

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## President's Report

To those who attended our club's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting recently, "Thank You!" Everyone appeared to have an enjoyable and relaxing time. Last month I thanked the outgoing committee and now I take the opportunity to thank them for continuing in the 2017 -2018 year and to welcome Wendy Cripps-Clark as Secretary. Your new committee is:

President:	Sandra Keen
Vice President:	Mervyn Pope
Treasurer:	Grahame King
Secretary:	Wendy Cripps-Clark
Technical Officer:	Judy Wallace
Roster Officer:	Barry Keen
Tutor Roster:	Mitzi Gordon
Public Officer:	Lindsay Threadgate
Newsletter:	Carmel Smith
Committee:	Brenton Elsey Tom Diamond Col Rizzoli
Website Consultant:	John Hendricks

(see their Photos on Page 5)

Our club will have a presence at the **Seniors Expo at Belmont 16Foot Sailing Club on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 1pm.** We will have an information stand to enlighten Seniors about our courses. Please help by "spreading the word" about this event and the work of our club.

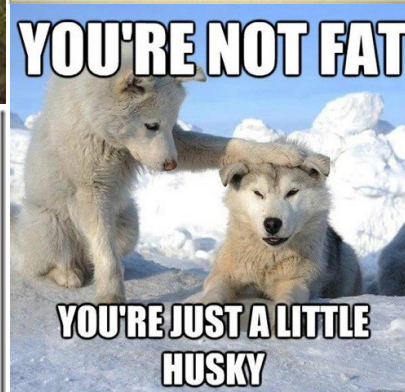
Recently members were contacted by email to ask "What you would like to learn?" Scheduling courses to club members' needs is our aim and if you have a request we would love to hear from you via email or by putting a suggestion in the box at the clubroom. Next term's timetable is on our website. There are some times available to schedule requests, so take a look!

The next few months will provide some interesting challenges as Microsoft continues with its Creative Update. I am eagerly looking forward to the additions to Windows Photos – called Story Remix.

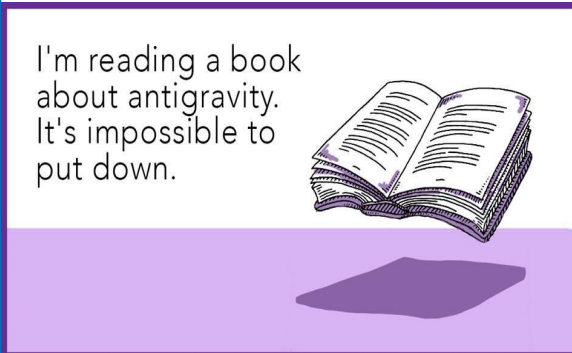
Please put 9:30 to 11:30am, Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October on your calendar! We hope as many as possible can attend the next Morning Tea – Guest Speaker to be announced soon!

Sandra Keen – President

## Funnybone—



**Growing old is hard work...  
The mind says "yes" but, the body says "what the hell are you thinking"**



### ***WE ALL GET OLD IN THE END....***

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers..

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down,... I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights" I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

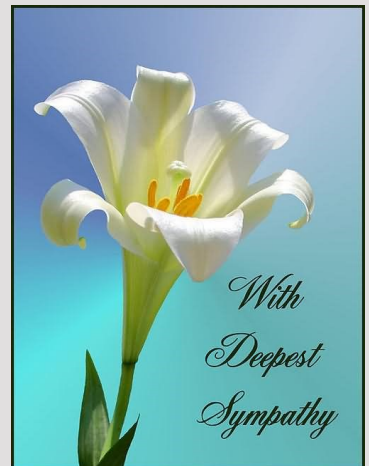
At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

## 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 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 discovered we have a journalist in our midst. Helen Cramp has written several articles about her grandfather which have been published by the Sole Society and the Newcastle Family History Society.

The next MemoryPals meeting falls on the long weekend we have agreed to meet on **Monday 25th September** at **1pm** (a week earlier).

We will explore Powerpoint as a means to producing a presentation for family viewing. You can bring your own laptop if you wish or put some photos and information of your choosing on a USB Drive so you are working on your own project.

## WriterPals

Greetings everyone. Next Monday will be the last chance we have before the ASCCA Conference to polish up those competition entries. Joan Kramer generously gave us an extra 2 weeks to allow entries from those who have been incubating germs.

It would be great to see you at our next meeting to share your creativity with the group - or not if you so desire. There is no compulsion or pressure to share your efforts, but those who do would love your input. There are many ways to interpret the written word, so some fresh ideas would be nothing but helpful.

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

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**.

**Awabakal Wildflower Walk, Dudley on Monday 21st August**, Seven members & friends celebrated spring with a slow walk through the wildflowers of the coastal heath, enjoying the beauty of the blooms against the backdrop of the Pacific Ocean.

## TabPals

There was a good attendance at TabPals in August. The range of issues was wide and kept the tutors busy. Please remember at TabPals there may be only 2 or 3 tutors for a large group, so everyone should listen and learn while they are waiting for attention. 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.

## 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



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## Roster Team

Barry Keen



Mitzi Gordon

Camel Smith



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.*

## Can you hear me?

If you receive a call and immediately hear the phrase “Can you hear me?” - hang up!

The phrase is used to coax you into saying “Yes!”

This word, if said in YOUR voice, is as good as gold for con artists.

The person on the other end will most likely be recording the call, and can now use the audio track of you saying “Yes!” to access your sensitive information.

But how? Well may you ask!

That simple three-letter word is used frequently by companies to confirm account changes, security settings and purchases, and now this sordid grub on the other end of the line has extensive access to your stuff.

To avoid these calls, be wary of unknown or unrecognisable numbers, ALWAYS keep your personal information private, and don't be afraid to question the legitimacy of the caller.

You may have the urge to harangue the caller with your indignation, but please resist the urge. At some stage you are going to say “YES” and that is all they need.

Hang up!

## New wave of Telstra technical support scams: Alert Priority High

Victims are contacted by callers pretending to be representatives from Telstra reporting some kind of problem. (One recent scam, for example, claims that the lights blinking in a particular pattern on a modem or router indicates an issue).

These callers may either request remote access to your computer and/or ask for credit card details in order to charge a fake support fee or fix a false payment processing issue

If you are contacted unexpectedly by someone claiming to be from Telstra and they either ask you to verify your payment details or claim that there is a problem with your internet connection – **hang up**. If unsure, verify their identity by contacting Telstra using the phone number printed on your bill, or use the contact details on <https://www.telstra.com.au>.

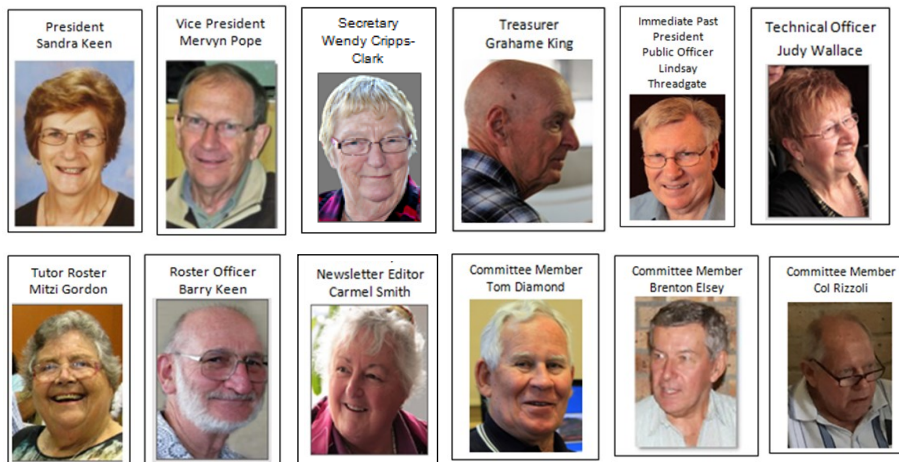
These types of scams attempt to take advantage of a victim's lack of knowledge or anxiety around technical issues. Scammers may use overtly technical language or play on user's fears of malware or other security threats to gain remote access to the victim's computer or steal their credit card details.

Stay Smart Online has more information on technical support scams. Please visit their website and educate yourself. The more knowledge you have, the safer you can keep yourself online. Copy & paste the address into your browser. [www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au)

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## Your New Committee for 2017 –2018 ...

Some familiar faces... welcome to Wendy Cripps-Clark



I HAVEN'T LOST MY MIND.. HALF OF IT JUST WANDERED OFF, AND THE OTHER HALF WENT LOOKING FOR IT.

