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Sandra Keen

Dates to Remember

Friday, 10th August, 2018: Cardiff RSL—
AGM and Luncheon
11.30am

Sunday 19th August
Social Day - Cameron
Park.

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President’s Report

Once again it is time for ComputerPals Newcastle to review the results of the past year. By now you should have seen notice of our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 10th August starting at 11:30 am at Cardiff RSL Club, followed by lunch. Come along and support your club, Committee, Tutors, Tech Team and Roster Team. You do need to book in with us as we have to notify the RSL Club of numbers by 3rd August.

All committee positions will be declared vacant. The committee are willing to stand again and nominations have been received. More nominations are welcome. Please take advantage of the Nomination Form on our website (see Home Tab > Constitution Forms). These forms are also in the club room. If you know of someone that you think should be on the committee, put in a nomination by this Friday, 3rd August.

Membership and Tuition Fees for the forthcoming year will be set at the AGM. A Notice of this Motion will be sent via email to all members later this week.

It is an absolute honour to work with the amazing group of volunteers at our club. They are the glue that holds ComputerPals Newcastle together. Our Steering Group is working towards solutions for our ongoing future. Members who have suggestions that may help please let us know. Thank you to those who have spoken to the committee; we do follow up all suggestions made.

The Roster Team are always grappling with what courses to include in each term calendar. If you have a need or desire for a particular course please let us know by email or using the Suggestion Box in the clubroom.

We have joined BeConnected. Please ask us about this initiative and how it can help you with your learning as well as assist our club with its endeavours.

Sandra Keen — President



Here are two of the many scam warnings ...

1. Scamwatch is warning the Australian community to be wary about investment scams, with statistics revealing Australians are collectively losing \$4.3 million a month to these scams.
2. People are being victimized by a new email scam where attackers claim they stole your password and hacked your webcam.

Basically, the attackers don’t actually have video of you or access to your contacts, and they haven’t been able to install malicious code on your computer. In reality, they’re taking a password from a database that’s available online, sending it to you, and hoping you’re scared enough to believe their story and send them bitcoin.

For more information check out <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>



Don't forget our Competitions.

Creative Writing

Prose – You can enter one story only for each of the three topics:

1. **Open Topic** – You are invited to submit your best piece of writing
1,000 words or less
2. **Tourist(s)** – A general treatise on Tourists in general or a personal memoir from your own travels.
1,000 words or less
3. **Fences** – Whether you sit on it, hide behind it, or built it yourself - tell us the story of YOUR fence
1,000 words or less for this topic?

Poetry – You can enter one poem only for each of the same three topics

4. **Open** – A poem about anything you choose.
5. **Tourist(s)**
6. **Fences**

Any style of poetry may be entered, using no more than 350 words.

You don't need to be an expert or have visions of being published to enter the writing competition – you are encouraged to experience the joy of 'telling' and sharing your stories. HAPPY WRITING...

Digital Photography

You may enter up to 2 images in each of the following categories:-

1. People / Portrait
2. Landscape / Seascape
3. Photo Travel / Journalism
4. Macro
5. Open

Search through those photos and make your choices.

Don't leave your searching until the last minute because...

**Closing date for both competitions is
Monday 15th October, 2018**

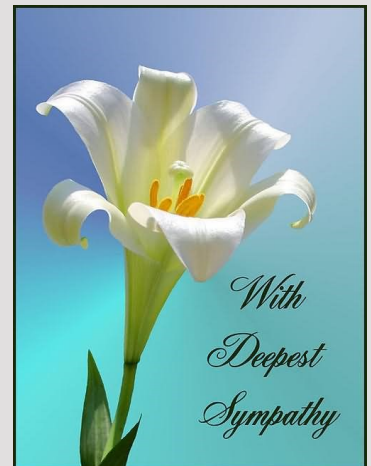
For entry forms and full rules go to the website or [CLICK HERE](#) Digital Photographic competition and [CLICK HERE](#) for the Creative Writing competition.

Best Wishes

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



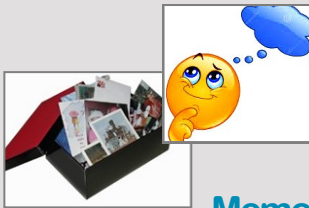
To those who are ill we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



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

Our next **MemoryPals** gathering is on **Monday 6th August**. Come along with your ideas, questions, problems re keeping those pieces of history or researching your family tree.

If you have family treasures you would like preserved we may be able to suggest ways to inform the family of your desires.

We all share our ideas over a cuppa—a very friendly afternoon, so why not join us!

WriterPals

Everybody has a story to tell...

School holidays are over and we are ready to get stuck back into conquering our technology or writing about our victories over it. With this in mind, our next **Writerpals** meeting will be on August 13th. Please join us then at the clubroom.

If you have questions about our competition or need help with getting your entries organised, come along and we will do our best to help you.

We meet on the **2nd Monday** of the month at 1pm, and all are welcome - with or without stories in hand. There is no obligation or pressure to share anything you have written.

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.

TabPals

There usually a good attendance at TabPals in the clubroom

You will learn things you weren't even aware that you didn't 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 questions. You'll be amazed what you learn from others at TabPals.

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

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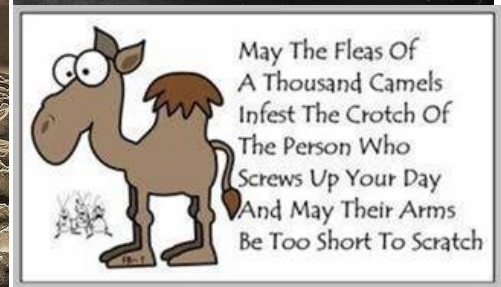
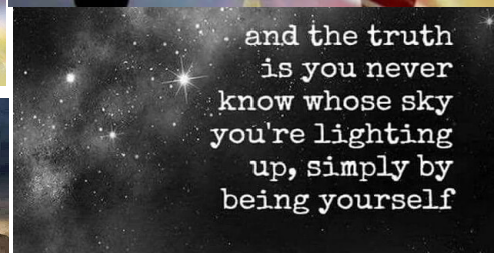
Camel Smith



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.

Funnybone— and some to feast your eyes on



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