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President



Sandra Keen

Dates to Remember

Friday, 7th Sept:
Enrolment Day,
9.30 am to 11.30 am
in the clubroom

Friday 14th Sept
Laptop Assistance -
10am to 12 noon. Bring
your laptop!

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President's Report

Your ComputerPals Committee has been re-elected with positions unchanged and has been working hard since the recent Annual General Meeting on 10th August. Let me introduce the Committee to new members:

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 Eley
	Tom Diamond
	Ray Hinton
Website Consultant:	John Hendricks

As is usual at the AGM, Membership and Tuition Fees were set for the forthcoming year. Membership Fees remain the same - \$25 per year with Joining Fee of \$5 for new members. The Early Bird Bonus for new members or renewal of membership has been extended to 31st October. This Bonus entitles the member to *one free class to the value of \$12.*

Class Fees will change from Term 4 (15th October). All courses will be arranged into one and half hour class sessions with a session costing \$5. So, if a course is over two weeks the cost will be \$10 for the two class sessions.

Laptop Assistance will remain at \$5 and Tablet / Phone Assistance (formerly known as TabPals) will cost \$5 as it is a learning session. Interest Groups - MemoryPals, WriterPals and DigiPals remain at \$2 per session. Considering tea, coffee and biscuits are included this is a bargain!

Our tutors give their time and travel costs freely each week to pass on their knowledge. Their only payment is in tea /coffee and biscuits!

We have had some exciting news this past month. As Network Partners of 'BeConnected' we have received a sizeable grant to assist more seniors gain the skills and confidence to get online. There are 'BeConnected' class sessions to access the online training which are free. Please encourage your friends who need help with digital skills to talk to our tutors and join in our small group sessions.

Please put **Monday 15th October** in your diary. This is the **closing date for our Creative Writing and Digital Photography Competitions.** It is also the start of 'Get Online' Week and we have an event in store for you and your friends at our **Morning Tea.**

Sandra Keen — President

Don't forget our competitions.

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 / Seascpe**
- 3. Photo Travel /aJournalism**
- 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**

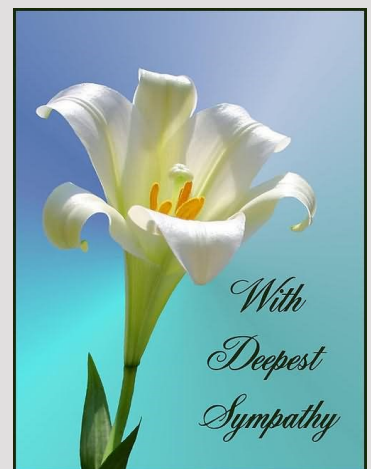
For entry forms and full rules go to the website

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



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 Computer-

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

Phone & Tablet Assistance

(formerly known as TabPals)

If you have a portable device; iPad, Android tablet we have assistance. The **fourth Friday** of the month is our regular meeting **Apple devices at 11 a.m**, **Android at 1pm** in the clubroom.



MemoryPals

At our last MemoryPals gathering we started by sharing some research, with Helen showing us her wonderful work on her ancestors.

By the time we finished we were searching for knitting patterns!

A friendly and enjoyable afternoon!

If you have ideas for preserving those precious items or memories bring them along to MemoryPals.

WriterPals

Everybody has a story to tell...

Our competition closing date is coming up fast so I hope you are all busily doing a final polish of your entries. Our next Writerpals meeting will be on September 10th and we would love to see you there. 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 letting you know where and when the next get together is.

Digipals group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm.

Phone & Tablet Assistance (formerly known as TabPals)

There usually a good attendance in the clubroom for people wanting to learn more about their tablets and phones.

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 cables & device fully charged AND your questions

Laptop Assistance

Is another program we're running to help you with issues you may be experiencing. Bring in your laptop and we'll try to help resolve problems—no promises.

Second Friday monthly—10am to 12pm

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.

Funnybone— and some to feast your eyes on

Today I took out a loan for an exorcism - if I miss a payment I will get repossessed....

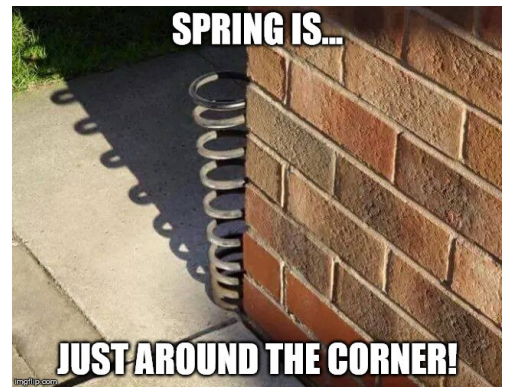
Heard on the news this morning that the Italians are installing a clock on the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Someone decided that there was no point having the inclination if you don't have the time.

On Sunday, I bought a new dog from the local blacksmith. Soon as I got him home he made a bolt for the door.

I'm buying another new dog next weekend. He can do magic tricks. He's a Labracadabrador.....

SOME BOOKS YOU MAY LIKE TO READ

- ~ "Come on In! by Doris Open
- ~ "The German Bank Robbery" by Hans Zupp
- ~ "I Hate the Sun" by Gladys Knight
- ~ "Prison Security" by Barb Dweyer
- ~ "Irish First Aid" by R. U. O'Kaye
- ~ "My Career As a Clown" by Abe Ozo
- ~ "I Didn't Do It!" by Ivan Alibi
- ~ "I ate at McDonalds" by Belle E. Ake
- ~ "I Hit the Wall" by Isadore There
- ~ "The Bruce Lee Story" by Marsha Larts
- ~ "Take This Job and Shove It" by Ike Witt
- ~ "Rapunzel Rapunzel" by Harris Long
- ~ "Split Personalities" by Jacqueline Hyde
- ~ :Cat Care and Grooming: by Kay Nine.



How to wash a cat...

1. put both lind of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
 2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him to the bathroom.
 3. Quickly pop him in the toilet and close the lids. You may need to stand on the lid.
 4. At this point the cat will self agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.
 5. Flush the toilet 3 or 4 times. This provides a 'power wash' and 'rinse'.
 6. Have someone open the front door. Be sure there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
 7. Stand well back as far as you can and quickly raise the lid.
 8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streat through the bathroom and run outside where he will dry himself off.
 9. Both toilet and cat will be sparkling clean.
- Yours Sincerely
The Dog.

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