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President's Report

This will be my last letter to you as President. Changing circumstances in my life means a move back to Sydney.

I want to thank all the members for a very happy experience in the years I have been involved in this wonderful and friendly club.

I have had the privilege of working with very supportive people, especially the Committee (who have always made me look good and are very capable of continuing to make this club great), the Tutors and Roster Team. The pupils I have had the privilege to help teach have been a delight and it is an inspiration to see how they have progressed in their knowledge of computing.

John Hendricks and Lindsay, Barry & Judy have been working on our website. I hope that you have gone on to the website and looked at our new and improved site. Thank you to them for all their hard work.

PLEASE, Please show consideration to our Roster Team and ONLY ring during office hours and not at 6am or 11pm. Remember we are all volunteers and we do have other lives.

The Tech Team reported that there are no problems with our computers excepting all the updates that needed to be downloaded. I hope that you have updates automatically running on your computer.

We have an interesting social day coming up in May. I hope that you might be able to take advantage of this outing.

As you realise we have had some problems during week 1 of this Session because of the storm and the closing of Islington School. The Roster Team will be in touch with you about the changes we have made in Session 3.

Once again I thank you all for the happy memories I will be taking with me.

Agapé, Elaine Butler

President

Elaine

Butler



Dates to Remember

Saturday 2nd May: Social Day Out to Cockatoo Island, Sydney

Monday 15th June: Members Morning Tea

Friday 19th June : Next Enrolment Day

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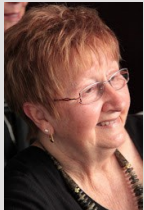


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Social Report

Saturday 11th saw 12 'brave' souls turn up for a tour of the old Maitland Gaol.

Participants gathered at the Blackbird (gaol) Cafe for the usual morning tea refreshments before embarking on what was sure to be an insightful and thought-provoking tour with our guide Keith - an ex-warder for many years at this establishment.



Commencing with a general overview of the gaol and its early history, Keith proceeded to enlighten us with some grim statistics, along with numerous tales of his own experiences while showing us the Spartan conditions under which prisoners were kept. The guards towers, razor wire and long corridors of stone and brick, the paltry



size (even lack in some cases) of cell windows and steel mesh everywhere was a stark reminder of some harsh days past.



While the tour ran approx. 1 hour over time, the interesting and entertaining commentary from our knowledgeable guide, Keith, kept us all enthralled to the end and we certainly received our 'money's worth'.

By the time this newsletter is published our next excursion will upon us. It should be a beauty - a trip to Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour on Saturday 2nd May.



Special Interest Groups



GeneaPals

This is our Family History group. We have allocated the **first Monday** afternoon of **each month at 1:00 p.m.** in the clubrooms at Islington Public School (except school holidays).

WriterPals

Our Creative Writing group is for enthusiasts, not experts. We



meet on the **second Monday of each month** at the Islington clubroom. Meetings are **from 1:00 p.m.** 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 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 day, at **1 pm** in the clubroom.

Writerpals May Reminder

Topics for our May meeting, suggested by those present, are as follows:

1. My New Red Shoes (Is your name Dorothy???)



2. My Magic Boots (remember the story of the 7 League Boots???)



3. A Memorable Family Pet (What century or Age did you live in with your pet....???)

4. If I could be a I would (Turn your imagination loose, give it free rein, and enjoy the ride it takes you on.)



We meet on the second Monday of each month at 1 o'clock in the clubroom and all are welcome - with or without stories. Due to the school holidays in April **our next meeting will be Monday, 11th May.**

Come see what we do, you might find yourself interested and inspired enough to want to write your own family stories.

Cheers & blessings

Carmel

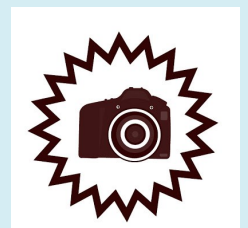
DigiPals

It is time to dust off those trusty cameras and practise taking portraits, landscapes, seascapes and subjects from a variety of angles to be prepared for this year's ASCCA Photographic Competition.

Details of the various categories will be available soon but that doesn't stop members from being prepared.

Photos for the competition have to have been taken since November, 2014. It may be a good idea to scan through photos you have taken since then, copy them to a folder marked as possible entries for the competition.

You will be more prepared when entries are called for in a couple of months. We need as many members to enter as possible to earn points in the competition for our club.



Windows Updates

There is an easy, free way to keep your computer running smoothly and safer. All you have to do is turn Windows Updates on, and you will get the latest security and other important updates from Microsoft automatically. Important updates provide significant benefits, such as improved security and reliability.

Setting up Windows Update is simple. If you already have automatic updating turned on, Windows Update in the Control panel will open and show your update status.

If it is not yet turned on, you will be guided through the steps to do so.

After that, all the latest security and performance improvements will be installed on your computer quickly and reliably.

When you turn on automatic updating, most updates will download and install without you having to lift a finger. But sometimes Windows Update will need your input during an installation. In this case, you'll see an alert in the notification area at the far right of the taskbar—be sure to click it. If you don't respond to a Windows Update alert, your PC might end up missing an important download.

Automatic updating is recommended — but if you choose not to, be sure to check for updates at least once a week.

Please Note: Windows XP support has ended. Support and updates for Windows XP ended on April 8, 2014.

[Learn more about Automatic Updates by clicking here](#)



ComputerPals Membership

Your ComputerPals membership entitles to a discount in the **technology department at the Domayne Store at Kotara.**

You need to show your **membership card** in order to receive the discount.

We have noted that there are many membership cards left in the container near the sign-in book in the clubroom. Please take your membership card when you are next at ComputerPals so you can avail yourself of discounts.

Membership for 2015 expires on 30th June. Renewal reminders will be emailed mid May.

Best Wishes

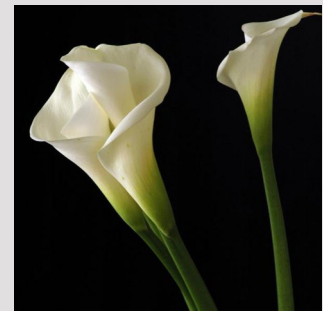


For our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - hearty congratulations!

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

If you suffered damage in the recent storms we hope you are now in the recovery and restoration stage.

Condolences



To all of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our sincere condolences.

Reminder

Put **Monday, 15th June** in your calendar so you will be sure to attend the next **Morning Tea**. We are sure you will enjoy the guest speaker that our Social Organiser has booked for the occasion.