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President's Report

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ComputerPals Newcastle. The 15th Annual General Meeting was held Friday 14th August. Yes, the club has now been going 15 years.

I am pleased to be elected President of our wonderful club. Yes, I have been here before as many members will remember. I have been a member of the club for 13 of those 15 years.

I welcome the new committee, especially the new members on the committee, Col Rizzoli, Tom Diamond and Basia Gambrill. I look forward to working with the committee and all the teams that support the club. See our committee faces on Page 2 and remember they are all here to help.

I regard the club as providing a very important community service helping seniors to master technology. It provides an opportunity for those volunteering members to help all seniors to learn more about their devices, desktop, notebook or tablet computer. We hope to continue providing relevant classes. Come on enrol, learn and enjoy.

Our Special Interest Groups provide peer support for members who share the interest and I encourage all members to participate. Share the enjoyment of meeting with, learning from and helping those with common interest. You don't know where the knowledge is going to come from and the questions can stimulate very rewarding discussion.

The occasional social outing enhances your experience with the club, we go to some interesting places and always have a good time. Check our website for what is happening.

The year ahead should be interesting, Windows 10 is bombarding us as is the ongoing changes in the technology of computing and communication. This presents significant challenge for the club to be offering what members want both by content and format.

For many years courses of 5 week duration with a 1½ hour lesson a week was our mainstay. It seemed to work very well. We find now that our members prefer shorter duration courses. Please keep us informed on what you as members want.

Our next General Meeting and Member's Morning Tea is on 19 October. Mark that in your calendar, come along and participate. Look for it on our website.

If you have a friend who could benefit from what we offer bring them along. Let's make our 16th year an enjoyable, successful technology experience.

In 15 years we have never increased our membership fees and only once increased our tuition fees. That is what having all volunteers can do. Let's thank our volunteers.

Your President
Lindsay

President



Lindsay Threadgate

Dates to Remember

Friday 4th September:

Next Enrolment Day

Saturday 5th September:

Social Outing, Wildflower Walk, Dudley

Advance Notice!!

The next Members' **Morning Tea** will be held on **Monday 19th October**.

The **Guest Speaker** should be of great interest to everyone. He is **Gil Gordon**, author of "**The Bigger Went and Died on Me and I Didn't Know What to Do!**"

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COMPUTERPALS – NEWCASTLE COMMITTEE 2015 – 2016

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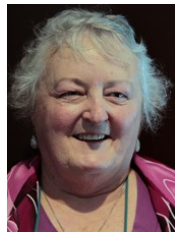
Committee Members: Tom Diamond
 Col Rizzoli
 Dianne Williams
 Basia Gambrill



Lindsay



Sandra



Carmel



Barry



Merv



Nev



Judy



Mitzi



Brenton



Tom



Col



Basia



Dianne

Together with the Tech Team, Education Team, Roster Team and our coordinators for our sub clubs: DigiPals, GeneaPals, TabPals and WriterPals we look forward to another enjoyable year of learning together.

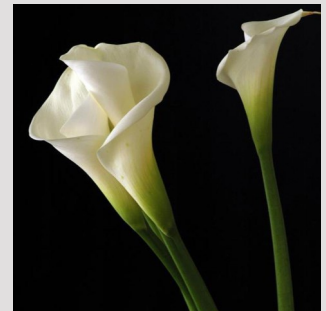
Best Wishes

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



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

Condolences



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

Classes

If you would like to have a particular topic covered in class please put a note in the Suggestion Box located near the door to the classroom.

Do include your name and contact details as only suggestions with names attached will be passed on to the relevant people.

SOCIAL REPORT

Social Day Out - August



Just nine participants turned out upon a breezy but mild and sunny afternoon at Belmont 16's Club for our 'lakeside ramble' along the shores of Belmont Bay.

We first made our way to the south end of Belmont Lions Park. At this point, an activity sheet was handed to all present, setting out a list of subjects to photograph and a questionnaire (of the 'I spy' variety) to be completed along our 'ramble' back to the 16's.

While most subjects were available to photograph, a couple were missing, and this fact was quickly pointed out by a number of eagle-eyed members! All that can be said was that they *were* there when the questionnaire was being prepared, and it was most



inconsiderate of them to move!



With answers written and photographed for good measure, along with subject photos, we all adjourned to the Club for afternoon tea or coffee and to compare answers. Sitting outside on the deck enjoying the scenery and each others' company, time passed quickly, and it was only the cooling temperature that saw the party break up.

Our next excursion will be a visit to the **Dudley Bluff on Saturday 5th September** for a nature walk among the native wildflowers that should be in full bloom by then, and along with the wonderful coastal views to be had, provide some great photographic opportunities.

AGM / Lunch



So pleasing that Past President Elaine Butler and husband Barry could join us.

Our members' Annual AGM and Lunch was held on Friday 14th August with 41 members in attendance.

Following the usual welcome to members and guests by Vice President Dianne Williams and annual reports by various committee members, Graham Woolridge assumed the position of Returning Officer. He informed the gathering that all committee positions were declared vacant and called for nominations for all the positions.

Lindsay Threadgate was elected President after generously offering to carry out this role for the third time in his membership years, while Sandra Keen was welcomed in the position of Vice President. Other currently serving committee members were returned to their existing positions, with three new committee members—Col Rizzoli, Tom Diamond and Basia Gambrill.



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 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

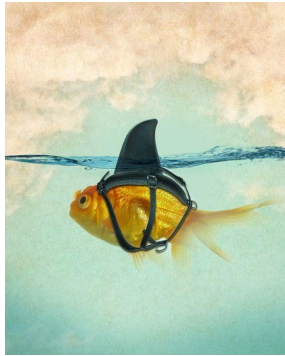
*If you have a portable device; iPad, Android tablet we have a Special Interest group called TabPals. **The fourth Friday** of the month is our regular meeting day, at 1 pm in the clubroom.*

WriterPals Report

Greetings and Salutations!

Well the ASCCA competition is coming to a close with entries required at ASCCA by 4pm on August 31st.

Our challenge for September (Monday 14th) will hopefully be a bit of fun for all who choose to take them on. Look at all of the pictures, choose one and tell the story. You are limited only by your imagination. Turn it loose and see what happens. Above all - have fun....



Ambition?
Delusions of grandeur?
Self preservation?
When I grow up...?



Bewitched ballerina?
Ninja cat?
New friend?
Scary friend...?



Unrequited love?
Mirror, Mirror?
When I grow up...?



Are you my Goldie?
Tell me a story?
Is that my little brother?

Cheers & blessings
Carmel

Ignite Your Imagination — Science Week, 2015

On Sunday 16th August, several ComputerPals Committee members set up stand at the Science Fair held at the Newcastle Museum. By joining this community event we hope to have spread the word about the place of computing in science and raise the profile of our club.



Funnybone . . .**Australian Computer Terminology -
Getting ready for Broadband in the bush!!**

LOGON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season.

BYTE: What mozzies do.

MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the veranda.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK: What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.