



# SWITCHED ON SENIORS

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## President



**Sandra Keen**

## Dates to Remember

**Saturday, 10th Sept:**  
Army Infantry Museum  
Singleton

**Friday, 16th Sept:**  
Enrolment Day

**Members Morning Tea**  
Monday 10th October

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## President's Report

While I am honoured to take on the role of President of this wonderful club, I feel there is so much I still need to learn about all that this role encompasses. Thankfully, there are members on the committee with the knowledge and experience to ensure ComputerPals for Seniors Newcastle traditions continue.

The new Committee for 2016 -2017 was elected at the AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> August and while there were many who stayed on in their former roles, several changes occurred. We welcome new committee member Grahame King as the new Treasurer. Several members felt they needed a break from committee duties and they will certainly be missed. Maree Field, Dianne Williams and Neville Clifford did not stand for re-election. We thank them for the numerous hours given to our club. Their expertise is hard to replicate. In fact, I believe Judy Wallace, our new Technical Officer, has Neville's number on speed dial!

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| <b>President</b>                | Sandra Keen   |
| <b>Vice President</b>           | Mervyn Pope   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | Grahame King  |
| <b>Secretary/Newsletter</b>     | Carmel Smith  |
| <b>Technical Officer</b>        | Judy Wallace  |
| <b>Roster Officer</b>           | Barry Keen  |
| <b>Tutor Roster</b>             | Mitzi Gordon  |
| <b>Committee</b>                | Brenton Elsey<br>Anita Crumblin<br>Tom Diamond<br>Col Rizzoli |
| <b>Immediate Past President</b> | Lindsay Threadgate  |
| <b>Public Officer</b>           | Lindsay Threadgate  |
| <b>Website Consultant</b>       | John Hendricks.   |

I look forward to working with the new committee and the various groups that give support to ensure our club runs smoothly. The Tech Team, Education Team, Roster Team; DigiPals, TabPals, WriterPals, Memorypals coordinators all volunteer their time so our club is an enjoyable place for everyone to learn.

The year ahead should be an interesting one with the need to keep future accommodation solutions in mind, while continuing to operate in our 'new' premises. Links with the Newcastle City Council continue and we were successful in receiving a grant for a special project - "Seniors Online" - to encourage new members. We will announce the format of this very soon.

Did you know 2016 is the National Year of Digital Inclusion? People who do not use the internet miss out on the day to day level of social connectedness available to others and, as government, banks and other service providers prefer communication via the online world, they face increasing difficulty accessing services. ComputerPals members can help by 'spreading the word' about our club and inviting others along.

Sandra Keen

Your President

## Social Day Out—August

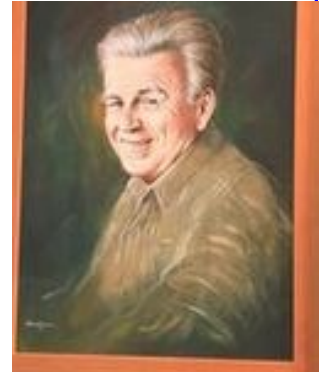
Grey skies and a few showers did not prevent 8 members and 2 guests from venturing out to Wangi Wangi for an inspection of The original home of well known Australian artist, Sir William Dobell and now a Heritage Listed property is situated in a beautiful setting on the shores of Lake Macquarie. On arrival, we were greeted by



2 of the volunteers who look after ‘all things Dobell’. After giving us a brief overview of the property and the various exhibits on hand, we were then able to wander around and marvel at this artist’s colourful life experiences which were not without some controversy. On the ground floor, we were shown the original kitchen with period fittings while the main sitting room contained numerous photos, prints and artefacts depicting this famous artist’s life history. Upstairs was Dobell’s studio where he did most of his painting, and which also contained a bed and side table with ‘liquid refreshments’. Outside, a



number of trees and shrubs planted during Dobell’s time here are still very much part of the garden and surrounds.



To discuss the various aspects of the visit and anything else that was thought of, we adjourned to the local cafe for a very welcome cuppa before heading home.

### AGM/Guest Speaker/Lunch

Our member’s Annual AGM and Lunch was held on Friday 12th at the Mayfield Ex-Services Club, with 41 members and 3 special guests attending.

Following the usual welcome to members and guests by outgoing President Lindsay Threadgate and annual reports by the various committee members, Harold Franks then took the mike in the position of Returning Officer and informed the gathering that all committee positions were declared vacant, and called for nominations for all these positions. Sandra Keen was elected President, with Merv Pope filling the Vice President role and Grahame King as Treasurer. All other Committee positions were filled except for Social Secretary, and the Club will need someone or a small group to step up and carry on this role.



As a change to the usual format, a guest speaker was included. Back by popular request, Mr. Gil Gordon from R. I. Advice gave a presentation on the benefits of good planning for the future, especially if some unforeseen circumstances occur.

Formalities over, it was then time to sample the culinary delights of the Club eatery and enjoy a chinwag with fellow members.



Presidents – past and present. Lindsay Threadgate and Sandra Keen

Lindsay was presented with a certificate of appreciation acknowledging all the extra ‘behind-the-scenes’ work he did in locating a new home for the club.

## Funnybone ...

### THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma.  
Yes, honestly its true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

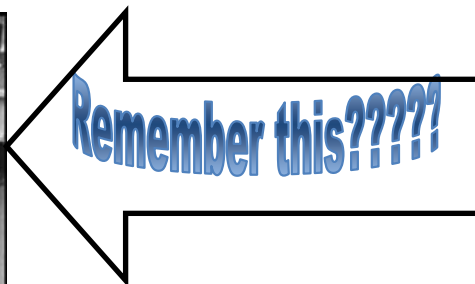
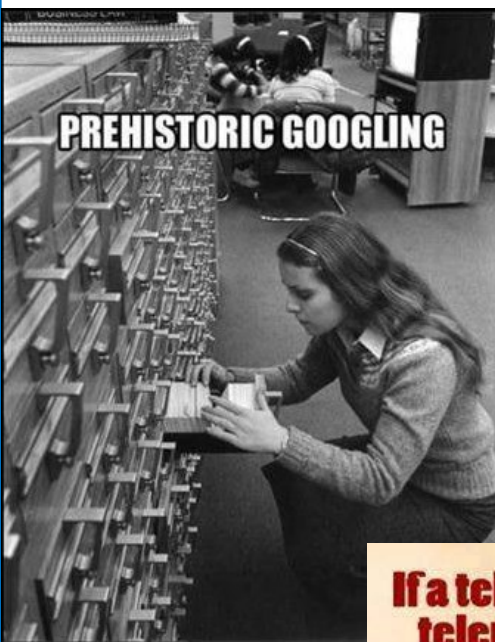
I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox',  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan', and 'Paste' her,  
And send her back to me.

### Could this have been written by one of our Grand-children

From Maitland ComputerPals Past Newsletter...

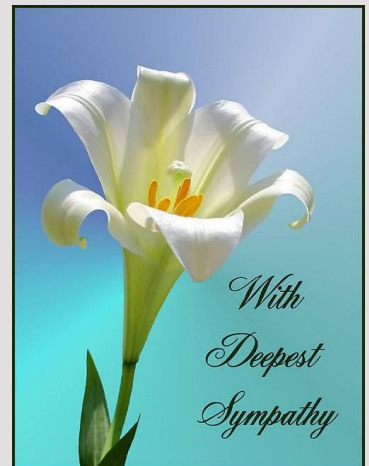


## Best Wishes

*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.*

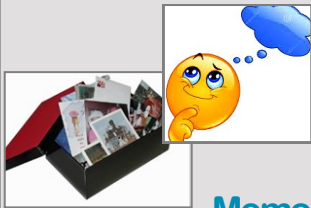


## Condolences

*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

MemoryPals September meeting was held on Monday with several new faces. We made a list of ideas for projects and how to tackle them. **The next MemoryPals meeting will be held a week earlier than usual on Monday 26th Sept** due to the long weekend in October. We hope the stories from MemoryPals will make their way to WriterPals next week!

## WriterPals

Greetings one and all,

Just a few of the stalwarts attended again but the stories produced were great. Please send them to Lindsay or Barry to put up on our Writerpals website.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 12th September** and the plan is for the people who have entered the ASCCA competition to bring their entries and possibly share them with us. We will also explore the previous writings that are already on our website and very easily accessed by interested readers.

Please come and join us. You will be made very welcome. AND you might be surprised at how much you enjoy the experience and you will hopefully be inspired to produce a jotting or three of your own.

In the words of that commercial some years ago - "You'll never never know, if you never never go!"

Cheers & blessings, Carmel

## DigiPals

In August DigiPals viewed and discussed some of the ASCCA Photographic Competition entries.

With the arrival of the warmer weather we look forward to venturing further afield to see what we can capture through our lens.

Please let us know via email if there is something particular you would like to focus on or if you have found a special place that you would like to share with others who have a photographic interest.

## TabPals

TabPals' members are appreciating the extra help they receive from this group over and above the regular classes that are usually well attended.

Splitting the group into separate times for Apple and Android is working well and relieved a lot of confusion.

If you have a particular need of assistance at TabPals it may be a good idea to let us know by sending an email.

## 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

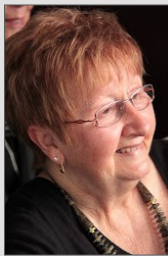


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## Roster Team

Judy  
Wallace



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.*

## Tech Talk— Top 10 Keyboard Shortcuts

### 1. Windows key + E = My computer

Easily the best. Simply press the 'windows key' (shown to the right) and 'E' together, and 'My Computer' will open up, allowing you to navigate through your documents without minimising any of your open windows, or searching through shortcuts or start menus.

### 2. Windows key = Start menu

Simply pressing the aforementioned 'windows key' opens your menu without the need for minimising already open windows.

### 3. Ctrl + Z = Undo

Everybody makes mistakes, which is why we have been taught forgiveness. However it seems that the memo never arrived at Windows XP, and frustration can become all-encompassing. It is probably why there are so many broken computer keyboards and screens at the rubbish dump. When an error is made in a Microsoft Office program, simply press Ctrl + Z, and everything will fall back into place.

### 4. Ctrl + X = Cut, Ctrl + C = Copy, Ctrl + V = Paste

Scrapbooking is innately hardwired into humans. However, the exasperation which can come from using the mouse to cut, copy and paste, with the right click and the left click...oy! Using these shortcuts will take minutes off your Microsoft Office cut, copy and paste duties.

### 5. Windows key + D = Home

If you ever feel overwhelmed by the number of windows open, or just need to get to your home screen quickly, just press the 'windows key' and 'D' at the same time. This will put you straight back at your home screen (aka desktop).

### 6. Ctrl + Mouse = Select numerous items

When deleting a number of files from 'My Computer', or moving files, instead of doing it one by one, hold down Ctrl the entire time and click your mouse on each file. Once you have selected every file you want to delete/move, drag them to their destination!

### 7. Shift + F7 = Thesaurus

When working in Microsoft Word, it pays to beef up your vocab. By pressing Shift + F7, Word opens the Thesaurus function, which turns the passé word 'hat' into 'sou'wester' right before your very eyes!

### 8. Ctrl + F = Find function

A huge timesaver, this function works in most programs made for Windows computers, including web browsers, allowing you to find specific words in documents or on websites.

### 9. Ctrl + A = Select all

When selecting something large to copy and paste, whether it be off the Internet or in Word, it can be a massive chore. But if you aren't choosy and want everything on the page to be copied and pasted, simply press Ctrl + A, and it will all be selected, ready to be Ctrl + C'd and Ctrl + V'd (now that you have had the masterclass we expect you to use the lingo).

### 10. Ctrl + Arrow Keys = Skip words

While in Microsoft Word, instead of using the arrow key to travel through each single word when trying to find a specific place to edit your work, which is time consuming, simply hold down Ctrl and the specific arrow key. This makes the computer skip over full words, allowing you to reach your destination much faster!