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Dates to Remember

Monday, 13th March:
Writerpals @ 1pm

Monday, 20th March
Digipals @ 1pm

Friday, 24th March:
Tabpals @ 11am Apple
1pm Android

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President's Report

We are now well into Term One of our courses and have welcomed many new members who are enjoying what ComputerPals has to offer.

The majority of courses fill very quickly but there are some courses that do not attract interest from our members. We consider those courses important as learning tools in mastering technology – that is why we schedule them. If you do not understand what the course descriptions mean please ask our tutors for further explanation.

Also remember that learning a new skill takes time and practice, practice, practice!! Just as learning to drive a car is difficult at first, but after many kilometres of driving becomes second nature; so, too, skills on your computer or mobile device, although hard to master at first, become much easier in time. Sometimes, it may be beneficial to repeat a class when it is next scheduled. We have had members and tutors do the same class several times before 'the penny drops'. This gives better understanding and confidence.

Recently, our committee decided to discard items that we had in storage to eliminate the unnecessary cost of maintaining the storage unit. Some items were sold to members and we were able to assist Sister Diana Santleben (a member of our club) who runs Zara's House in Jesmond, with the donation of several items which were delivered to Zara's House. Zara's House is the inspiration and the determination of Sister Di. She was excited by the fun she had enjoyed with the Afghan women at Penola House some time ago. She saw the need for a safe place where refugee women could have fun with Australian women – sharing time and talent while learning English and settling into their new home and culture. Sister Di found a suitable place in Jesmond naming it Zara's House after an Afghan refugee woman who came to Australia with her family in 2014.

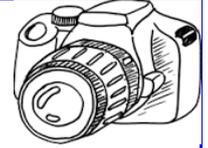
Our special events for Seniors Week commencing with Open – Enrolment Morning, followed by the Expo – Seniors Mastering Technology which took place on Monday 6th March and later the Question and Answer Session on Wednesday 8th March were all extremely successful. This is wholly due to the volunteers who helped and the members who participated. Many members invited friends and family to the expo even where they helped judge the Photographic Competition by voting for their favourite photo in each section. I was 'blown away' by the number and quality of photos entered. See the winners (most popular entries) in each section on the last page of this newsletter

Let's Do More Together through ComputerPals,
Sandra Keen



Seniors Week Expo Photographic Competition

With 170 entries by 23 ComputerPals members the Photographic Competition presented a challenge to judge. Those present at the event voted for their favourite photo in each section and judging was very close. Here are the winners – decided anonymously by popular vote.



Macro - 021 William Dobell's Hat - Barry Keen

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Barry Keen
"William Dobell's Hat"



Animal/Birds
017 Bran Owl in Alice Springs - Christine Tuft

Animals/Birds: Christine Tuft
"Barn Owl in Alice Springs"



All-Time Favourite - 023 Too Much Christmas - Beryl Eelsey

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Portrait-Selfie - 013 Jayden - Glenn Armstrong

Portrait / Selfie: Glenn Armstrong
"Jayden"



Landscape-Seascape - 003 Jodhpur Wetlands - Margie Olsen

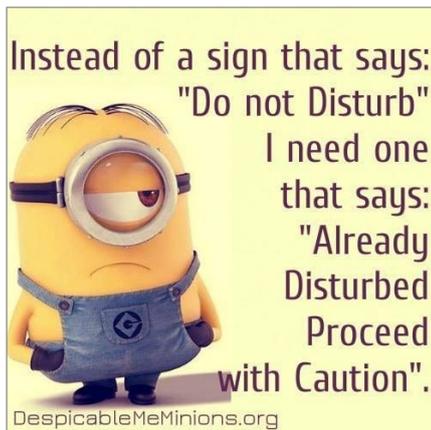
Landscape / Seascape: Margie Olsen
"Jodhpur Wetlands"

With 4 display surfaces and 5 computer screens packed with beautiful photos, the decisions were far from easy and the results were extremely close with just one vote deciding the winner in more than one category. Thank you and congratulations to all who participated.



Funnybone

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It's ok to talk to yourself,
It's even ok to answer yourself...
But when you ask yourself to repeat what you just said, you have a problem!



Far away in the tropical waters of the Caribbean, there are two prawns, one named Justin and the other named Christian. The prawns are constantly being threatened by sharks.

One day Justin says to Christian, "I wish I was a shark, then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten." A mysterious cod then appears, and says, "Your wish is granted."

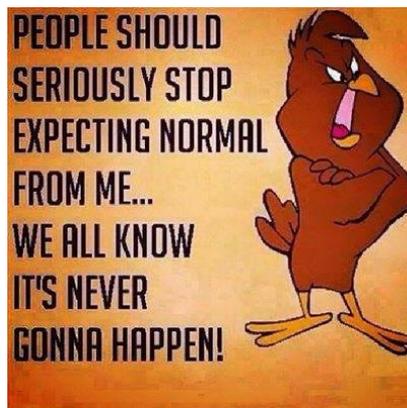
Lo and behold, Justin turns into a shark. Horrified, Christian immediately swims away, afraid of being eaten by his old friend. In time, Justin the shark finds himself becoming bored and lonely. All his old friends swim away whenever he comes close to them, afraid of his menacing appearance.

One day, Justin sees the mysterious cod again and begs to be changed back into a prawn. His wish is granted. Justin swims back to his old friends and buys them all a cocktail. He searches in vain for Christian, and is told that his old pal is at home, distraught that his best friend has gone over to the enemy and become a shark.

So Justin sets off for Christian's house. He opens the coral gate and, banging on the door, calls, "It's me. It's Justin, your old friend. Come out and see me again. Christian replies, "No way, man. You'll eat me. You're a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be tricked."

"Justin cries back, "No I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed." "I've found cod. I'm a prawn again, Christian."

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him ... A super calloused fragile mystic plagued by halitosis.



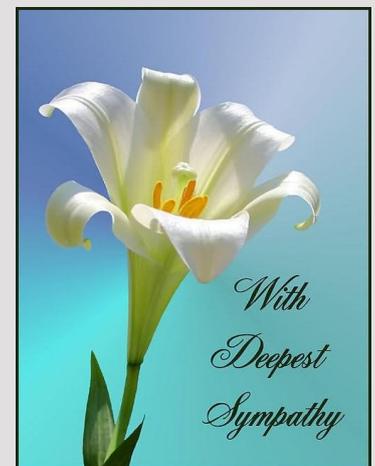
WARNING
approach with caution, I'm unsupervised today and full of caffeine and bad ideas !!!

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

This group meets on the **first Monday of the month** and is a bunch of very busy & enthusiastic people. They have some wonderful projects underway involving mementos and keepsakes, also information that is being recorded in photobook style for future generations to enjoy.

This group is for those interested in preserving family memories - photos and stories - for the next generation

If we don't preserve them, who will??????????

If you are interested in learning how to do all this fun stuff, please come along and join in with the group. See what we do. We have a lot of fun.

WriterPals

With the upcoming ASCCA competition in mind, we are going to start doing something different IE looking at how we put our stories and poems together, looking at the value of the words we use and how we can do a bit of a switchup to make them work better.

You are more than welcome to join us and be part of our very successful little group. We have been Champion Club for the last 4 years and would love that to continue. The ASCCA competition is Australia wide, so we are justifiably pleased with our efforts.

Our exercises for **Monday 13th March** are descriptions and directions.
 1) Describe a hand to someone blindfolded without naming any parts of it,
 2) Give someone blindfolded verbal directions from one place to another including the steps they need to take to avoid damage to shins and ankles.

This is not as easy as it seems as there are many things we take for granted that would have to be included in the description and/or directions. :-)

DigiPals

Digipals people watch your inbox for an email to let you know where and when the next get together is.

The morning at Blackbutt on Saturday 4th February was a very pleasant outing. See the website for more details.

Our planned outing on Saturday 4th March was a washout with the rain. However, four of us did enjoy a coffee and company at the Caves Beach Hotel.

Digipals group meets on the **3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm**. With the obvious talent shown in the Photographic Competition there should be numerous entries in this year's ASCCA competition/

TabPals

This is proving to be a very popular group and many are using it as a back-up to the actual classes where they can cement their knowledge and/or clear any queries they may have.

Apple users—tablets and phones—meet at **11 am**
Android users—tablets and phones—meet at **1pm**
 Bring your devices fully charged.

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.

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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.

Seniors Week Expo and Morning Tea



Lindsay sharing some of the history of our club from its inception to the present day. His talk took in some of the ways the club has changed and grown over the years to accommodate the changes in technology and in what our members required from us. From a little club teaching computer knowledge, we have grown and developed until we encompass not only our regular classes, but also some very important social aspects that are much appreciated by those who participate. It is a wonderful way for people to volunteer their time and interact with friends.



A beautiful bouquet for Dorothy Fogo for 10 years of catering for our Morning Teas. She has been one of the very willing and smiley helpers handing out teas and coffees in the hall as well as doing the shopping to supply the delicious edibles. Thank you Dorothy.



Carmel Smith sharing some words about Writerpals and a story or two. Justifiably proud of the group who have achieved Championship status at the nationwide ASCCA competition for 4 consecutive years

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