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Dates to Remember

Sunday, 11th Nov:
Remembrance Day

Friday, 16th Nov:
Social Outing—Mortels

Friday, 7th Dec:
Christmas Lunch Event

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President’s Report -

October was a very busy month at ComputerPals as we started the new term with Morning Tea and our event for ‘Get Online Week’ and followed it with our new format for classes. Our club’s Creative Writing and Digital Photography Competition closed on the same day as the morning tea. At the end of the month Barry and I attended the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) two-day Conference in Sydney.

‘Get Online Week’, an initiative of the Good Thing Foundation which coordinates the BeConnected program, encouraged everyone to try one thing online. It was the first time the event was held in Australia and our event was one of 750 such events held here. We followed up with all-day BeConnected sessions during the week and were able to use our recently purchased iPad, Samsung tablet and Apple TV which were made available through our ‘Get Online Week’ grant. Much fun was had by those present as they joined ‘Try 1 Thing Online’.

The new class timetable reflects the changes implemented to include free BeConnected sessions each week and to make club lessons more affordable. It is heartening to see more of you attending these sessions. The Assistance sessions for Apple and Android devices had the clubroom full of members and tutors. Check out the times for these sessions on Page 3

Entries in the Creative Writing Competition have been forwarded to the judges and we expect to hear their deliberations soon. The Digital Photography Competition entries are awaiting your vote, so if you haven’t received an email explaining the process please contact us. The photography is judged by members choosing their favourite image in each section and closing date for this is 22nd November. We need all of you to vote to make the competition more interesting.

At the ASCCA Conference we heard from guest speakers including those representing Microsoft, Google, Apple and Australia Post. Teresa Tsien from Hong Kong enlightened us about Active and Smart Ageing in Hong Kong. We participated in video conferencing with some Western Australian groups and participated in ASCCA’s 20th Birthday celebrations.

Now, what is in store for the rest of ComputerPals year...Lots of learning in a fun atmosphere! Remember to check our timetable for Laptop Assistance sessions, Apple and Android Device Assistance as well as club classes and BeConnected sessions. You need to book in even if the sessions are free or pay on the day.

Coming up socially... Mortels Social Day Out ... numbers in by Thursday, 8/11 Christmas Lunch ... Friday, 7/12 at Club Mex, Mayfield... the winners of the Writing and Photography Competitions will be awarded at this event.

At ComputerPals Newcastle we really fit the ‘Active and Smart Ageing’ description – make sure you are a part of the action.

Sandra



Sunday 11th November is the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day— Remembrance Day, when we bow our heads in honour of our Armed Forces. I include the Police, who also protect and serve. Many years ago when my sons joined the Navy the poem below was part of their information package. It was also included for the Army and Air Force recruits. I include it here to honour, not only my sons, but yours and all others who served in any way on the front lines, in the hospitals and in home and family support. God bless you all.

The sailor stood and faced his God which must always come to pass.
 He hoped his shoes were shining just as brightly as his brass.
 "Step forward now, you sailor, how shall I deal with you ?
 Have you always turned the other cheek ? To My Church have you been true ?"
 The sailor squared his shoulders and said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't,
 'cause those of us who carry guns can't always be a saint .'
 I've had to work most Sundays and at times my talk was tough,
 and sometimes I've been violent because the world is awfully rough.
 I've never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear,
 and sometimes, God forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.
 I know I don't deserve a place among the people here,
 they never wanted me around except to calm their fears.
 If there's a bunk for me in here, it needn't be so grand,
 I never expected or had too much, so if you don't, I'll understand."
 There was silence all around the throne where saints had often trod
 as the sailor waited quietly for the judgment of his God:
 "Step forward now, you sailor, you've borne your burdens well.
 Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets, you've done your time in Hell."

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In Flanders Fields By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

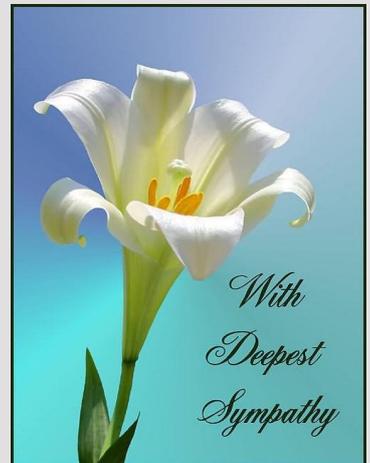


Best Wishes

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.

Device Assistance If you have a portable device;

Smartphone, iPad, Android tablet we have a Special Learning group for you on **fourth Friday of the month**. Apple devices at **10 am**, Android at **12:30pm** in the clubroom.



MemoryPals

Our small group met on Monday and discussed telling our own story or one about a family member.

One member's project is to create a book for her grandchild about their father's childhood. What a great gift!

Hope to see you at our next session.

WriterPals

Everybody has a story to tell...

Our next Writerpals meeting will be on November 12th and we would love to see you there. Please join us then at the clubroom. In the meantime, here's a picture - tell the story....

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

Voting for our Photographic Competition is OPEN...

The entries for the stories and poetry sections are in the hands of the judges, but the photographic judging is in the hands of the viewers.

To participate and see these spectacular photos, please refer to the email sent out by Barry on 1st November containing an attachment with all the links necessary. Follow these links and mark your preferences. Voting closes on 22nd November, so best do it quickly before you forget.

Digipals people watch your inbox for an email from Barry who will let you know where and when the next get together is. Digipals group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm.

Device Assistance

There was a great attendance at the first Device Assistance session and those present were happy to book in prior to the event so we could have enough tutors to ensure they had value for their \$5. Next session is 23rd November...

Apple users— tablets and phones – 10 to 11:30am

Android users—tablets and phones—12:30 to 2 pm This will give tutors a reasonable lunch break. Bring your device fully charged AND your questions. You will learn things you weren't even aware that you didn't know!

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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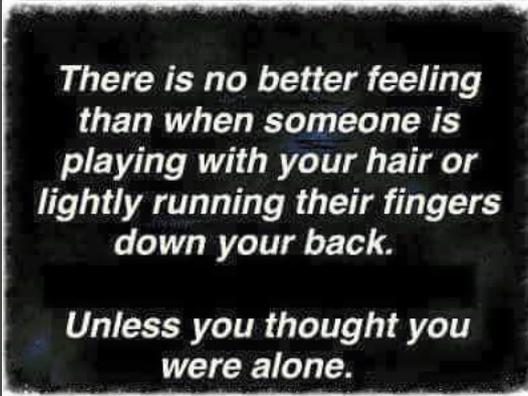
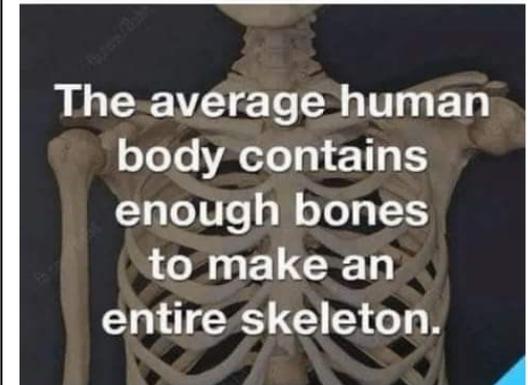
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These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Funnybone —



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