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Dates to Remember

Clubroom is closed till further notice. Stay safe and healthy.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR REOPENING DETAILS.

In the meantime
BE A ZOOMIE and join us online. Wed & Fri mornings @ 9.45

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President’s Report - from Sandra

Later this month it will be three months since we closed our clubroom in Islington. Whilst current restrictions are being lifted, given our demographic (most of us are in the vulnerable age / health group), we do not feel it prudent to reopen the clubroom at this time. We are quite sure we could not comply with the health advice concerning social distancing due to the available space.

From the Easter weekend in April we began Zoom sessions to keep in touch with everyone. Approximately 30 members have used the Zoom links to connect and have fun while learning from home. We would like more folk to join in by using the links sent out in the emails each week. If you have a neighbour or friend that could benefit please let them know and inform us so we can assist.

Some of the Zoom participants have asked about payment for the sessions. The committee agreed that a charge would not be made but, if anyone feels so disposed, donations would be welcome.

Extension of our current membership year due to the clubroom closure and members not receiving value for their current membership was a proposal put to everyone via an email on 12th May. Although a closing date was not included, enough time has elapsed for the membership to respond. The overwhelming response has been in favour of extending the membership year until the end of September with 75 members responding; 71 for, 4 against.

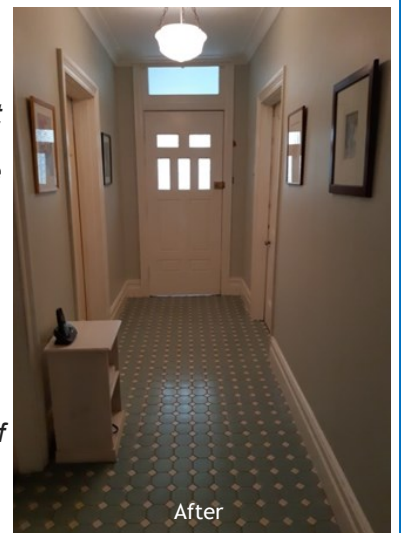
An email regarding membership will be sent out soon and there will be the same information on our website at that time.



Before

Last month I asked members about writing a few words on the tasks that fill lockdown days, or taking a photo of the project for our newsletter. Here is a recount from club member Jackie Lampke...

During COVID isolation I've been very busy repainting the front entrance to my home. It is still not complete but getting close. My house is nearly 100 years old and the preparation part was quite involved. I had to heatgun the layers of paint off my architraving, sand and treat with an oil primer. Exhausting work with lots of amateur errors of



After

course. Anyway, a very rewarding, I certainly hope, project.



On the other days I have been minding my toddler grandson as my daughter is working and studying from home. This is too hard with a busy little person around, so lots of walks and adventures around the local area. This will end when his preschool opens up to full capacity again.

Thanks Jackie, you have been very productive.
Sandra

STAY SMART ONLINE

In these times of great difficulty, and using peoples’ fear and need for safety against them, the scammers are still working hard.

Hopefully you have all managed to recognize, dodge or avoid all the scams and hoaxes that have become prevalent since the advent of Covid 19. As with most scams, your own common sense is your best defence in protecting yourself. **If it sounds too good to be true, then it is** and you need to delete the email or text or simply hang up if it is a phone call. Do not engage in discussion with the caller...they are trained for that. You will give them information they can use without even realizing you are doing so. Please be careful!

With the rise in Online Shopping, Australia Post has issued this warning...

Australia Post is aware of fraudulent emails being sent using their branding and prompting customers to click on a link. The emails falsely claim a package hasn't been delivered, due to its weight exceeding the limit – and it includes a link to click on to 'Pay Fee' or seek 'Further information.'

These links lead to a fake Australia Post website requesting personal and financial information.

DO NOT ever give your private details online as it is an ideal opportunity for **Identity Theft**

More information:

sign up to the Stay Smart Online Alert Service,
www.staysmartonline.gov.au/alert-service.

To check for current scams and risks visit
www.scamwatch.gov.au

If you've been the victim of a cybercrime including financial loss, report it to **ReportCyber** at www.cyber.gov.au/report.

BIRDS

**You've heard about the movie, Birds
 With Hitchcock and his famous words
 I went along, my friend and I
 Got so scared, I thought I'd die**

**We walked home, in the pitch dark night
 Each move and noise caused such a fright
 The Moon too, seemed to be in hiding
 As we passed by the railway siding**

**At that time we were in our teens
 Not prepared for the world, it seems
 But battle on, we're homeward bound
 Dutch courage then is all we've found**

**Home at last, a toilet stop
 The "dunny" out in the garden top.
 Upon the roof, a great big bang
 From the rafters, I did hang**

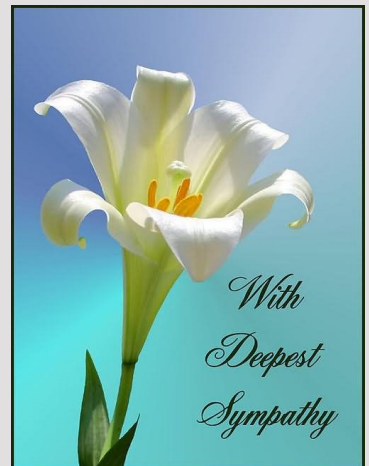
**Into the house, a shower taken
 The bones are weak, the body shaken
 In future when Hitchcock is on
 You won't find me, I'll be long gone**

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.*



The **ComputerPals** committee is holding our meetings via Zoom - a whole new experience for most of us...and for my little dog who is intrigued by all the strange voices she is hearing with only me in the room and the TV off. I think she suspects Aliens.....

Some of our incredible tutors are conducting online support through Zoom. Next will be Google Maps including Offline Maps on Wednesday, 10th June.

If there is a particular topic you would like, please send in an email or call the club, leave your contact details and a message and somebody will call you back. Zoom is proving very easy and convenient to use for sessions involving multiple people. So much so that, if my daughter forgets to put her phone out of reach of little fingers I get Zoom calls at all times of the day from my almost 3 year old grandson to show me a picture or tell me what he is doing. Unfortunately he usually forgets to log out before he puts the phone down and scoots off to do more busy stuff. Good fun!

During these times when we have no clubroom classes for you to attend, you can keep up with your computer learning by either contacting ComputerPals via email or phone, or you can do research for yourselves by using BeConnected. There are lots of new topics on the website for BeConnected. Select TOPICS, then scroll through and find what you want to explore. There is a SEARCH option, so click on the little magnifying glass, type in what you want and it will appear before your eyes.

**Paranoia has reached absurd stages...
I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan on its own**



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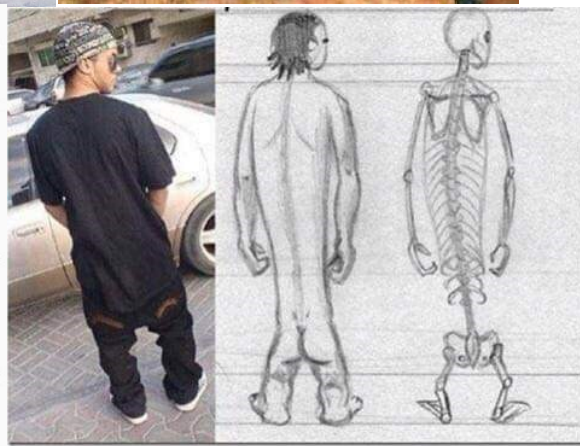
Nailed it 😂



ANSWERS - See it & Say it Countries of the World

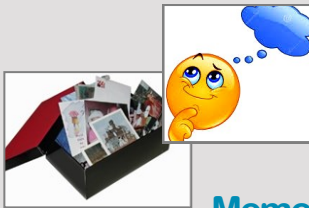
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- land, 4 Russia, 5 Mozambique, 6 Bahamas, 7 Taiwan, 8 New Zealand, 9 Holland, 10 Columbia, 11 Brazil, 12 Cuba, 13 Wales, 14 Portugal, 15 Romania, 16 Japan, 17 Lichtenstein, 18 Bali, 19 Iraq, 20 China, 21 Belgium, 22 Singapore, 23 Bahrain, 24 India

After 10years a wife started to think their child looks kinda strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs, she told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, u don't remember do you?? When we were leaving the hospital the baby pooped and u told me go and change him so I went inside got a clean one and left the dirty one there. The wife fainted....😂😂😂😂😂



😂
The best thing about me I'm a limited edition there are no copies. And I bet right now you're thinking "Thank God"

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.

MemoryPals

The next meeting of MemoryPals will be on the **first Monday of whatever month we are able to resume activities at 1pm.**

All welcome, just bring some ideas with you of anything special you might enjoy doing to help preserve, protect and perpetuate your memories and memorabilia.

In the meantime, help is readily available should you require it. Email ComputerPals or phone. If phone not answered leave name, phone number and a short message about help needed.

WriterPals

Everybody has a story to tell... Our next Writerpals meeting will be **Lord only knows when** starting at 1pm.

NOTICE TO ALL

While Writerpals meetings are suspended for the duration of this isolation period, Writerpals itself can continue wherever you happen to be. Just get out your keyboards, your notebooks and pens, your slates and pencils, or even a clear space on your walls and start writing.

What can I write? I hear you say....

Stories, anecdotes, memories

Give it a go...you don't even have to tell anyone...just try!

How many little stories have you jotted down????

DigiPals

Digipals group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 pm—**again after the COVID crisis is over and we can comply with social distancing rules in the clubroom**

DigiPals ASCCA Digital Photography competition is on again so go through those photos taken since 1st July, 2019. The competition closes on **1st September** so while you are exercising or just in your own yard you can take some new snaps.

The first category lends itself to some creative COVID isolation images.

Categories:- (For more details see our website- scroll down main page)

1. **Photo-Journalism** - This category is for “on the spot” photos which tell a story.
2. **Travel-Photo** - This category will capture the real essence and culture of a place.
3. **People/Portrait**
4. **Landscape/Seascape** - These photographs will be of predominantly natural scenery
5. **Landscape-Structural/Manmade** - photographs including cityscapes and buildings and parts thereof.
6. **Animals**
7. **Open** - Allows our members to enter subjects not necessarily covered in the other six categories.

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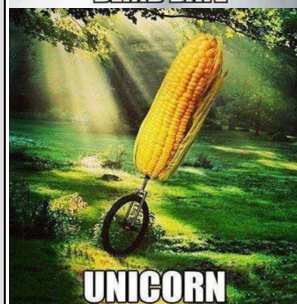
These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Funnybone — How many countries can you name? Answers elsewhere in this newsletter. Clue...See it, say it aloud and think a little sideways. Some are veery tricky, so saying them aloud helps. :-)

COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD



BLIND DATE



UNICORN

God made man from the dust of the earth, but woman He made from man's rib. So..man is but dirt, and woman...well she's Prime Rib.

"Do not touch" must be one of the scariest things to read in Braille

PADDY AND MURPHY ARE WORKING ON A BUILDING SITE.
WHEN A SLATE FALLS OFF THE ROOF SLICING PADDY'S EAR OFF.
MURPHY FINDS IT AND SAYS,
"IS THIS YOURS PADDY?"
"NO" SAYS PADDY, "MINE HAD A PENCIL BEHIND IT!"

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