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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 Thurs Morn @ 9.45*

Get Online Week: 19th to 25th October

ASCCA Annual Conference—10th Nov
More info to come

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President’s Report -

As we move into Spring I am sure we are all hoping for a return to some form of normality for our activities. ComputerPals members who have joined Zoom sessions over the past five months are really enjoying the experience and camaraderie each week. If you haven’t joined us already you are welcome to join in; just send us an email and we will assist you in getting started.

The first week of September is Adult Learners’ Week, an international event designed to raise awareness of adult education. The value of lifelong learning is to be celebrated, even more so in the current times. Think about how many of us had not tried Zoom before COVID!

The 2019 - 2020 ComputerPals Newcastle membership year was extended to September 30, 2020 and the 2020 -2021 Membership Fee has been discounted to \$20. Anyone joining for the first time or renewing after a break will not have to pay a joining fee this year. We realise you have not been able to use the clubroom and have made some adjustment.

The online voting to confirm that the 2020 Annual General Meeting be deferred and that the current Committee remain in office until after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and elections for a new Committee can be held closed on 22nd August. The voters unanimously confirmed this decision.

In October we will be participating in **Get Online Week, 19th to 25th October**. This year’s message is: **Now’s the time to get online**. Our activities will be online via Zoom and to ensure everyone is comfortable there will be plenty of help sessions prior to the events so encourage partners, friends and relatives to join in the fun.

Sandra



A FEW SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF - AND BEWARE OF

Be aware that not everybody who offers “HELP” is your friend...there are some nasties out there.

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.

This is yet another notification I have received from Woolworths (supposedly) offering me big money for signing up - they get my details.....

I have received 11 of these “last chance” notifications in the last month.

Hi Carmel

If you haven't already registered, today is your last chance. Otherwise you will unfortunately lose your chance to Win \$20,000 to spend at Woolworths.

If you would like to be eligible to win the Woolworths prize please register below, otherwise unfortunately your name will not be included for consideration.

Carmel - Just **CLICK HERE** to Register This would be a great prize, so please make sure you register, so that you don't miss out.

Remote access scams (also known as technical support scams) usually involve scammers contacting people over the phone to get access to their computers and to steal their money.

If you have doubts about any caller who says they represent a business or organisation, hang up and call the business back using contact details from an independent source. Find their number using the phone book or the official company website. Don’t trust contact details given to you by the caller.

There are different types of this scam, for example:

You are prompted to call the scammer. You may see a pop-up notice on your computer reporting a problem and telling you to contact a 1800 number for technical support. When you call the number, the scammer convinces you to allow them to remotely access your computer. When the scammer has access to your computer, they will usually tell you there’s a serious problem they can fix for a fee.

A scammer will call you about a bank payment or some other problem. In one scam, they'll say they're having problems processing a payment on your credit card. They quote the first six digits of a credit card issued by an Australian bank, then ask you to provide the rest of the number.

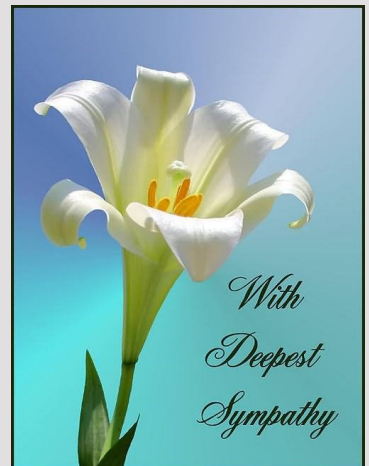
Note: The first six digits of a credit card are known as the BIN (Bank Identification Number) and are used to identify the bank or credit union. These numbers are publicly available but can be used by scammers to appear more authentic and convince victims to reveal the rest of their credit card details.

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 and gettogethers via Zoom - a whole new experience for most of us...

Some of our incredible tutors are conducting online help sessions through Zoom. This **Friday, 4th September** the topic is **Google Calendar** plus **Questions** related to **Gmail**. The one next week **Wednesday & Friday (9/9 & 11/9)** is based on the new BeConnected Topic: **Introduction to Buying and Selling Online**.

Lindsay conducts sessions on Thursday morning also. If you wish to participate you will need the correct meeting ID and password. To get this information please contact Lindsay on lindsayzooming@gmail.com

If there is a particular topic you would like help with, 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.

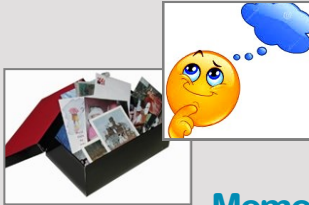
During these times when we have no classes for you to attend, you can keep up with your computer learning by either contacting Computerpals via email or phone, or you can do research for yourselves by using one of our favourite websites GCFlearnfree. Type this into Google, select TOPICS, then scroll 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. Also make sure you keep up with BeConnected. Lots of good info too and they add new topics on a regular basis.

WORD SEARCH

Test your eyes and try to find all the words in the puzzle below. They are all computer related words and go in all directions. Have fun.

M	O	T	H	E	R	B	O	A	R	D	R	O	T	MONITOR
K	W	R	F	E	B	R	S	T	A	B	L	E	O	KEYBOARD
N	B	S	U	O	N	R	E	P	S	D	B	E	O	MOUSE
S	E	T	O	N	L	S	K	B	E	K	V	O	B	PRINTER
E	B	R	I	O	I	D	R	E	E	A	K	D	E	SPEAKER
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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 Computer-

Pals members who meet on the **third Monday** of each month at 1 pm. in the Islington clubroom to explore digital photography.

Tablet & Phone Help

If you have a portable device; iPad, Android tablet we have a Special Interest group called Tablet & Phone Help. **Fourth Friday** each month is our regular meeting Ipad at 11 a.m, Android at 1pm in the clubroom.



MemoryPals

On the Zoom session last week Lindsay Threadgate introduced the latest update to a really useful website—**Trove**.

Trove is a collaboration between the National Library of Australia and hundreds of Partner organisations around Australia. You can search newspaper clippings, journals, books and other publications for information published about your ancestors.

It is worth a look!

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, whiteboard marker on your sliding doors 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 have you occupied your time during shut down????

DigiPals

Thank you to those who have entered the ASCCA Photography competition.

Entries have now closed. We look forward to the results.

Laptop Assistance

There usually a good attendance in the clubroom for people wanting to learn more about their laptop computers – even more so now for those who received those goodies for special gifts or hand-me-ups and need a little help to master them.

We normally meet on the second Friday of the month from 10.00 to 11.30. Bring your device fully charged AND your questions - **but not yet because you'll be talking to yourself.**

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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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 —

**If I am ever on life support,
unplug me...
Then plug me back in..
See if that works..**



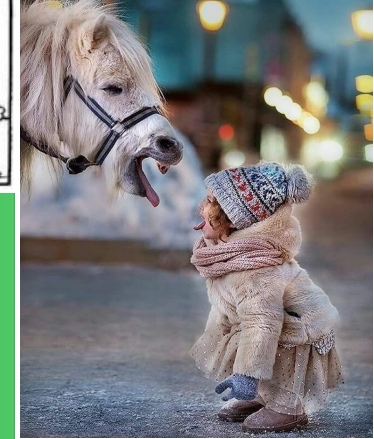
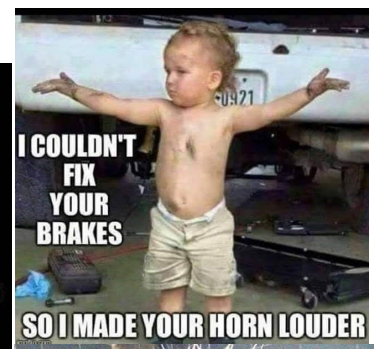
It doesn't matter how old I get, I'm still going to mentally sing the ABC's to see which letter comes next.



**Dating service:
Your application has been rejected due to answer #6-
What do u want in a man? A bullet is not an acceptable answer.**

I stood waving to my neighbour for 10 minutes this morning before realising she was cleaning her windows 🙄🙄

Noel Coward once said "I like really long walks...especially when they're taken by people who annoy me."



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