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Sandra Keen

ASCCA competitions are on again - see pp 5 & 6

Dates to Remember

Enrolment / Open Morning

Friday 18th June

9:30am—12 noon.

Members Morning Tea

Monday 12th July

10:00 am

You can still

BE A ZOOMIE and

join us online. Fri

mornings @ 9.45

Special Groups -

Memorypals, Writ-

erpals & Digipals will

meet via ZOOM on

their usual Mondays

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President's Report:

Winter is here! The last days of May heralded the change of seasons.

This month brings the end of ComputerPals Newcastle financial year and time to renew membership. Renewal is \$25 for the 2021 - 2022 year. For new members there is also a one off joining fee of \$5. Members are entitled to participate in social outings organised by the club and to take advantage of Special Interest Groups, Assistance Sessions and Lessons at very low cost. You do not have to join the club to do Be Connected classes which continue to be free.

Just a little reminder about lessons you are booked into: We are all volunteers and so we do not send out reminders like the Dr and Dentist. It is up to each individual to note the lesson day and time. Also, please let us know if you are not able to come to class for any reason as our tutors may wait for you to turn up!

Our next **Enrolment / Open Morning** will be on **Friday 18th June from 9:30am to 12 noon**. Classes for Term 3 will be available then. If you wish to pay membership fees in cash you can do so at the Enrolment / Open Morning.

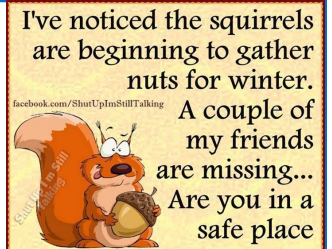
The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) has announced it is running the Digital Photography Competition again this year. They are also reviving the Creative Writing Competition. The closing dates are different for each of these competitions. See Pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter for the guidelines. The entry form will be in the next newsletter. In the past our club has had much success in these two competitions. Points are gained for the number of entries as well as for winning entries so help us retain our status by entering.



Keep Monday, 12th July free for our next Morning Tea and Members Special General Meeting where proposed changes to our Constitution will be discussed and voted on. We will also have a Guest Speaker.

With only a couple of months to our AGM it is time to think about having nominees lined up for several of the committee positions. **Under Constitution Rules all of the executive committee have "served their term" of four years maximum in their current positions and now have to step aside for new nominees.** Any members with appropriate skills are encouraged to accept nomination or just to come along to a committee meeting. If you know of someone, give them a nudge! The club cannot carry on without an executive committee.

Sandra



A FEW SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF - AND BEWARE OF

Please be careful. If there is something you are not sure of, please phone Computerpals and we will be very happy to help you

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.

To find out more information about scams, or to find out other ways to protect yourself, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au. If you have been the victim of a scam, you can report it to local police or to the ACCC online at the 'SCAMwatch report a scam' page.

WARNING FROM A POLICE OFFICER

I would like to take this opportunity to alert my friends on Facebook to please be aware of some of the Facebook posts you comment on especially now while the world seems to be at a standstill. These posts ask questions such as, "What was your favorite teacher's name? Who was your 1st grade teacher? Who was your childhood best friend? What was your first car?" etc. Do these questions sound familiar? They should. These are the same questions you are asked as security questions when setting up bank accounts and credit card accounts. When answering these questions and posting them, you are giving out answers to your security questions that you may be using without realizing it. Hackers are setting these up as a "get to know each other better" game on Facebook.
 Thanks and stay safe.

This was sent to me by a friend who lost a large sum of money because she used familiar names and places for all her passwords including her banking and also filled in these little "fun" survey questions. Her bank told her that whoever depleted it had logged in correctly using her codes, which just happened to be the names of her first teacher and a street where she used to live. Please be careful when setting up accounts and filling in these 'harmless' little surveys

NBN CALLING - SCAM

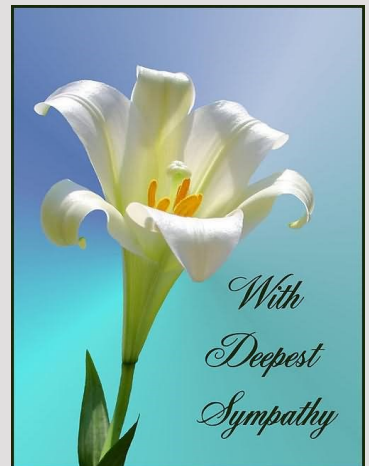
The chance of the NBN calling you is virtually Zero. You have bought your internet from an ISP (Internet Service Provider) like Optus or Telstra, so if there was any thing that was wrong – **they** would be calling or texting you. Before ever allowing anyone to connect to your device, you should only do this if you initiated the call, i.e., you called them for support etc. and therefore know that it is the company you called. If you are calling them in response to an email or SMS – please be careful as this may be a phishing scam too so always dial the number you have for the provider **not** the one in the message! If a legitimate service call is being initiated there should be verification steps involved before you can discuss the matter at hand – no one is going to just call you and ask for control of your device.

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.



From the desk of Brenton, our incredible social organiser

A fine day beckoned on Saturday 1st May as 21 members (incl. 2 special guest ex members) rocked up to Macdonald Jones Stadium for a Car Observation Run.

Darks Coffee provided for those needing ‘a shot’ to steady the pre-run nerves (aka driver vs navigator ‘disagreements’). Following the run briefing and armed with all the necessary instructions, crews buckled up and filed out (minus 1 entrant) of the stadium precinct to begin their epic adventure. With brake lights on and reverse lights flashing intermittently, one crew looked to be in trouble. However, they finally exited the car park and were on their way.

Beryl and I then took off to cover the run and check for any wayward entrants early on. While they were not a problem, we soon discovered ‘not all Saturdays are the same’. When constructing the run and questions, we were careful (we thought) to do our final 2 reccy runs on Saturdays at the prescribed time to check traffic flows, parking etc. and we were satisfied that all was ok. However, obstacles appeared early on, with a solid bank of parked cars along Maitland Road and Albert Street where questions on the RHS just necessitated parking and looking for answers. Next problem was road works and a detour to reach Carrington. Cars everywhere at Stockton footy ground for the next clue – must have had away games the previous weeks! Anyway, thankfully everyone arrived at the prescribed destination, albeit having to double park, conduct U-turns and (maybe) having to refuel along the way, along with discovering the odd new street, point of interest etc.

With lunch ordered, it was time to check the answers. Either the questions were too easy or there was a noticeable improvement in navigational skills, for there were 3 winners with full marks while the worst score only dropped 1 ½, so congratulations to all concerned. Special mention must go to the Threadgate/Tsishevski team, who ‘dragged their tail’ on the previous run for last place and came in equal first this time with no points lost (and only 4 disagreements, since made up!). It seems that extra time spent studying the instructions at the start paid off – well done. All that was left was to tuck into lunch and enjoy each other’s company.

Brenton Elsey

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What one word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. If you were running a race and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
9. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
10. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Answer 1: Johnny, of course.

Answer 2: Meat.

Answer 3: Mt. Everest.

Answer 4: There is no dirt in a hole.

Answer 5: "Incorrectly."

Answer 6: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere.

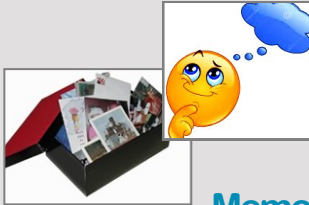
Answer 7: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

Answer 8: You would be in 2nd place.

Answer 9: Neither. The yolk of an egg is yellow.

Answer 10: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big stack.

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 p.m. 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.

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 10 a.m, Android at 12:30pm in the clubroom.



MemoryPals

The next meeting of MemoryPals will be on the **Monday 2nd August** (due to school holidays in July)

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

Sandra will send around an email reminder of the meeting

Help is readily available should you require it No need to book - just join the Zoom group.

WriterPals

Everybody has a story to tell...Our next Writerpals meeting will be **June7th** starting at 1pm via Zoom.

How about logging in and sharing some tales about your activities and what you got up to during the last few months

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

I know I'm looking forward to catching up with some of your ideas

DigiPals

Digipals people watch your inbox for an email from Barry who will let you know all the DigiPals details.

Digipals group normally meets on the **3rd Monday** of the month at 1 pm (none in June—next on 19th July) and no doubt Barry will have some great ideas for your enjoyment and entertainment.

Friday Zoomies

For those who can't make it into the classroom, Friday will be devoted to regular Zoom classes.

An email will be sent out with "What's On" and the log in codes.

To find out what is on check your email or send an email to us at contact@computerpals.org.au to find out what is coming up and how to join our Zoom sessions.

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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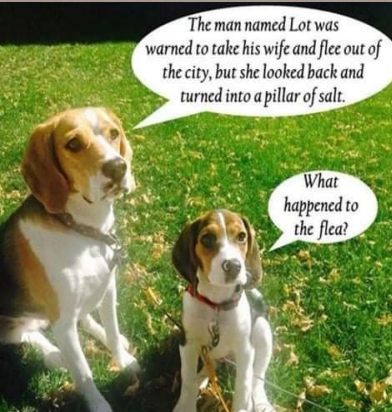
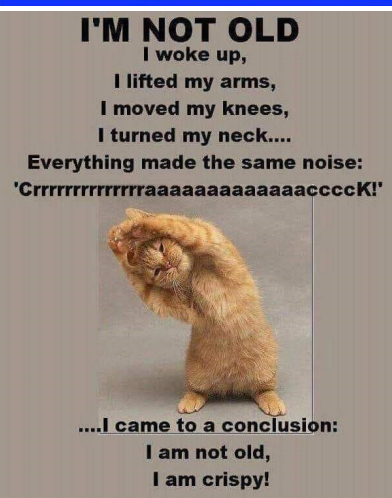
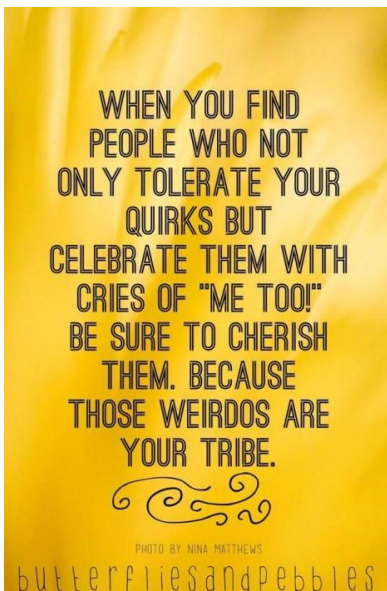
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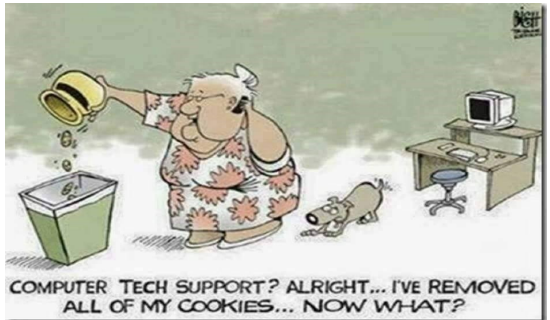
Wendy Cripps-Clark

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.

Funnybone —



Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach and stretch. Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. So if you find as you age that you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.



I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights. Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done. I don't trip, I do random gravity checks. Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them. One minute you're young and fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better. I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds. Day 12 without chocolate...lost hearing in my left eye. Some people are like clouds, once they disappear it's a beautiful day. Some people you're glad to see coming; some people you're glad to see going. Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose should never be meese. You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, Yet hat in the plural would never be hose, And the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother, we never say methren. Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

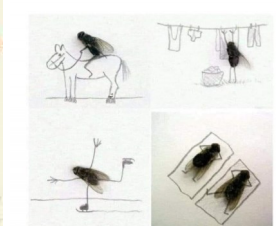
[f /grammarly](https://www.grammarly.com)

-ANONYMOUS

As a kid I think I ate too many Rice crispies. Now all my body does is snap crackle and pop!!!



when I'm bored and find a dead fly



PRIVACY STATEMENT: Information contained in this Newsletter is only for the members of the ComputerPals Newcastle Inc. The Editor accepts no responsibility for any errors, omissions, libels, in accuracy or other shortcomings of this newsletter.

ASCCA (Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association) has reinstated the Creative Writing Competition for 2021, and the guidelines for the entries are listed below.

I have spoken to the organiser, Susan Jensen, to clarify a thing or two and can tell you that **poetry is not included...** at least not this year, so stories are all that will be judged.

With the English language being so tricky with grammar, similar sounding words, words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, plus many other idiosyncratic foibles, Susan suggested a free program that we may find helpful <https://www.grammarly.com> This little program is well worth checking out and might be helpful for those of us who sometimes get our words mixed up e.g. weather, wether or whether etc. There are heaps of these puzzlers out there. Give it a try. It is free.

The entry form will be in the next newsletter

Creative Writing Competition 2021 – Guidelines

Entries open 2nd August and close at midnight on 16th August 2021.

Send your entry, with your head and shoulders (selfie) photograph and a completed entry form to competitions@ascca.org.au.
ASCCA Board members and professional writers are ineligible to enter.

The six categories include enough scope and a broad enough explanation to allow for a range of entrants with a wide range of skills and imagination to confidently enter any category. All entries are to be submitted by the individual writer who is encouraged to present up to three pieces in total; each in a different category, and each of which has a 1000 word limit.

Please use — Font: Times New Roman, Size: 14 point, Lines to be double spaced.

CATEGORIES Up to 3 topics allowed

1 Femininity / Masculinity *The essence of being male or female of any age.*

2 Companion Animals *Capturing the magical attraction of small furry, hairy, scaled or feathered companions.*

3 Seasons and Weather *The delights and excitement of the seasonal or climatic changes in the natural world around you.*

4 Dusk to Dawn *Strange things that inhabit your dreams.*

5 Just Plain Ugly *It's in the eye of the beholder.*

6 Life Changing Event *What was the effect of the event?
Please avoid anything to do with a pandemic. |*

Champion Creative Writers — winners will be selected by judge/s.

*40 points for first place, 30 points for second place
20 points for third place, 10 points for highly commended,
1 club point for each topic entered.*

Winners will be announced at the ASCCA Conference on 10th November.

Their names, their selfie and entries will be published on the ASCCA website after 10th November 2021.

The list of subject matter for the Photographic Competition gives you a very enticing range of topics to display your creativity. If you have questions, please contact Barry Keen through the Computerpals email or phone number. I wish you all the very best of good luck and happy shooting.

Digital Photography Competition 2021 – Guidelines

Entries open 15th September and close at midnight on 30th September 2021.

Send your entry, with your head and shoulders (selfie) photograph and a completed entry form to competitions@ascca.org.au.

ASCCA Board members and professional photographers are ineligible to enter.

The approach this year is on creativity and interpretation of the categories. Photographic technical ability is still important but not more important than the creative interpretation of the subject. Considering both will allow all entrants to show their abilities. The seven categories include enough scope and a broad enough explanation to allow entrants with a wide range of skills and imagination to confidently enter any category. **All entries are to be submitted by the individual photographer who is permitted to present one photograph, to a maximum size of 4MB in each category, taken between 2nd September 2020 and 15th September 2021.**

No post camera manipulation will be permitted – except minor cropping, straightening and exposure adjustments.

CATEGORIES Up to seven photos allowed

1.0 People – Femininity/Masculinity - *More than an image, rather a visual expression (your interpretation) of the essence of being male or female of any age.*

2.0 Companionable animals - *Filling a void (or finding a place) at any age. Capturing the magical attraction of small furry, hairy, scaled or feathered companions.*

3.0 Nature – The Seasons and Weather - *The delights and excitement of the seasonal or climatic changes in the natural world around you.*

4.0 Night time – Dusk to Dawn - *Any image captured at night with or without additional artificial lighting.*

5.0 The Wild Card – Just Plain Ugly - *It's in the eye of the beholder.*

6.0 Simplicity - *Images which say more with less and/or by powerful composition and/or the use or absence of colour.*

7.0 Form in nature - *Images that capture naturally created lines, shapes, patterns, or mathematical sequences, etc. in the natural world.*

Champion Digital Photographers – *winners will be selected by judge/s.*

*40 points for first place, 30 points for second place
20 points for third place, 10 points for highly commended
1 club point for each photograph entered.*

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