

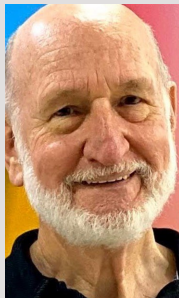
**ComputerPals - Newcastle**

Where Seniors master technology

# SWITCHED ON SENIORS

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## President

**Barry Keen**

## Dates to Remember

*Daylight saving starts on Sunday. Clocks go forward 1 hour*

## OCTOBER

Lockdown continues till Oct 10th at this stage. Stay safe, warm and healthy.

You can still **BE A ZOOMIE** and join us online. Fri mornings @ 9.45 am

Special Groups - Memorypals, Writerpals & Digipals will meet via ZOOM on their usual Mondays

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Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

## President's Report

The last month has been one of trials for all of us with our restricted movement due to lockdown.

Supposedly, that is to end on 10th October, but I'll believe it when I see it.

Meantime, ComputerPals not stopped.

Our lessons have continued via Zoom and we've tried our best to reach out to you all by email and on our website to encourage you to join us.

Nothing beats isolation better than being in contact with others, whether it's old friends or getting to know new ones.

Social media is the next best thing to being able to meet up face-to-face with family and friends. That can be by phone or better a video call where you can see each other. There are many Apps available for your phone to achieve this. Examples are:—Facetime if both you and the other person have Apple iPhones; and on Android phones use Skype, Viber, Facebook Messenger or WhatsApp just to mention a few (these can be used on iPhones, too). There are many more choices, and they are free to use. The only requirement is that both of you must have the same App on your phones. The best is—they are easy to use!

There is also Zoom. You see us referring to it regularly—we use it for our classes and social get-togethers. That allows lots of people to be in the same place together and that helps overcome the feeling of isolation while giving you the opportunity to learn the odd thing or two.

It gives me pleasure to talk to you one-on-one by phone to help you learn how to use Zoom and join with us online. Reach out with an email and I'll get back to you.

Get Online Week is coming up from 18/10 to 24/10 and we have three events happening via Zoom that will be a lot of fun to be involved in.

Emails will be coming out with links to join in these free events and they will also be shown on the Term 4 class calendar on the website when it is finalised (hopefully by tomorrow).

Stay safe and well

Cheers for now

Barry Keen (President)

**SOCIAL OUTING** With the idiosyncrasies of COVID still upon us, we have to move our outing further into the future, so 'stay tuned' for further updates.

In the meantime does anyone know who one of these young ladies might be? They are sisters and one is a long term member of Computerpals and a favourite tutor. No prizes for guessing correctly, but she hasn't changed much over the years although her hair is a tad darker but still curly and the beaming smile is still the same. Who is she?

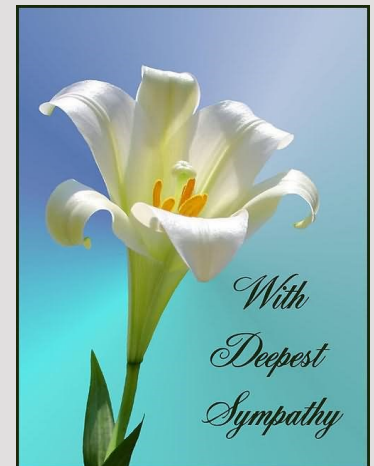


**Best Wishes**

*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.*



**Things in life** Another gem from Harold

There's things in life that are hard to explain  
Be it simple or complex, it's all just the same  
Why do we do it, or why is it done  
Is it because we all live under the sun?

As a lad, was told, there's a man in the moon  
Now they tell us, we'll be walking there soon  
Why, I ask, would you want to be there  
Life on earth, we're just needing fresh air

Volcanos and earthquakes, why do they act  
A vulcanologist may give us the facts  
Tsunami is another, I don't understand  
Destruction abounds when it takes a hand

Conservationists tell us, the earth's in a state  
A collapse is expected, if we keep up this rate  
Those who can change it, don't seem in a race  
They move along at a stop and start pace

When all's said and done, little is done  
There's little to laugh at, such little fun  
A pandemic it seems, can't make us gel  
It looks much like "we're heading for hell"

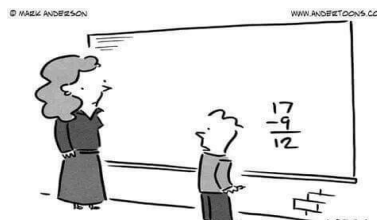
**I DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT MY CHANCES OF SURVIVAL SEEM TO BE LINKED TO THE COMMON SENSE OF OTHERS**

Books give a soul to the universe,  
wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination,  
and life to everything.  
- PLATO

**Ill never forget the look on the cashiers face, when she scanned the packet of bird seed, And I asked her how long does it take for the birds to grow once I plant them.**

Two cowboys are lost in the desert. One cowboy sees a tree that's draped in bacon. "A bacon tree ! We're saved!" He says. He runs to the tree and is shot up with bullets.

It wasn't a bacon tree, it was a ham bush.



**Mum's Clothes Line Rules**

The clothes line must be wiped before hanging clothes.

Socks must be hung by their toes.

Hang sheets and towels on the outside line so you can hide your 'unmentionables'.

Clothes must hang in order - whites with whites and hung first.

Shirts must always hang by the tail - never the shoulders.

Lining up the clothes so that each item shares one of the clothes pegs with another item.

It doesn't matter if it is sub-zero outside, the clothes will go out and just freeze.

Pegs must be gathered up when taking down clothes - never leave them on the line.



## News and alerts FROM <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>



### [Losses reported to Scamwatch exceed \\$211 million, phone scams exploding](#)

Scamwatch is urging people to be extra vigilant about scams after Australians reported a record \$211 million in losses to scams so far this year, an 89 per cent increase compared to the same period

**27 Sep 2021**



### [Scammers pretend to be the Australian Federal Police to target vulnerable people](#)

Police have received reports of scams involving fake Australian Federal Police (AFP) representatives targeting vulnerable members of the community.

**15 Sep 2021**

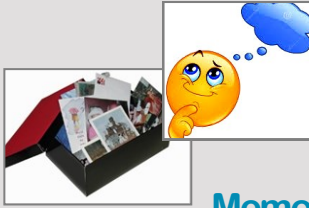


### [Missed delivery, call or voicemail \(Flubot\) scams](#)

Since August 2021, many Australians have been getting scam text messages about tracking a delivery, missed calls or voicemails, along with a link to download some software. If you receive one of these messages, do not click or tap on the link. Delete the message immediately.

**7 Sep 2021**

## Special Interest Groups



### MemoryPals

Meets on **first Monday** of each month at **1:00pm** (ex Public Holidays)

via Zoom. 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 Meetings are from **1:00 p.m.** via Zoom

### DigiPals



DigiPals is an active group of ComputerPals members who meet on the **third Monday** of each month at **1 p.m.** via Zoom to explore digital photography.

## MemoryPals

The next meeting of MemoryPals will be **November 1st**, via **ZOOM**

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 **October 11th** starting at 1pm via Zoom...

Ever given any thought to how you'd like to be remembered? Try jotting down a few ideas to share. I wrote my eulogy, gave it to my son who said he couldn't read it with a straight face.

How about giving it a go? Try a phantom eulogy for practice

**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 meets on the **3rd Monday** of the month at 1 pm and no doubt Barry will have some great ideas for your enjoyment and entertainment.

## Friday Zoomies

Friday will be devoted to regular Zoom morning sessions starting at **10:00 am**.

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

To find out what is on check your email.

### 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



To contact the Roster Team or the Treasurer regarding rosters or payments use:

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## Roster Team

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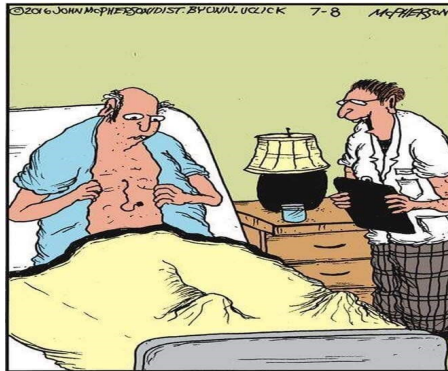


These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

## Funnybone —



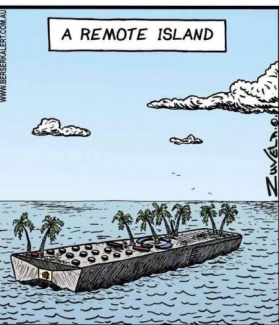
"First you buy me a new coat and now a trip to Lion Safari Park. What's got into you lately?"



"Oh, that's a bonus feature. You can plug your iPhone into that and your new pacemaker will charge it."



Do not let them take your temperature when going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory! I went in for bread and milk and came out with six bottles of wine.



I don't really have a plan.  
I rely solely on caffeine and weirdness to get me through the day.



### American Bald Eagle

\*One of the smallest Eagles in the world

\*Only eats fish

\*Basically a glorified Seagull



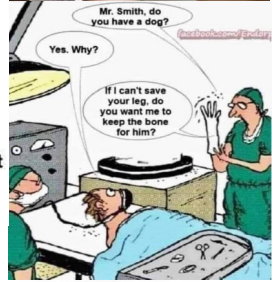
### Australian Wedge Tailed Eagle

\*The largest Eagle in the world

\*Hunts large mammals including Kangaroos

\*Can see infrared & ultraviolet

\*Only Eagle in the world that attacks Parachuters, Paragliders & Drones



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"



**Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words, Defence, Defeat, Detail.**  
**Charlie: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.**

The plumber said: "Why haven't you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday".  
Paddy replied: "Well it was not what you quoted"  
The plumber said: "I didn't give you a quote?"  
Paddy replied, "Yes you did! when I asked what day you could come? you said you were free on Friday!"