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Dates to Remember
Morning Tea - July 4th

You can still **BE A ZOOMIE** and join us online. We start hosting Thursday mornings @ 9.45 am

Special Groups - Memorypals, Writerpals & Digipals will meet each 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays of the month

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President’s Report—JUNE 2022

Hi everyone,

May has slipped by quickly; June (and winter with its icy blast) has arrived.

Treasurer, Grahame would like to remind everyone that **it’s time to renew your club membership for the year ended 30 June 2023**. The cost is \$25 (+ \$5 for new members). [CLICK HERE](#) for how to pay.

There continues to be a problem for people with Bigpond and Telstra email accounts not receiving email from us as both these providers put a block on bulk mail from our Gmail account. We haven’t been able to find an easy way to overcome this with certainty. I can only suggest you add our email address islingtonpals@gmail.com to your contact list and hope this may provide an answer to the problem.

We have been having excellent participation at our Be Connected classes and encourage anyone who hasn’t so far attended to come along. There are still many people who haven’t heard about our services. Word of mouth is definitely a good way to let them know so, *spread the word!*

Last Monday we had 20 learners and 12 tutors at Club Lambton. The morning starts off with a chosen BeConnected topic on what we believe is of common interest, and then we break off into groups for Android/Apple/Laptop users where you can learn about anything you are particularly interested in.

There are focused club classes in the afternoons on Mondays which you will see in the Term 2 class schedule. In Term 3 we will look at increasing the focused classes to run in conjunction with BeConnected in a separate part of the club. We are fortunate to virtually have the whole club to ourselves most Mondays with plenty of space to hold different classes without overly impacting on the others.

As a reminder; we meet -

* Mondays – **Club Lambton** (Lambton Bowling Club 51 Karoola Rd Lambton) 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Computerpals club classes & special interest groups in the afternoon 1:00 – 2:30 pm

* Tuesdays – Wallsend Library is closed for building alterations.

As an alternative we will meet at **Lambton Library** from 10:00 – 11:30 am Starting Tuesday 7 June | then Tuesday 14 June | Tuesday 21 June | Tuesday 28 June | Tuesday 19 July | Tuesday 26 July

* Wednesdays – **Hamilton Library** (45 James St Hamilton) 10:00 – 11:30 am.

* Thursdays – **online with Zoom** 10:00 – 11:30 am. Topics nominated by email. There is always a Q&A session

At long last, since the start of COVID, we will be holding our first **Members Morning Tea** on **Monday 4 July** starting at 10:00 am at **Club Lambton**, 51 Karoola Rd Lambton (the club is in Lambton Park, near the swimming pool). Put this date in your diary.

More information about guest speakers will be advised closer to the date.

STUFF IT'S HANDY TO KNOW TO KEEP YOU SAFE ONLINE

Australians have already lost about \$12.9 million to online shopping including classifieds scams so far this year.

In an online shopping scam, scammers create realistic looking fake online stores selling items at heavily discounted prices, however the items are fake, or never delivered to buyers.

Scammers have also created fake stores on social media platforms or post fake ads on legitimate classifieds websites. They may request payment or offer discounts for payments made through direct bank transfers or cryptocurrency.

Before you buy, it's important to be aware of the possibility of scams. While some scammers try to make online stores look legitimate by requesting payment via PayPal or credit card, always double check that the real PayPal platform is being used. Be suspicious of too good to be true offers and any sellers that ask you to pay by bank transfer, gift cards or cryptocurrency.

Research the seller and make sure you know who you are buying from. Search online for the product or company name, plus "complaint" or "scam" to see what other people are saying. If you are buying from a social networking site, check the seller's history and read reviews from other people who have dealt with them.

When you're paying, avoid arrangements that ask for up-front payment via bank transfer, or payment through digital currency, like Bitcoin. Always try to use a secure payment service such as PayPal or credit card transaction

If you're waiting for your parcel, remember that scammers also take advantage of people expecting deliveries. I often receive emails telling me my parcel delivery is delayed because of insufficient postage and I need to send a requested small amount (usually \$3.60) to cover that. At first this worried me, but rather than pay it, I went to the local PO to collect the parcel and pay the extra—only to find there was no parcel yet and no extra money owing. Then the same messages started arriving frequently when I was not awaiting a delivery.

"Australia Post and other parcel delivery companies will never email, call or text you asking for personal or financial information or a payment. Many delivery companies have apps where you can track your parcels rather than clicking on links in messages or emails,

Losses to online shopping scams are spread across most age groups, but people aged 25-34 lost the most money, at \$2.4 million.

The number of reports involving a financial loss has decreased this year, indicating that more people are able to recognise and avoid online shopping scams, however those that are losing money are losing more, with an average loss of more than \$1,450, compared to \$1,190 last year.

Shipping container scams were a new trend this year, fleecing consumers of over \$676,000. They were popular on marketplaces and classified sites, but scammers also created fake websites and pretended to have real ABNs. Scamwatch has taken action to get some fake websites removed.

If you think you have been scammed you should contact your bank or financial institution immediately. If the scam occurred on a social media platform, contact the platform and inform them of the circumstances surrounding the scam.

You can also [make a report](#) to Scamwatch and find more information on where to [get help](#) on our website.

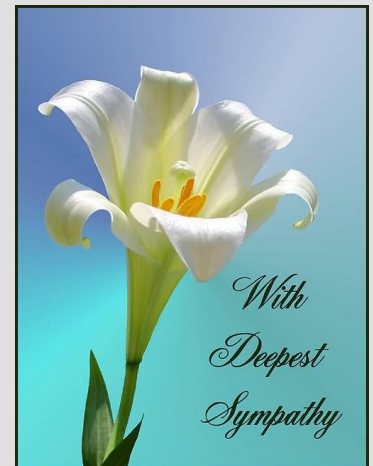
Your own common sense and instinct is your best protection.

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 SOCIAL ORGANISER EXTRAORDINAIRE

A fine day beckoned on Saturday 7th May as 18 members met up in the Rathmines Bowling Club carpark in readiness for an Information Session/Tour of the former RAAF Catalina Flying Boat Base.

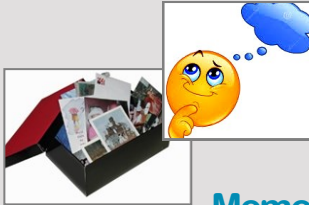
Our Tour Guide, Mr. Bill Anderson (President of the Rathmines Catalina Memorial Park Association) then led us into the Club where he and a couple of other Association volunteers served morning tea. Bill then gave us an insightful and informative slide presentation detailing the history of this important RAAF Base, from the site selection process through to commencement of operations in December 1939 and the vital role it played in the WW2 effort. Catalina operations consisted of reconnaissance, bombing, mine laying, supplying troops and coast watchers and performing air-sea rescue missions. The role played by Catalina aircraft and crews received very little public recognition because of the need to maintain secrecy. One of the most significant operations conducted by a Catalina Squadron was the location of a Japanese taskforce heading to Port Moresby. This information was relayed to the Australian and American Navies, allowing them to intercept the Japanese force resulting in the battle of the Coral Sea. The outcome was the withdrawal of the Japanese forces from Australian waters and the sparing of an invasion of Port Moresby.

Following this presentation, we made our way to the Memorial Park, the location of the memorial tower and a number of plaque covered walls commemorating those who served there. Next, an inspection of several interesting sites necessitated a car convoy to cover the area on which these sites were located. With our brains ‘overflowing with newfound knowledge,’ it was time to return to the Club for a very generous lunch and a browse at the Association’s merchandise display.

Our group was made feel most welcome by the friendly and well organised Association members who looked after us extremely well, and I’m sure those who attended this outing would concur. Bill Anderson mentioned that the Association’s Catalina is currently undergoing restoration in a private shed at Kilaben Bay, and discussions revealed that a group visit to inspect this ongoing work could be arranged for another day, so stay tuned.



Special Interest Groups



MemoryPals

Our new group meets on **first Monday** of each month at **1:00pm**.

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. Meetings begin at **1:00 pm**.



DigiPals

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

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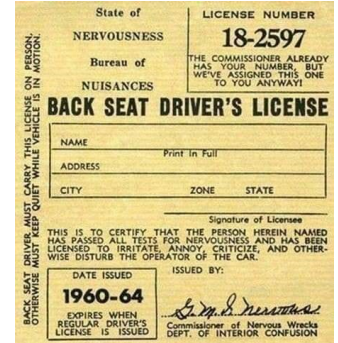
These **Interest Groups** have been combined for the next few months to work on Multi-media Journaling Projects involving all three interests.

On the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Monday during the school terms those club members interested in furthering their skills in these areas are invited to attend Club Lambton at 1:00 pm. If need arises we may meet via Zoom, but everyone will be advised of this beforehand.

The next meeting will be June 6th, at Club Lambton where we will be combining with the other groups to learn more about telling stories using multi-media formats.

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

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



Thursday Zoomies

Thursday will be devoted to regular Zoom classes commencing 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 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.

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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 —

A burglar broke into a house one night, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said "JESUS knows you're here". He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off and froze. After a bit of silence, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out to disconnect the wires, he heard a voice clearly say, "JESUS is watching you"! Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically looking for the source of the voice, finally the beam came to rest on a parrot in the corner of the room, "Did you say that"? he hissed. "Yep, I'm just trying to warn you that he is watching you," parrot confessed then squawked. The burglar relaxed "warn me, huh, who in the world are you!" "I'm MOSES", replied the bird. The burglar laughed, "Moses, what kind of people would name a bird Moses?" The bird answered, "the same kind of people that would name their Rottweiler JESUS"!!!




Clifford and Daisy May were married for many years.

When they argued, yelling could be heard late into the night. Clifford would shout, "When I die, I'll dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!" Neighbours feared him. Old Clifford liked that. He died at the ripe old age of 98. After the burial, Daisy May's neighbours asked her, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed dig his way out of the grave and haunt you?" She replied, "LET HIM DIG. I HAD HIM BURIED UPSIDE DOWN...AND I KNOW HE WON'T ASK FOR DIRECTIONS."



And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the earth round....and laughed and laughed and laughed...




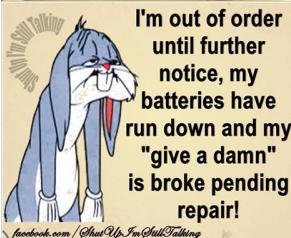
I'M NOT OLD
I woke up,
I lifted my arms,
I moved my knees,
I turned my neck....
Everything made the same noise:
'Crrrrrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaacccck!'

....I came to a conclusion:
I am not old,
I am crispy!



A new study recently found that humans eat more bananas than monkeys. I can't remember the last time I ate a monkey.

YOU MIGHT BE A NURSE IF...
You've ever had a patient look you dead in the eye and say, "I don't know how that got stuck in there."
You firmly believe that "too stupid to live" should be a diagnosis.
You don't believe 90% of what you're told, and 75% of what you see.
You believe every waiting room should have a Valium salt lick.
You believe the government should require a permit to reproduce.
You believe the problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

It's ok to talk to yourself,
It's even ok to answer yourself...
But when you ask yourself to repeat what you just said, you have a problem!

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