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Dates to Remember Social Outing - May 7th

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

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

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Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

President's Report

Welcome to Term 2 at your club...

Format for this term:

Mondays—**Club Lambton** 10:00—11:30 am for BeConnected (free)
2nd May - 1:00—2:30 pm **Committee meeting**
 In another section of the club we will run a class
#11 - Internet & Email Security—Cost \$5

On other Monday afternoons we normally have a club class and **Memorypals, Writerpals & Digipals** meetings working on the skills for Multimedia Journalling.

Tuesdays— **Wallsend Library** 10:00—11:30 am for BeConnected (free)

Wednesdays— **Hamilton Library** 10:00-11:30 am for BeConnected (free)

See the club's website for a full Term 2 class schedule.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND—PLEASE BOOK IN FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SESSIONS—again see the club's website for the booking form.

Thursdays— our ZOOM Session 10:00-11:30 am for our online Zoomers

There is not much to report this month with the past couple of weeks being our time off for school holidays.

We have been advised that Wallsend Library is soon undergoing renovations (anticipated in June), that will mean the library will be closed for approximately 2 months. In replacement during that time we may be able to meet at Lambton Library (more information to follow as the library keeps us advised).

The current BeConnected Grant we have will be finalised in June. Due to COVID restrictions and our moving out of Hubbard St we have not been able to fulfil the numbers we anticipated to comply with the grant. If you know of anyone who

would benefit from our help—please bring them along to our BeConnected classes. That will help us meet our grant targets.

Two old men decide they are close to their last days and decide to have a last night on the town. After a few drinks, they end up at the local brothel. The madam takes one look at the two old geezers and whispers to her manager: 'Go up to the first two bedrooms and put an inflated doll in each bed. These two are so old and drunk, I'm not wasting two of my girls on them. They won't know the difference.' The manager does as he is told and the two old men go upstairs and take care of their business. As they are walking home the first man says, 'You know, I think my girl was dead!' 'Dead?' says his friend, 'Why do you say that?' 'Well, she never moved or made a sound all the time I was loving her.' His friend says, 'Could be worse I think mine was a witch.' 'A witch ???. why the hell would you say that?' 'Well, I was making love to her, kissing her on the neck, and I gave her a little bite, then she farted and flew out the window..... took my teeth with her!'

A man boards a plane with six kids. After they get settled in their seats, a woman sitting across the aisle leans over to him and asks, "Are all of those kids yours?" He replies, "No. I work for a condom company. These are customer complaints."

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



Scams come in all shapes and sizes. Have you received an offer that seems too good to refuse, or a request to donate to a good cause? Perhaps an invitation to 'befriend' or connect with an online admirer? Scammers know how to press your buttons to get what they want.

About scams

Scams target people of all backgrounds, ages and income levels. Every year scams cost Australians millions of dollars and cause considerable non-financial harm.

The ACCC has seen the devastating effects scams can have on people and their families. One of the best ways to combat this type of fraud is to stay one step ahead of the scammers by being aware of scams and how to protect yourself.

Scammers are working hard to take advantage of the fear factor that attaches to Covid 19

They use phone, text and email to try to separate you from your money with some of these approaches

- requesting payment for vaccines or for early access to vaccines
- offers to mail vaccines
- offers to pay money as an investment opportunity in the Pfizer vaccine
- fake surveys related to vaccines that offer prizes or early access.

The ACCC puts out a handy little booklet called "The Little Black Book of Scams". You can download it free from their website by copying this address and pasting it into your browser. It downloads in PDF format and is not a big file.

<https://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams>

From their report in November last year they found that "Losses to online shopping scams have increased 42 per cent this year 2021", and Scamwatch is warning Australians to be careful when buying gifts in any holiday season.

With the increase in people doing their regular shopping online, they are also including the weekly grocery shopping in their scamming activities, setting up dummy websites that look real to people who don't look too closely. Never click on a link in an email for any shopping. Always go to the legitimate website because Scammers create fake websites that look like genuine online stores, offering products at very low prices and victims will either receive a fake item or nothing at all.

Scamwatch has received over 12,000 reports of online shopping scams so far this year, with almost \$7 million in reported losses.

Losses on classified websites, such as Facebook Marketplace and Gumtree, have increased by 60 per cent this year, to \$4.5 million.

Reports of online shopping scams involving consumer goods, such as shoes, phones, computers and toys, continue to be high. But the most common thing people were trying to buy when they were scammed was puppies and other pets. (I find this surprising because I can't imagine ever buying a pet online)

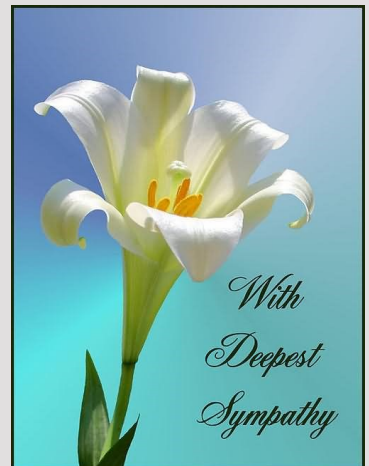
Your own common sense and instinct is your best protection.

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

Our next outing will be to the historical RAAF World War 2 Seaplane Base at Rathmines on Saturday 7th May 2022.

This base was actively used from the late 1930's to around 1961, with the most famous aircraft utilising this facility being the Catalina seaplane. Covering some 50 hectares, many old heritage listed buildings are still being used today by a variety of community organizations, not the least of which is the Rathmines Bowling Club, once the former Officer's Mess.

This is just a small snapshot of the site's history, as a visit will include an official tour with an experienced Tour Guide and I don't want to 'steal his thunder' - you will just have to come along 'for the main course'. Speaking of which, both morning tea and a 2-course lunch are part of the package. As we will no doubt all be arriving by car and some base highlights are further than walking distance, we will form a convoy in order to cover some of these during the tour and would suggest we condense the numbers by filling half-empty vehicles for this exercise.

Details for this outing are as follows;

Date: Saturday 7th May 2022
Location: Rathmines Bowling Club, Stilling Street Rathmines
Time: Meet in the Bowling Club car park from 9.30-9.45 am for a 10.00 am sharp start
Schedule: Morning Tea
 Information Session, followed by Tour
 Lunch
Duration: Approx. 3 hours (incl. Morning tea & Lunch)
Cost: \$40.00

We have been requested to advise numbers and pre-pay - see the HOW TO PAY below.

Reply Deadline: 5.00 pm Monday 2nd May (incl. payment)

If you haven't already completed the registration form and submitted it to indicate you are coming, along with the other usual details we need, then you'll need to be quick. Don't forget to complete the lunch order (on your registration form).

Go to our website - computerpals.org.au - find it [on the home page](#)

We need to know definite numbers for the tour and catering - we cannot guarantee acceptance after the reply deadline. Please also note that a minimum of 15 persons is required for this outing to proceed, otherwise the outing will have to be cancelled.

Please send your payment to the Treasurer ASAP by one of the following methods;

1. Cheque to ComputerPals for Seniors Newcastle Inc., PO Box 73, Broadmeadow NSW 2292
2. Pay online directly from your bank account with a 'pay anyone' transfer or across the counter at your bank, building society or credit union. The Club's account details are ComputerPals with Newcastle Permanent Building Society BSB 650400 A/C No. 962205402 with (most important) your name in the details section (so the Treasurer can identify who sent the payment).

This should be a most interesting insight into some of the possibly less well-known RAAF operations carried out before, during, and after World War 2. There should be many photo opportunities for those so inclined that might otherwise not be available.

Please be punctual as the timetable needs to be kept.
See you there!



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 pm** to explore digital photography.

MemoryPals

WriterPals

DigiPals

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Each 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 April 4th, 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. Please note the change of day.

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

I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



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 —

Teacher: How old is your father?
Kid: He is 6 years.
Teacher: What? How is this possible?
Kid: He became father only when I was born.
(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.
MARIA: Here it is.
TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?
CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'
TEACHER: No, that's wrong
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
(I love this child.)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.
TEACHER: What are you talking about?
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?
HAROLD: A teacher.

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

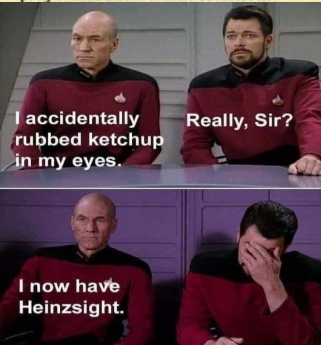
The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



If GH can stand for P as in Hiccough,
If OUGH stands for O as in Dough,
If PHTH stands for T as in Phthisis,
If EIGH stands for A as in Neighbor,
If TTE stands for T as in Gazette,
If EAU stands for O as in Plateau,
The right way to spell POTATO should be:
GHOUGHPHTHEIGHTTEAU

With the rise of self driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him



Let's all take a moment to appreciate the time and effort this guy spent putting a strap on his dirt so it wouldn't fall off.



It's perfectly OK to talk to yourself and it's perfectly OK to answer yourself. But it's totally sad that you have to repeat what you said because you weren't listening.



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