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Barry Keen



Dates to Remember

See the President's Report >>>>>>>>>>

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—see >>

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Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

President's Report—SEPTEMBER 2022

WHAT'S COMING UP— classes through to end of Term 3.

Enrol to join us—see your email or our website (computerpals.org.au) for the enrolment form

Week 8 Monday 5/9—Club Lambton

10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected—Mobile Banking with Smartphone / Tablet

1:00 - 2:30 pm—Memorypals

1:00—2:30 pm Create Your Own Photobook—continued from last week

Tuesday 6/9—Wallsend Library—10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Wednesday 7/9 Hamilton Library—10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Thursday 8/9—10:00 to 11:30 am—Online ZOOM class

Week 9 Monday Club Lambton- 12/9—10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected—Staying Safe Online

1:00 to 2:30 pm—Writerpals

1:00 to 2:30 pm #20 Introduction to Windows 11—Cost \$5

Tuesday 13/9 Wallsend Library—10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Wednesday 14/9 Hamilton Library -10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Thursday 15/9—10:00 to 11:30 am—Online ZOOM class

Week 10 Monday 19/9 Club Lambton—10:00 to 11:30 am- BeConnected—Online Games & Fun

1:00 to 2:30 pm—Digipals

1:00 to 2:30 pm #21. Attaching Photos to Messages / Emails Cost \$5

Tuesday 20/9 Wallsend Library -10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Wednesday 21/9 Hamilton Library-10:00 to 11:30 am—BeConnected

Thursday 22/9—10:00 to 11:30 am—Online ZOOM class



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

Helpful information is available on the ACCC's Scam watch page at www.scamwatch.gov.au and ASIC's www.moneysmart.gov.au/investment-warnings/investment-scams.

Your own common sense and instinct is your best protection.

ACCC warning of suspicious messages as "Hi Mum" scams spike
Scamwatch is urging the public to be wary of phone messages from a family member or friend claiming they need help, following a significant rise in "Hi Mum" scams in recent months.

More than 1,150 Australians fell victim to the so-called "Hi Mum" scam in the first seven months of this year, with total reported losses of \$2.6 million. The vast majority of these scams were reported in June and July 2022.

Known as "Hi Mum" or "family impersonation" scams, victims are contacted - most often through WhatsApp - by a scammer posing as a family member or friend.

The scammer will claim they have lost or damaged their phone and are making contact from a new number. Then, once they have developed a rapport with their target, the scammer will ask for personal information such as photos for their social media profile or money to help urgently pay a bill, contractor or replace the phone.

These requests continue the ruse of a lost or broken phone with the justification that the funds are needed because they can't access their online banking temporarily.

Some messages will simply say "it's me," while in other cases the scammers appear to have contact information and use the name of the person they are impersonating.

"We have seen an explosion in the number of 'Hi Mum' scams in the past couple of months, and so we are warning Australians to be very wary of messages from unknown numbers claiming to be from their children, parents, relatives or friends," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

"Scammers will stop at nothing to get your personal details or money and this particular scam is designed to pull your heartstrings. It's important to stop and think if you get a message, especially on WhatsApp, because chances are it's not your family member or friend – it's a scammer."

The ACCC is urging people who receive suspicious messages from a number they don't recognise, to independently verify the contact.

"If you're contacted by someone claiming to be your son, daughter, relative or friend, start by calling them on the number already stored in your phone to confirm if it's no longer in use. If they pick up – you know it's a scam," Ms Rickard said.

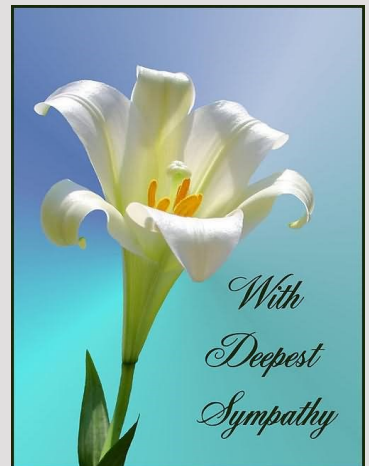
"If unable to make contact, you should try a secondary contact method to verify

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, SOCIAL ORGANIZER EXTRAORDINAIRE**AGM/Lunch**

Our member's Annual AGM and Lunch was held on Friday 5th August at the Cardiff RSL Club, with just 33 members attending, no doubt the ongoing COVID situation affecting numbers.

Outgoing President Barry Keen welcomed members to the AGM/Lunch and then called on Secretary Lindsay Threadgate read the Minutes of the 2021 AGM and update members of the activities and happenings of ComputerPals during the past year. Treasurer Grahame King then gave his report, highlighting the changes made by ComputerPals from finishing up at our former leased premises to the new class locations and subsequent savings available, along with an update on the Club's current financial position. Further Annual reports were presented on Education (Merv Pope), Technical (Judy Wallace) and then President (Barry Keen). A motion to extend Grahame's tenure as Treasurer for an additional 12-month term was carried.

It was then time for Returning Officer Marj Stanton to declare all committee positions vacant and called for nominations for all these positions. Barry Keen was re-elected President, along with Jackie Lampe filling the Vice President role and Grahame King as Treasurer. Wendy Smith was welcomed as Secretary with Lindsay Threadgate as Publicity Officer. All other Committee positions were filled with no other changes.

Formalities over, it was then time to sample the culinary delights of the Club eatery and enjoy a chinwag with fellow members.

Social Day Out

Saturday 19th August saw a fine day with some cloud, very thoughtful for our lunch date at the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club.

Some 24 members enjoyed fine and tasty fare and a good natter at this establishment which, for the size of the order, provided speedy service which was much appreciated. A number of those attending had either never been or had not for some time and commented on the quality of the meals and the scenic location, along with the easy parking and single level.

For those unable to attend today, the LMYC is well worth a visit some time.



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** had been combined over the past few months to work on Multi-media Journaling Projects involving all three interests.

We are now back to the normal meeting schedule (see the left margin)

The next meeting will be **MemoryPals** at Club Lambton on Monday 5th September. We will be working on Family History interests and ways of recording memories and memorabilia.

All are welcome to attend our meetings

Next **WriterPals** will be Monday 12th September. Try your hand at writing a story—a memoir from your past. Or put it to verse in a poem.

Next **DigiPals** will be Monday 19th September. Bring along examples of your photos. You might want comment on potential entries in the ASCCA Comp. It will also be a good opportunity for a Q&A on all things photographic that the others present may be able to help you with. Professional photographers we are not—but we like to have a go. Everyone is capable of producing a good photo

You might just need advice on composition or cropping. Compare how others might present that photo.

Digital Photography entries open in the ASCCA Digital Photography competition on 15th September, and close at midnight on 30th September. Good luck to all participants.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Competition guidelines and entry form

Thursday Zoomies

Thursdays are 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.

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.

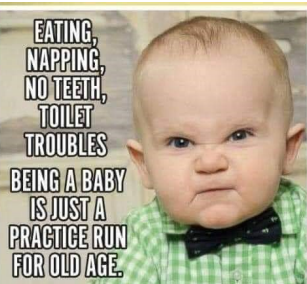
Funnybone —

In a software design meeting, we were using typical technical jargon to discuss a data exchange interface with a vendor. One co-worker said the programming we had ordered was delayed because the vendor was suffering from a "severe nonlinear waterfowl issue."

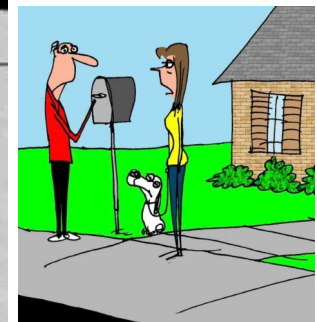
Curious, the team leader raised his eyebrows and asked, "What exactly is that?"

The programmer replied, "They don't have all their ducks in a row."

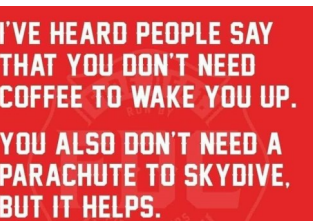
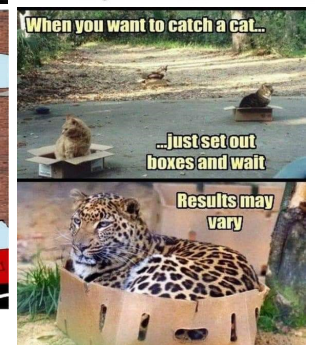
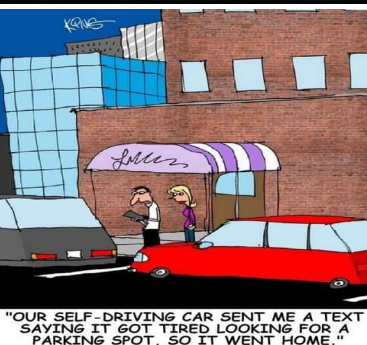
A city slicker was driving through the country when he spotted a horse standing in a field. He was quite taken with the animal and so pulled over to ask the farmer if it was for sale.
"Afraid not," said the farmer.
"I'll give you a thousand bucks!" said the city fella.
"I can't sell you that horse. He don't look too good," replied the farmer.
"I know horses and he looks fine. I'll give you two thousand!"
"Well, all right, if you want him so bad."
The next day, the man returned the horse, screaming that he had been taken advantage of. "You sold me a blind horse!"
"Well," said the farmer, "I told you he didn't look too good."



Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips, yet you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.



"Saying something into the mailbox then quickly closing it isn't how voicemail works."



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