

ComputerPals - Newcastle

Where Seniors master technology

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President

**Barry
Keen**

Dates to Remember

Mothers Day 14/5**King's birthday 12/6**

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—May 2023

Greetings everyone!

Our April has gone by pretty quickly given that most of it was Easter, school holidays, and Anzac Day.

At our Committee Meeting on 24/4 we sadly farewelled our Treasurer—Grahame King who has moved to a Retirement Village on the Central Coast. Our thanks and gratitude go to Grahame for his service for over five years.

I have seconded James Hart who has graciously consented to become our new Treasurer and we welcome him to the Committee and he will serve in that volunteer secondment until our next AGM on 4/8.

Term 2 started on Monday 1/5.

Coming up...

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS AT CLUB LAMBTON on Monday 8/5. We have been asked not to come that day because there will be a big Ladies Bowls Gala Day.

In the afternoon from 1pm we will have an Assistance Session at Lambton Library.

I express my thanks and appreciation to all Mothers and I trust you will all enjoy Mother's Day on Sunday 14/5.

We have something special for you on Monday 15/5—commencing at 10:00 am at Club Lambton—Jason Etchels from Services Australia will give us a talk on the new MyGov App and give assistance to those needing it to install the App on your mobile device.

Please check the club class schedule on the website for upcoming classes and the booking form link to register for classes for the first 5 weeks of Term 2.

Term 2 Zoom fees (\$10) are now due.

New members joining now (\$25) will receive a bonus 2 months membership through to 30/6/2024.

King's Birthday holiday will be on Monday 12/6—no classes on that day.



If it walks like a
duck and talks like a duck...



You're drunk! Ducks don't talk.

I've been saying it nearly every month in the newsletter—your own common sense is your best weapon. Trust it.

Get familiar with the Scamwatch and Techguide sites and keep yourself informed of what is going on in the technological world.

On the social media side, if you get friend requests from people already on your contact list, change your password because it is possible that one of them has had an intruder into their FB account.

—oooOooo—

Below is an email I received from Telstra last week, but it wasn't Telstra. The logo was just a tad off kilter which I did not notice at first. I checked the receipt sent from my bank and then read this email more carefully and realized it was a scam. One more trusting than I could easily fall for it, but two things stood out.

I NEVER use autopay or direct billing. I don't like other people having control of my bank account, so I pay all bills through BPAY.
In blue at the bottom of the email you will see the typo that made the scam clear. This is the first I have had like this.
Please be aware and as I state in every newsletter, TRUST YOUR COMMON SENSE. IT IS YOUR BEST WEAPON

Overdue Payment Reminder

The Telstra logo was here

Bill number: 99743897

Hi,

Your bill is attached. Please pay it by 28 April 2023 to prevent any late fees and restrictions.

You can pay your bill online.

We are sending you this message to inform you that your autopay payment was unsuccessful, and we are enabled to process the payment of the overdue bill.

No further attempts will be made to take this payment. To fix the problem, You need to pay the bill manually and update credit card in your account.

Please check this bill for details and contact us if you have any questions.

[Click her for details](#)

Regards,

Thanks for choosing Telstra.

Another Telstra logo was here

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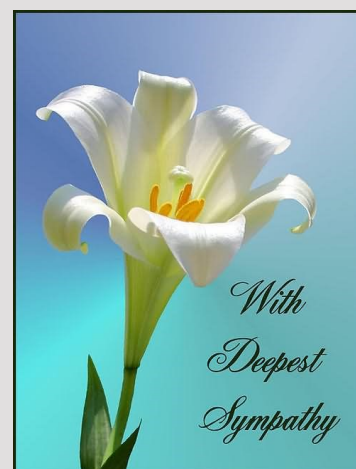
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Best Wishes

*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.*



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.

MemoryPals

WriterPals

The next meetings for Writerpals will be at Lambton Library, weather permitting because we will have to meet outside because of space restrictions. We can bounce ideas off each other and make sure we have the poetry formats down pat. Next meeting 8th May.

On our website you will find the topics and guidelines for the 2023 competitions. Closing dates are rapidly approaching for all the competitions, and we know how time flies. After all, it's now only seven and a bit months till Christmas. Seems like last week we were celebrating Christmas 22.

Join us at Lambton Library on Monday, but not if it's raining. We might be able to adjourn to a nearby café rather than sit under brollies.

DigiPals

Digital Photography - There are 7 categories and we are allowed 1 photo in each category, with the emphasis on creativity and interpretation. 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 2022 and 15th September 2023.

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

With all the gizmos and gadgets on phones today, There will surely be some fabulous entries.

Full information can be found on the ASCCA website.

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.

I am hearing so many good things about this session and how wonderfully helpful it is. Please join in if you can.

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. They are wonderfully informative and proving very popular

ComputerPals Mission

Our mission is to educate seniors in the use of computers and mobile devices 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.

Some more gems from Harold

Anzacs

We see them march on Anzac Day
For men and women, who went away
To fight our enemy, for one and all
And wept for those who had to fall

It's many years since World War One
With battles lost, but most were won
Returning soldiers then to the fore
With their thoughts of no more war

But lessons seemed not to be learned
For battle fields were soon returned
Our soldiers once more called to war
As they had, just years before

We see again, the spirit of the Anzac force
To battle on, with a new found course
Against a much advanced warfare
Of land and sea and in the air

So march on then, with heads held high
Like the airmen, who protect our sky
Though hearts are heavy and feet sore
March on and hope for no more war.

The electric fence

It was early in the morning, few people about
Two elderly people, in a cafe, coffee bout
He turned to her, with a smile on his face
Would you like to have fun as we did our first date

She's up and she's off, at a scalding pace
He struggles to keep up, but he wins the race
A policeman was sitting at a table near by
Hearing, followed them just to keep out an eye

Up comes the skirt, then down with the pants
Backs up to the fence with groans and some pants
Excitement was building, a climax all went
They fell to the ground, exhausted and spent

Recovered and dressed, but shaky and passed
The policeman came out, amazed as he asked
The energy was great, the action supreme
I felt I was having an erotic dream

How do you do it, just what is your drive
The old man just looked while she gave a smile
Our secret, my friend, but don't take offence
In our youth this wasn't an electric fence.

They're Racing

The starter saw the racers off
The good, the bad and even toffs
But one has shown the rest clean heels
As off he races, and without appeals

A strong wind blowing into the face
But has no effect against the pace
It seems the legs have more than two
As he races off, into the blue

The loose sand moves as he
flies by
With head held high, towards
the sky
The finish line is next we see
Beside a peaceful, azure sea.

The Running Tree, Maui,
Hawaii



My Driving Test

They say that I'm getting on in years
The last two days have brought me to tears
I have to be tested for my driving licence
It really does not make a lot of good sense

An appointment made for 11am
A letter arrived, time changed again.
11-45 as stated in the letter
I arrived early, feeling much better

You're late, she said, should have been at 11
I looked to the Lord way up in heaven
No driving today, no spot there for me
A new date tomorrow, is what it's to be

Tomorrow I'm there, early and bright
She looked hard at me, I'm ready to fight.
No driving for you, a medical is needed
I only want to drive, I really pleaded

My eye sight and medical I had last week
They looked through my files, I tried to peek.
Nothing received from your doc, is stated.
I stood there amazed, just ready and waited.

Back to the doc for medical and eyes
He won't believe me, how hard
he tries
But do it I must, for my driving
test
If I get to do it, I'll give it my
best.



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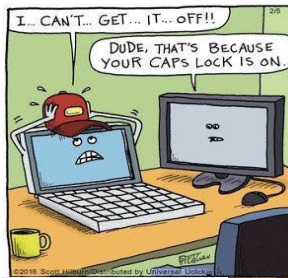
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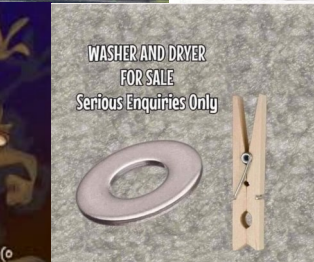
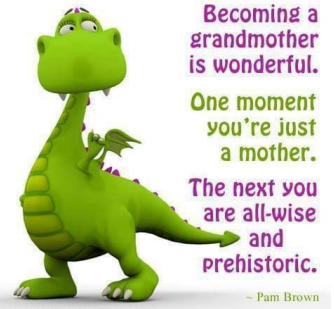


These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Funnybone



I've taken up Photography because it's the only hobby where you can shoot people and cut their heads off without going to jail.



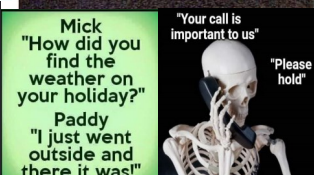
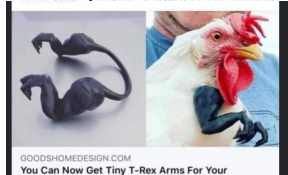
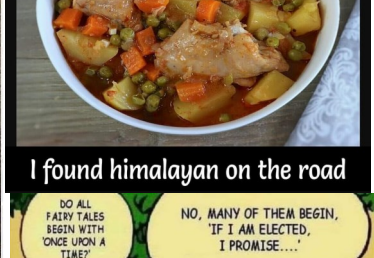
Paddy says to Mick how did you get on at the faith healing group last night? Mick said, "he was absolutely shite " even the feller in the wheelchair got up and walked out



I HAVE GONE TO FIND MYSELF, IF I GET BACK BEFORE I RETURN KEEP ME HERE.



LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE



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.

From the desk of Brenton, our social director extraordinaire, who found us another most enjoyable outing . Thank you, Brenton. You never fail to impress.

Social Day Out

Our first social outing for 2023 was to the Museum of Art & Culture (Lake Mac Art Gallery in a previous life) at Booragul, where 16 members attended.

With M/Tea first on the agenda, those present were able to catch up, discuss ‘anything and everything’ over a cuppa and some tasty eats before moving to the gallery. The exhibition currently showing comprised of works by school children, with paintings, drawings and photographs on a wide range of topics. The standard was excellent, many of these budding artists displaying talent well beyond their years. With the outside temperature steadily rising, it was definitely the place to be, and only a few braved the hot sun to briefly inspect a few of the sculptures present on the grounds surrounding MAC.

As noted previously, the original destination for this outing was to be to the Marine Rescue HQ at Swansea, but had to be cancelled due to a LMCC roadwork programme. It is envisaged we will arrange this destination at another time soon.

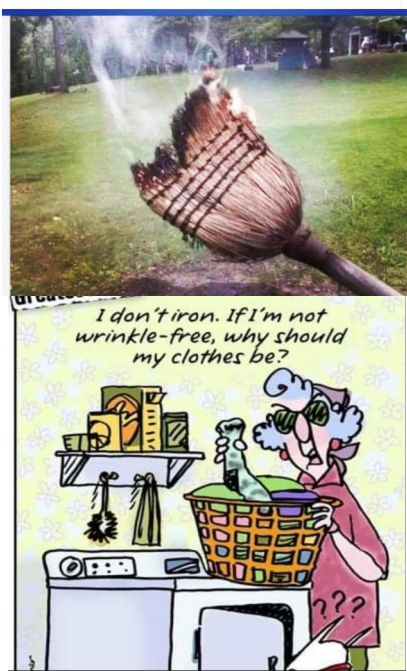
Morning Tea/General Meeting

Over 50 members braved wet and soggy conditions to attend the first ComputerPals Morning Tea/General Meeting for 2023.

Held at our ‘new HQ’, the meeting opened with a welcome by President Barry Keen, who went on to give a general overview of the Club’s current situation. Lindsay Threadgate then advised members of the proposed new Club fee structure agreed on by the Committee, and this was put to a member’s vote by President Barry and was carried. Treasurer Grahame King followed on the mic and gave a financial summary of the Club’s now rather ‘comfortable’ situation, due primarily to the end of rental costs for our previous property base and the self-storage where excess equipment was being kept. Next to speak was Sandra Keen who proceeded with an update on the Be-Connected programme and also gave a tutorial with the aid of the large screen on YouTube and it’s uses, creating a good deal of interaction and questions from those present. While this was happening, morning tea was served, with a plate containing a hot cross bun and Easter egg – ‘Yum!’

Following the end of official proceedings, many members stayed around for a good old chinwag and catch-up before heading off, this time in just a drizzle.

Went for a ride last night! Had some engine trouble!



You may not know this... Many inanimate things have a gender.

- 1) Ziploc Bags are Male, because they hold everything in, but you can see right through them.
- 2) Copiers are Female, because once turned off; it takes a while to warm them up again. It's an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreak havoc if the wrong buttons are pushed.
- 3) A Tire is Male, because it goes bald, and it's often over-inflated.
- 4) A Hot Air Balloon is Male, because, to get it to go any where, you have to light a fire under it, and of course, there's the hot air part.
- 5) Sponges are Female, because they're soft, squeezable and retain water.
- 6) A Web Page is Female, because it's always getting hit on.
- 7) A Subway is Male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.
- 8) An Hourglass is Female, because over time, the weight shifts to the bottom.
- 9) A Hammer is Male, because it hasn't changed much over the last 5,000 years, but it's handy to have around.
- 10) A Remote Control is Female. Ha! You thought it'd be male, didn't you? But consider this - it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know the right buttons to push, he keeps trying!

MY GUARDIAN ANGEL



Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...

