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Dates to Remember

Photos in September
(see *Digipals* on page 3).

**Term 4 class enrolment
day Monday 18/9**

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 days (see page 3)

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Australian Seniors
Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

President's Report—September 2023

The last 5 weeks of Term 3 are shown below...

Please book in by phoning **0478 219 220**

Wk	Monday Morning Club Lambton	Monday Afternoon for ComputerPals Members Club Lambton	Tuesday Wallsend Library	Wednesday Afternoon Hamilton Library	Thursday Zoom session
6	21/8 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Library Apps for eBooks	21/8 1:00 to 2:30 pm #51. Assistance class Cost \$5	22/8 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Library Apps for eBooks	23/8 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Library Apps for eBooks	24/8 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
7	28/8 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Managing Apps	28/8 1:00 to 2:30 pm #52. Assistance class Cost \$5	29/8 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Managing Apps	30/8 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Managing Apps	31/8 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
8	4/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Avoiding Tricks & Scams	4/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm #53. Assistance class Cost \$5	5/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Avoiding Tricks & Scams 1:00 to 2:30 pm Memorypals At Club Lambton	6/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Avoiding Tricks & Scams	7/9 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class
9	11/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected e-Script: How does it Work?	11/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm #54. Assistance class Cost \$5	12/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected e-Script: How does it Work?	13/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected e-Script: How does it Work?	14/9 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class 1:00 to 2:30 pm Writerpals At Club Lambton
10	18/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Using Whats App Enrolment Day for Term 4	18/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm Committee Meeting NO Assistance class today	19/9 10:00 to 11:30 am BeConnected Using Whats App	20/9 1:00 to 2:30 pm BeConnected Using Whats App	21/9 10:00 to 11:30 am Online ZOOM class 1:00 to 2:30 pm Digipals At Club Lambton

Term 4 classes will be set soon and will be listed on the club's website.

NOTE that Monday 18/9 will be an enrolment day. Come along to enrol in the classes of interest to you. I am discouraging 'drop-ins' - we need to know numbers to ensure we have enough volunteers to help you.



The AGM was held on Friday 4/9. Existing Executive and Committee were returned unopposed and we welcome Carolyn Keane as an additional Committee Member (once again). My thanks to all for their service last year.

Congratulations to all.

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

This is a message from my bank about some types of scams - IMB bank

As you know, the numbers and frequency of scams continues to increase online, over the phone and in person. As part of our continued commitment to helping our members identify and avoid scams, we would like to draw your attention to online classified scams – also known as the “product and services scams” – which is one of the most prevalent scams occurring today.

Online classified scams

Scammers set up fake retail websites or create profiles on online classified and marketplace sites, including those used for selling second-hand goods. They offer products and services at very competitive prices and make compelling offers.

How does it work?

For buyers, the criminals will advertise goods at discounted prices and either deliver a fake product, or in most cases nothing at all. They post fake ads and fake customer reviews and will steal logos and ABNs to appear legitimate. Popular scam items include but are not limited to designer clothing, musical instruments, bicycles, motorcycles and cars, pets, shipping containers, farm machinery and tractors, and electronics like cameras and phones – and more.

Spot the Scam

When buying

Consider the asking price and/or benefits being offered. Do they seem too good to be true? Don't rush or be pressured by 'limited offers' or end of sale 'countdowns' – scammers always try to create a sense of urgency.

Wherever possible, physically inspect the item prior to buying. Is the seller hesitant for you to see the item in person? Do they continually reschedule?

Be suspicious if the seller asked to be paid via money order, pre-loaded card or to be paid to several different PayIDs or accounts.

Be suspicious if the seller asked for shipping to be paid into a separate account. This is a technique to ensure that some money will be stolen if the main purchase is stopped for any reason.

Check online seller ratings before purchasing and independently verify seller's details wherever possible (check street addresses, ABNs, phone numbers, domain names).

Check their other items listed for sale. Often, scammers will simply copy and paste items from other sellers' listings.

Look for legitimate terms and conditions and privacy notices on their website.

When selling

Beware of buyers who ask for your PayID to pay for an item that was not part of the original transaction. For example, requests for additional money to upgrade an account or to access PayID.

Be concerned if the buyer advises a relative will come and pick up the product and that they would like to pay in advance by asking for a PayID number. Once they have your PayID they will use it to send fake email, text or messenger from PayID about the transaction with the aim of securing additional funds to release the payment. PayID will never send you an email, text or message directly. If you receive a communication from PayID it is a scam.

Beware of buyers that offer to buy without viewing an expensive product.

Has the buyer claimed to have overpaid you and is then asking for a refund of the difference? Scammers will often provide fake payment receipts to try to convince you that they have paid you. You may receive an email or text confirming that a payment has been made. Do not rely on this as confirmation. **Always sign into your own bank account to confirm funds have been received.**

Osko PayID is a quick, safe and simple payment method **but you will never:**

Need to send money first to receive a payment via PayID.

Need to take any additional action to facilitate a Pay ID transaction, like upgrading your account or paying additional fees, before money can be received into your bank account. Receive communication directly from PayID via email, text, or messenger. Osko PayID is managed by your bank.

Remember always, when shopping online, making investment decisions, speaking with unsolicited callers, or being directed to take action through an unsolicited text message, ask yourself: “IS THIS A SCAM?”

What to do if you think you have been scammed...

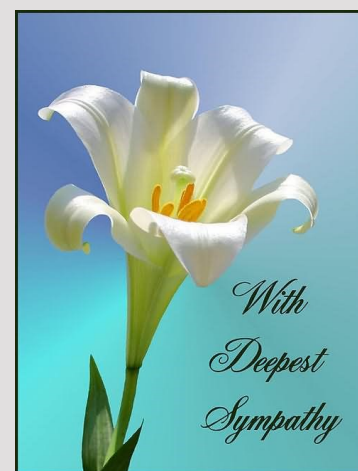
More helpful information is available on the ACCC's Scam watch page at www.scamwatch.gov.au and ASIC's www.moneysmart.gov.au

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

meets on **first Tuesday** 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 Thursday** of each month. Meetings begin at **1:00 pm**.



DigiPals

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

MemoryPals

WriterPals

Meetings for the special activity groups have changed days. Individual Assistance on Mondays means that Tutors are not available to attend these groups on their former schedule so the groups have been moved.

*The MemoryPals group will meet on the **first Tuesday** of the month at 1 pm;*

*WriterPals will meet on the **second Thursday** of the month at 1 pm; and*

*DigiPals will meet on the **third Thursday** of the month at 1 pm.*

All will be at Club Lambton.

Next meeting for Memorypals will be on Tuesday afternoon 5th Sept at 1pm at Club Lambton

Next meeting for Writerpals will be on **Thursday 14th Sept at 1 pm at Club Lambton**. If you have your ASCCA entries and feedback (and you would care to share them) please bring them along.

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.

Entries open 15th Sept and close at midnight on 30th Sept 2023

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.

We get a lot of good feedback about this session and how extremely 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 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.

A Few Literary Gems from Writerpals

Spring! (from Carmel)

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz!
I've no idea what the next line iz.
The boids is on the wing. It's true
Spring's here with lots of work to do.

Now Spring is quite a wondrous thing
The weather's warm and the boidies sing.
The bang beneath my car says "NO!"
My spring just broke, so I can't go.

My eyes fly open at clocks first ring
So up and out of bed I spring.
There's less spring in my step these days.
I'm slowing down – must change my ways.

Spring flowers blossom everywhere,
The sound of sneezing fills the air.
Germs fly high and fast and wide.
A spring cold's gotcha. You can't hide.

Now Summer heat and Autumn wind
And Winter snows all lead to Spring.
Mountain springs feed bubbling creeks.
Hope springs eternal – at least this week.

So spring has sprung and now it's here
Hay fever blocks my nose and ears.
I snort, I sneeze, my nose runs free
So pass the tissues, will you please?

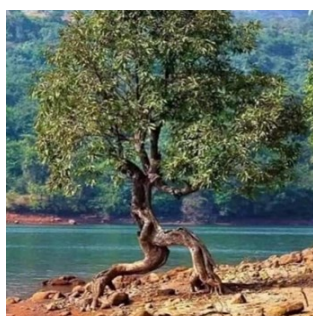
Attempted Escape (By Harold Franks)

Went out for an early morning walk
And on the way, stopped for a talk
As we talked, I saw a sight
My eyes were glued, as if in fright

A tree, I saw, in walking mode
Walking down towards the road
It did not seem to notice us
Just carried on without a fuss

As we watched him make the pace
Away from the mud and water place
I thought how gentle he must be
But then he's just a humble tree

It seemed that he was needing rest
His pace, it seemed, was at his best
I went back there the following morn
Only to find that he had gorn.

**A Face at rest. By Harold**

I saw a painting in the sky
It was there for all to spy
A head is what I saw, so true
On a background of vivid blue

I watched upon this pretty face
As she looked out into space
I wondered what the artist thought
And of the joy that it had brought

Of this picture in the sky
I often think, and wonder why
A sight like this is often seen
In the sky or in a dream

Fly on, my little princess cloud
You have left me feeling proud
Come visit me another day
If you pass along this way.

My Pet (By Harold)

I have a little rabbit, I keep him in a hutch
Only feed him once a day, he don't eat too much
I let him out on Sunday, when I have time to play
I chase him round the garden, I think I'll let him stay

There's a big bird flying, up in the blue sky
I'll have to watch him closely, he's my rabbit in his eye
A big stick, I am waving, at that bird above
For my little rabbit, I have lots of love

I'll have to find a female for my furry friend
She could give him comfort, when I have things to tend
If they act like rabbits, then many more there'll be
Then I could open up, my own rabbit nursery

Ten thousand, saw I, at a glance, no, not a daffodil
But tiny little rabbits running round the hill
On second thoughts, perhaps I shouldn't get her in
And keep my little rabbit free from lust and sin.

Charley's Demise (By Carmel)

A hungry young cricket named Charley
Discovered a paddock of barley
He chomped fast as he chirped,
Then explosively burped
And that was the end of poor Charley.



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Roster Team



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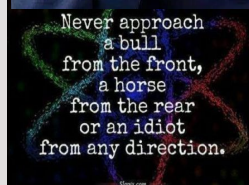


These people are all volunteers who also teach classes at Computerpals. We ask that you take this into consideration when your phone call is not answered immediately.

Funnybone



And just like that...



Instead of a sign that says 'do not disturb' I need one that says 'already disturbed proceed with caution'



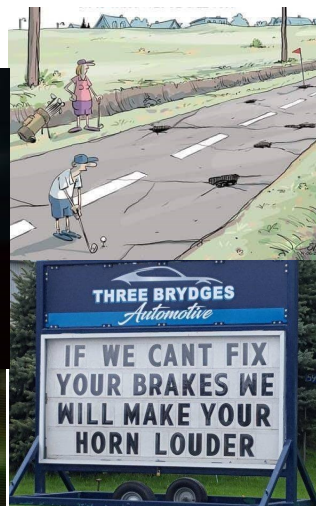
When you are the last cat built for the day



If I am ever on life support, unplug me...

Then plug me back in.. See if that works..

Sometimes it's better to just remain silent and smile.



Pee on the electric fence they said... It will be fun they said...



HAVE YOU EVER HAD ONE OF THOSE DAYS, WHEN YOU'RE HOLDING A STICK AND EVERYBODY LOOKS LIKE A PINATA?



With only 99 days till Christmas, I have a problem



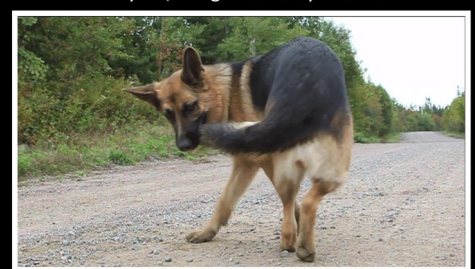
Nine Important Facts

- Number 9 - Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Number 8 - Life is sexually transmitted.
- Number 7 - Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Number 6 - Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- Number 5 - Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Number 4 - Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- Number 3 - All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Number 2 - In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Number 1 - Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your ass tomorrow.

and as someone recently said:
• Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last that long.

For those that don't want ALEXA listening in on your conversations they're making a male version..it doesn't listen to anything.

I'm watching this dog chasing it's tail, and I think to myself, "Dogs are easily entertained."



Then I realize, I'm sitting there watching a dog chase it's tail...

MY GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY, GIVE UP MY SEAT FOR AN OLD LADY



From the desk of Brenton, our social director extraordinaire, who found us another most enjoyable activity . Thank you, Brenton.

REPORT – COMPUTERPALS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST 2023

A fine day beckoned on Friday 25th August as 14 members met up at McDonald Jones Stadium to participate in a question-and-answer Observation Car Run.

With instructions in hand, the drivers and navigators climbed aboard their cars and headed off, each crew determined to reach the finish line with the most correct answers. The route took the cars through New Lambton Heights, Elmore Vale, Wallsend, Fletcher and on to Minmi where a Morning Tea break was held at the Blue Gums Regional Park. Here, participants had a few more questions to answer while enjoying a cuppa and pondering over their progress to date. It was then back in their cars for part 2 of this run. This section had them travelling through Minmi, West Wallsend, Holmesville, Barnsley, Teralba, Boolaroo and on to the finish at Club Macquarie, Argenton where lunch was enjoyed by all.

With tummies now content, it was time to announce the results. First place with just one incorrect answer were Barry & Sandra Keen, closely followed by joint second placegetters, Allen Chang, Narelle Martin and Margie Olsen. With only a point or 2 separating the rest, and more importantly, no one lost, the run was enjoyed by all who attended.

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PRESERVE THE REMAINING HAIR OF OUR TREASURER.

When you make a payment to Computerpals, either online or over the counter at the bank, it can sometimes become a very daunting task trying to track down who sent it. For that reason, and to enable Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot to remain in retirement, PLEASE put your name in the reference line plus what the payment is for eg Jackie Chan AGM. That will show up with the payment amount and is very easy then for our hard-working treasurer to mark off his list. Thank you.

Guy Just Bought A Dead Horse Without Knowing. What He Does Next Is Genius.

A young man named Chuck bought a horse from a farmer for \$250. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day, the farmer drove up to Chucks house and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died.'

Chuck replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.'

Chuck said, 'Ok, then, just bring me the dead horse.'

The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him?'

Chuck said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead horse!'

Chuck said, 'Sure I can, Watch me. I just won't tell any body he's dead.'

A month Later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, 'What happened with that dead horse?'

Chuck said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at five dollars a piece and made a profit of \$2495.'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Chuck said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his five dollars back.'

Chuck grew up and works now for the government.

Are my testicles black?

A male patient is lying in bed in the hospital, wearing an oxygen mask over his mouth and nose. A young student nurse appears and gives him a partial sponge bath. "Nurse," he mumbles from behind the mask, "are my testicles black?"

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet."

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?"

Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers.

She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles in the other.

She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine."

The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly, "Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very, very closely:

ARE - MY - TEST - RESULTS - BACK?"