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Dates to Remember

**Social Outing—Sunday
19th May—The Rail
Motor Society,
Paterson (see page 4)**

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Australian Seniors
Computer Clubs Association **ASCCA**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MAY 2024

Welcome back for the start of Term 2, 2024.

The past month has been relatively quiet, given school holidays and public holidays and our taking a break for those periods.

We had good activity at the enrolment day on 29/4 with new members joining and people enrolling in classes.

I remind you all to please phone our club number **0478 219 220** to book in for upcoming classes.

You may see a little less of Sandra and I over the next few months as Sandra has a health issue we need to address. However, the club is strong with good numbers of enthusiastic tutors who will carry on with the education of learners whether we are there or not.

The club's Term 2 Classes schedule is up on the club website computerpals.org.au for your information. It was also sent out to you by email on 26/27th April.

NOTE: Monday 13/5 – there will be no class in the morning as the Lady Bowlers will be holding a Bowls Gala. The Assistance class scheduled for the afternoon will go ahead but depending on whether the bowlers are still there we may have to relocate to the Lambton Library. That decision will be made on the day.

All being well I look forward to seeing you in class.

Cheers

Barry Keen
President



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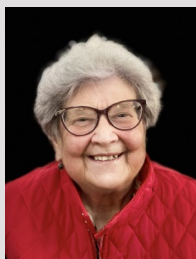
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Member Information

Check out the 'Timetable Button' under 'Get Started Now' on the club's website (computerpals.org.au) for details of the Term classes schedule.

Remember: *please book in for the classes you want to attend.*

Note: BeConnected classes are free, but afternoon Assistance classes on Mondays are not (cost \$5 per 1½ hours) and are available only to ComputerPals financial members. Don't just drop in—we are restricted to the booked in numbers we can help.

How do I book in: **Phone: 0478 219 220** leave your name & phone number and the reason for your call—someone will get back to you. See [club website](#) for more information

The Story of DigiPals

By Mervyn Pope

DigiPals, is our special interest group for members with an interest in Photography.

The formation of DigiPals followed a ComputerPals social outing in May 2008, a cruise from Newcastle Harbour up the Hunter River to Raymond Terrace.

By the mid 2000's, digital cameras were increasing in popularity and Analog/Film photography was slowly being replaced. Digital cameras provided instant preview of images and eliminated the delay and cost of processing film.

Most of the 25 or so members on board had new-fangled digital cameras and a common lack of knowledge about this new technology.

During the afternoon cruise, there were several suggestions that an interest group be formed to exchange ideas and learn more about this new *digital technique* for capturing an image.

A voluntary group of members was formed, and a format developed that combined outdoor photographic events with classroom sessions to learn more about the complexity of these new devices.

Classroom sessions were introduced to improve the understanding of digital cameras and the images they capture. These classes covered a range of diverse topics including Digital Photography in general, Understanding Your Camera with hands-on demonstrations, transferring images from Camera to Computer, Post processing of images e.g. enhance an image, crop to isolate detail, different aspect ratios, fix red eye etc.,

One of the early deficiencies of digital cameras was shutter delay. A problem where there was an interval between the time the shutter button was pressed and the actual capture of the image. This posed a problem when photographing moving subjects (cars, children on the run etc.). By the time the camera captured the image the subject was out of the frame. To assist with understanding this defect, a group outing was set-up in Jesmond Park with the challenge of photographing moving cars. This was one of many outdoor photo shoots that developed into the great fellowship of DigiPals.

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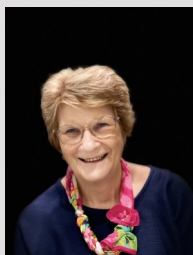
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The Story of DigiPals (cont.)

Exhibits of photos taken at outdoor events have on several occasions been displayed at ComputerPals gatherings with judgement made by popular vote of members.

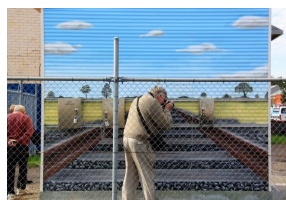
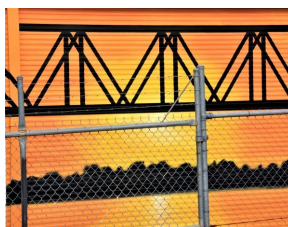
Members, over many years, have been keen supporters of ASCCA's photographic competitions and achieved high distinctions while successfully promoting our club.

More recently with the rapid uptake of Smartphones and Tablets, DigiPals has broadened its focus to include assistance with this form of photography.

Digital cameras are now easily accessible and widely available and have become the first choice for amateur photographers. The quality of images taken with smartphones has advanced considerably over recent years and they have the advantage of 'in-device' editing.

The continued success of this interest group depends on the active participation of all those involved. DigiPals is open to any member with an interest in photography and any suggestions or involvement to advance the purpose of this group is very welcome.

Here are some photos from a DigiPals outing to Clyde Street railway crossing:



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.

Social Day Out

Our next social outing will be to The Rail Motor Society, Paterson on Sunday 19th May 2024 (please note - SUNDAY) - see attached maps.

This organization was established to preserve the heritage rail motors that were built to service the NSW country branch lines initially, and later the Hunter Region, South Coast and outer Sydney suburban lines. The first of these were the CPH models, built during the 1920's and providing sterling service for over 60 years until their withdrawal from active duty. These units were supplemented briefly with the 400 Class rail motors (late 1930's) and then followed the 600/620 class railcars which first saw service in the early '60's and have also been retired.

The day will be highlighted by a ride on one of these classic trains to Dungog and return, where you can experience rail travel from 'way back when'. You will also be able to observe at the Depot the current workings to preserve, maintain and service these rail motors and static infrastructure. Also, there is the old Station Masters Cottage containing numerous rail memorabilia. Details for the day are as follows;

Date: Sunday 19th May 2024

Time: 10.00am (Depot opens, train ride around 11.00am)

Cost: \$15.00

As this train trip is required to fit in with regular service timetables, please ensure you are ready to assemble by 10.40am for boarding. Please also note that as the Depot is a working railway yard, fully closed-in shoes with low heels are required to be worn (no thongs, open sandals etc.). We would also advise that there are some limitations on access to the various exhibits for the mobility impaired who use walkers or scooters, including steps, trip hazards and some unpaved areas.

Please [click here](#) to download the attendance form, complete the details and submit. If you have notified us that you are coming, and then for some reason you are unable to attend, please advise me as early as possible so seating may be re-allocated. As I will be on duty at TRMS (I am a member), I will arrange for a leader on the day once I know who is available (TBA), and see you there.

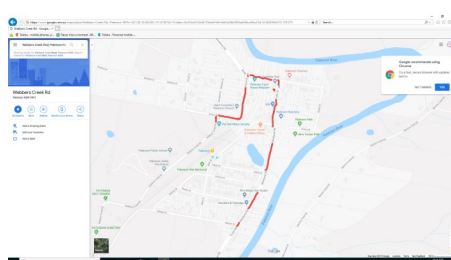
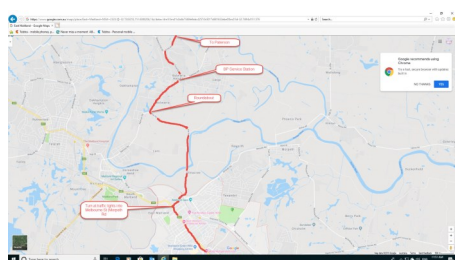
More details later.

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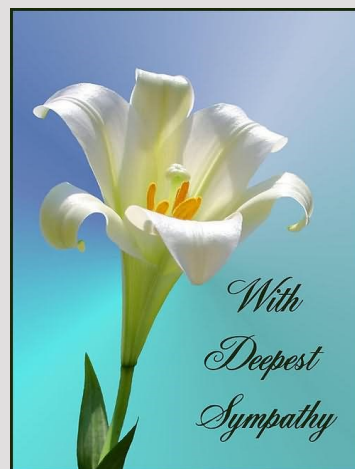
Best Wishes

*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.*

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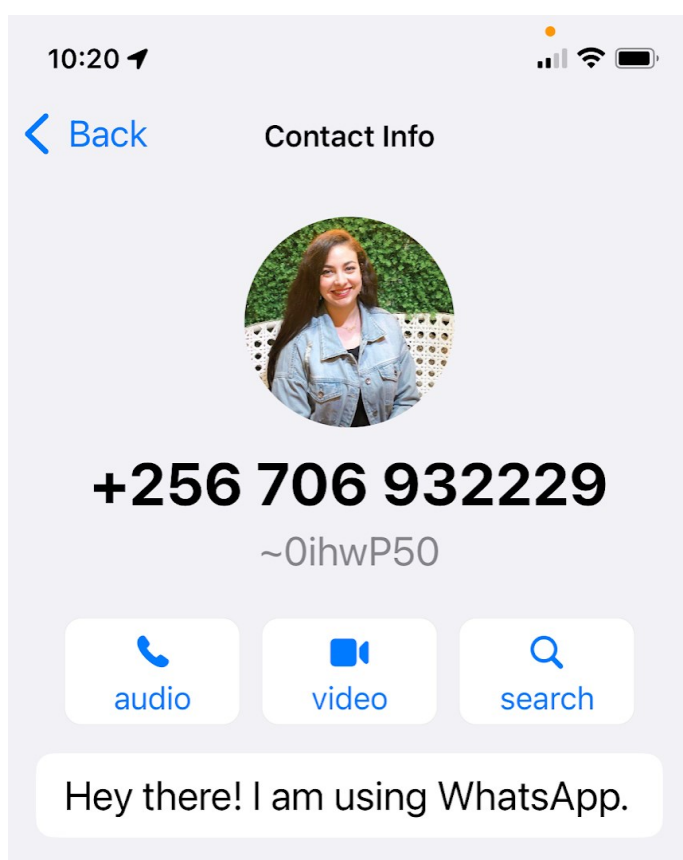
WhatsApp Scams

Watch Out for These Red Flags

While WhatsApp scams can vary in their approaches, they typically exhibit certain recognizable traits. Here are the key indicators of a potential WhatsApp scam:

- Receiving unsolicited text messages from unfamiliar numbers
 - Messages that insist on immediate action or urgency
 - Texts containing noticeable spelling and grammatical errors
 - Requests for money or personal information without valid reasons
 - Messages containing suspicious links or attachments
 - Notifications claiming you've won a lottery, prize, gift, or coupons without prior participation
- Be sure to never open strange links. When in doubt, ignore unknown numbers and follow your instinct.

Whatsapp scam received 5/7/23 from +256 706 932229~0ihwP50



Recruitment information

***Providing data to users.**

☐ ***Scope of work*.**

Optimisation of data (non-technical).

☐ ***Requirements*.**

Have a device that can be connected to the internet.

☐ ***Working hours, Australian (Canberra)**

Work from home (freelance)

☐ ***Salary*.**

- AUD\$ 150 per hour - AUD\$ 500

- AUD\$ 1,000 per week - AUD\$ 3,000

- Monthly salary: AUD10,000 or more

- Spots are limited, join and get rewarded

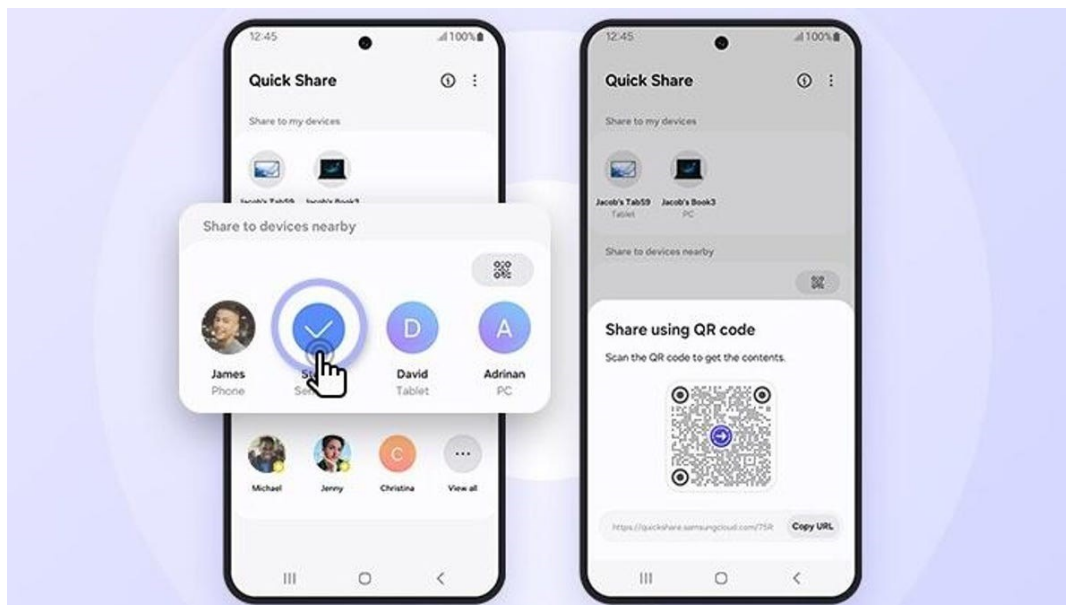
- Get in touch with WhatsApp (Hiring Manager)

Reply 1 Return to the chat interface to automatically add the administrator WhatsApp ☐ ☐ ☐

TIPS and TRICKS (Android this month)

Google Is Adding Samsung's Quick Share Feature to All Your Android Devices. Finally -- a unified sharing experience for Android users.

<https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/google-is-adding-samsungs-quick-share-feature-to-all-your-android-devices/> Article by Nelson Aguilar Jan. 19, 2024 2:00 p.m.



Apple has AirDrop. Android now has Quick Share.

At [CES 2024](#), Google announced Quick Share, a collaboration with Samsung for a unified method of sharing for Android and Chromebook devices. Samsung showed off Quick Share this week at [Galaxy Unpacked 2024](#), giving users a closer look as to how the new sharing feature works. The new Quick Share will come default on the [Samsung Galaxy S24](#), also announced at this week's event.

For several years now, Samsung and Android have used their own features for sharing, which work across devices, but not perfectly.

The new Quick Share looks to bridge the existing divide and bring all the best sharing features from both the Google and Samsung services to more Android users.

The new Quick Share will make it easy to share photos, videos, documents and other files between Samsung and Google devices.

Luckily, if you're an Android user, you no longer have to worry about choosing between the two because they'll soon be under the same umbrella.

With the new Quick Share icon on your device, you'll see a list of all available devices nearby where you can share photos, videos and files. If you're worried about privacy issues, you can configure who can discover your device and send you files: choose between everyone, only your contacts or just your own devices.

Quick Share is rolling out to all devices that currently have Nearby Share in February 2024. Google also announced that it's working with LG to bring Share to Windows as a preinstalled app.

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