

# Switched On Seniors

## President's Report



October - Mid Spring

Only another two sessions before we break for Christmas!

I hope that you are enjoying the school holidays, but looking forward to starting Session 7 in early October.

We hope we have planned some interesting classes for you to try in these last two sessions. Please let the Tutors know if you would like other courses, or put it in the suggestion box in the foyer. As I've said earlier, we do look at them and take note of your suggestions for courses you would like to do. If you are not happy, please tell US, not your friends!

We have not forgotten the survey and will be looking at it in depth to ascertain your thoughts on the future direction of the club.

We are still in need of an Education Coordinator! This is a vital role in the club, as we need to keep abreast of the latest teaching methods and courses, so that our club continues to be one of the best in the country.

We will not be having a committee meeting in September, as the due date would fall in the school holidays. This does not mean that we are not working hard for your benefit. We keep in touch by email. Also you will have noted that the Roster Team are still working during the break too.

Bruce Deitz is still not well. We wish both him and Robyn speedy recoveries. I am especially looking forward to his return on Tuesday afternoons.

Maybe we will meet up at Stockton. This is our next outing on the 12th October. Brenton has planned an interesting day.

Our Morning Tea will be held on Monday 21st October starting at 9.30 am. Dr. Gary Ellem is our guest speaker. It should be a very informative morning. Come along to support the club, have a good feed, supplied by Dorothy and Audrey and hear about your club and special interest groups.

Each of the people I work with are dedicated, enthusiastic and very supportive. We are so lucky to have so many willing volunteers. It is one of the friendliest and happiest clubs with which I have been associated.

Thank you one and all.

Agapé, Elaine Butler

## COMMITTEE 2013 -2014

PRESIDENT: Elaine Butler

VICE-PRESIDENT: Merv Pope

SECRETARY: Carmel Smith

TREASURER: Barry Keen

ASSITANT TREASURER: Maree Field

EDUCATION COORDINATOR:

TECHNICAL OFFICER: Nev Clifton

ROSTERS: Judy Wallace

NEWSLETTER/ WEB MASTER: Bruce Carter

TUTOR ROSTER: Mitzi Gordon

SOCIAL ORGANISER: Brenton Elsey

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Lindsay Threadgate  
(Public Officer)

## Social Report

On Saturday 7th we had 19 participants for a trip to Dungog.

Car pooling was the method of transport as a return train service at a respectable hour was not available on Saturdays. With morning tea arranged for 9.30am, all attending were very generously accommodated on the lovely verandah at the heritage listed home of Cafe Dungog's owner, Victoria, who also arranged our lunch at the same venue. We were joined at this time by Anne Bulmer from the Friends of James Theatre organization and Alan Nash, a 4th generation Dungog district resident who would be our guides for the day.

First "port of call" was the James Theatre where an informative talk from Anne and an inspection of this historic building was most enlightening. The theatre is currently the oldest running picture theatre in Australia, and one of only 4 theatres finished with a Spanish Mission facade. Next, we had a tour of the main street of Dungog with Alan pointing out various historic buildings and their history – truly amazing, and dating back to the 1800's.



The town was really buzzing that day, with numerous activities happening including Pedalfest (an annual cycling rally), the annual Dungog Art Exhibition and the monthly markets, and topped off with the Federal Election which was sprung on the same day after our arrangements were locked in.



With weary feet and "information overload", we returned to Victoria's home for a refreshing drink and a bite to eat, the afternoon being free time. A hot spike in the weather probably took a little gloss of what turned out to be an enjoyable day.



Our next excursion will be on the morning of Saturday 12th October to Stockton, where a few photographic subjects will be highlighted for the shutterbugs amongst us and then lunching at Lexie's On The Beach.

This will be a "drive" day, as it is too far to walk to most of the photo sites and Lexie's from the ferry wharf. Details available a little closer to the day.

Brenton Elsey  
( Social Organiser )

## ComputerPals Mission

Our mission is to assist clubs 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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## Tutors

The Tutors and their assistants are also Seniors and conduct the courses in a relaxed atmosphere. Your questions are welcome during the classes and there is no need to feel embarrassed if you need to ask for something to be repeated. The classroom is fitted with a hearing loop for those people who wear hearing aids.

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## Best Wishes

For our members who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries - congratulations! To those who are ill our best wishes for a speedy recovery

## Condolences

To all of our members who have lost loved ones recently, please accept our condolences.



ASCCA is the Australian Seniors Computer Club Association.

ASCCA exists to support and encourage seniors to take advantage of modern information technology to meet their individual needs and to provide further challenges. ASCCA's Newsletter and its informative items can be accessed on the web site at [www.ascca.org.au](http://www.ascca.org.au)

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### *Important Committee Members of Your Club*

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**Outgoing Immediate Past President :** Lindsay Threadgate.



**Tutor Roster :** Mitzi Gordon



**Technical Officer :** Neville Clifton



**Rosters :** Judy Wallace



## Just For Laughs

### Why I Like Retirement !

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: Not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!



Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal .

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.