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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.

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 sincere condolences.

President's Report

Winter looks like it might have arrived at last.

I'd like to welcome Sandra Keen as our Newsletter Editor. Please note the word EDITOR. Sandra will not be writing the Newsletter, she will be editing it. That means that all of the members will be able to make a contribution to its content. If you have something you would like to contribute, please feel free to do so, like funny jokes about computing, pictures or an article that you found informative or interesting or a web site that was helpful. Get your thinking caps on!

Sandra's email address is <educationcpals@gmail.com>

The next big thing for ComputerPals is the AGM to be held at Cardiff RSL on the 15th August, starting at 11am. Brenton Elsey will be sending out the details and the amount you will need to pay to ComputerPals for the meal. We have to pay money to the RSL to hire the room and need to advise the number of meals, so they can arrange seating.

This is your club and you can have a say on who is on the committee, but only if you are a Financial Member. Please take advantage of the Nomination Form on our website. These forms will also be in the club room from the 15th July. If you know of someone that you think should be on the committee, put in a nomination!

Enjoy your mid-winter break. Remember that to be eligible to attend classes in Session 5 you will have to have renewed your membership. The cost is still \$20. This covers your membership until the end of June 2015.

Enjoy the bracing weather.

Agapé, Elaine Butler



Who Are Our 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.

Who is ASCCA?

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 news items can be accessed on the website at www.ascca.org.au



Social Report

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE 2014

Social Day Out

We had 10 eager participants lined up for an excursion to Darling Harbour on Saturday 7th June.

However, after persistent heavy rain in Sydney (and here at home) over the previous 2 days, it was reluctantly decided to cancel this trip and reschedule for another (hopefully, fine) day. One brand new camera itching for a "maiden voyage" was most disappointed – at least it will be less worn by the time the next social day comes around.

July Social Event

Our next excursion will be a visit to the **RAAF World War 2** Seaplane Base at Rathmines on **Saturday 5th July**. A tour of this historical site has been arranged, with morning tea and lunch included for an all up cost of \$30.00 per head – one not to be missed! Details have been emailed to all members.

Morning Tea

Our member's morning tea was held on Monday 16st with a good roll-up of some 38 participants.

Once the formalities and club reports were concluded, the usual fine morning tea prepared by Dorothy and Audrey was enjoyed by existing and potential members alike. Then our guest speaker, Mr. Roger Evans from the Maritime Rescue (Lake Macquarie Division) gave us a very informative insight into the workings of this valuable volunteer organization – a great presentation that had many members interacting with the speaker.





Special Interest Groups

DigiPals

DigiPals is an active group of ComputerPals members who meet on the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Islington clubroom to learn and explore digital photography.

GeneaPals

This is our Family History group. We have allocated the first Monday afternoon of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the clubrooms at Islington Public School (except school holidays).

WriterPals

Our Creative Writing group is for enthusiasts, not experts. We meet on the second Monday of each month at the Islington clubroom. Meetings are from 1:00 p.m. until we go home!

TabPals

If you have a portable device; iPad, Android tablet we have a special interest group called TabPals. The fourth Friday of the month is our regular meeting day, at 1 p.m in the clubroom.

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Our first Tabpals get together was held in our class room at Islington on the 29th November, 2013 with 19 members in attendance.

We were a little unorganised being our first but I (Maree Field) agreed to lead the group, although it is a case of the blind leading the blind. We are all interested in learning as much as possible about our new little toys i.e. iPads, Android tablets, and the objective of this club is to help and support one another in our endeavour to utilize our tablets to their full potential.

We can all have a lot of fun but also gain considerable help managing our everyday needs so come along and join in.

TabPals will be held on the fourth Friday of each month at Computerpals club room at 1.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join our little group. The only requirement is that you be a financial member of ComputerPals for Seniors Newcastle and have some sort of device eg Android phone, tablet or iPad, iPhone.

Please bring along any questions and answers you may have.

See you then

Cheers

Maree



ASCCA COMPETITION ENTRIES

ComputerPals members who participate in DigiPals and WriterPals need to be aware that work on their entries for the Annual ASCCA Competition should be well underway.

For more information contact:

Barry Keen – DigiPals

Carmel Smith – WriterPals

Entries must be submitted to the above persons by Friday, 15th August.

Special Notices

Annual General Meeting

Our ComputerPals Newcastle AGM is to be held on **Friday, 15th August at Cardiff RSL Club, commencing at 11:00 a.m.** The cost of \$21 covers lunch, room hire and prizes.

Make sure your ComputerPals membership is up to date to be eligible to nominate someone for a position and to vote.

Classes

Please Note - Morning Classes start at 8:45 a.m.

You are advised to bring a USB Drive to lessons to take full advantage of resources.



Hunter Medical Research Institute Open Day, 4th July

An invitation is extended to members to hear about latest research in a range of medical areas, tour laboratory and expo from 1p.m. at Lot 1, Kookaburra Circuit, New Lambton Heights. More info at HMRI.com.au

We All Need a Laugh

Thanks to Ben Horwitz for the following gem!

It all began with an iPhone...
March was when our son celebrated his 17th birthday, and we got him an iPhone.



He just loved it. Who wouldn't?

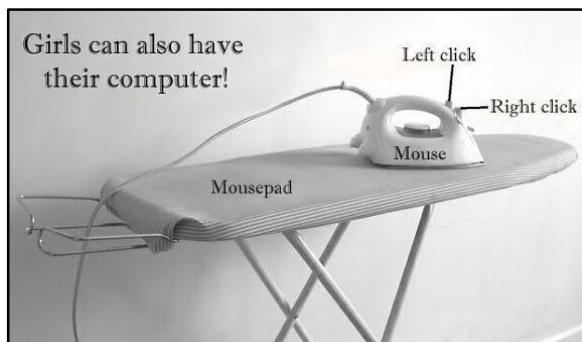


I celebrated my birthday in July, and my wife made me very happy when she bought me an iPad.



Our daughter's birthday was in August so we got her an iPod Touch.

My wife celebrated her birthday in September so I got her an iRon.



Girls can also have their computer!

It was around then that the fight started...

What my wife failed to recognize is that the iRon can be integrated into the home network with the iWash, iCook and iClean.

This inevitably activates the iNag reminder service.

I should be out of the hospital next week!!



iHurt !

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