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Lest we Forget

I am sure most of you have seen a copy of this amazing photograph of 703 members of the 11th Australian Infantry Battalion, 3rd Brigade, which was taken after church on Sunday 10th January, 1915. The 11th Battalion was raised in Western Australia, soon after the declaration of war and was sent to Egypt, arriving in December 1914.

I first saw this iconic photo as a large framed print prominently displayed at the North Ryde RSL Club. Alan and I stood entranced, studying it for a very long time, our hearts filled with many mixed thoughts and emotions.

We wondered how many of these carefree

Australian soldiers had returned home - and of their number - how many were reasonably healthy in mind and body.

It was indeed a poignant moment to consider that now, every single man on the stepped pyramid (Old Chaps) was now dead and perhaps among their descendants, few even know that they have an ancestor there in the photo.

The Australian War Memorial notes about this photo tell us that there are many identified officers in the front row, including Captain Charles A Barnes who recorded the taking of this picture and some of the sight-seeing the men were able to enjoy;

CONTACT LIST
Elected Management Committee

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Elizabeth Barton	Secretary
Dave Wardell	Treasurer
Ian Gemmell	Public Officer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer

Standing Committee

Lynton Bradford	Technical Officer/Webmaster
Brian Kelly	Supplies Officer
Gwen Bradford	Newsletter Editor
Jeanette Masih	Website Editor
Barry McLeod	Assets Registrar

Special Interest Groups

Creative Writing.....Joan Craymer **Photography**.....Patricia Beal

Genealogy.....In recess until further notice

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**Each member of Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. is also a member of
The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) www.ascca.org.au**

“Amidst the training undertaken by the men, there was time on Sundays, days off and evenings when leave was granted to visit local sites of interest such as the pyramids, the Citadel and the many mosques in Cairo. The trams struggled to keep up with the demand and local transport such as carriages were heavily used. The cafes and restaurants of Cairo were also heavily patronised.”

The men of the 3rd Brigade were the first ashore at Gallipoli at 4.30am on the 25th April, 1915 and they were involved in many significant battles on the Peninsula until the evacuation in December, when those who had survived were returned to Egypt.

In March 1916, the 11th Battalion sailed to France and the Western Front, where the

list of the Battle Honours indicates they were in the trenches for some of the worst of those horrific battles, until late September 1918.

Modern technology has ensured that this and many other original photos can now be copied and shared with no concerns about additional damage to original prints or negatives. The original copy negative of this photo was showing wear and damage, but over the years the Memorial acquired two more prints, with damage in different areas on each print. Both prints were scanned and combined to form a higher quality copy negative which is held as a digital scan and can now be safely shared.

At times like this we just love technology!

Joan Craymer

Précis of Committee Meeting 7th April 2016



Welfare Report:

Helen Gardner forwarded her report on members she had contacted during the last month. Following up on welfare of members will be continued while Helen is on leave.

ASCCA:

April ASCCA Newsletter is available for downloading from their website. There has been an excellent response to the “Share the Shoebox Forum” on 8th April as part of NSW Seniors Festival 2016.

Further Forum on 19th April - “Ways Forward for ASCCA Clubs” will be attended by Patricia Beal and Joan Craymer.

General Business:

- Considerable difficulties have been experienced in changing our ISP from TPG to Telstra. It was finally agreed that a letter to Telstra signed by the original signatory on the TPG contract, would be accepted.
- The committee accepted the resignation of Ian Gemmell as Public Officer and agreed on the appointment of Alan Craymer as the new Public Officer.
- A reminder that the April Meeting is our Anzac commemoration. Our thanks to the committee and catering ladies who are making Anzac biscuits for this meeting as usual.
- May General Meeting is the *Biggest Morning Tea*. Cancer Council papers have already arrived. Further discussion will be held at the next committee meeting.

Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold Burling and Col Maskill updated all computers to Windows 10 over the Easter weekend. It was found that one extra step is needed at the startup. However the computers are working well. There is an escape clause for the next month to return to Windows 7 if required. Also our thanks to Arnold who has thoroughly cleaned and serviced the photocopier and replaced the toner.

General Meetings:

Patricia Beal has arranged speakers to June with the speaker for July Meeting to be confirmed.

Training:

Numbers enrolled for Term 2 are satisfactory with the possibility of more names to be added. The procedure for organizing enrolments has been simplified which should make this task easier for the sub-committee.

Website:

Lynton Bradford reported that the Calendar of events has now been added to the website. Thanks to Jeanette Masih for keeping the site updated.

Membership:

Latest numbers from Maureen McDonald show we have a total of 269 members.

Supplies/Replacements:

Toners for the printers will be needed. Brian Kelly will order these and also check if copying paper is needed. Efforts to find an assistant for Brian are progressing.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford
from Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Barton*

Today's Meeting

Our Anzac Day commemoration

The Speaker for this Meeting is...

Noel Phelan

"HMAS SYDNEY II vs HSK KORMORAN"

"The battle between HMAS Sydney II and the German merchant raider HSK Kormoran took place off the Western Australian coast in October, 1941. See photos of the ships before the battle and also on the sea bed. Find out how the HMAS SYDNEY was sunk by the German raider with none of the 645 crew surviving. How both the ships were found in 2008 and the reconstruction of the battle by experts".



Ode of Remembrance by

Dave Wardell

- Last Post -



Meeting - 18th May

Our Speaker at the May Meeting will be

Patrick Haynes

***"WORKING WITH DOGS IN
ANTARCTICA"***

Patrick Haynes spent four years in the Antarctic. His first experience was with the army catering service, spending two years cooking on a large army base in Antarctica. Patrick then spent three years in Chile as a Housemaster in a boys school, before again taking the long journey back to Antarctica for a second two year stint. Patrick's talk will cover these second two years, becoming involved with the Husky dogs on the base and his experiences with these dogs in Antarctica.

On a personal note, Patrick was born in London, England and after all his adventures, arrived in Sydney in 1970. Married with 4 children and 7 grandchildren (so far), he now has a large piece of paper to say he is an Australian citizen. Also a proud supporter of the Wallabies!!



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

is held across Australia in May each year, organised by the Cancer Council of Australia as a fund raiser. Each year, our Computer Club has supported this event and this year we will again be hosting our own **BMT** at the next monthly meeting at 10.00 a.m. on....

WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY

Please come along and enjoy the special morning tea that our generous volunteers are providing.

The morning tea charge will be donated to the Cancer Council and we invite you to add a little extra to help this worthy cause.

REMINDERS FOR TERM 2 2016

With our term break soon coming to an end, we hope our members are all ready for Term 2 commencing next Tuesday, 26th April.

Important: *If you have enrolled in any of our classes, please check you have made a note of the date and time of your first class. Also make sure you bring the correct fee for inclusion in the envelope you will be given on the first day of class.*

For a prompt reply, all enquiries or other messages from students about Term 2 classes should only be directed to our special enrolment gmail address.....

enrolcpe@gmail.com

APP OF THE MONTH - ABC iVIEW

Free App for Apple and Android



ABC iVIEW gives free access to recent ABC programs. View programs and choose what to watch. Videos are streamed via the Internet. It is a great way to catch up on shows you have missed.

Be aware that video downloads consume a large amount of data. Only use this program if you have a large download limit.

Not advisable for mobile broadband with small limits.

Famous Quotes

"Computers make excellent and efficient servants but I have no wish to serve under them"

Mr. Spock - Star Trek

PICASA ON THE WAY OUT



Google has said that Picasa will no longer be supported from 15th March 2016.

"Picasa has always been a popular program and there isn't anything that has the breadth of capabilities free (or even paid as far as I know)".

Picasa is still available to install, but it is uncertain how long this will last.

Ref: <http://googlephotos.blogspot.com.au/2016/02/moving-on-from-picasa.html>

*Acknowledgement: Mark Young,
Technical Officer - ASCCA*

Excerpt from March "Techo Info for Clubs"

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS IF BUYING A NEW COMPUTER?

Consider your intended use. If only for email, SMS messaging, Skype, banking, Facebook, Internet or similar, then a tablet or even a smartphone may be preferable. Perhaps even some of the new separable touch screen plus keyboard models.

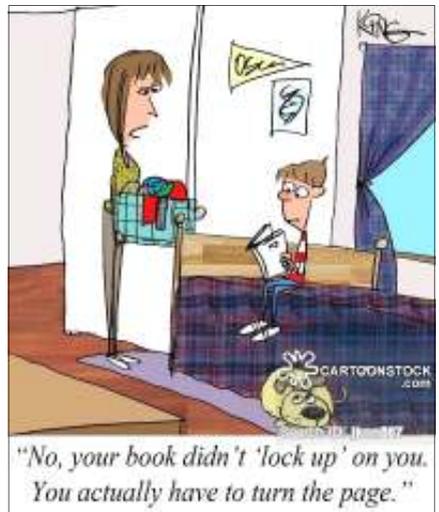
However if you are involved in serious word processing, club publications, cards or spreadsheets, you need a "normal" computer.

You have a large selection: standard desktop, All In One (great space saver), laptop or ultrabook. Do your research, ask questions of tutors in our Club or other members..



Don't be "sold up" by sales people seeking more margin. You don't need extra antivirus now, Windows 10 has it built in. Don't fall for big discounts. Search the Internet for prices before you go. There are many traps for unwary buyers. Models which appear the same can be \$100s different, depending on features.

.....Lynton Bradford



CREATIVE WRITING REPORT

The topic for March brought forth thoughts on the growing loss of community in many neighbourhoods, along with memories of people we had called **"A Neighbour"** - some kind, friendly, weird, funny, generous, mean and even bordering on mad.

We were off to a great start when we met Captain Howie, the cranky McKenzie sisters, mad Lizzy, Victor who drove the local bus which was affectionately called "the Butter Box", Doris and Ernest and their parents "Auntie" and "Uncle". What wonderful stories of an Australian childhood!

With the UK secret service enjoying a quiet period, Buzz and Penny were trying to plan their wedding, but London was proving expensive and everything was booked out. Penny's neighbour Joan came to the rescue with the offer of a cancellation at her local hall for Saturday week. Meanwhile Buzz read in the paper that "tens of millions" were to be cut from the budgets of all the spy agencies.

Our third writer touched on the discrimination and bigotry that sometimes kept neighbours of Roman Catholic or Protestant faiths a little wary. The Methodists didn't drink, but as families shed their differences, even this changed and neighbours became good friends and enjoyed learning from each other.

Next there were stories of the years when our writer and her family were surrounded by "real neighbours, not just anonymous people who live next door or across the street." The old neighbours were people who were friendly, interested and kind - people who watched out for your children, watered your garden and other chores when you were away and were almost like family.



We were truly inspired by the story of a neighbour who was in his nineties when our author moved next door. His house was a time warp filled with wonderful furniture made from packing cases and butter and cheese boxes during the depression years when he was out of work. He was a trained carpenter and helped to install the organ in the Sydney Town Hall. For his 99th birthday his family gave him "the sewer" for which he was not too grateful. Always an optimist, that year he planted fruit trees with labels which read, "five years to bear fruit." He died at 103 a great example to all.



Our next writer revealed that she had many neighbours because she lived in three towns in the country and twelve suburbs of Sydney. She claimed; "Like a snail I have left a trail"; however to her listeners it seemed she had left a trail only of friendship and compassion, for which many people must have been very grateful.

Our final story told of our writer's brave and wonderful migrant mother who admired her first real next door neighbour Mrs. Ellis, who being Australian could help her to become a proper Australian housewife. Her mother followed up on the invitation for Mrs. Ellis to take her daughters to the local Methodist Church and appreciated her advice on her daughter's welfare and the suitability of the way they dressed. Our writer is still grateful for the way Mrs. Ellis enriched her mother's new life.

The topic, **"What A Win!"** is sure to bring a variety of perspectives to the idea of victory when we meet next on **Monday 2nd May** in the Foyer Room at 10.00am.

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography
Interest Group

“Group Selfie
in a Vauxhall Hubcap”

April Photo of the Month
taken by
Helen Gardner

Topic:
“From a Different
Point of View”



Our Club Welfare

Helen Gardner is our Club Welfare Officer - so please let her know of any member who would welcome a card or a friendly phone call.
Helen's details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.



The audience at the Forum. It was fully booked!

Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association

“Share the Shoebox Forum”
April 8th 2016
NSW Seniors Festival 2016



Our President Joan Craymer, giving her presentation at the Forum.
Joan is also Vice-President of ASCCA.

Dates to Note in 2016.....add to your diary now

2016	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 2			Tues 26 Apl - Fri 24 Jun	9
Term 3	Mon 30 May	Fri 10 Jun	Mon 18 Jul - Fri 16 Sep	9
Term 4	Mon 22 Aug	Fri 2 Sep	Mon 10 Oct - Fri 9 Dec	9

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 18TH MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Come along - these Interest Groups are free and open to all members

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

MONDAY, 2nd MAY 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: ***"What a Win!"***

You don't need a story, just come along to listen
(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 2nd MAY 2016 at 1.30pm

Topic: ***"Clothing"***

Please bring your photos on a flash drive
(Contact: Patricia Beal)

Genealogy Interest Group

**The Genealogy Interest Group is in recess
until further notice.**

No Interest Groups have been held in April due to the Term break

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 3rd MAY 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Dave Wardell)

Android Tablets & Android Phones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 10th MAY 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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