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It is Time to Act to Preserve our Treasures

We regularly offer great courses at our Epping Computer Club; courses which can help you keep track of your financial affairs, write your life story, preserve your travel or family photos, keep in touch with individuals and groups, research your family history or discover all you could want to know about almost anything at all.

I know everyone is busy and we are all guilty of saying "I don't have time" - "I will do it next week, next term or next year". I really do understand. However, it is very disappointing when we have to cancel well planned classes that would give you the skills to save and share many of the "treasures" you or other family members possess. Perhaps these assorted items are hidden away in boxes or suitcases - in spare rooms, sheds or garages.

What do you think will happen to them when you die? Now is the time to sit down and record the stories - you may have something that belonged to your grandmother or grandfather and you could share something of this with perhaps hundreds of descendants. They may not want to own the old confectionery box with

an 85 year old wax bridal tiara tucked away in discoloured tissue paper, however a photo to go with a picture of the bride would surely be appreciated by most descendants. There



are many memories to pass on to add "value" to the lives of your

ancestors - and yourselves - as you find ways to scan, record, tell and share.

When I was writing my brother's life story I asked his oldest friend if he had any photos to share, to go with some of the often told, but so far unrecorded stories of their youthful adventures - and to my



surprise he turned up with a suitcase full of photos and slides. You can see from the photo what a wonderful time we had sorting them and they triggered many

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

Contact for Welfare: Helen Gardner

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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**

more stories. Many of these forgotten “suitcase treasures” were included in the book my brother was able to leave for his children and grandchildren.

I know that I have said all this before, however, it seems timely to repeat these thoughts. I have recently seen the disappointment of a wonderful gentleman who had always genuinely intended to prepare his “legacy” and do something with his “treasures”. Put simply - for him time ran out.

Would a carefully prepared survey of our members help you to let us know what training would be of most help to you in the quickly changing world of “tech”? Do you have skills you could share to help others? What things have helped you most in the

past? How could we have done better? As we go into our 17th year of volunteer training for seniors we understand that things never stay the same. Our success has always relied upon listening to and acting upon the ideas and changing needs of our members; while having a committed volunteer management committee to steer us into new areas with proper planning.

Would you be willing to do a short training course at the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA), to equip you to pass on exciting new skills? Your fees will be paid by this club for suitable courses and you will return “home” with lessons supplied and written by the very experienced ASCCA tutors? Your ideas and contributions are always important.

Joan Craymer

Précis of Committee Meeting 4th February 2016



Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold Burling was thanked for cleaning and updating all computers during the Christmas term break. He reported Computer No. 7 has failed and will look into repair or replacement options. Consideration was given as to whether any of the computers should be changed to Windows 10. This will be followed up.

Insurance: The Contents & Liability and Personal Accident Insurances have been paid by the Treasurer and are all up to date.

General Meetings:

Patricia Beal confirmed details for the February and March meetings. Discussion on future meetings resulted in speakers being arranged for April and May.

Training:

Considerable extra time and work was again experienced due to the extended enrolment period for Term 1. Many difficulties were encountered in putting together some classes, with members 'dropping out', classes having to be cancelled and late enrolments still being experienced during the first week of classes. Thanks to Joan Craymer, Maureen McDonald and Barry McLeod for a huge effort and giving up their time during the term break.

Website:

Thanks expressed to Jeanette Masih who has managed to keep the website updated despite difficulties with her internet connection. Christmas Party photos have been added and Lynton will assist with including the results of our 2015 ASCCA competition winners. Dave Wardell will speak to TPG about transfer to Telstra for ISP.

Supplies/Replacements:

All supplies were up to date thanks to Brian Kelly. Brian was also thanked for taking box of recycled ink cartridges to Parramatta eWaste Day. A volunteer member is still needed to undertake the position of Supplies Officer and this will be brought up again at the February Meeting.

Welfare Report:

Helen Gardner forwarded a detailed report of those members she had contacted since our last Meeting.

Membership:

The latest membership numbers reported by Maureen McDonald show a total of 256.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for February is available for downloading. A special forum is being held again by ASCCA during NSW Seniors Festival 2016 and details will be advertised in our next Newsletter.

Change in By Law

The Committee discussed the Notice of Motion re Article VIII of the Constitution. With all members needing to receive notification of the Motion at least 21 days before a vote can be taken, Lynton Bradford volunteered to prepare a plan on the best and most efficient way to circulate the motion to all members.

General Business:

It was agreed that the beautifully prepared Calendar of Events created by Joan Craymer should be uploaded to the website. Joan was thanked for preparing the calendar which tutors and helpers find very useful.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford
from Minutes prepared by Joan Craymer*



Today's Meeting

The Speaker for our first Meeting of the year is

Judy Horton

Topic: **“A Short History of the Australian Backyard”**



Judy Horton is a horticulturist who has recently retired after working for 22 years as a garden adviser for Yates. While at Yates Judy was responsible for updating six editions of Yates Garden Guide, the best-selling Australian gardening book.

Judy is one of the weekend regulars who answers garden questions on ABC702 “Weekends with Simon Marnie” program. She also has a weekly spot on 2UE with Tim Webster at 2pm on Saturday afternoon.

Meeting 16th March

Speaker at the March Meeting will be..

Ann Howard

with her topic.....

“Computers and the Author”

Ann Howard has written 20 books and believes that everyone has a story to tell and everyone has at least one book in them! She will share how her computer helped her to: “Let it out!” She now kisses her computer goodnight; but only if it's been good! Ann is an avid fan of 'hidden histories' and feels there are many marvellous unrecorded stories. Her new book, 'A Carefree War'; the story of Australia's evacuated children, is her latest hidden history.



Tips and Hints for Passwords - No. 1

Use a unique password for each of your important accounts such as email and online banking

Choosing the same password for each of your online accounts is like using the same key to lock your home, car and office – if a criminal gains access to one, all of them are compromised. Don't use the same password for your Skype, e-Bay, Coles accounts as you do to operate your email or bank account. It may be less convenient, but picking multiple passwords keeps you safer.

From setting up.....



Memories of our Christmas Luncheon 2015



.....and afterwards



Photos courtesy Patricia Beal

N.S.W. SENIORS FESTIVAL
APRIL 1 - 10 APRIL 2016

The Theme for this Year...
“Be Involved - Try Something New”

“Share the Shoebox Forum”
Friday, 8th April 2016
9.30am - 12.00 noon
280 Pitt Street, Sydney

Let us show you how you can leave an amazing heirloom legacy for your family to treasure long after you are gone!

ASCCA is excited to announce a special **NSW Seniors Festival Forum for 2016**. Once again, you can look forward to an excellent “How To” handout, after enjoying the demonstrations at the forum which will be held in the Mitchell Theatre.

See the March ASCCA Newsletter or check with their website for more details.

Scam Alert!

There were many new and old scams circulating over the Christmas period. Those relating to money payments and parcel deliveries in particular, were used by scammers to take advantage of users' vulnerability at this time of year. Also phone calls or emails advising the recipient that their computer had been compromised and offering to clear it (at a cost). Always be on guard, don't respond and don't click on any link on an email unless you are certain you know the sender and you are sure it is genuine. However accidents can happen, remember to backup your computer regularly and disconnect the backup media when not actually using it.

.....Lynton Bradford

APP OF THE MONTH

Games are a great way to keep your mind active and fingers nimble. Most have free versions although there are generally advertisements, which you can just ignore.



Some are good on tablets but can be a bit small to see on phones. An example is Mahjong from Magma which is good on a tablet. Mahjong from Kristanix can be better for phones and is also good on tablets. There are countless other good games.

You do have to experiment to suit yourself. If you don't like a game you can always uninstall it.

For security, only install games from the genuine iTunes for Apple or PlayStore for Android.

Sound familiar??.....

*The biggest lie I tell myself is...
“I don't need to write that down,
I'll remember it.”*



“It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds”

CREATIVE WRITING REPORT

“What’s in a name?” The answer to this is still a mystery with opinions ranging from “everything” to “nothing”. Who would have thought that many of the streets of Toowoomba (formerly called “The Swamp”) owe their names to an event in Scottish History on 5th August 1600?

Much laughter resulted from a list of name anecdotes. “Charles likes to drink port with his father’s friends - while Charlie will give you tips for the races”. “Lawrence was a Dean of the Church - while Laurie wears a blue singlet and drives a truck”. A friend named Miss Brown had visions of



hyphenating her name after marriage - until she married Mr. Bull! What fun we had!

Our 3rd writer stunned us with the news we all have an incredible 536,870,912 - 27 times great grandparents and in each generation there is a 1-2% “false paternity” rate per generation. No wonder it is possible to become obsessed with tracing our ancestors. Our writer claims to have proved that who we are, is not revealed in our name - but rather in our DNA.

The 4th story was about the mystery of a family name changed several generations back. There were fascinating mentions of a murderous nanny who was hanged for her terrible crime and a wife who ran away with the station cook. “I believe that whatever name we call ourselves, we are still the same person” our writer concluded, before telling us his name is really Eric.

Our 5th author wrote of the importance of your “good name” particularly once it is “lost”. Then she told of a besotted son-in-law who named his first daughter Mirari, the Latin verb for “gaze in wonder at”. The last word went

to Jesus who responded to Pilate’s question; “Who do you say I am?” with, “I am who you say I am.”

The bible featured in the next story, with reference to Genesis 2:19-20 when God presented Adam with the opportunity to name all “the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven”. There



was some sense of annoyance that; “Only the man did the naming!” After some fun our writer became serious and wrote; “Our name is also precious beyond all wealth and riches.”

The next writer expressed concern about the names tentatively mentioned for her new grandson whose American Dad is a keen hunter. Fortunately “Gunner” and “Hunter” didn’t make the cut. We then enjoyed some clever names from boat owners. My favourites were, “The Godfather”, “Merlin Monroe”, “Aboat Time” and “Seas the Day”.

The 8th writer noted that some people are given the gift of a family name that brings prestige and dignity, while her own distinctly “foreign” name challenged the spelling and pronunciation capabilities of everyone. When she was about to marry a man with a very English name - foreign names had “arrived”.

Our final story brought us up to date on the problems for Buzz and Penny with the cancellation of their wedding plans as they were called back to work on the terrible Paris terrorist situation. A promotion offer invited Buzz to consider the new “name” Commander.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 29th February** in the Foyer Room at 10.00am. We would be happy to welcome YOU - when the topic will be; **“White Elephant”**.

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography Interest Group
"Birds Eye View"
February Photo of the Month - taken by Nancy Moxom
Topic: "Coastal Landscapes"



A warm welcome to our newest Computer Pals
who have joined our Club for Term 1.



- Dick Alliband
- Betty Garvey
- Maureen Gordon
- Greg Jamison
- Marie Johnson
- Jan Skogvold
- Yvonne Welch

[Visit Website](http://www.cpepping.net.au)

A reminder to members to check our Club website regularly. You will find the monthly Newsletter, latest information on Term timetables and Classes, times and dates for monthly Meetings and Interest Groups. This information is updated regularly for the benefit of our members. Visit the site and keep informed at.....

www.cpepping.net.au

Our Club Welfare



Helen Gardner is our Welfare Officer and keeps in touch with members who, owing to special circumstances, receive a card, newsletter, or friendly phone call. Please let Helen know of any member who would welcome a contact from our Club. Her details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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

2016	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 1			Mon 1 Feb - Fri 1 Apl	9
Term 2	Mon 7 Mar	Fri 18 Mar	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, 16TH MARCH 2016 AT 10.00 AM

How about joining one of these Interest Groups in 2016?

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

MONDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: **"White Elephant"**

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

Also: MONDAY, 21st MARCH 2016

Topic: **"A Neighbour"**

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 2016 at 1.30pm

The topic: **"Shadows"**

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

Also: MONDAY, 21st MARCH 2016

Topic: **"From a Different Point of View"**

Genealogy Interest Group

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

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 1st MARCH 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Dave Wardell)

Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 8th MARCH 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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