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On Thursday 26th May I visited **Computer Pals for Seniors Turramurra** to talk to their members about our Epping Creative Writing Group. Their Vice-President Dorothy Soper invited me to speak with a view to starting a group at Turramurra. The President Ken Doyle, recalled that his club was grateful for the help given to them by **Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping** and particularly by John and Joan Addison who shared the lessons they had written for us, when Turramurra started back in 2001.

On Monday 30th May, three members of Turramurra Club visited our Creative Writing Group to experience the feelings of

encouragement and enjoyment I had talked about in my presentation just a few days before.

After an enjoyable and friendly morning sharing stories written at home, on the topic of the month; Dorothy, Margaret and Betty went away convinced they should follow up on their wish to start a Creative Writing Group at their Turramurra club.

Although the topic was "A Funny Story" the approach to the subject and the content of each story displayed the usual diversity - and as would be expected - resulted in much laughter. It was obvious to the Turramurra ladies that there are many real



CONTACT LIST
Elected Management Committee

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Elizabeth Barton	Secretary
Dave Wardell	Treasurer
Ian Gemmell	
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

Club email address: cps.epping@gmail.com

**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/**

advantages in meeting with a group of friends and writing regularly. Thanks to our friend Maureen McDonald for coming along and spoiling us all with morning tea.

Your Committee is always working to offer our members new or refreshed courses to keep up with the changing interests and technology relevant to members, both old and new. If you have any ideas let us know so we can provide training and encouragement for your interests.

We have decided to look at putting together a "Share the Shoebox" workshop type course, inspired by the recent ASCCA Seniors Week Forum. This will involve a number of our tutors who will be able to work with you and instruct you in skills that will allow you to save your precious family

treasures from being disposed of because their worth is not known or understood by the descendants. *"The preservation of our treasures can only be achieved by giving the following generations a reason to keep them and pass them on."* So start reading and sorting and be ready to join in the fun and satisfaction of *"Taking your treasures on an exciting journey into the future"*.

Colin Maskill is offering a course in Introduction to Genealogy in the coming term and this could be a good place to start. You can "rescue" the ancestors, tell their stories and cement their place in the family history and heritage. Then later when you look into the "Shoebox" you will be able to follow through with greater knowledge and enthusiasm.

Joan Craymer

Précis of Committee Meeting 2nd June 2016



Budget:

Dave Wardell presented a proposed Budget for the 2016/17 financial year. Following a discussion, it was moved by Dave Wardell and seconded by Maureen McDonald that all class fees be increased by \$5.00 starting from Term 4. It was agreed by consensus that we do not increase the membership fee.

Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold has changed the computers back to Australian English and metric measurements from American English and imperial measure. Oki printer had a major paper jam which he will endeavour to fix. Arnold suggested having one computer on Windows 7.

General Meetings:

Speakers have been arranged up to August. Other suggestions have been passed on and will be followed up by Patricia Beal.

Training:

Five new members have joined the Beginners class. A timetable is available and enrolments are now under way for Term 3. A suggestion from Joan Craymer that several tutors could combine to run a "Share the Shoebox" course in Term 4 to help members make their "treasures" relevant and save them for the future.

Membership:

Maureen McDonald reported our membership is currently 278. This includes new members joining for Term 2.

Website:

Thanks to Jeanette Masih for keeping the website updated.

Supplies/Replacements:

Brian Kelly advised that extensive stationery purchases are needed. A new member known to Brian has joined our Club and could prove to be a possible assistant later on.

Welfare Report:

Our Welfare Officer, Helen Gardner, is looking for someone to send the Newsletter and messages whilst she is away. Envelopes will already be addressed.

Creative Writing Interest Group:

Joan Craymer visited Computer Pals Turramurra to make a presentation about our Creative Writing Group on 24th May. Three of their members responded to an invitation to attend our meeting on 30th May. This was a great success and our visitors went away enthusiastic about starting up their own Creative Writing Group.

ASCCA:

The June Newsletter will be available online in a few days from the ASCCA website.

Epping Creative Centre

Joan Craymer responded to a request for details of the annual usage by members of Computer Pals Epping of Epping Creative Centre. This was in connection with council amalgamations.

General Business:

- Thanks were expressed to Alan Craymer who prepared an inventory of the safe contents.
- In preparation for the AGM, Joan Craymer requested that reports from the various committee members and Interest Groups be forwarded to her for the Annual Report.

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

Today's Meeting

Our Speaker at today's Meeting will be

Elaine Budd

from COTA (Council on the Ageing)

Topic:

**“Controlling My Own Life:
making the most of consumer
directed care”**

Elaine's talk looks at how Home Care Packages assists people to live independently in their own homes. It focuses on.....

- *What is a Home Care package and how to access a package,*
- *What has changed with Home Care Packages and,*
- *How to make the most of the changes.*



Meeting - 20th July

The topic for our Meeting in July will be....

**“More on Basic Phone
Tablet Repair & Maintenance”**

Mr Stuart McPhie spoke at one of our Meetings last year and we appreciated his down to earth, practical advice. Stuart was happy to come again to talk to our members and answer questions.



OUR ABMT!



Our Biggest Morning Tea held at the May Meeting in aid of the Cancer Council (along with further amounts kindly donated later) raised \$937.30!! A big THANK YOU to our very generous members who contributed to this fantastic amount.

Also thank you to our wonderful volunteer ladies who organised, produced and served the magnificent spread of delicious morning tea we all enjoyed.

Annual Subscriptions

Your Annual Membership Subscription of \$30.00 for 2016/17 falls due on 1st July. Subscription envelopes **will be handed out at our General Meeting on 20th July.**



Our Treasurer, Dave Wardell, will receive renewals at the **July** meeting or you can hand in the envelope with your \$30.00 enclosed, during weekly classes.

Please Note: We are not able to give change, so please insert the correct money (or cheque) and seal the envelope before handing to the Treasurer or when attending your class.

Alternatively please post your payment (cheque only) to..

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Term 3 - 2016
18th July to 16th September



A timetable is available for you to select your class for Term 3 and enrolments are currently underway. The enrolment book will be available at today's Meeting. There may be vacancies, so take this opportunity to put your name down. Don't miss out!!

Names will be taken until the close of Term 2 on 24th June. After this date, for late enrolments or if you find you cannot attend the Course in which you have enrolled; please notify us **a.s.a.p.** by emailing the **special enrolment address below.**

enrolcpe@gmail.com

ASCCA Competitions 2016

The ASCCA Competitions for 2016 have been announced. The topics in each competition category shown below will be found in the June ASCCA Newsletter.

Creative Writing/Poetry
Digital Photography

It is advisable to carefully read the Rules and Conditions, which along with the Entry Form, are also available on the ASCCA website for you to download. Just go to....<http://www.ascca.org.au>

All entries must be received prior to 4pm on Monday, 5th September 2016.

So let those creative thoughts flow for that special story or poem. Likewise you have a few months to produce that great image for the digital photography competition.

Reminder - Date for your Diary

GENEALOGY

Colin Maskill will host a one-off Genealogy Workshop next **TUESDAY, 21st JUNE at 10.00 am** in the Training Room

TOPIC:

“1939 War Registration in Britain”

Colin has had a lot of success with this new record and would like to share it with members.

If you are interested, please record your name today on the list on the back of the door just inside the Training room.



Creative Writing Report

“A Funny Story” What a wonderful dose of the **“best medicine”** we enjoyed! The first story set the standard when it opened with; *“I am a pale blue cardigan!”* The poor cardigan told the story of the hazards of being a fine pure wool cardigan in the dangerous environment of a nursing home where clothes are washed “industrially”. *“Ho hum! Where do I belong? Who am I?”* asked the poor lost and shrivelled up garment at the end, as our writer produced it from her bag - with a theatrical flourish.

The next story told of “Innocents Abroad” travelling in France in 1964. As they reached the summit of the French Alps near the Swiss Border they had to change to “Angel Gear”. No more petrol, snow falling, 10km to go to Gex, no francs and only travellers cheques to offer, then on to Geneva. No planning, no booking and no hotel vacancies - the Geneva International Motor Show was on. **Very funny now!**

“Funny things just happen and can’t be planned” wrote our next author as she focused on a series of unscripted *“miscommunications, misspellings, and minor misadventures”* experienced in her life as *“a long term pew sitter”*. **“And you think church is dull!”** our author finished.

After contemplating a blank page for some time, our 4th writer observed; **“How can a blank page appear funny?”** The answer: *“When a person is asked to write a funny story.”* Many “funny” questions and answers later - our writer presented a “funny” poem with apologies; *“For not being funny.”*

It’s almost impossible to précis the next story. We tried to understand the “quirky”

thinking of a husband who wanted a hurried registry office wedding and then, eight years later, resisted announcing the coming of his first child until after the baby was born. **What a surprise** when an extra guest turned up at a large family gathering!

Two of our 6th writer’s Yorkshire relatives arrived for a three week holiday stay. Our Australian native animals seemed to create havoc for poor Betty and Harry each time they were taken on a trip. Even at home, the family cat arrived one morning to drop a bush rat at Betty’s feet. **The best scream!**

Next we heard about the development of a “poor relationship with ducks” for our author and her family. *“In 1990 war was declared as the duck enemy decided to call our swimming pool ‘home’.”* Complaints to council revealed that *“the ducks had more rights than the rate-payers”*. We were less than kind as we laughed at each new description of unsuccessful battle tactics all of which resulted in *“Heart break for the humans and **another win for the ducks..”***

Unbelievably, Buzz’s author told a very funny story on the topic of “Terrorism”! As Buzz sat in a train with his Dad who had arrived in London for THE WEDDING, his Dad was arrested as a terror suspect in front of his astonished son. We all hope that the door which closes next month is not Dad’s cell door. **We want a WEDDING!**

Next Meeting Monday 20th June - The topic for this meeting will be: **“... and the door closed.”** Come along and discover if our doors closed gently OR if they were closed in anger or ... ?

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography
Interest Group

"Relaxing in Bradfield Park"

June Photo of the Month

taken by Malcolm Barnett

Topic: "People"



Social Commentary

We can put a man on the moon. With one jab of a needle we can prevent diseases that in the past killed millions of people. We can create human life in a test tube. Yet what's the most talked-about technical achievement?

A website where friends who are already friends can ask their friends if they can be friends.

.....Comedian Michael Chamberlin

Our Club Welfare.....



Helen Gardner is our Welfare Officer so please let her know of any member who would welcome a contact from our Club. Helen's details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Did You Know?



A 2,100-year-old "computer" found in a Roman shipwreck may have acted as a calendar for the Olympic Games, scientists report in Nature journal. The Antikythera Mechanism has puzzled experts since its discovery by Greek sponge divers in 1901.

Researchers have long suspected the ancient clockwork device was used to display astronomical cycles.

A team has now found that one of the dials records the dates of the ancient Olympiad. The device is made up of bronze gearwheels and dials, and scientists know of nothing like it until at least 1,000 years later.

Ref: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7533457.stm>

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, 20TH JULY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

Come along, join in ~ these Interest Groups are open to all members

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

MONDAY, 20th JUNE 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: **".....and the door closed"**

You don't need a story, just come along to listen

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

(No Meeting in July to Term Break)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 20th JUNE 2016 at 1.30pm

Topic: **"Food"** (*ingredients or cooked on plate*)

Please bring your photos on a flash drive

(Contact: Patricia Beal)

(No Meeting in July due to Term break)

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, 2nd AUGUST 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Dave Wardell)

(No Meeting in July due to Term break)

Android Tablets & Android Phones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 9th AUGUST 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

(No Meeting in July due to Term break)

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