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Happy 16th Birthday to Computer Pals Epping

Yesterday Alan and I sat at a table in a corner window of a beautiful restaurant feeling almost as if we were suspended above this wonderful place. The view of the coast seen from the top of Bulli Pass south of Sydney, is one of the most spectacular and beautiful views we have seen anywhere in the world. Austinmer Beach tucked below our window, was the place where we met 56 years ago. Who said holiday romances don't last?

This trip down "memory lane" brought many thoughts about the passage of time and the amazing speed with which the world has changed for people of those several generations blamed for the menace of the Grey Tsunami that is said to be threatening the world.

We "seniors" don't want to be a nuisance and by keeping up with technology and the interests of "juniors" some barriers will be removed. We are people with valuable skills and experiences who can contribute to the overall good of society while adding

benefit to all generations. We have much better health than older folk of previous generations and we don't want to be seen as an annoyance, even if some of those feared health impairments and disabilities have slowed us down a little - we are able to remain in charge of our own lives and contribute to the rest of society in many ways - as we have always done.

If we attempt to remain relevant, then that much talked about tsunami of older people we are told will bring the world to disaster will no longer be feared; but will be recognised as a wonderful opportunity for everyone.

It is almost impossible for me to believe it was 16 years ago this month that an astounding 170 local seniors met at the Epping Creative Centre which was still under renovation, to find out about and join Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. I was newly retired and eager to learn about computers for interest and recreation, after working in the office of a

CONTACT LIST
Elected Management Committee

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| 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

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| 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**

forward thinking printing company which had been coming to grips with the benefits of computer technology in all aspects of the printing industry.

I was lucky to be able to work with the people who wrote the programs for the quoting, costing and invoicing in this new venture, although my job was only to explain what it was that the computer needed to make happen - so the clever programmers could bring this miracle about - so non-experts like me could use these specially written programs. This experience taught me that a computer with the right programs should be able to do the things I wanted it to do.

This was a great step forward from my 1962 job of working a National 32

Accounting Machine, that I never really liked - it was truly a "dinosaur" of the computer age!



So what is it that you want your computer or tablet to do for you? If you find out as much as you can about basic things like files and folders, your operating system and what programs are available for your main objectives to be met, you will be on the right track and the biggest bonus is that you will not feel intimidated or nervous and your family members will respect your efforts and you will have fun.

Joan Craymer

Précis of Committee Meeting

3rd March 2016



Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold Burling advised he has placed Deep Freeze on the Windows 10 computer, changed settings and all is going well. The Sharp copier is to be serviced. Arnold will investigate the possibility of replacing the present copier with a laser copier/scanner.

General Meetings:

Lynton Bradford will be replacing Ann Howard as the speaker for March. Also a speaker from COTA has been arranged for the June Meeting.

Training:

Maureen McDonald advised that the Term 2 timetable has been prepared. The Enrolment book is to be prepared by Joan Craymer. As well as during classes, members will also be able to enrol at the March General Meeting. In order to seek new volunteers as tutors, suitable courses to be run by ASCCA will be mentioned at the next General Meeting. A Samsung Galaxy tablet has been purchased for training purposes.

Website:

This has now been updated with the latest information. The calendar of events for our club has to be added and Lynton is working on ways to include it on the website.

Internet:

With concern about the continuing slow speed of the Internet on club computers, the committee is considering changes to our ISP.

Membership:

The latest membership numbers reported by Maureen McDonald show a total of 269.

Supplies/Replacements:

No supplies required this month. A member has indicated interest in assisting Brian Kelly with the supplies and replacements position.

Welfare Report:

Helen Gardner emailed her report on those members she had contacted recently. While Helen is on leave, Joan Craymer and Maureen McDonald will respond to any welfare situations.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for March is available for downloading with a reminder of NSW Seniors Festival activities from 1st to 10th April 2016. ASCCA Conference this year will be on 8th and 9th November.

Epping Creative Centre:

Letter received from Hornsby Council confirming that our existing licence conditions will continue as before to 2018.

Change in By Law:

We have now received the majority of members' email addresses in readiness for the distribution of Notice of Motion re Article VIII of the Constitution.

Resignation:

A letter of resignation from the position of Public Officer was received from Ian Gemmell.

General Business:

Colin Maskill is agreeable to continue with the Windows 10 classes only if club computers are changed to Windows 10. At present the effort of currently using and maintaining club laptops is too great. Arnold Burling is willing to install Windows 10 on the club computers during the next term break. After much discussion the consensus was in favour of the update.

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

Today's Meeting

Our Speaker at today's Meeting is..

Lynton Bradford

***"BACKING UP YOUR COMPUTER
FOR SAFETY"***

This talk by Lynton will warn about the problems "Ransomware" can cause computers and why it is essential to always have a backup of your data.

- ◆ He will also cover backing up your desktop, laptop, tablet and phone.
- ◆ Using mobile hard drives, USBs and the Cloud for backups.
- ◆ The various types of backups and the reason for each.



Meeting 20th April

Our Anzac Day commemoration

The Speaker for this Meeting will be

Noel Phelan

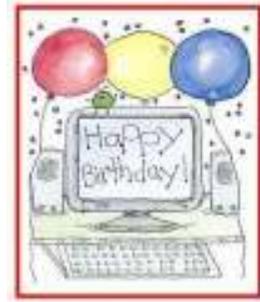
"HMAS SYDNEY II VS HSK KORMORAN"

Noel Phelan's first career was as a science and mathematics teacher. He then moved into IT with IBM where he spent 25 years in various technical and management positions. Noel has also been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for several years.



"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".



***Happy 16th Birthday
to our Computer Club***

Club closing at Easter

***A reminder to members that our
Computer Club will be closed on
Good Friday, 25th March and
Easter Monday, 28th March***

Reminders for Term 2 - 2016

HURRY.....

If you are interested in taking part in classes next term, please check the Timetable and put your name down in the Enrolment Book **at today's Meeting.**



Personal enrolments at the Club close on **Thursday, 24th March.**

After 24th March: For enquiries about classes and late enrolments, or if you find you cannot attend the Class in which you have enrolled; **please notify us a.s.a.p** by emailing the address below.

enrolcpe@gmail.com

APP OF THE MONTH
THE NEW LONELY PLANET GUIDES APP



Leave your travel books at home and download this new app instead. It features travel details for 38 cities around the world.

Each city guide is downloaded separately, so you don't end up with a mass of guides about places you're not visiting. Includes maps, places to see, eat, shop, events and accommodation. Also useful background information, landmarks and more.

Check out the Sydney guide, you will probably find things you never knew.

Even better, this is a free app for both Apple and Android users.

Scam Alert!

A HOAX email targeting internet users, claims they have received a subpoena from the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

"You are invited to the law court by the judge because of crime commitment."

The email has a link that asks them to download a case file. Clicking on the link goes to a webpage, downloads a virus which freezes all data files and demands a ransom to restore your data.

A similar hoax claims you have a traffic violation and asks you to make a claim if you believe it is incorrect.

DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON SUCH EMAILS.....DELETE THEM IMMEDIATELY!

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

The Theme for this Year...
"Grow Young"

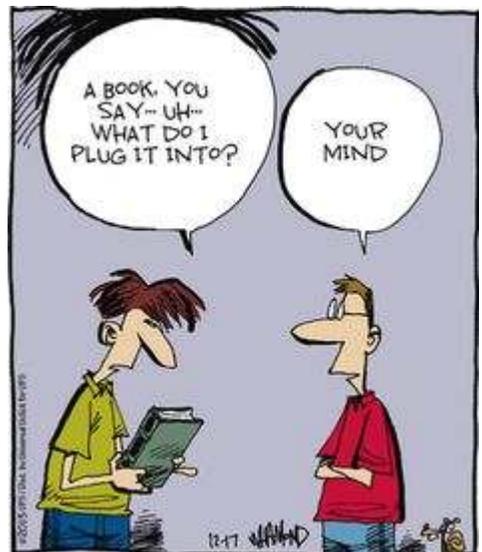
"Share the Shoebox Forum"
Friday, 8th April 2016
9.30am - 12.00 noon
280 Pitt Street, Sydney

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. It is essential to reserve your place for this Forum as it is sure to be a popular event.

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

www.ascca.org.au



Creative Writing Report

The topic **“White Elephant”** inspired a spirited tirade against “Age discrimination - the last frontier of discrimination” from our first writer. If “junior citizens” can learn to treat “the elderly” with respect and not as a nuisance, an old codger, an old biddy, a wrinkly, a fossil or a coffin-dodger; or collectively as white elephants, or a grey tsunami we “senior citizens” would not be feared as “a dangerous and destructive force bringing the world to disaster.” Instead, our experience, knowledge and dependability could be recognised as what it is; “A wonderful opportunity for everyone!”

Our second writer defended “elephants of any colour”. She wrote; I feel a duty to distance the large lumbering and lovable creatures from the flotsam and jetsam which the term ‘white elephant’ conjures up.” Although hesitant to pick on dinosaurs our author then suggested we might call all unwanted gifts, and objects “white dinosaurs” as we place them on the street in the hope that a neighbour will give them a home.



We were next given an insight about the way politicians, monarchs and others who clearly wanted to be remembered for the amazing structures they have brought into being have been responsible for “White Elephants” of all colours. Our writer mentioned the Great Wall of China and worked her way through many useless and extravagant structures finally arriving at the Eiffel Tower, and the Sydney Opera House.

The fourth author wrote of the dark days of the Second World War when Britain exchanged an island in the Caribbean and a series of lease payments with the United

States, for the use of its “white elephant” mothball fleet of leftover ships from World War 1. This writer then declared the council twice yearly cleanup of unwanted household items, to be a “white elephant” as it has never really solved the problem of rubbish disposal. He then finished his story by declaring his essay about white elephants “a load of old rubbish”!

We were distressed to discover that poor Buzz who was handed a promotion thanks to last month’s topic “What’s in a name” lost that opportunity because the department where he was to be sent was declared a “white elephant” and was disbanded to save money being wasted in duplication of work done by the various spy and government agencies. However, soon he was just glad to be back in England with the chance to plan his much anticipated marriage to Penny.

Our last story was an interesting comparison between the author’s experience of searching for a job in the days when she as a young legal stenographer, working with Pittman’s Shorthand and a “heavy as lead” typewriter and the first decade of the 20th century when her CV was “slashed” and all her skills were no longer appreciated or required. Her letters were not even answered and she admitted to feeling that she was indeed a “white elephant”. Sadly many people have had these experiences since Personnel Departments were called “Human Resources”.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 21st March** in the Foyer Room at 10.00am. The topic of **“A Neighbour”** could uncover some interesting tales. I hope that doesn’t mean Buzz and Penny will have to be married by a neighbour! Would you like to come along?

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography
Interest Group

“Potty Shadows”

March Photo of the Month
taken by
Dave Wardell

Topic: “Shadows”



Tips and Hints for Passwords - No. 2

DO make your password at least 8 characters long. The longer the better. Longer passwords are harder for thieves to crack. Ideally when choosing a password, include numbers, the occasional capital letter and symbols.

DON'T post your password in plain sight. This might seem obvious but studies have found that a lot of people post their passwords on their monitor with a sticky note. Bad idea. If you must write them down, hide the note somewhere where no one can find it!

Ref: <http://www.connectsafely.org/passwords>

Quote of the Month....

*“Man is the best computer we can put
aboard a spacecraft...
and the only one that can be mass
produced with unskilled labour”.*

~Werner von Braun

Our Club Welfare



Just a reminder that Helen Gardner is our Welfare Officer. 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 | Thur 24 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, 20TH APRIL 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, 21ST MARCH 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: **"A Neighbour"**

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

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 21ST MARCH 2016 at 1.30pm

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

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 will be 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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