

## Open Windows @ Epping



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### SUCCESSFUL ECC ARTS CRAFTS & RECREATION FAIR

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, every corner of every room in the Epping Creative Centre (ECC) was filled with very happy and enthusiastic people. Many were excited about displaying the arts and crafts that take them to the Centre regularly to enjoy

There were many visitors from the wider community and interested families of the members of the diverse groups who meet at the ECC. Our Computer Room has never seen such a prolonged period of activity, as our generous members greeted



the company of friends with like interests. A lovely spring day also complimented the beautiful surroundings at Dence Park.

and talked to a stream of interested guests and handed out Application Forms and Information sheets to curious seniors and

**CONTACT LIST**  
**Elected Management Committee**

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Brenda Horne	Secretary
Joan Tumminello	Treasurer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer
Lynton Bradford	Technical Officer/Webmaster

**Standing Committee**

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](mailto: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/](http://www.ascca.org.au/)**

their families. Although we had a good group of members to welcome and engage with the visitors, I think Brian Kelly must have shown almost every person who entered the room how to navigate our website. Barbara Ramsay spent a “slice” of her day running a crèche for a young boy who found her company and our computers much more fun than going with his mother to look at other displays.

Thank you to every member who helped in any way - you were all appreciated for showing an interest in the future of our club by promoting community interest and by showing your interest and enthusiasm.

It has been lovely to see the return for November of the Anzac Centenary Poppy Exhibition in the glass cabinets in the ECC

Foyer. It was a fitting welcome to visitors at the Arts and Craft Show and again showcased the diversity of the many craft and other groups and recognised once more, the sacrifices of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and all who fought for peace during that terrible time in history from 1914-1918.

The enrolment book for the first term in 2017 is now available. Add your name to the class of your choice. There is always something new to learn and we can always show you new ways to use that knowledge. We are planning a new “Share the Shoebox” course which will run for seven weeks and there will be a variety of other courses, long and short, to engage and interest **YOU**. It is time to enrol now!

Joan Craymer.

## **Précis of Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**



### **SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:**

Arnold Burling reported some minor problems with Windows 10 and also with Digital Imaging.

### **INSURANCE:**

The Liability Insurance for Computer Associations Officers has been renewed with Webster Hyde Heath.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

Speakers for Meetings February to May 2017 have been contacted by Patricia Beal. Some details to be followed up.

### **TRAINING:**

Short courses for the current term needing extra students, were publicised in the October Newsletter. There was a good response although at this stage, vacancies are still available. Help is needed to assist with the enrolments and class allocations for Term 1.

### **SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS**

Supplies were up to date. Brian Kelly to be advised if any other stationery or supplies are needed for next year.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Maureen McDonald reported the membership figure was 217. Some late renewals and fees still to be taken into account.

### **WEBSITE:**

The Club website is up to date with the latest information.

### **WELFARE REPORT:**

Helen Gardner sent the Welfare report of those members she had recently contacted and also forwarded the October Newsletter.

### **ASCCA:**

The ASCCA November Newsletter is available on their website for downloading.

The ASCCA Conference will be held next week on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November with an interesting range of speakers and also the announcement of 2017 competition winners at the AGM.

Two of our Club volunteers, Alan Craymer and Pamela Bell, won the lucky draw to attend the Conference.

### **EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE:**

The Art and Craft Recreation Fair Open Day held at the Epping Creative Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, was a very successful day. There was a good roll up of visitors, with all groups including our Computer Club, enjoying plenty of interest from those attending. The winner of the Lucky Door Prize of free Club membership, has been contacted.

Disappointment was expressed that there was no representation from Parramatta Council.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the Courses to be included in the Timetable for Term 1 2017, subject to the availability of our tutors. It was suggested that two new Courses, "Share the Shoebox" and "Using Legacy" be introduced. The Timetable and Enrolment Book will be prepared when classes and dates are confirmed and will be available at the November Meeting.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford  
from Minutes prepared by Brenda Horne*



## Today's Meeting

**“Discovering Lucy Osburn, the controversial founder of modern nursing in Australia”**



**Judith Godden** our Speaker for this Meeting, lives in Epping and is a freelance historian specialising in the history of healthcare.

*In 1868, Lucy Osburn and five other nurses arrived at Sydney Hospital. They had been sent out by Florence Nightingale at the request of Henry Parkes, to reform nursing in NSW. As an inexperienced nurse and an even more inexperienced manager, Lucy Osburn faced numerous obstacles and created others. Finally in 1871, Florence Nightingale repudiated her, privately writing that Lucy Osburn had failed. At this low point, Lucy Osburn proved her resilience and ultimately, that Florence Nightingale was wrong. In her talk, Judith outlines some of the reasons for Lucy Osburn's turbulent time in Sydney and finishes with a sample of one of her typically indiscreet letters.*

**Term 1 - 2017**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Course timetable and Class Enrolment Book for Term 1 2017, is available at today's Meeting for you to put your name down in the class of your choice. 

The Course timetable will have the dates and times of the different classes. Short courses are also available that start during Term 1 and, if you wish, can be taken as an extra class.

The Enrolment Book will also be available at our Christmas Luncheon on the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

After 14<sup>th</sup> December, late enrolments and other class enquiries must be directed to our special email enrolment address.....

[enrolcpe@gmail.com](mailto:enrolcpe@gmail.com)

## Thought for the Month



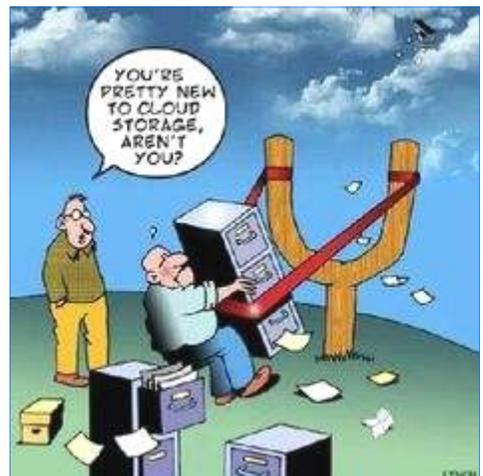
*“The Pessimist complains about the wind;*

*The Optimist expects it to change;*

*The Realist adjusts the sails”*

 **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Pamela Bell and Alan Craymer, our two volunteers who won the draw to attend the two day ASCCA Conference on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November.



# EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE ARTS CRAFTS & RECREATION FAIR

Thanks to Joan Craymer for these photos



## Christmas Luncheon



Wednesday,  
14<sup>th</sup> December

in the Ron Mathews Room of the Epping Creative Centre commencing at 12 noon.

Please turn to page 7 for all the details.

## 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.

## Trivia Time

- ◆ A red panda is an animal native to the Himalayas and south-western China. The English word for red panda is 'Firefox' which is where the browser gets its name from – so the Firefox logo is actually a red panda, not a fox!
- ◆ The very first Apple logo featured Sir Isaac Newton sitting underneath a tree, with an apple about to hit his head.
- ◆ CD's, or Compact discs read from the inside to the outside edge, which is the reverse of how records work.
- ◆ 86% of people try to plug in their USB devices upside down.

# Creative Writing Report

**“A Dark Time”** led our 1<sup>st</sup> writer to suggest that the **Dark Day** the Ford Motor Company of Australia closed its doors would be a **Dark Time** for the now jobless workers who will end up in the **Dark Place of Despair**. *“Another bad decision and another **Dark Day for Australia**”.*

In her story titled; **“A New Dark Age - or History Repeating Itself?”** the next writer began a rant through history from ancient to current times. Finally admitting confusion, she asked; *“Have education and science now rendered history invalid and useless?”*

Next we heard about a blackout in an 8 km European tunnel in 1977. This left the author stranded and terrified in the kitchen of a campervan, holding a boiling kettle and a hot cup of tea in in her hands. The total darkness made it unsafe to move at all.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> story was called; **“The Black Holes of Sleep”** and explored the dark time at night when the writer dreams up crazy situations which last for hours causing her to awake with *“huge relief”* in a state of exhaustion. Too many blankets appear to be one explanation for all this *“crazy activity during the night.”*

The story that followed enthralled us with its quiet telling of a **“Dark Night”** spent in the company of a rich and successful man, on a train going from Roma to Cairns. Our author wrote; *“We filled the next hours with the conversation hopping from one idea to another like a lost flea”.* What an adventure and what a shock when he finally told our writer he was blind, but said he could still tell she was *“ravishingly beautiful.”*

In 1975 our 6<sup>th</sup> writer gave birth to her third child. *“I woke up one morning feeling just like a zombie - I had lost my soul.”* This was a sensitive story of an era when such soul destroying depression was called *“the baby blues”*. Our writer’s *“Ascension from the Dark Time”* was a triumph of determination and shared love.

We were greatly moved by our next writer’s thoughts gathered over long years, while working in palliative care. She described that **“Dark Time”** of the death of a loved one with simple and beautiful empathy.

*“An ironic, though sadly tragic fact is that medical advance came as the result of major wars in our history”* wrote the 8<sup>th</sup> author who described the long **“Dark Age”** before a working knowledge of medicine gained through horrific carnage was able to benefit society and humanity.

The following story told the tragic tale of two brothers on the Western Front in 1917. *“Oh God - why all this useless slaughter?”* asked one brother on his first day of battle.

Finally we listened with compassion to the story of a wonderful sister nearing death and were glad that this **“Dark Time”** has been filled with family, love and caring, laughter and tears.” **Amen.**

**Next Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - when we will be: **“Looking Ahead”**. What a special time we enjoy each month as we write our stories at home and share them at the meeting? Why do you keep missing out? We will be looking out for you!

- Joan Craymer



*You're invited to our*  
**Christmas Luncheon**

*On Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016  
in the Ron Mathews Room starting at 12 noon*

*Come along and celebrate the end of our year  
and enjoy great food, fun and friendship!*

*Please bring a plate of festive food - nothing hot please,  
as we lack the facilities to heat food.*

*Drinks will be available.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

*Please wear your name badge*



Digital Photography Interest Group

"Inside the Stretch Limo"

November Photo of the Month taken by Roy Ridley

Topic: "Light"

*Inside a stretch Limo, taken from near the rear, drinks cabinet on the right, and all those flashing lights testing your eyes.*

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

	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 4			Mon 10 Oct - Fri 9 Dec	9
2017 Term 1	Mon 14 Nov	TBA	Mon 6 Feb - Fri 7 Apl	9



*Christmas-end-of-Year Luncheon  
Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2016*

**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

**Come along ~ these Interest Groups are open to all members**

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

**Creative Writers' Group**

**MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 at 10.00am**

Topic: **"Looking Ahead"**

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

**Digital Photography Interest Group**

**MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 at 1.30pm**

Topic: **"Open (Whatever you Choose)"**

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

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, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016 at 9.30 am**

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

**Android Tablets & Android Phones  
Special Interest Group**

**(NO INTEREST GROUP ~ TERM BREAK)**

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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