



Open Windows @ Epping

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“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself ...”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thankyou

**To each of our
willing and generous
Epping Computer
Club Volunteers**









As I sat down to write this report for our **Open Windows @ Epping Newsletter** I realised that this week is set aside to celebrate **National Volunteer Week**. Our Epping Computer Club has been run entirely by volunteers for more than 17 years and our generous members are just a small sample of the more than six million Australians who contribute to their communities as volunteers each year.

Although there have been many extensive and well documented scientific studies that confirm the benefits of volunteering, the therapeutic benefits of helping others are really easy to believe when you look around at one of our Epping classes in progress.

The truth of the claim on the Volunteering

Website that; *“Volunteering makes most of us healthier and happier and allows us to boost our sense of achievement, expand our social networks and learn new skills, while giving back”*, is obvious to those of us who love to give what we can, back to the society we value so much.

Some of the many benefits listed on the Volunteering Website suggest you will:

-  gain new skills and knowledge
-  enjoy a sense of achievement and fulfilment
-  develop personally and boost self esteem
-  enjoy better physical and mental health
-  connect to and better understand your community
-  meet new people and make new friends.

I can personally confirm that all of those claims have been fulfilled during my 17 year association with the wonderful, friendly members of Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc.

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**



This would be a very good time for any of our members who have perhaps been wondering if they too could join our volunteer team and give themselves all those great benefits which cannot be bought, or found in any medication available - to be

assured - **NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME!**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered with us and a warm welcome to anyone new who would like to volunteer and join our happy team. You are needed now!

Joan Craymer

Précis of Committee Meeting 5th May 2016



Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold Burling advised that some computers will run slow at certain times if updates for Windows 10 are coming through. He deferred updates but this does not appear to stop updates. Windows 10 start-up problems will hopefully be fixed over the next few months.

General Meetings:

A member has passed on information and brochures of possible speakers. This will be followed up by Patricia Beal on her return.

Training:

Maureen McDonald advised that students are still being added to classes.

Barry McLeod will pass on his notes for the Excel class which will be conducted by Alan Craymer. Barry will assist if needed.

Jeanette Masih is to help Barbara Ramsay in the Friday Word class.

Website:

Lynton Bradford reported the Club website is all up to date.

Membership:

Total membership is 269. Maureen McDonald advised that this number does not include new members for Term 2.

Supplies/Replacements:

Brian Kelly was asked to order new folders and envelopes which were needed; also pens to be added to the next Officeworks order. Efforts to find an assistant for Brian are still being investigated.

Welfare Report:

Helen Gardner provided a report by email of those members she had contacted over the past month.

Newsletter

In the coming Newsletter, Gwen Bradford will advertise Colin Maskill's upcoming Genealogy Workshop which is to be offered to all members. There is a list in the computer room for members to apply for this workshop.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for May is now online and members will be advised of this by email.

Notice of Motion

Now the gmail problem apparently has been fixed, the Notice of Motion will be sent out in the next week and letters posted to those members without email addresses as soon as possible.

General Business:

- ◇ Letter to be sent to Ian Gemmell thanking him for being Public Officer since 2008.
- ◇ Letters to TPG and Telstra to be delivered to Telstra by Maureen McDonald during the coming week so that hopefully Telstra will negotiate directly with TPG.

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



Today's Meeting

Our Speaker at today's 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 as a chef 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!!

Meeting - 15th June

The Speaker at our June 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 can assist 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.*



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

is held across Australia in May each year, organised by the Cancer Council of Australia as a fund raiser.

As in previous years, our Computer Club will be supporting this event and we are hosting our own BMT at today's Meeting. We hope you enjoy the special morning tea that our generous volunteers have provided.

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.



Term 3 2016

Although Term 2 is still underway, your Committee and Tutors have started planning classes for Term 3.

Members will be advised when enrolments will start at the end of this month, with a timetable available prior to this date for you to select your class. There will also be an opportunity for you to enrol in vacancies at our General Meeting on **15th June**.



Please carefully read the Course Description sheets and prerequisites for enrolling in a class before putting your name down.

Date for your Diary

GENEALOGY

Colin Maskill will host a one-off
Genealogy Workshop on
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 on the list on the back of the door
just inside the Training room.

ASCCA Competitions 2016

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

Quote of the Month.....

“I hate it when you can’t figure out how to
operate your iPad and the resident
tech expert is asleep....
because he’s 5 years old and it’s past
his bedtime”
.....Anonymous (naturally!!)

Trivia Time

The majority of computer users blink 7 times
per minute at most, compared to the normal
blink rate of 20 blinks per minute.

The home of Bill Gates was designed with
the use of a Macintosh Computer.

Apple, Microsoft, HP, and Google are all IT
applications that started development in a
garage.

The first webcam was deployed at
Cambridge University computer lab – its
sole purpose was to *monitor a particular
coffee maker* and hence avoid wasted trips
to an empty pot!

*The above information was accessed from
various Google “Did you Know” computer
sites.*



**GIVE HAPPY
LIVE HAPPY**

With National Volunteer
Week held during this
month, we take this opportunity to say
thank you to all our wonderful volunteers
who commit their time to our Computer
Club in so many ways.

Thank You!!



Creative Writing Report



“What a Win!” Surprisingly, we heard of an actual three million dollar Queensland Art Union win - a chance for financial relief for a woman whose life had been one huge struggle after being abandoned by her husband, raising her children alone, then having to take on the raising of two grandchildren. Her love, hard work and courage did not stop after that “lucky” win.

The first big win for our next writer’s family was their survival in the heavily bombed German WW2 camp at Wilhelmshaven, but the greatest win was the humane treatment by the democratic governments of the Allied countries who did not return them to Soviet Russia and the waiting hands of Stalin. Although their hearts still loved Ukraine, they were eternally grateful for the “win” and the “good luck” that Australia offered.

“I have never seen the point of being the fastest, or the strongest etc in sporting events,” wrote our next author as she noted the great performance of skater Steven Bradbury in remaining upright and winning an Olympic Gold Medal. Her own most memorable win was third place in a cooking competition, which she entered as a new bride who coveted the first prize of a beautiful stove. The set of kitchen utensils she did win are still in daily use.

Next we heard from a writer who claimed to have a completely non-competitive spirit that did not reflect well when her daughter showed great talent at swimming. Luckily her “over competitive parents” stepped up as the support team. Her father enjoyed a “flutter” on the horses, but our writer declared, even a win on the horses or a

“poky” payout at the club to be “DISTURBINGLY BORING”!

“Winners are Grinners” announced the next author who first told us that Lady Luck had deserted him since the day he had won the sack race and the egg and spoon race at his kindergarten sports day. He concluded his life has been good, with a steady job and a wonderful family and believes that he has every reason to be a “grinner”.

Our next writer attributed her lack of winning experiences to her aversion to exercise, sport or any competitive events. However one bizarre event saw her presented with a box of chocolates after a strange decision to test the IQ of all employees and the even stranger decision to reveal the name of the person with the highest score. This “win” by the lowliest female employee, did not endear her to the manager and was never mentioned again.

We heard a touching story about the courage of a young priest and a pious child during the dark years of the First World War in the Italian Alps. In a win for humanity, this child grew up to become a much loved Parish Priest .

Just as our favourite spy Buzz and his fiancé Penny had a “win” in discovering “M” was a marriage celebrant and could perform the perfect wedding on the 26th March and they could then “escape” to Sydney, terrorism struck again in Belgium!

Next Meeting Monday 30th May - You are welcome to join us. The topic for this meeting will be: **“A Funny Story”**.

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography
Interest Group

“A French Wedding at
Bayeux Cathedral”

May Photo of the Month
taken by Joan Craymer

Topic: “Clothing”

*The clothing and stature of
the men in the bridal party
somewhat
overshadows the petite
bride.*



Bayeux Cathedral (*Cathédrale Notre Dame de Bayeux*) was consecrated on 14th July 1077 in the presence of William, Duke of Normandy and King of England.

A warm welcome to our newest Computer Pals
who have joined our Club for Term 2.



Graham Conden
Frederick Hood
Margaret Leivesley
Gloria McGrath
Nicholas Paratsoukidis

Vince Sammartano
Ann Shepherd
Kate So
Joan Tumminello
Monica Williams

Visit our Website

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. Visit the site and keep informed at.....www.cpepping.net.au

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 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, 15TH JUNE 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, 30th MAY 2016 at 10.00am

Topic: **"A Funny Story"**

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

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 30th MAY 2016 at 1.30pm

Topic: **"People" - Portrait or Candid**

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, 7th JUNE 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Dave Wardell)

Android Tablets & Android Phones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 14th JUNE 2016 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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