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I remember the emotion of travelling through France in 2011 and stopping dozens of times to enjoy the sight of Flanders Poppies growing on the edges of the road and in fields of ripe crops which would soon be ready for harvesting.

Many times my thoughts ran on to imagine the harvesting machines which would soon be thundering along and carelessly destroying these little miracles; a much loved symbol of the sacrifices of men and women who served in those far off tragic wars. These tiny miracle flowers, soon to fall to the harvesting machines, became symbolic of the ruthless cutting off of the hopes and dreams of all those who lie buried in the War Cemeteries scattered all too liberally in the surrounding landscapes.

How much the world has changed since the dawn of the 20th century when the families of soldiers killed or “missing” in the Boer War, First World War and to a lesser degree, the Second World War, waited in vain for years in the hope of news of their children, husbands, siblings and other family members. The Archives show that

the records were meticulously kept, but the ability to act quickly upon each clue and collect and collate all the information available did not yet exist. From my own exploration of the copious records it is clear that the Red Cross had often already interviewed and recorded the testimonies of eye witnesses tracked down in hospitals or now moved on to other battlefields. Lists of people taken as prisoners of war had been exchanged and Identity Discs removed from deceased soldiers, often hurriedly buried with no grave markings, had also been passed on. Yet sadly, some of the grieving families continued to write heart-wrenching letters for years.

In contrast, today there are almost unbelievable opportunities to uncover minute details, thanks to the hordes of people who have almost forensically examined records in many languages, translated and digitally recorded them and made them accessible to descendants and historians alike. Other researchers have checked for next of kin and poured over genealogical records and combined all these methods with new techniques like

CONTACT LIST

Elected Management Committee

Joan Craymer	President
Patricia Beal	Vice-President /Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
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Brian Kelly	Supplies Officer
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Special Interest Groups

Creative Writing.....Joan Craymer **Photography**.....Patricia Beal

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DNA testing, with amazing results. The identification of the “Lost soldiers of Fromelles” is indeed a perfect example of the results of all this kind of international collaboration and the availability of reliable new sciences and technologies.

All the various records show that Alan’s grandfather died in the explosion of a mortar dump during an enemy raid at a place referred to as Cowgate, at the end of January 1917. Our daughter Rosemary, who is currently on an Anzac “pilgrimage” in France, has always felt a strong “need” to find the exact spot where this tragedy happened. After being interested in and sharing my research she has “uncovered” various army maps and diaries on the internet and she also visited the **“Spirit of**

Anzac Centenary Experience” when it was in Fremantle. While there she was given useful leads and contacts for experts who were very generous in sharing their knowledge - so soon Rosemary was sent a Google Map with a PIN marking the exact spot - and with detailed instructions so she can, “Sit in the old front line where Cowgate was”, close to Anzac Day.

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience <http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/> will be on in Darling Harbour in Sydney, from 15-27 April and although it is free we have been advised to book. It is a Centenary “gift” from the Australian Government and the Australian War Memorial and is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and Telstra.
Joan Craymer.

Précis of Committee Meeting 6TH April 2017



SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Arnold Burling reported that computers are working well although there have been some minor problems with Windows 10. Computers will be cleaned and updated during the term break. Also a new Epson printer has been purchased.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Thanks to Patricia Beal who has now arranged Speakers up to August. Some interesting topics will be coming up at future Meetings.

TRAINING:

An update was given of the enrolments so far for Term 2. Several classes are low in numbers and we are hoping more members will enrol at the April Meeting when the enrolment book will again be available.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS

We thank Barry McLeod who has agreed to take on the position of Supplies Officer. He will arrange to liaise with Brian Kelly. A letter to be sent to Brian on behalf of the Committee, expressing their thanks for his dedicated work as Supplies Officer over many years.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our latest membership numbers show a total of 227.

WELFARE REPORT:

The Welfare report sent by Helen Gardner was discussed by the Committee.

CLUB WEBSITE:

Jeanette Masih has the website up to date. The Term 2 timetable is included for the benefit of members still wishing to enrol in the coming term commencing on 1st May.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for April is now available. Roy Ridley will be emailing the details to members for downloading the Newsletter.

Also included this month, are the topics for Digital Photography and Creative Writing for the 2017 ASCCA competitions along with other interesting reading.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ The Committee is seeking an Auditor to conduct the audit of our accounts for the current financial year. Suggestions would be appreciated as soon as possible.
- ◆ Details for our Anzac commemoration at the April Meeting were discussed. Thanks to the ladies who will be providing Anzac biscuits for morning tea.
- ◆ May General Meeting is the *Biggest Morning Tea* in aid of the Cancer Council. Thanks to Brenda Horne who is willing to follow this up and be the contact. Further discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- ◆ The Committee discussed various aspects of the successful iPad Courses and there was also a suggestion to consider running a “Samsung” Android Tablet/Phone Course. An appeal will be made to members for anyone who is able to run such a course or a complete general android course.

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

Today's Meeting

Our Anzac Day commemoration

The Speaker is: **Noel Phelan**
and his Talk will be about...
**"Heroic Men and Fighting
Ships"**

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.



Meeting - 17th May

Patrick Dodd

will be our Speaker at this Meeting
with his presentation
**"John Macarthur
Visionary or Villain"**



Macarthur is remembered by most people for laying the foundations of the great Australian wool industry. In fact he spent so much time away from home fighting Governors and facing a court martial in England, his practical achievements owe a very great deal to the persistence and loyalty of his wife and sons. He was a complex character. Some saw him as scheming and devious with disdain for any official who dared to thwart his ambitions.

Others saw him as a brilliant publicist and organiser who did much to focus and promote attention to the potential of the colony.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

is held across Australia in May each year, organised by the Cancer Council of Australia as a fund raiser. Each year, our Computer Club has supported this event and this year we will again be hosting our own **BMT** at the next monthly meeting at 10.00 a.m. on....

WEDNESDAY, 17th MAY

Please come along and enjoy the special morning tea that our generous volunteers are providing.

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.



AUDITOR REQUIRED

Our Club is seeking an Auditor to conduct the audit of our Club Accounts for the current financial year.

If any member of our Club can help with this or know of someone who may be interested, please let us know.

Please consider this matter as urgent as we would like to make contact as soon as possible to discuss our financial records.

REMINDERS FOR TERM 2 2017

With our term break soon coming to an end, we hope our members are all ready for Term 2 commencing on

Monday, 1st May.

The Course timetable and Enrolment book will be available again at today's Meeting for any late enrolments.

Important: *If you have enrolled in any of our classes, please check you have made a note of the date and time of your first class. Also make sure you bring the correct Course fee for inclusion in the envelope you will be given on the first day of class.*

For a prompt reply, all enquiries or other messages from members about Term 2 classes should only be directed to our special enrolment gmail address.....

enrolcpe@gmail.com



Our Club Welfare



Helen Gardner is our Welfare Officer who does a wonderful job of contacting our members. Please let Helen know if you are aware of a member, who for any reason, would welcome a card or friendly phone call from our Club. Details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Printer Tips & Hints

Ink jet printers all carry a risk of print head clogging. These are some of the ways to reduce this risk.....

- ◆ When changing cartridges, don't leave the top up and print heads in the reloading position longer than necessary. Have the new cartridges ready to change.
- ◆ Switch off at the printer switch, not the power point. This ensures the printer has **parked the heads**.
- ◆ Some printers are meant to be left on, others to be switched off when not in use. Check the user guide.
- ◆ Always use ink or cartridges **to match your printer**, not general purpose types. There are considerable differences in various ink formulae.



Comment

“Remember when people had diaries and got mad when someone read them?”

Now they put everything online and get mad when people don't.”



Ack: ViralSlot on Facebook

Creative Writing Report

Well we certainly proved that everyone's journey is different - but - "**It is the Journey that Matters**". Our first journey was a ski trip to Norway in 1961 as part of the writer's working trip and grand European tour. We were not surprised that even then our friend was a kind sensitive young woman who very quickly volunteered to accompany a young English school boy who had taken ill while skiing, on the first part of his repatriation journey home.

Next we shared a magical journey; "Climbing higher and higher, landscape escarpments shrouded in canopies of will o' the wisp mist, jackets of then even heavier rain clouds. That mystic touch of the senses that accompanies it, no sound, the eeriness hush, dampness of air lightly touching the skin ... and a loud clunk!"

Then a journey through life from first breath to last - but - "*One might live in the hope that our last breath is not the end to our life.*" Our writer posed some deep questions then concluded; "*It IS the journey that matters because it is only the journey (of life) that we can influence.*"

Our next journey to share time with a dying sister was interrupted by a delayed flight - such unexpected kindness - being guided off the delayed plane and taken to the next step of the journey where amazingly this plane had been held back for 10 minutes. What unexpected corporate compassion!

A seemingly doomed camping trip to Darwin in 1980 with three children tested a husband's temper and a mother's diplomacy - and that was **before** the

broken axle! Finally arrival at Ayer's Rock and the sister who was coming from Alice Springs to share the holiday was nowhere to be seen. Yet this disastrous journey brought this little family closer together and has remained important in the family story.

We felt privileged to hear the interesting and unusually zigzagging path taken by the spouse of one of our writers on the "life journey". Born in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) with Irish and Scottish parents, the path of life then led to study in several countries, trips around the world, work in many countries and cities and varied life adventures. Fortunately for our writer fate arranged a meeting of the pair eventually.



On arriving in West Drayton, our next traveller realised; "The joys of the journey always outweigh any disappointments with the destination." On an exciting quest for an elusive village with a pretty church and Kentish oast houses, the journey culminated with a warm welcome into the church of St. Margaret at Horsmonden where the vicar lifted the carpet to reveal a "secret" brass memorial.

So many journeys and each was unique and mattered to each writer in some special way. How fortunate we are to be able to meet each month after the satisfaction of challenging ourselves to write and share our interpretations of the chosen topic.

Next Meeting - Monday 1st May. The topic will be "**His/Her face broke into a big smile**". We meet at 10.00 am in the Foyer Room and everyone is welcome

- Joan Craymer

Digital Photography Interest Group

April Photo of the Month taken by
Helen Gardner

“Shove Off!!”

Topic:
“Manmade/Landscape”

*This intriguing ‘ball shape’ image
of rusty shovels was taken by
Helen on a recent trip to
Jindabyne.*



ASCCA 2017 Competitions

The topics for Digital Photography and Creative Writing have just been announced for the 2017 ASCCA Competitions .

Check page 1 of the ASCCA April Newsletter on their website.

www.ascca.org.au

Invention of Spread Spectrum Technology



Although better known for her Silver Screen exploits, Austrian actress Hedy Lamarr became a pioneer in the field of wireless communications following her emigration to the United States. The international beauty icon, along with co-inventor George Anthiel, developed a "Secret Communications System" to help combat the Nazis in World War II. By manipulating radio frequencies at irregular intervals between transmission and reception, the invention formed an unbreakable code to prevent classified messages from being intercepted by enemy personnel.

Lamarr and Anthiel received a patent in 1941, but the enormous significance of their invention was not realized until decades later. It was first implemented on naval ships during the Cuban Missile Crisis and subsequently emerged in numerous military applications.

The "spread spectrum" technology that Lamarr helped to invent, would galvanize the digital communications boom, forming the technical backbone that makes cellular phones, fax machines and other wireless operations possible.

Ref: www.women-inventors.com/Hedy-Lamarr.asp

Dates to Note in 2017.....add to your diary now

2017	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 2	Wed 15 Mar	TBA	Mon 1 May - Fri 30 Jun	9
Term 3	TBA		Mon 24 Jul - Fri 22 Sep	9
Term 4	TBA		Mon 9 Oct - Fri 8 Dec	9

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY 2017 at 10.00 AM

All members are welcome to join any of these Interest Groups

The following Meetings are held in the

Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

MONDAY, 1st MAY 2017 at 10.00am

Topic: *"His/Her face broke into a big smile"*

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

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 1st MAY 2017 at 1.30pm

Topic: *"Flowers / Gardens"*

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

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 2nd MAY 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 9th MAY 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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