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Happy 2017

A very Happy New Year to all our Computer Pals at Epping. I do hope the rest of 2017 does not rush by as quickly as January and the first half of February have already vanished.

Your hard-working Computer Club Committee, Trainers and other generous volunteers have already been back to work preparing for another happy year of learning and sharing. Early in February, a special joint meeting of the tutors and helpers and the Management and Standing Committees was held to discuss our goals and the tactics to be adopted by the whole volunteer team, in order to keep this wonderful Computer Club running smoothly and happily - while keeping everything we do relevant to the changes in society and technology.

Arnold Burling and Colin Maskill have cleaned and updated the computers to suit the needs of the tutors and have taken great care with the security and "health" of each computer. The tutors have worked on lessons and printed and practised their

lessons so all will run smoothly for the students. Maureen McDonald has seen to the placing of students in the classes they want, invited and prepared our new members to join the club and the classes that most suit their needs. All our other committee members and volunteers have kept everything running along quietly and smoothly during the long break and I would like to thank every single volunteer on your behalf for getting us off to a really good start for Term 1.

Did you all know that every single volunteer pays exactly the same Annual Subscription as YOU do?

Perhaps some of our newer members are not aware there is a **Mission Statement** which was proposed by the Management Committee and adopted by this Club in 2004; *"To consider the best interests of the entire membership and create a pleasant and non threatening learning environment, for learning for each person to the extent that they require, or are able to achieve."* I do hope that every member

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

**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**

will make the most of all the opportunities which will be made available as we move into our 18th year of helping our peers to feel comfortable with, and benefit from, computer technologies.

I would love you to make a point of coming along regularly to our Monthly General Meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am. Our meetings are always informal and very happy - and not only do we have the opportunity of hearing the excellent speakers that Patricia Beal invites to entertain and inform us - we also get to know new people and enjoy the whole social experience.

It would be helpful if every member could consider and commit to involvement and interest in the concepts and goals of

Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc. We need people willing to accept and pass on "the baton" as the need arises, to ensure the continuing success of this much loved social enterprise.

I don't want to reveal too many secrets, but I know for a fact some of our members who have been volunteering for almost all of our club's 17 years are more than 85 years old. Out of respect for our members they keep going; so out of respect for them would you please look beyond your own needs and give back to our community?

I can guarantee you will be blessed beyond any expectation with friendship and appreciation - and you too will continue to learn.

Joan Craymer.

Précis of Committee Meeting 2nd February 2017



OPEN SESSION:

Trainers and helpers were invited to a joint session with the Committee before the usual meeting. The aim was to encourage discussion relevant to the continuing success of our club, and ways forward for the future.

SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Thanks to Arnold Burling (our technical genius) and Colin Maskill for all their hard work during the recent break.

- ♦ Arnold to purchase a new printer when the old one runs out of cartridges.
- ♦ The problem with Digital Image 9 has been solved.
- ♦ There is now a new power board at the front of the trainer's desk.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Patricia Beal confirmed that Speakers for the monthly meetings have been arranged up to May.

TRAINING:

Thanks to Maureen McDonald for organising the program and classes for Term 1. There are 80 enrolments to date.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS

Thanks to Brian Kelly, stationery and other supplies are up to date.

MEMBERSHIP:

The latest membership numbers reported by Maureen McDonald show a total of 213.

INSURANCE:

The Treasurer has renewed our latest Computer Club Insurance Policy with Webster Hyde Heath.

WEBSITE:

Our award winning Photos and Stories from the 2016 ASCCA competitions need to be added to our website.

WELFARE REPORT:

Report from Helen Gardner received and her efforts in contacting all on the list by phone before Christmas was really appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Many thanks go to Marion Hope and all the ladies who did such a great job in preparing for the party, with the help of other members who also helped in many ways.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Trainers meeting with the Committee was a success and will be repeated once per term.

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



Famous Quotes

*"The secret of creativity is knowing
how to hide your sources"*

.....Albert Einstein

Today's Meeting

The Speaker for the our first Meeting of the year will be

Graham Sims

Graham will be talking to us about

“The Eternity Man”

Arthur Stace

“A Great and Inspiring Story”

Meeting - 15th March

Michael McFadyen

is to be our Speaker at this Meeting with the fascinating subject of

“Shipwrecks beneath Sydney Waters”



A warm welcome to our newest Computer Pals who have joined our Club for Term 1.

Blanca Bartoni

Sandra Clancy

Rosa Conn

Marion Gleeson

Irene Maier

Fay Monk

Narelle Sharpe

Ruth Williams

Seeking Help for a Computer Problem?

It is now more important than ever to have your details recorded. You need this information regardless of how you seek help.

Details of your service providers, such as ISP, Bank, Centrelink, Gmail, iTunes etc. Make sure you have your user names, passwords, secret questions, phone numbers etc. This also applies to any programs or hardware you have purchased. Keep copies of registration details, program keys etc.

N.S.W. SENIORS FESTIVAL **3rd MARCH - 12th MARCH 2017**

The Theme for this Year...
“Let's do more together”

ASCCA “Let's Communicate” Forum
Thursday, 9th March 2017
9.30am - 12.00 noon
Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney

ASCCA has announced this special **NSW Seniors Festival Forum for 2017**. You will be welcomed with morning tea after which the Forum will explore the fun possibilities of communication across the world and about possibilities seniors may not have considered. Again, you can look forward to an excellent “How To” handout after the Forum.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - 9286 3871

*The above information is courtesy of the
ASCCA February Newsletter*

**Also see the March ASCCA Newsletter or
check with their website for the details.**

**MEMORIES OF OUR
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2016**



Arnold and Barry chatting at the Bar



A happy group enjoying lunch



Bill, Roy and Ted
“Secret Men’s Business?”

**APP OF THE MONTH
“EMERGENCY PLUS”**



This extremely useful app provides one touch dialling of 000, Police and SES. Also shows your current position in latitude and longitude to within 10 metres. Also the street name if available.

A second page has contacts for...
 Crimestoppers
 Healthdirect
 National Relay Service (Hearing Impaired)
 National Security Hotline
 Poisons Information

The Emergency+ app is a free app developed by Australia’s emergency services and their Government and industry partners. The app uses GPS functionality built into smartphones to capture critical caller location details required to mobilise emergency crews.



Creative Writing Report

In 1960 **“A Snap Decision”** to visit a Knightsbridge hairdresser before attending a Buckingham Palace Garden Party cost our travelling writer an entire week’s salary. Her “straight mouse locks” looked FABULOUS and her mother declared after seeing the photos, *“Worth every penny of it dear.”* Our writer agreed wholeheartedly!

Our 2nd writer told of the wartime ordeals and bombings his parents suffered in Britain. Despite being warned about Australia’s snakes, spiders and heat, dry dunnies and dusty roads the decision was made to accept sponsorship from the West Toowoomba Rotary Club. A hard decision to be made in a hurry - but our writer is very glad they made the “right” decision.

The next story was about our writer’s boss who said; *“One advantage of being the boss is I can take as long as I like to make a “snap decision”.* One Monday morning the boss did not turn up for work and eventually it was discovered he had finally made a “snap decision” and run off with his best friend’s wife.

Our 4th story bemoaned the fact that high management never listen to their employees and take many years to make a decision. She wrote in a moving way about the Granville train disaster of 1977 and speculated on the grief that would have been spared if a “snap decision” had been made by the bosses, to listen to the drivers who had reported there was a fault with one of the train’s wheels.

In 1964 the honeymooning “Innocents Abroad” moved randomly across Europe

making “snap decisions” on the run. They accidentally came upon some of the great palaces or places of significance or beauty but always enjoyed everything they did, including their first encounter with a squirrel at the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.

A “snap decision” to talk to a visitor at church was out of character for the 6th writer who always thinks things through carefully. However it led to a three year friendship full of life’s magic and serendipity.

The sad tale of a “snap decision” to buy two new mobile phones because of the shutdown of the old 2G network caused great hilarity, as the 7th writer described her frustration and the refusal of herself and her husband to lose all security and privacy .

At just three years old our next writer took matters into her own hands to send a message of unhappiness and loneliness to her grandmother who had taken the little country girl to Sydney for endless shopping trips while her father was away at war. She hid in some bushes to attract attention and this clever ploy certainly worked very well. Soon she was taken home to her mother.

Our last writer told of three “snap decisions” which had been very important for her path in life. She cleverly likened these decisions to choosing the right key to open the right door at the right time in her life.

Next Meeting - Monday 6th March. The topic is **“The Reunion”**. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at 10.00 am in the Foyer Room.

- Joan Craymer



*Digital Photography Interest Group
"Port Jackson"
February Photo of the Month taken by Dave Wardell
Topic: "My Sydney"*

First Hand Held Mobile Phone

Prior to 1973, mobile telephony was limited to phones installed in cars and other vehicles. Motorola was the first company to produce a handheld mobile phone.



On 3rd April 1973, Martin Cooper, a Motorola researcher and executive, made the first mobile telephone call from handheld subscriber equipment, placing a call to Dr. Joel S. Engel, head of research at Bell Labs, his rival.

The prototype handheld phone used by Dr. Cooper weighed 1.1 kg and measured 23 cm long, 13 cm deep and 4.45 cm wide.

The prototype offered a talk time of just 30 minutes and took 10 hours to re-charge.

.....Ref: *Internet Wikipedia*

Visit Website

Please 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. This information is updated regularly for the benefit of our members. Visit the site and keep informed at.....

www.cpepping.net.au

Our Club Welfare



Helen Gardner is our Welfare Officer. If you know of any member who is unwell, or for any reason would welcome a card or friendly phone call from our Club, Helen's details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

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

2017	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 1			Mon 6 Feb - Fri 7 Apr	9
Term 2	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, 15TH MARCH 2017 AT 10.00 AM

How about joining one of these Interest Groups in 2017!

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

MONDAY, 6th MARCH 2017 at 10.00am

Topic: *"The Reunion"*

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

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 6th MARCH 2017 at 1.30pm

Topic: *"People/Portraits"*

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 MARCH 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones

Special Interest Group

TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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