

# Open Windows @ Epping



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Change can be complex!

TALK about what you want!

Your volunteer Committee has always very carefully considered and acted upon the needs and wishes of all members of Computer Pals for Seniors - Epping Inc since the beginning of the Club in March 2000. We have tried hard to keep up with changing trends and needs - and with the generous help of our technical volunteers, have regularly updated our equipment.

We have encouraged our enthusiastic volunteer tutors to attend outside training courses at the club's expense to enable timely expansion and improvement in the courses on offer. Our excellent volunteer tutors and assistants have challenged themselves to always bring the benefits of computer understanding and use into the daily lives of our members, ensuring they will not feel marginalized in society.

Many of us have watched in wonder and amazement as the world has taken up and embraced the many facets of computer technology at a lightning speed; unforeseen even by the experts behind many of these remarkable innovations.

At the end of June 2016 the Club's total membership was 279 and at the May 2017

Committee Meeting it was reported to stand at 236 with no waiting list. So it is disappointing to note that term two has started with the smallest number of students in classes since the earliest days.

This prompted me to look back at the CPE Annual Report of 2006 when the financial year started with 376 members and ended with 420 and a waiting list of 100. Although membership has gradually decreased, it is the lack of participation in classes or interest in attending our Monthly General Meetings that is perhaps most concerning.

Some of the reasons for this falling off in general interest or lack of involvement are obvious, but are we missing something here? We want to know from **YOU** what it is that we can provide at CPE to engage and interest **YOU** in these changing times.

Many of our resources have rightly been turned towards the popularity and convenience of using tablets and smart phones. In this we have been fortunate to have an eager team of volunteers led by Maureen McDonald and Dave Wardell who have created great interest and provided good tuition and a "fun"

**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**

Gwen Bradford	Newsletter Editor
Jeanette Masih	Website Editor
Barry McLeod	Supplies Officer/...
.....	Assets Registrar

**Special Interest Groups**

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

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

environment. However, we have yet to find a person to lead a group, potentially as large, who are just as eager to learn more about their android tablets and phones. **CAN YOU HELP?** There are resources like a **Samsung Tablet** and well written lessons already waiting for **YOU**. In addition we can provide extra training through ASCCA. Please talk to me about this wonderful opportunity. You always learn much more when you teach others!

There is much enthusiasm for Daphne O'Donnell and her team's advanced computer classes in all things creative like cards, photo books and calendars, with tips to improve your photos for inclusion in these projects. Yet there is no doubt a more comprehensive basic knowledge makes these classes even more fun and

provides students with greater satisfaction.

Colin Maskill looks for new ways to engage members with courses like Windows 8.1, Windows 10 and he continues to offer Genealogy Classes and others. His current "Exploring Your Computer" Course has evolved because it became obvious that people who move on from using computers at work benefit from exploring and learning lots of things about how to manage and enjoy working on your own computer and avoiding difficulties.

We have keen volunteers waiting to continue to help you learn and we always welcome new volunteers with open arms. **Please talk to us! What would you like to learn about? What could you teach?**

Joan Craymer.

## Précis of Committee Meeting 4<sup>TH</sup> May 2017



### SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Thanks to Arnold Burling and Colin Maskill for spending the term break cleaning and updating the computers. Two computers needed a major overhaul. Printers are working well.

### GENERAL MEETINGS:

As previously confirmed, speakers have been arranged up to the August Meeting. Joan Craymer spoke of a member from the writing group who has written a book and would be willing to talk about her story.

### TRAINING:

A member is needed to relieve Maureen of the organisation of class enrolments each term. Several classes for Term 2 have had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. The Committee discussed future short courses or workshops that could interest members. Possibly expanding parts of the iPad class and introducing an Android class for tablets and phones were mentioned.

### SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS

Supplies are all up to date. Barry McLeod has taken over this job from Brian Kelly but will need to access the Officeworks account.

### MEMBERSHIP:

Total membership is 227. This number does not include the 9 new members for Term 2.

### CLUB WEBSITE:

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

### CLUB NEWSLETTER:

An email is to be sent to all members sending them a link to the Club Newsletter when it is available online

### WELFARE REPORT:

Helen Gardner sent her welfare report of the members she had contacted during the month.

### ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for May is now available for members to download from the ASCCA website.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ The Committee is still urgently seeking an Auditor to conduct the audit of our accounts for the current financial year. An appeal is to be made at the next Meeting.
- ◆ Arrangements are in hand for the Big Morning Tea at the May Meeting.

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



## **Today's Meeting**

### **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.*

## **Meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> June**

The Speaker for our June Meeting will be

### **Andrew Rogers**

who will speak about his experience of

### **“Diving the Titanic”**

*Andrew Rogers is a Sydneysider and one of the few who have made the epic journey on board a submersible pod to the watery graveyard of the RMS Titanic. The chance competition win that took him to the infamous vessel 14 years ago unleashed an obsession with the Titanic and its remarkable stories.*



## **AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

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

Our Computer Club has supported this event each year and we will be 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.



## **AUDITOR URGENTLY REQUIRED**

***Our Club is still 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 would be interested, please contact our President, Joan Craymer.***

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



**GIVE HAPPY  
LIVE HAPPY**

National Volunteer Week ended a few days ago, however our Club always welcomes every opportunity to say thank you to each one of our wonderful volunteers who commit their time to our Computer Club in so many ways.

**Thank You!!**



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The purpose of Scamwatch is to help you recognise a scam and avoid it where possible.

**To report a scam, go to  
[scamwatch.gov.au](http://scamwatch.gov.au)**

## Visit our Website

**Did you miss our monthly Meeting?  
Then check our Club website at  
[www.cpepping.net.au](http://www.cpepping.net.au)**

You will find the latest monthly Newsletter, information on the current Term Courses and Timetable, coming dates and times for monthly Meetings and Interest Groups.....and much more!!

## ASCCA Competitions 2017

The ASCCA Competitions for 2017 have been announced for...

**Creative Writing/Poetry  
Digital Photography**

The topics in each competition category along with the Rules and Conditions and Entry Forms, are 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, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

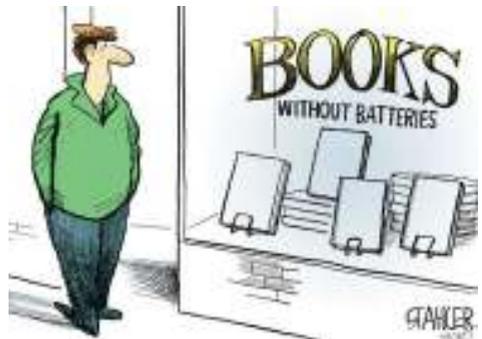
So start those creative thoughts flowing for that special story or poem. Likewise you still have a few months to produce that great image for the digital photography competition. (Photographs must have been taken after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016)

## Quote for the Month

"I've learned two important lessons in life.

I can't remember the first one, but the second one is that I need to start writing stuff down"

ACK: Viral\$lot from Face Book



# Creative Writing Report

Everyone was surprised to discover this topic; **“His/Her face broke into a big smile”** was harder than we expected. “Happy”, nicknamed because of his always miserable approach to life, was asked by class-mates what he wanted to do next year. *“His face broke into a big smile; I have known for some time now - I have decided to become an undertaker and join the family business.”* This was the hilarious finale of a very funny story. Many smiles!

An hilarious story of the smiles a family's pets brought to the home, followed. “Sir Percival” the tabby cat, the dog called *“the vacuum cleaner”* who *“developed a taste for the kinds of vegetables children don't like”*, the fish that leapt from the tank and was rescued at the S bend - and best of all, the parrot the vet said *“Needed bed rest”*.



One lady has a knack of drawing strangers to speak to her about their life. Recently at the Flemington Flower Markets her *“New Greek friend became very excited and his face broke into an enormous face-filling smile”* when she told him about our writing group. He gave her a scap of paper - an invitation *“to join a writing course run by a friend of mine on the island of Kythera”*.

A story of the love and joy shared with grandchildren can be summed up in a favourite moment when a ten year old granddaughter's face, *“Breaks into the biggest smile in the world and she comes and gives me the biggest and most wonderful hugs and kisses.”*

Experiences while learning Indonesian and

teaching English to foreign students led to a funny article about English being the most confusing of all languages and some true-life examples that Gwen might blush to print here in our newsletter. What a shame!

After six weeks our writer, had *“Up and left”* her job with a boss who was unreasonable. She arrived home and as she opened the front door her Mother *“Came from the kitchen, her face beaming from ear to ear. We laughed, hugged each other, both faces breaking into big smiles.”* There was relief all round after the weeks of tension.

The estate agent, *“Unlocked the door of the unit and held his breath. First impressions count. Smiles exploded all around.”* Except for our writer's husband who was in despair as *“His negotiating skills were being outclassed by smiles”*. After a false start or two the unit was purchased at a great price and our writer says she has now been smiling, *“For at least three years.”*

Our last writer teased us for some time with descriptions of famous moments in some of the great movies where smiles at just the perfect moment are cherished by generations of movie goers. Then she revealed her secret reason for her own *“teensy-weensy smile”*. She is about to launch her book which she has kept as a secret from us all. Great excitement - and more news to come next month! Watch this space we can hardly wait till 1<sup>st</sup> June to start reading! **Next Meeting - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.** The topic will be **“About a Tree/ Trees”**. We meet at 10.00 am in the Foyer Room and everyone is welcome

- Joan



Digital Photography Interest Group  
May Photo of the Month taken by Joan Craymer  
Topic: "Flowers / Gardens"  
"A riot of colour in a public garden at the foot of Carrickfergus Castle in Ireland, not far from Belfast. The Castle watches over Helen's Bay"

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



Jim Burke  
Suzanne Gilford  
Thea Kennedy  
Tom Lee

Robert Morse  
Jeanette Russell  
Barry Wall  
Patricia Wilson

## Tips & Hints

### Backup Precaution

Don't leave a backup device connected to your computer when not in use. Should your computer become infected with malware, your backup device could be corrupted as well.

## Our Club Welfare

Helen Gardner is our caring Welfare Officer who looks after any of our members who would welcome a cheery phone call or card 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 2			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, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2017 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, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 at 10.00am**

Topic: *"About a Tree/Trees"*

**MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 10.00am**

Topic: *"Moving House" or "Redecorating"*

You don't need a story, just come along to listen  
(Contact: Joan Craymer - Ph: 9874 0531)

### Digital Photography Interest Group

**MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 at 1.30pm**

Topic: *"Animals / Birds / Insects"*

**MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 1.30pm**

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

Please bring your photos on a flash drive  
(Contact: Patricia Beal - Ph: 9868 2154)

## These Meetings are held in the Training Room

### iPads & iPhones

#### Special Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Maureen McDonald - Ph: 9870 8184)

### Android Tablets & Android Phones

#### Special Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Arnold Burling - Ph: 9484 5064)

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