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A Message from our Vice President

This year, I am Vice President of our Epping Computer Club. Many of you will already know me, as I was one of the Founding Members. Patricia is off on one of her trips and I am trying to fill her shoes in this Newsletter.

We now have many new members, so I'll tell you about myself. My involvement with computers all started last century. As a young lad I was a volunteer into the U.S. Air Force, and I made that my career.

At the end of my first enlistment, I again volunteered to be assigned to the first Missile Base in the USA. On my first night on a hill near the air base, I watched the first artificial earth satellite, Sputnik 1, streak across the sky. The next day I saw a Thor Missile launched. I told my wife this is where, and what, I want to be.

A few years passed, when the Minuteman Missile was being developed. Again, I put my hand up to be a part of this program.

With this, came my introduction to the IBM computers, and the KEY punch card, which told the Missile how to fly 6000

miles and deployed the warhead to less than 100 feet of the target.

Now all of this was many years before Bill Gates developed DOS and that Steve Jobs fellow arrived on the scene. But slowly the word "computer" was becoming a more commonly used word.

My first home computer was an Atari then a Commodore 64, followed by a Microsoft computer. I fell in love with the programs that they had; a Word Processor, to write letters, and for my wife to record recipes for her cook book. A Spread Sheet, to keep tabs on my fuel miles per/gallon, and a record of my credit card receipts. Best of all were emails. The money I saved, or might have saved, if only my friends and family had an email address back then!

Happily these days, nearly everyone has a mobile phone, so today it is text messages.

My computer had programs, however to learn how they worked, I first became an assistant tutor. I have enjoyed tutoring

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CONTACT LIST
Elected Management Committee

Patricia Beal	President
Bill Earls .	Vice-President
TBA	Secretary
Joan Tumminello	Treasurer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer
Lynton Bradford	Webmaster

Standing Committee

Gwen Bradford	Newsletter Editor
Barry McLeod	Supplies Officer / Assets Registrar
TBA	Website Editor

Special Interest Groups

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

Contact for Welfare: Helen Gardner

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**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**

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classes, teaching Emails, MS Money, Picasa and also been a helper in other courses.

A Club is much like a Community Garden, it only grows if everyone offers to help with whatever skills or talents they have, (or want to have). Like my fellow members on the committee, the class tutors and helpers and our tea and coffee ladies, we have all volunteered.

What are you doing to keep the Computer Club growing?

.....Bill Earls (Vice-President)



SECRETARY REQUIRED

Our Club is seeking a Secretary to ease the load on our President. Please consider this matter as urgent as it is vital to the running of our Club to have a functioning Committee.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After September 2018, we will be needing a member to produce our monthly Newsletter. It need not be done in our present format but perhaps in a continuous series of A4 pages. It is now done in Microsoft Publisher but could be produced in Microsoft Word in the A4 format.

Précis of Committee Meeting 5th April 2018



Our Committee Meeting this month was chaired by our Vice President, Bill Earls, while Patricia Beal is on leave.

FINANCE:

In order to reduce our expenses, it was discussed and decided by the Committee, that as the Training Room is free on Mondays for the use of Interest Groups, that bookings from May be cancelled for the Room 4 Foyer Room.

SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT:

Arnold reported that all equipment was working well. Some of the older programs are giving problems and would be checked in the next term break, along with cleaning and updating equipment.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Details were discussed for our Anzac Commemoration Meeting in April. Thanks to Shirley Holmes who has now arranged Speakers from May to July.

TRAINING:

Maureen McDonald gave the Committee an update of enrolments so far for Term 2. The Enrolment Book will be available again at the April Meeting.

WEBSITE:

The Club website has been updated. Also Lynton Bradford has purchased the most recent copy of the website program for use by the next Webmaster.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS:

Barry McLeod will purchase stationery items required for Term 2 classes.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our Club membership now stands at 178.

WELFARE REPORT:

Thanks to Helen Gardner who forwarded her detailed welfare report of members contacted recently.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

The Interest Groups for the month of May were confirmed with a reminder that the Android Tablets and Mobile Phones Group is in recess until further notice.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Committee still need a member to volunteer to take the position of Secretary on the Management Committee.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford
From Minutes prepared by Shirley Holmes
(in the absence of a Secretary)*



Visit our Website

Did you know that if you miss our monthly Meeting or are not enrolled in a class, you can always check our Club website for the latest information.

www.cpepping.net.au

Today's Meeting

Meeting - 18th April

Our Anzac Day commemoration

The Speaker for today's Meeting will be..

Kim Phillips

**Co-ordinator of the Ryde District
Historical Society for their Project.....**

"Ryde Goes to War 1914 - 1918"

A committee was formed by this Historical Society to research service records, to find descendants, relatives or friends of the service personnel who enlisted from this district in World War 1 . This book is not a war history, rather the aim is to tell the person's service story, how their service impacted on them, their family and the local community.

**Ode of Remembrance by member
from Epping RSL.
- Last Post -**

Meeting - 16th May

Our Speaker for this Meeting will be..

Lynton Bradford
telling us about..

**"The Magic of Mobile
Photography and Photo Tools"**



Photography is a fascinating and rewarding activity. Mobile phones and Imaging Programs have expanded both the opportunities and our enjoyment.

We will look at tips and hints on taking photographs, photo tools and also repairing photos.

TERM 2 - 2018

A reminder to members that Term 2 starts on Monday, 30th April.

The Timetable and Enrolment Book for Term 2 will be available again at today's Meeting. *Please take advantage of this last minute opportunity to put your name down for the class of your choice.*



Short Courses are offered, starting at various dates throughout the term so please make a careful note of these dates before enrolling. You are able to enrol in several of these short courses if you wish.

Further enquiries or enrolments may be made by sending an email message **as soon as possible** to our special enrolment Gmail site as below:-

enrolcpe@gmail.com

VIRTUAL REALITY SHOPPING

IKEA has a virtual reality Store accessible on the Internet. You can "walk" through their Store; moving in to view items close up, move left or right, go back, look up or down and explore as you want.

(So much better than ACTUAL walking!!)





Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea



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, 16th 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.

Thought for the Month

“Smartphones are great!
We don't need to stop using them
to be polite.
We just need to learn how to
use them politely.”
.....Maralee McKee



**SOME INVENTIONS BY WOMEN
THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

We all owe our thanks to Margaret A Wilcox who invented the car heater in 1893!

The life saving Life Raft was invented by Maria Beasely in 1882.

The medical syringe which could be operated with only one hand, was invented by a woman by the name of Letitia Geer in 1899.

The dishwasher was invented by Josephine Cochrane in 1887.

Kevlar, the life-saving material that is 5 times stronger than steel and used to make bulletproof vests, was invented in 1965 by Stephanie Kwolek.

Ref: <http://www.amazfacts.com/2015/12/18-inventions-by-women-that-changed.html>

Trivia Time

The first 1GB hard drive was announced by IBM in 1980, weighed 550 pounds and had a price tag of \$40,000!

The original name of Microsoft Windows was Interface Manager.

On the Phone with Grandma - Troubleshooting her Computer.....



“Click on Start....Start...It's on the bottom left corner on your monitor... Start. Click it. Go to Control panel. Control panel. It's in the Start menu. The Start menu. It's what popped up when you hit Start. No. Don't hit Start again. O.K. Hit Start again. Did the Start menu pop up? Then click Start. Now go to Control panel. Control panel. Click on it. Click on Control panel. That Start menu disappeared? Click on Start.....O.K. I'll be over.”

Creative Writing Report

"Above the Law" was a topic that most writers found challenging - no doubt because they are all good law-abiding citizens! *"The Law is a strange creature"*, was the opening comment in a fascinating critique that first considered *"The Rosetta Stone, which was ancient Egyptian Law literally written in stone"* and ended with *"The many tyrants around the world today"* with mention of *"The nuclear madness of North Korea"* and *"The poisoning of people in England, most likely at the orders of Putin; a prime example of a dictator who believes he is above the Law."*

Our 2nd writer expressed angst about the attitude of many minor law enforcement officials like council parking rangers who *"Pounce on any poor unsuspecting motorist or resident who breaches any of the council's many unknown bylaws and regulations to issue infringement notices with a substantial fine"*. Several examples were compelling!

The next story related a six week long crime spree when our writer, her 9 year old brother and an 11 year old friend discovered they could pick up soft drink bottles stored behind the local tea rooms (owned by the friend's parents) and collect sixpence for "returning" them for the deposit. Although never officially "discovered" the friend suggested they should not do this any more and they reformed, having discovered that guilt was hard to bear.

Our 4th author could not resist commenting, *"In our society no-one is above the Law. Getting caught is the biggest mistake! (Just ask the current Australian Cricket Team!)"* Also, *"Ned Kelly, Captain Thunderbolt and the guy from Waltzing Matilda were very naughty and violent guys ... and what have we Aussies done? Immortalised them as heroes!"*

There was a great deal of head nodding and agreement with the premise of our next writer that; *"Obviously there is a law for the rich and one for the poor"*. Twice this writer has been reminded, *"The Law is not for the middle classes ..."* *"Unfortunately you are not rich enough and not poor enough. You have all the evidence, but you can only afford one barrister and the company you are up against can afford twenty!"* This was a sobering tale.

Next came a "tongue in cheek" account of life as a Legal Secretary. *"I truly did work in and around the atmosphere above the law! Thankfully, most of the time I worked in offices which practised within the law but there were occasions when I felt most uncomfortable."* In one office two employees (called witches by our writer) were led away by Trust Accountant Inspectors!

Our 7th story was a brief history of the Wigs worn *"above the heads of the people who oversee the law"*. We learned who wears which wig and when - very interesting! *"Early wigs were made of human hair; but these were prone to lice infestation, so horse hair became the material of choice"*.

Our next writer wrote that; *"For Anglophiles, 16th Century Britain provided 'The Rule of Law', decreed by the King of the day. This rule of law affirmed that 'the law should govern a nation'. The new ruling offered some semblance of hope to a population emerging from the Purgatory of the Middle Ages"*. This writer claims that as the King is above his own Laws and they are judged by his Judges; *"The rules of Law are overtly duplicitous."*

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The Digital Photography Interest Group
April Photo of the Month from Helen Gardner
Topic for the Month: "Landscape/Seascape" (Manmade)

This photograph was taken by Helen while visiting Tilba Tilba. Helen says "I think it was supposed to be one of those traffic mirrors for a blind spot. As you can see someone has taken a few pot-shots at it....made the reflection much more interesting!"

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Coincidentally, the next author wrote of one of her eight times great grandfathers, Sir Matthew Hale who was born in 1609 and became Lord Chief Justice of England. He gained the trust of King Charles 1, who he defended before his execution in Jan 1649 and of Oliver Cromwell during the time of the Commonwealth and was also involved in the Restoration of King Charles 11. His "History of the Pleas of the Crown", 1736, remains an important work on the common law of criminal offences and his writings place him among the outstanding critical thinkers in the history of English common law.

We finished on a high note as we heard the story of "Rags" and his adoption. *"I have decided to write about our new family member who seems to be above the law. I'm sure if I pee'd and poo'd on the carpet I would end up in trouble. Maybe I wouldn't be arrested but certainly I'd be taken away"*, wrote the new Dad of this cute puppy.

Next Meeting - Monday 7th May. The topic is **"A Childhood Story"** We meet at 10.00 am in the **Training Room**. All welcome!

Joan Craymer

Our Club Welfare

Helen Gardner is our Club Welfare Officer - so please let her know of any member who would welcome a card or a friendly phone call.
Helen's details are on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Dates to Note in 2018.....add to your diary now

2018	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 2	Mon 19 Mar	Mon 23 Apr	Mon 30 Apr - Fri 29 Jun	9
Term 3			Mon 23 Jul - Fri 21 Sep	9
Term 4			Mon 15 Oct - Fri 14 Dec	9

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY 2018 AT 10.00 AM

Come along - these free Interest Groups are open to all members!

The following Meetings are will be held in the Training Room

Creative Writers' Interest Group

MONDAY, 7th MAY 2018 at 10.00 am

Topic: **"A Childhood Story"**

Bring a story or come along and listen.

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 7th MAY 2018 at 1.30 pm

Topic: **"People/Portrait"**

Please bring your photos on a flash drive.

(Contact: Patricia Beal)

Please note change of meeting room for the above Groups

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 1st MAY 2018 at 10.00am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

**This Group is in recess
until further notice.**

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