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Friends like you
are special hugs from God

Is your computer a “friend” or is it more often a “foe”? Yes I do know it is an inanimate object and I have not lost my perspective or grip on reality! However, you will all have seen those emails that say things like; ***“I love my computer 'cause my friends live in it” and “Lord bless my online friends, Amen”.***

Our computers, tablets and even our phones can enable friendships and give us the joy of “visiting” places that we love. Through them we can also preserve and relive fleeting moments shared with family and others. I still think digital photography is a “miracle”, because no more are photographers limited to small numbers of carefully posed photos because of cost. We can take as many photos as we choose. Many of my favourite photos capture feelings and emotions, rather than faces or places. Scanners have allowed the sharing of precious photos among our wider family circles and facilitated and encouraged the writing and sharing of family stories and much more.

Then of course we can keep all our

financial and historic records, copies of letters, emails and anything we choose, filed carefully away on the hard drive of our computer, tablet or phone or “send it to the cloud”.

There is however a large thunder cloud that hovers over all these positive and amazing advances which we enjoy. As “digital natives” continue to outnumber “digital immigrants” more and more, I believe that the importance and fragility of data stored on computers and devices is more and more likely to be commonly ignored, making heightened security awareness imperative.

Yes, our old fashioned photo albums would be consumed by fire if such a disaster happened to our home - and they will probably continue to fade over time; but it is unlikely they will suddenly fall off the shelf into a giant black hole never to be seen again. It is also almost certain that a thief will not appear at the door, padlock our photo albums and filing cabinets shut and demand large sums of money to allow us to open them again.

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	Webmaster

Standing Committee

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

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/

So being prepared for scams and other technical disasters is imperative. Our speaker today will give us some helpful ideas and tips, but there will be many other sources of information for you to follow up for yourselves. Our Club can help.

Giving our members the knowledge to understand and confidently implement the safeguarding of their data has always been important in the planning for classes and workshops. But somehow calling all those precious memories and records **DATA** does seem to detract from the reality that our data is actually the very essence of our life, housed in our computers and devices.

One of my favourite indulgences is to start or finish my day with a short Photo Story video or PowerPoint story made with often enhanced photos of remarkable trips or

events and improved with gentle music of my choice. I am extremely grateful to all those Computer Pals at Epping who have given me the skills to manage and enhance my photos and acquire all the other skills that have allowed me to write books and articles and communicate with ease and confidence. Most of all I value the blessings of friendship and the value to our members and the wider community.

Nomination forms for the election of the 2017/2018 Management Committee are now available. If our members do not show an interest and nominate someone to be responsible for the continued success of this well established club, we may find ourselves in the position of having insufficient committee members to carry on the essential work.Joan Craymer.

Précis of Committee Meeting 3rd August 2017



SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

The new drum has been replaced in the OKI printer. The recently purchased printers which proved to be unsatisfactory, have been returned and credited, thanks to Arnold and Barry.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Guest Speakers have been arranged for meetings to November as previously advised.

TRAINING:

The workshop on Downloading Pictures was well patronised, if a bit difficult with so many different sources and possible destinations for the pictures. A follow up lesson was offered.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS

Barry McLeod reported that folders are now in stock and a supply of paper is to be ordered.

MEMBERSHIP:

Latest figures show our Club membership now stands at 237. Two new members started this term.

WELFARE REPORT:

The latest welfare report was received from Helen Gardner and discussed.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA August Newsletter will shortly be available on their website. Roy Ridley will circulate the link to members via email. A reminder to members that the deadline for entries in the 2017 ASCCA competition is Monday 4th September at 4.00pm.

EPPING CREATIVE CENTRE INC.

Notice of AGM to be held on Monday, 28th August has been received, also an application

form for room bookings for 2018. Patricia Beal was nominated to be a delegate to represent our Club at the AGM. Patricia Whealey may also be our second delegate. Nominations for the ECCI Committee to be in by 26th August.

WEBSITE:

Lynton and Gwen Bradford will temporarily look after updating the Club website until a replacement website editor is appointed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A resignation from the Committee has been received from Jeanette Masih which was accepted with regret.
- We are still seeking an Auditor to conduct the audit of our financial records for the current year.
- Membership Renewals - Thanks to Maureen McDonald who has volunteered to post out subscription envelopes which have not been collected by members.
- A members survey prepared by Patricia Beal was presented for discussion. The survey will be handed out to members at the next Meeting and also weekly classes.
- The response from members to the invitation of the President and Vice President to “drop-in” on Friday 28th July to discuss any aspects of our Computer Club or present any suggestions, had a very disappointing result with just a handful of members attending and several emailing in response.
- Following suggestions, the Committee looked at several ideas for workshops or short courses on specific topics.

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

Today's Meeting

The Speaker for this Meeting will be from the Department of Fair Trading who will tell us about.....

“Scams and Shopper's Rights”



Annual Subscriptions



Your Annual Membership Subscription of \$30.00 for 2017/18 fell due on 1st July.

Renewals can be paid at our Meeting today or, if you are taking a class this term, you can hand your envelope with the \$30 annual subscription enclosed, to your class tutor.

Alternatively please post your payment (cheque only) to...

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Meeting - 20th September

Annual General Meeting and Election of the Management Committee for 2017/18 followed by our General Meeting.

Speaker: Olga Chaplin

At this Meeting, we are delighted to have Olga Chaplin, one of our own members as guest speaker. Olga has been a member of our Epping Creative Writing Group since 2004 and she has just published her first book which is based on a true story. "The Man from Talalaivka, is both a political and personal story. But above all, it is a story about survival and endurance, and love; love for one's family, love for one's country, love for humanity."



ASCCA Competitions 2017

***Hurry!! Time is running out.
Last Reminder***

***Creative Writing/Poetry
Digital Photography***

The topics for the above categories and entry forms can be found on the ASCCA website.

Just go to....<http://www.ascca.org.au>

All entries must be received by ASCCA prior to 4pm on

Monday, 4th September 2017.

***Patricia Beal has kindly volunteered to collect your photography entries.
Please arrange to deliver your entry to Patricia as soon as possible.***

If you have any queries about your entry, talk to Joan Craymer (Creative Writing) or Patricia Beal (Digital Photography).

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Club, together with the monthly Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, 20th September 2017 at 10.00am.

The AGM agenda will include election of the Management Committee for the 2017/2018 year. As per our Constitution, nomination forms for the election of officers shall be available at least fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. All nominations shall be in writing and signed by nominator and nominee and handed to the Secretary at the Club at least seven (7) days prior to the AGM (4.00pm on Tuesday 12th September 2017). Nomination forms will be available at the August General Meeting.

.....Brenda Horne (Secretary)

**Keep informed of what is happening
at our Computer Club.**

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 at ...**

www.cpepping.net.au

On our website, 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!!

DEFINITIONS OF BROADBAND IN THE BUSH.....

Mouse: *The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.*

Mainframe: *What holds the shed up.*

Search Engine: *What you **do** when the ute won't go.*

Cursor: *What you **say** when the ute won't go.*

Yahoo: *What you say when the ute **does** go.*

Upgrade: *A steep hill.*

User: *The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.*

Server: *The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.*

Internet: *Where you want the fish to go.*

Netscape: *What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.*

Online: *Where you hang the washing.*

Offline: *Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.*



WELCOME
new members

A warm welcome to our newest
Computer Pals

**Jacqueline Pearce
and**

Anne Marie Tornow

who have joined our Club for Term 3.

Creative Writing Report

Snakes definitely topped the list of **"Unwelcome Guests"**. An unpleasant encounter with a "colony" of assorted breeds of deadly snakes came as quite a shock to two city men who lifted sheets of old farm roofing. The new, quickly learned skill of killing snakes with a "billy hook", proved to be essential for our olive farmer.

A blood curdling scream from the nursery - a three metre snake coiled above the cot on the curtain rail - panic - followed by a shot from a harpoon. An Indian lady dancing to hypnotise a cobra while her husband ran for his shotgun - *"All in a day's work in the tropics"* wrote one story teller!

Next we heard of an encounter at home with *"the biggest, blackest, hairiest spider"* and at the tiny bush school; a big snake was killed by the white faced teacher and hung on the fence, *"for a kookaburra's tea."*

Our next writer amused us with many possum tales. We all loved the midnight "guest" who several times fell down the chimney in winter, while appreciating the warmth of the air. His visits were stopped by covering the chimney top with wire.

Our next writer told the story of nine "unwelcome guests" - her Dad's old army mate, with wife and seven children in tow, appeared at 7.00 pm one Christmas Eve after travelling 180 klm. The Christmas ham, salad and fruit cake were almost "demolished" before they finally left for home around midnight. Jimmy had acted on an urge to visit the kind mate who had written letters home to his wife from the war in New Guinea. Jimmy couldn't write!

A wrong photo in the estate agent's window resulted in a quick sale of the family home inherited by our next writer and his brother. So our writer became the "unwelcome guest" in his brother's home. His sister in law soon made it clear when he should go.

An RSPCA Investigator who turned up during a family BBQ in response to a report of animal cruelty by our author was an unwelcome visitor. However after hearing the story of the family dog who was *"a real escape artist"* the investigator summed up the situation and joined in the family BBQ.

"Husband Dear loved an open house" and when his family from South Africa came to stay while our writer was struggling with three small children, things became "tricky". The "guests" were used to having servants!

A noisy intruder, followed by blundering police caused havoc with a pile of bricks waiting to be laid in the next writer's back yard. *"We decided it was time to get a dog!"*

Next we heard the saga of a l-o-n-g three weeks with a bogus Austrian university exchange student who finally *"put her hand in her wallet and bought two cups of McDonald's coffee to say thanks"*.

The last word should come from this writer: *"We were shown as children, that it is all right to have all sorts of people in our lives and in our homes ... when we know how different we human beings can be, we learn humility and faith in humanity."*

Next Meeting - Monday 4th September.
The topic will be **"A Favourite Possession"**.
- Joan Craymer



**The Digital Photography Interest Group
August Photo of the Month from Dave Wardell
“Arrowtown Autumn Leaves”
Topic: “Landscapes/Seascapes”**

Quote for the Month.....

*A real friend is like a computer.
They ‘enter’ your life then ‘save’
you in their heart, ‘format’
everything you need, ‘control’ your
emotions, ‘delete’ all bad memories
in the past and never throw you in
the ‘recycle bin’*

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.

Scam Watch

A warning message to our members. It is tax time again, so watch out for scams supposedly from the Australian Taxation Office.

There have been reports of people falling victim to these scams which can be either phone calls or emails demanding tax payments. These messages can be quite forceful and threatening. Alternatively, other scams may request bank account details in order to deposit bogus refunds.

Hang up immediately in the case of phone calls or delete emails without opening any links in the message.

It should be noted that the ATO does not make such phone calls or send emails.

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

2017	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 3			Mon 24 Jul - Fri 22 Sep	9
Term 4	TBA		Mon 9 Oct - Fri 8 Dec	9

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 10.00 AM

8TH & 9TH NOVEMBER - 19TH AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS

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, 4th SEPTEMBER at 10.00am

Topic: **"A Favourite Possession"**

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

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER at 1.30pm

Topic: **"Framed"**

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, 5th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 10.00am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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