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# Understanding

Welcome back, enthusiastic members. Special welcome to new members, especially those keen to commence computing or enhance their computing skills.

We commence 2015 with more interesting short courses. Have you thought about joining these well-planned courses as well as the excellently prepared full courses?

We hope all of us are reaping the benefits of having, during the long break, an extended time for enrolling online for the Term 1 classes. However, during that long break many of our committee members and tutors were kept very busy updating the website, checking the enrolment gmail address and the online membership applications as well as bringing instruction lessons up to date, answering online queries and replying to emails relating to proposed enrolments.

It is wonderful to have so many people interested. Understanding that all our tutors, helpers, committee and sub-committee members are volunteers would be even more wonderful. Attending to the organization of this Club requires time, patience and keenness. Watching the thrill

of members achieving what they may have thought impossible is a double thrill. However, in a voluntary-run organization it is a good idea to remember that without those “behind the scenes” workers very little is achieved.

Besides some of us starting something new this year, 2015 commemorates sad occasions and celebrates various glorious anniversaries, some of which are -

14<sup>th</sup> January is the bi-centenary of the finishing of the convict-built road from Emu Plains to the site of Bathurst.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of stereo FM radio occurred on 16<sup>th</sup> January, just one month after FM radio was launched in Australia by 2MBS-FM, now known as Fine Music 102.5. It was achieved by a group of volunteers.

The recent commemoration, in freezing conditions, of the release of those who survived cruel, murderous conditions – the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the gates of Auschwitz on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1945.

11<sup>th</sup> February brings us the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of Nelson Mandela from prison.

## CONTACT LIST

### Elected Management Committee

Elizabeth Barton	President
Joan Craymer	Vice-President
Dave Wardell	Secretary
Tony Carter	Treasurer
Ian Gemmell	Public Officer
Maureen McDonald	Membership Secretary
Arnold Burling	Equipment Officer

### Standing Committee

Lynton Bradford	Technical Officer/Webmaster
Patricia Beal	Guest Speaker Co-ordinator
Brian Kelly	Supplies Officer
Gwen Bradford	Newsletter Editor
Jeanette Masih	Website Editor
Barry McLeod	Assets Registrar

### Special Interest Groups

<b>Creative Writing</b> .....Joan Craymer	<b>Genealogy</b> .....Jean Barringham
<b>Help!</b> .....Various Topics & Hosts	<b>Photography</b> .....Patricia Beal
<b>Contact for Welfare:</b> .....	Helen Gardner
<b>Club email address:</b>	<b>cps.epping@gmail.com</b>

**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/)**

25<sup>th</sup> April commemorates the Anzac centenary. Many of those who were killed, maimed or survived World War 1 were young men who volunteered to fight.

7<sup>th</sup> May brings to mind the centenary of the sinking of the Lusitania As the ship neared the coast of Ireland a torpedo fired by the German submarine U 20 slammed into her side. A mysterious second explosion ripped the liner apart. Within 18 minutes the giant ship slipped beneath the sea, 1,924 people losing their lives.

August commemorates another war; the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of World War 11. Many newspaper photographs exist of the Australian people joyously

dancing in the streets, especially in Sydney.

As we plough into something new, enhance our skills and/or commemorate or celebrate, let us do so as a happy Club, remembering that it is voluntary and that all of us can contribute

.....Elizabeth Barton (President)



# Précis of Committee Meeting

## 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015



### Systems and Equipment update:

Arnold Burling advised that all systems were working well. The committee expressed thanks to Arnold for cleaning and updating computers during the Christmas term break.

### General Meetings:

Speakers for Meetings were confirmed up to May. Members to introduce and thank Speakers, were arranged for February and March.

### Training:

Considerable extra time and work was experienced due to the extended enrolment period for Term 1. Thanks were expressed to Noelene Seidl for her time spent in sorting online enrolments, answering numerous queries and other problems. Assisted by other members of the sub-committee, late enrolments were still being experienced during the first week of classes. A revision of the term enrolment procedure is to be discussed at a meeting of the sub-committee.

### Website:

Lynton Bradford reported that the website has been kept up to date.

### Membership:

Present membership totals 287 with no names on the waiting list.

### Welfare Report:

Helen Gardner forwarded the report of those members she had contacted since our last Meeting and this was discussed.

### Supplies/Replacements:

All supplies were up to date thanks to Brian Kelly.

### ASCCA:

The ASCCA Newsletter for February is available for downloading. Members are urged to refer to the 'ASCCA Notice Board' on page 2 of their Newsletter where several interesting programmes are listed, particularly those held during Seniors Week,

### Epping Creative Centre:

An application for extension of our Licence Agreement with Hornsby Council has been prepared by Trevor Moore and will be submitted by Dave Wardell.

### General Business:

- Maureen and Elizabeth to proceed with preparing a flyer especially for iPad courses, to be issued through libraries and community notice boards.
- No further action will be taken on the purchase of an iPhone.
- Windows 10 and the consequences:- indications are it should be a good operating system and consideration will be given to upgrade at end of the year.
- Apple TV and cable for projector purchase approved.
- HD Projector screen donated by Maureen McDonald, to be passed on to Centre Management for use by all.
- Information Morning 11<sup>th</sup> March - this was discussed at length by the committee and because there are no names on the waiting list and also other difficulties, it was decided to cancel the Information Morning on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford  
from Minutes prepared by Dave Wardell*



## Today's Meeting

The Speaker for our first Meeting will be.....**Russell O'Brien**

and his subject will be

**“Every Cloud has a Silver Lining”**

**“The Cloud” defined in layman terms**

Where Cloud fits in Computing today..

.....what's all the fuss about?

What Cloud provides:

Storage - Applications

The effect of Cloud computing on Seniors

Cloud Safety and Security



## March Meeting

**“Can a Tablet replace a Computer?”**

For our March Meeting we are fortunate to have **Mark Young** as the speaker. Mark is the Technical Officer at ASCCA and writes many of the course notes for trainers.

Mark should give members enough information to make an informed decision as to which device(s) will best suit their computing needs. There will also be mention of smartphones, digital TV or one of the new 'Windows on a USB' devices.



## OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



It was great to see so many members at our Christmas Luncheon. We were greeted by the attractively decorated tables in the Ron Mathews Room, all arranged by our wonderful volunteers.

Later we enjoyed the delicious array of festive food for lunch, brought along by our members, together with a variety of drinks supplied by the Club and the special fruit punch created by Joan.

In all, a very happy day to end our year and to have the opportunity to get together and socialise. Thanks to our loyal helpers who stayed behind to clean up and have the room looking 'spick and span' again.

We look forward to 2015 being another year of learning and discovery.



ASCCA will be holding a free audience interactive Forum, **Meet your Ancestors** as part of their program to celebrate NSW 2015 Seniors Week. It will be held in the Mitchell Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney commencing at 9.30 am on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings are essential!

The theme for this year's Seniors Week is **“Be Inspired”** and ASCCA will help you learn how to seek out ancestors who were inspiring by their pioneering efforts as they became Australia's early settlers.

*Excerpt from ASCCA February Newsletter  
See March Newsletter for extra details or  
check their website.*

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

# Scam Alert!

Scams are getting more sophisticated so be on guard. Particularly phone calls offering to repair your computer, or advising it has been corrupted, usually purporting to be from a well known service company.

Many emails can be even more believable, especially when they duplicate exactly the appearance and wording of well known Banks and Company documents. Now some claim your account may have been compromised and ask you to verify whether a recent payment is valid.

**Never respond or click on the link offered.** If in doubt contact your company or account directly, to satisfy yourself.

## E-mail addresses

E-mail  
→ Me ←

Please let the Club know your email address or if you change your old one.

In this way you can be kept up to date about our Meetings, term courses and enrolment details plus other important information.

Just take a slip from the notice board in the Training Room and follow the instructions by sending an email to...

[cpeppingmembers@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cpeppingmembers@yahoo.com.au)

This will ensure your email address is recorded correctly.

Please be assured your email address is confidential and for Computer Club use only.

## Tips and Hints

### KEEPING PRINTHEADS FREE

Do you have a colour inkjet printer, but only occasionally use all the colours? If so, you risk one or more of the print jets blocking up.

There is an easy way to avoid this. Prepare a simple Word document of four lines of text, all in **UPPER CASE** and **bold**, with one line each of yellow, red, blue and black.

Save this to a convenient location, say, your desk top. Every two weeks print this page. This uses very little ink but reduces the risk of ink jets blocking.

.....L.B.



*I can read email, send a text, navigate, and check Facebook on my cell phone. Now if I could just figure out how to make a call!*



# Creative Writing Report

Our first topic for the year was **“Discipline”** and everyone seemed to enjoy returning to the discipline of writing once more.

In Chapter 7, Buzz the spy had his professional discipline tested, when he was summoned to the MI5 Director’s office “feeling like a primary schoolboy, all nervous and sweaty palmed” to be ordered off the murder case because of his relationship with Penny who is considered a suspect.

Communist re-education camps, where strict control of mind and body was used as a cruel tool of discipline, were the theme of our 2<sup>nd</sup> writer’s story about three children who were having an unwelcome adventure in Vietnam and seeking the Australian Embassy for help.



Our 3<sup>rd</sup> writer recalled her mother’s effective use of silence as a tool of discipline. “She could keep it up for days when she was displeased about something. “Even my father had to find ways to live with the frosty air around when things were not quite right”, she wrote.

A romantic story of nature’s discipline from our 4<sup>th</sup> writer was a treat; “Central Australia is the heart of our “wide brown land” and the Todd River usually being ruggedly brown, is an artery of that heart. It therefore remains disciplined, listening and watching until its “big day” when the trickle of water from the north of the MacDonnell Ranges commences its descent. When the Todd has had its fill and sits back excited greenery appears everywhere; even fish and frogs.”

Our 5<sup>th</sup> writer emphasised his love of fast food and pondered the roots of his bad habit

and lamented the discipline necessary after his bad diet recently caught up with him in the form of a heart attack.



While resenting the discipline of good diet and exercise our writer finally admitted he has regained his sense of smell and thanks to “discipline” life is good.

On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of “that grumpy cigar-smoking incorrigible man” our 6<sup>th</sup> writer thought it fitting to admire the high price of discipline paid by a nation where each person had the courage to “dig in and somehow cope with every single disaster and tragedy every day ... and then begin again the very next day.”

Our 7<sup>th</sup> writer amused us with her thoughts on the discipline of “learning to cope with the frustration of trying to come to terms with - a computer”, when she re-entered the work force. She waited all day for a plate of “cookies” and wondered why she was told to “boot” the computer when it would not work.

We were told by writer no. 8 ““Every convent trained schoolchild of the early to mid 20<sup>th</sup> century reflects on his or her “degenerate” behaviour, acknowledging forces of discipline applied to rescue tiny souls cast into the squalid cesspool of Purgatory, give comfort to be gained from atonement.”

Finally we heard about “a superb exercise in good discipline” in the Edinburgh Tattoo, “A spectacle which highlighted the glorious side of discipline.”

**Next Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** Our stories will be about the topic; **“At that moment I knew”.**

- Joan Craymer

# WELCOME

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

John Aitchison  
Roz Basile  
Anne Cadogan  
Janice Dent  
Alan Griffith  
Colleen Griffith  
Ann Jones

Kareen Mah  
Marlene Maskell  
Frances McAdam  
John Mitchell  
Lesley Mitchell  
Dixie Shand  
Verona Stonehouse

Digital Photography Interest Group  
February Photo of the Month - taken by Patricia Beal  
Topic: "Animals/Birds/Insects"

"Alert Impala"



[Visit Website](http://www.cpepping.net.au)

A reminder to members to 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. Visit the site and keep informed at.....

[www.cpepping.net.au](http://www.cpepping.net.au)

*"What a computer is to me, is the most remarkable tool that we have ever come up with. It is the equivalent of a bicycle for our minds"*  
.....Steve Jobs



## *Dates to Note in 2015 - add to your diary now*

	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 1			Mon 2 Feb - Thur 2 Apr	9
Term 2	Mon 9 Mar	Fri 19 Mar	Mon 27 Apr - Fri 26 Jun	9
Term 3	Mon 1 Jun	Fri 12 Jun	Mon 20 Jul - Fri 18 Sep	9
Term 4	Mon 24 Aug	Fri 4 Sep	Mon 12 Oct - Fri 11 Dec	9

**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 AT 10.00 AM**

*All members are welcome to attend these Interest Groups*

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Group

**MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015 at 10.00am**

The subject is *"At that Moment I Knew"*

You don't need a story, come along to listen and enjoy the company!

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

**MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015 at 1.30pm**

The topic: *"Landscapes"*

*(including seascapes & manmade / structural)*

Please bring your photos on a flash drive

(Contact: Patricia Beal)

Genealogy Interest Group

**MONDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 at 10.00 am**

Topic: *"Using 'Find My Past' World Subscription"*

(Contact: Jean Barringham)

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones  
Special Interest Group

**NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2015 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Dave Wardell)

Android Tablets & Android Phones  
Special Interest Group

**NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2015 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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