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Enrol for Term 2 Today!

Term 1 is nearly over, and the Committee has planned for Term 2, which starts (after a 3 week break) at the end of April. Hopefully, there will be a course which will interest you in our Program for Term 2. It would be a good time to enrol today! Maybe you might need to increase your familiarity with Windows 10 or your iPad.

To show that using a computer, tablet or phone need not all be hard work, there is a new short course on computer games to tempt you. Don't necessarily think of this as an indulgence, though it can be this. But keeping our minds (and fingers) active is also a good thing, so you can road test a selection of games to see which one (or more) you might wish to persevere with. There are also creative / artistic 'games' (apps might be a better term), if numbers, words or cards don't interest you. And if there's something you wish to learn, there will be a suggestion sheet for this.

In our Committee discussions, it became more obvious that we really do need a Secretary! A Club email address had not been opened for some time, which means that some enquiries had been ignored. Apologies for this, it was overlooked at the

time of handing over. We shall put in place procedures so it should not happen in future. But it is also very true that our volunteer officebearers are all rather overworked. One or more extras would make our lives so much easier, and perhaps allow the Club to do more.

Also, reading this (as usual) beautifully presented Newsletter, please take note of the fact that our Newsletter Editor will be retiring in September. Are you the person with creativity, who will give the Newsletter a "new look"? Alternatively, I'm sure Gwen would be prepared to give help to whoever might consider taking over her job and keeping the current format going. The third option is a very much reduced option with minimal 'decorations' - utilitarian only. But we will need someone to do even the third option. Will it be you?

Thankfully, there has been an enquiry about the Webmaster position. When / if there is agreement, by the applicant and the Committee, for this applicant to take over, you will be informed.

Our most recent recruit has observed a couple of times that it has been an eye-

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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

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/**

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opener to learn how much has to happen “behind the scenes” in order for the Club to function. It is also, however, rewarding to feel that one’s work is appreciated, and feel part of a team doing something worthwhile together. Whatever your skills, or willingness to learn new ones, the welcome mat is out. Do speak to me or another Committee member.

I suspect most of us have been happy to feel the weather cooling a bit, and certainly the small amount of moisture we have had has been appreciated by the gardens. The heat does seem to be getting worse each year, with “global warming” a matter of fact according to recent statistics. Maybe there are still arguments about defining the causes, but we all (especially the

politicians) need to concentrate on minimising the damage. This year it was accentuated by the dryness of the summer, which played havoc with certain plants. Anyone with a garden would know which of their plants or lawns required added water. However soon there will be the lovely autumn colours in the trees. These are so beautiful to see, but a nuisance to rake up afterwards, of course.

Not by time travel, I am looking forward to a brief experience of spring (and hopefully Cherry Blossom time) in Japan soon. I shall be back in time for the next General Meeting. Meantime, enjoy the much more pleasant climate here.

.....Patricia Beal

Précis of Committee Meeting 1st March 2018



SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT:

Arnold Burling reported that all computers were working well except for the Digital Imaging program, which only works on 6 of the desktops. A “clean install” was suggested to enable the program to be installed on the other computers. However this was not considered feasible.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Speakers for Meetings up to April 2018 have been arranged. Prospective speakers from May to July were discussed by the committee and agreed to.

TRAINING:

A Trainers meeting will be held on Friday, 2nd March at 1.00pm to discuss possible Courses for Term 2.

WEBSITE:

The Club website is up to date. The talk given by Lynton Bradford on the NBN at the February Meeting, has been uploaded to our Club website.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS:

All stationery and other supplies are in hand. Barry McLeod reported that a supplier of cheaper ink cartridges has been found.

INSURANCE:

The Treasurer, Joan Tumminello, has paid the latest Insurance Policy renewal from Webster Hyde Heath.

MEMBERSHIP:

Our Club membership now stands at 172.

WELFARE REPORT:

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Need for Secretary:

Another urgent appeal for a Secretary to be made at the March General Meeting. Also the position of Newsletter Editor will become vacant and need to be filled, after the September AGM.

Webmaster:

Lynton Bradford has been in contact with a member who is interested in taking on the position of Webmaster.

Email address list:

The loss of some addresses from our Gmail site was mentioned at the February General Meeting. Instructions were also in the Newsletter as to how members could re-submit their addresses.

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



Thought for the Month

*“Volunteers do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the heart.”*

.....Elizabeth Andrew

Today's Meeting

John Donohoe will be our Speaker at this Meeting and will tell us about....

“Bushranger, Ben Hall and the Great Eugowra Gold Escort Robbery 15th June 1862”

Ben Hall was a bushranger who avoided many police attempts to catch him. He became the leader of one of the more notorious bushranging gangs of the 1860s and arguably the most competent of all bushranger leaders.

On 15 June 1862, the gold escort coach left Forbes for its weekly run eastward to Bathurst and then Sydney, laden with gold and banknotes. But this load was never to reach its destination.....

Come along and hear the whole story!!

Meeting - 18th April

Our Anzac Day commemoration

The Speaker for this Meeting will be..

Kim Phillips

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

“Ryde Goes to War 1914 - 1918”

By 2012 a large list of names from various sources had been collated to identify all men and women from the district, who enlisted and served in World War 1. A committee was formed to research service records, to find descendants, relatives or friends of the service personnel. 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
- Last Post -**



**Happy 18th Birthday
to our Computer Club!**

TERM 2 - 2018

Term 1 ends on Friday, 6th April and after the term break, Term 2 starts on Monday, 30th April.



The Timetable and Enrolment Book for Term 2 will be available at today's Meeting. Don't delay! Please take the opportunity to put your name down for the class of your choice.

As in previous Terms, there are short Courses offered, some 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 to our special enrolment Gmail site as below:-

enrolcpe@gmail.com

APP OF THE MONTH



(Actual Icon image)

This App is great for tracking Sydney buses. The main screen opens at your home location, showing all bus stops around you.

Tapping on any stop, shows all routes and times of the arrival of buses.

Tapping on a time shows you how far away the bus is from your stop.

This App is much simpler and intuitive than many others available. Just be aware it contains advertisements.

Another Thought for the Month

*“Procrastination is a totally good thing;
you always have something to do
tomorrow,
plus you have nothing to do today.”*

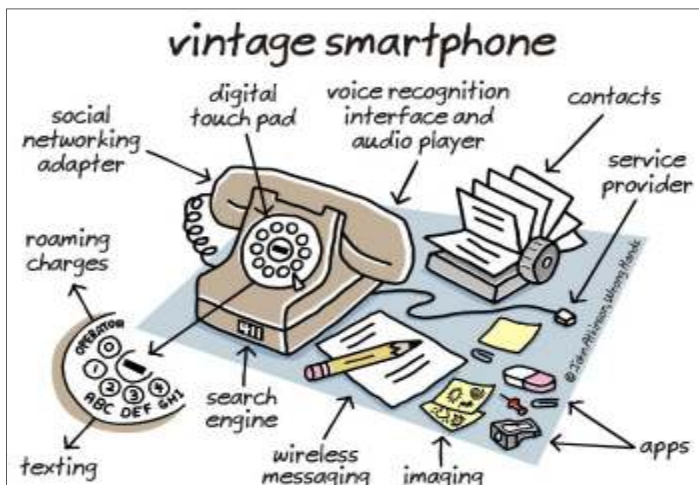
PAY ID - A NEW WAY TO PAY IN 2018.

A new system of payments has been introduced this month by Australian banks, called **Pay ID**. This will make bank transfers faster, simpler and more reliable.

It will enable immediate payments to be made between accounts. The payer only needs the phone number or email address of the payee (or some other key). The payment can be made by mobile phone, tablet or other computer, with the transfer between banks happening in less than 15 seconds. This compares with 7 or more days for cheques and 1 business day for existing Internet transfers.

Upon entering a mobile number or email address of the payee, the payee's name will appear, ensuring the correct person has been chosen.

The **Pay ID** process comes with more secure processing.L.B.



Creative Writing Report

"The First Time" was a topic that gave much variety of thoughts and memories. The first story described the writer's memories as a nine year old when she went to her first wedding. *"I wondered why there was lots of talk about toasts and thought this must be why it was called a wedding breakfast. I kept waiting for slices of toast to appear!"*

Our 2nd writer began his memories of "firsts" with his walking to school and asking his Dad; *"How long do I have to go to school for Dad?" "I guess until you're about 18 son."* He was quiet until they reached the school gate and said; *"Bye Dad, see you when I'm 18."*

The next story was called, *"The First Time I became a Grandmother"*. The writer was invited to attend the birth and make a video recording for her daughter and son in law. This proved a challenge when drama evolved and three doctors arrived and blocked the view as they took over from the midwife. However she must have done well because she was invited back for the birth of her next grandchild.

Our 4th writer's husband woke her at 2am writhing in pain and screamed; *"You have to drive me to the hospital"*. No phone at home! *"I was momentarily struck dumb - I had never driven before and had no idea how to drive, this was going to be my first time ever driving and our car was a manual."* Screaming with pain, her husband gave instructions as she *"kangaroo hopped"* the car all the way down Liverpool Rd to the hospital.

Next followed an admission; *"My sister was the first person I almost succeeded in killing."* This story went on to describe how *"A decision made by me in an instant of insanity"* resulted in her putting her foot to the

floor and overtaking a car that was doing about 70 miles per hour. Miraculously she did not hit any of the oncoming cars she had not seen.

When a battered black motor bike and sidecar stopped in her street, our next writer's mother knew she could not afford ice-creams for her five children.; *"Thinking quickly, she drew herself up in righteous indignation and said, 'You can't have one of those - he spits in it.'" This was the first ice-cream seller they had seen, but they "all toddled off in righteous spirit"*. But she well remembers the first time she had real ice-cream and many other **firsts**.

"The estuary water, close to full tide, was sparkling and welcoming. This was to be a special day. I was going to learn to swim." How we enjoyed a story told to describe this **first** and by the end of the story our writer's magical afternoon ended with the realisation her father was no longer supporting her.

Our next writer began; *"Once a student leaves school it is inevitable that there will be a First Time as a new life style and journey begins."* She went on to reminisce about her *"colourful"* working life and ended with a feeling of content and gratitude for her life as a teacher in many places and circumstances.

With the title, *"Life is Full of Firsts"*, our 9th writer began with his first aeroplane trip as a schoolboy going to visit his sister and brother in law on a remote farm in Cunnamulla in SW Qld. The far from luxurious flight on a Butler Air Transport's Douglas DC3 aircraft was followed by his first attempt at horse riding, shooting, dipping sheep and other *"bushy"* pastimes. He decided to remain a *"towny"*.

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*The Digital Photography Interest Group
March Photo of the Month from Pam Knights
Topic for the Month: "Monochrome"*

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"The first time I wore green, I knew it was the colour for me, but being a grandchild of the Irish tradition - green I was told - was not a lucky colour. I was assured blue was better for me as I had blue eyes." In 1960 this writer "Broke the Irish Rule" and bought a green coat and has loved that colour ever since.

It was bound to happen - finally we arrived at - the first time for a sexual encounter. This theme led our writer to a funny rant about the sexual revolution and "recreational sex".
"IN MY DAY!!! love came into this whole process - and as the saying goes, you had to kiss a few frogs to find a prince," she wrote.



Next Meeting - Monday 26th March. The topic is **"Above the Law"**. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at 10.00 am in the Foyer Room. Bring a story or come and listen.

.....Joan Craymer

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

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 2018.....add to your diary now

2018	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 1			Mon 5 Feb - Fri 6 Apr	9
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, 18TH APRIL 2018 AT 10.00 AM



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

The following Meetings are held in the Foyer Room

Creative Writers' Interest Group

MONDAY, 26th MARCH 2018 at 10.00 am

Topic: **"Above the Law"**

Bring a story or come along and listen.

(Contact: Joan Craymer)

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 26th MARCH 2018 at 1.30 pm

Topic: **"Landscape/Seascape" (manmade)**

Please bring your photos on a flash drive.

(Contact: Patricia Beal)

The above Interest Groups will not meet in April due to the Term Break

These Meetings are held in the Training Room

iPads & iPhones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL 2018 at 10.00am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

After the March Meeting, no further meetings are planned for this Group.

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