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Come, Enjoy, Share

At our General Meetings, we regularly have inspiring and interesting speakers - and very widely informed members, also, in the audience. I was surprised, at our most recent meeting, at just how much a number of our members knew about Rachel Henning, the subject of the presentation! One member even "trumped" our Presenter, by bring along a copy of a very early edition of Rachel Henning's letters - in better condition than the copy the Presenter had brought.

It is indeed amazing how different people's interest can be caught to the extent that they spend much time researching a topic. Our Speaker, Paul Storm, 'encountered' Rachel for the first time through stamp collecting. Interesting stamps led to interesting envelopes, thence to letters which were being cleared out of an old house by the renovator (fortuitously a stamp collector). Thus various letters were saved from the rubbish tip, and more information made available to both the family and the Mitchell Library. What a story it all made!

Whether the research is about someone encountered by chance or members of one's own family, much pleasure can be

gained from such detective work. We are fortunate that computers, and the internet, are tools which can be used in this way. Do we need fresh lessons on these topics? And then, our lessons in writing (both creative writing and word processing) can take things to the next level in documentation. As at least a couple of our own members have shared with us at different times, this can lead all the way to published books.

Even if you are reluctant to be quite so ambitious, it is well worth documenting family history, so the stories can be shared throughout the extended family, kept safely till the time when later generations are most receptive and interested. And these can be illustrated with family photos etc, such as in our Albums, Calendars and Greeting Cards classes. Getting the best out of our own photos, as well as older ones, is also covered in classes. And for other ways of presenting associated items, the irregular class "Share the Shoebox" has very worthwhile alternatives also.

Of course such research can lead to temporary embarrassment, whether (in earlier times, not now) through finding a convict in your family tree, or (these days!)

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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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The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) www.ascca.org.au/**

it may be a politician who finds an unexpected nationality / citizenship which is undesired and embarrassing in the extreme.

For most of us, however, any discoveries are a pleasurable achievement. And while the "task" of putting it all into a permanent form is definitely hard work, there is also the sense of achievement it provides, as well as gratitude, maybe admiration, from recipients / readers.

Do consider what you may wish to learn - or may be prepared to share - in our courses for next year. We are indeed privileged to have the opportunities we have in this Club, to learn and to share, and the various tools to achieve our desired goals. Your Committee is

considering what you might be interested in, for next year. Tutors will be considering potential courses. Please consider if you have something to offer, or suggestions, which may interest other members. New trainers and helpers are always welcome. And involved, interested students are also necessary to keep our club strong. Please speak to myself or another Committee member today (or later) if you have something to suggest or contribute.

Finally, do note the date of our Christmas meeting. Come along and share with fellow members the fellowship of the Festive Season, as well as the sharing of food (nothing hot), on 13th December, at 12 noon.

.....Patricia Beal

Précis of Committee Meeting 2nd November 2017



The lucky draw to attend the Conference was won by Club volunteer, Valerie Worswick, who has registered and been reimbursed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ Secretary: There is continuing concern about the urgent need for a Secretary for the Management Committee. It will again be mentioned at the next General Meeting and in the November Newsletter.
- ◆ Trainers Meeting: As discussed last month, an invitation has been sent to the Committee and Trainers to attend this meeting on Friday, 10th November at 1.30 pm to discuss future Courses and the timetable for Term 1 2018.
- ◆ Key Register: A register of key holders to the Epping Creative Centre was required to be updated by the ECC/Parramatta Council. The holders of keys at this Meeting were confirmed on the register. Other key holders will be followed up.
- ◆ NABO: Bill Earls reported on his findings on this website and it seems a worthwhile possible way of attracting new members. Bill will prepare the draft of an item to be posted about our Club.
- ◆ Christmas Celebration: Discussion about necessary preparations. Patricia Beal will contact Marion Hope, with further details at next meeting.
- ◆ New iPad for Training: Approval was given by the Committee for one of the out-of-date mini iPads to be replaced with a new mini 128GB iPad priced at \$489. Maureen McDonald has agreed to arrange the purchase.

SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Arnold Burling reported that drums had been replaced in OKI printer, the Canon 6200 printer cleaned and checked and two apps that had disappeared, loaded on some computers.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Speakers for Meetings February to April 2018 have been arranged by Shirley Holmes.

TRAINING:

Maureen McDonald gave an update on current classes which are going well. Suggestions related to the possibility of extending Pages and Numbers iPad courses, discussion on the Android tablet and the desirability of more computer-based classes.

WEBSITE:

The Club website has been updated with the latest information.

SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS:

All stationery items and other supplies are up to date to the end of the year.

WELFARE REPORT:

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Our Club membership now stands at 171. This number includes two new memberships and two membership renewals.

ASCCA:

The ASCCA Conference is to be held next week, Wednesday 8th and Thursday, 9th November. The 2018 competition winners will be announced at their AGM.

*Précis - Gwen Bradford
from Minutes prepared by Patricia Beal*

Today's Meeting

Richard and Rosslyn Bushell

will be the Speakers at this Meeting
with the intriguing title...

“Riding our motor cycle around Australia”

Richard and Rosslyn are a couple of “older” bikers who have taken to long distance motorcycle touring. They started their touring “career” very tentatively back in 2007 and since then, have been gradually working up to more serious adventures. Come and share their adventures, where their bike touring is all about the journey not the destination.



Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, 13th December



A reminder that there is
no General Meeting in
December.

We will enjoy our last get-together for the
year with a lunch in the Ron Mathews
Room of the Epping Creative Centre
commencing at **12 noon.**

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 7
FOR ALL THE DETAILS.



WE ARE STILL
SEEKING
A SECRETARY!!

***IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A
COMMITTEE TO FUNCTION OR
RUN A CLUB,
WITHOUT A SECRETARY***

***At present our President is
also acting as Secretary, however
this cannot be sustained.
If you are able to help, please
speak to Patricia Beal at
Today's Meeting.***

Please treat this matter as urgent!

Term 1 - 2018
5th February to 6th April

Your Committee and Trainers have
been working on the Class Timetable
for Term 1 2018 and this will soon be
available for you to select your Course/s.

Once the Timetable listing all the
Courses is available, copies will be
available during current classes at the
Club. Also on our Club website.....

www.cpepping.net.au

Enrolments (and enquiries) will be
accepted by emailing the special Club
enrolment address below.....

enrolcpe@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Valerie Worswick, our volunteer who won the draw to attend the two day ASCCA Conference on the 8th and 9th November.

Tips & Hints

What to do if your Computer Program Freezes



If a program on your computer freezes and you cannot close it normally, try pressing the ALT key and F4 key together. This will close most programs or frozen windows.

If that fails, hold the ON/OFF button down for about 20 seconds. Wait 30 seconds before turning on again. Also use this technique if your computer freezes

.....L.B.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to three new Computer Pals

Angie Kenyon

Yvonne Fazzolari

Dorothy Torony

who have joined our Computer Club for Term 4.

ELECTRICITY

Did You Know?

Since electricity is a natural force that exists in our world, it didn't have to be invented. It did, however, have to be discovered and understood.

Scientists have found evidence that ancient peoples may have experimented with electricity. In 1936, while excavating the ruins of a village near Baghdad, a clay pot was discovered that suggests that the first batteries may have been invented over 2,000 years ago. The clay pot contained copper plates, tin alloy, and an iron rod. It could have been used to create an electric current by filling it with an acidic solution, such as vinegar. This ancient battery is displayed in the Baghdad Museum.



No one knows what the device was used for, but it sheds some light on the fact that people may have been learning about electricity long before Benjamin Franklin and other scientists began experimenting!

Ref: old.world-mysteries.com/sar_11.htm



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.



Creative Writing Report

The topic was **"If you ask me"**. *"If you ask me, in reality, as a matter of fact, I have reason to believe the topic chosen for writing was extremely difficult."* This was the conclusion of a funny piece about the growing habit of people being interviewed using "fillers" while they think of an answer.

Our next writer offered some thoughts on the pros and cons of technology and admitted it is handy to have mobile phones and other marvels, then asked; *"Don't our friends really want us to have quality time to be spent with them? Technological madness can get in the way of being kind and patient - and just "being there"; and caring is better than technology for technology's sake.*

While working as a "Health Visitor" in London, a young nurse was asked if she would like to get married. As Mr. Right was asking her this question, she said "Yes" and they set off to see the world.- and then Australia beckoned!

After an amusing rant; *"Just as a scruffy canine malcontent furiously runs circles in a futile attempt to latch onto its furry appendage, its tail, I react similarly when encountering the question, (or is it a statement?) "If you ask me proved too much so our writer turned to poetry in defence.*

The next writer also noted the question/topic was ambiguous and continued; *But - if you ask me I will probably deliver. Talents, information, opinions, choices and even directions. Do I ever say no? I do. But I will do what I can to say yes, just because YOU are who YOU are and I believe I can be of assistance."*

After lamenting the mistakes of politicians which result in more and more destruction and loss of our precious country, one author

concluded; "If you ask me, I cannot weigh up the questions and answers because the questions outweigh the answers. Where are we going?" Nobody could find an answer!

This topic certainly invited rants. The next one began; *"If you ask me what I think I will be happy to tell you. If you would like to tell me what you think, I will be happy to listen. Just don't you tell me what I should think!"* After conceding that *"Acts of bullying have been perpetrated since Eve bullied Adam into eating an apple from the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden"*, this rant ended in a plea for respect for the opinions of other people.

Being separated from his computer did not stop our next writer - although he did say that his writing *"looks as if a spider dipped in ink has crawled across the page"* he had made copious notes, which he shared with us before finishing up; *"So if you ask me this story will just have to do!"* Great fun.

Our last writer left us in no doubt that if we asked him the question; *"What is the best hobby in the World?"* he had the perfect answer, *Model Railways - supported by a Google search."* He wrote; *"For me building the layout is the more enjoyable part of the hobby. I also like to mix computer skills with the hobby and hope to have this new layout computerised so that things may happen as by magic. It is also simple to control trains from your smartphone or iPad."*

We all miss you Dave - don't spend all your time driving 87 klm each way to play trains - keep time for writing with us too!

Next Meeting - Monday 4th December. The topic will be **"It wasn't me ..."**

Joan Craymer



*The Digital Photography Interest Group
November Photo of the Month from Patricia Beal
"Kata Juta at Dawn"
Topic for the Month: "Sunrise/Set"*



You're invited to our

Christmas Luncheon

*On Wednesday, 13th December, 2017
in the Ron Mathews Room starting at 12 noon*

*Come along and celebrate the end of our year
and enjoy great food, fun and friendship!*

*Please bring a plate of festive food - nothing hot please,
as we lack the facilities to heat food.*

Drinks will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please wear your name badge

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

2017	Enrolments Open		Computer Class Dates	Weeks
	Start	Finish		
Term 4			Mon 16 Oct - Fri 15 Dec	9
2018 Term 1			Mon 5 Feb - Fri 6 Apl	9

NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2018 AT 10.00 AM



*Christmas-end-of-Year Celebration
Wednesday, 13th December, 2017*

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 DECEMBER at 10.00am

Topic: ***"It Wasn't Me"....."***

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

Digital Photography Interest Group

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER at 1.30pm

Topic: ***"Open" (your choice!)***

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 DECEMBER 2017 at 10.00am

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2017 at 9.30am

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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