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Firstly, my thanks to those who have congratulated me, and wished me well, in my new role at the Club. Especially after working under Joan for some years, I am in awe of all she has done, over so many years, for us all. Indeed there has been a strong tradition, by various enthusiastic members, of willing and caring work to keep our Club strong over the years, and I am hoping, in a small way, to continue this.

We recently asked members to respond to a survey, which hopefully most of you have done. The main purpose was to find out more about members: their current club activities, their use of club facilities, and what they hope for, from the club in the coming years. It is not too late to play your part, and contribute your ideas for the future. Responses from 60 members (to date) have generally been very positive about the Club, and recorded their thanks to the volunteers. Notably, more than half the respondents had volunteered at some stage, and some for many years. Some mentioned that recent ill health prevented them from contributing, or perhaps even attending, at present.

Recent additions to classes have been short classes on a specific subject, where

this suffices. More than twice as many members expressed a preference for these compared to the full-term courses. We would be happy to run more of these, if “someone” is willing to teach them. And we knew what you wish to learn. Maybe we should also consider one-on-one teaching at times; and perhaps help sessions, by request, on specific topics.

I am sure we all realise that the Club has less enthusiastic members than before, for whatever reason; less taking classes, less attending General Meetings, less willing to help run the Club. Of course, I am most grateful to those who have agreed to serve on our new Committee. Equally, I am conscious of the gaps in our officebearers, after the AGM.

Most notably, we are still lacking a Secretary. This is a position which anyone with some time, and some ability with a word-processing program, should be able to fill. Our meetings, both Committee and General, do need to have the proceedings recorded properly, so we know what has been discussed and decided.

In a different category is the position of Website Editor. While Lynton and Gwen are willing to keep the Website going, and

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

up-to-date for a while, it is also very obvious that we cannot depend on them indefinitely. We need a Website Editor quickly, and perhaps one who might be willing to understudy our Webmaster, and learn from him. I'm sure the Committee would be willing to help someone to learn the necessary skills, and if appropriate, to attend ASCCA classes, to achieve this. Otherwise, there might not be a Website at some stage in our future. Of those who responded to this question in the survey, 15% used the Website regularly, 58% occasionally, and 25% never.

While we have warmly welcomed two new members to the team, it does require a complete team to keep the Club going smoothly. Please don't think that "someone

else" will put their hand up for these roles; patently this has not happened so far, and there is a limit to how much a depleted Committee can accomplish.

For those considering perhaps taking a more active role in the Club, I would urge you to consider the rewards. Joan mentioned the satisfaction of having Olga talk about her recently published book, after being a member of the Creative Writing Group which Joan hosted, for many years. Passing on the knowledge, or contributing the skills you have, is certainly worthwhile in so many ways. Personal satisfaction and new friendships will ensue. Come join our team.

.....Patricia Beal

## Précis of Committee Meeting 5th October 2017



### WELCOME:

Patricia Beal opened her first Committee meeting as President. We welcomed Bill Earls as Vice-President and Shirley Holmes, who will be joining the Standing Committee as Guest Speaker Coordinator.

### SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT UPDATE:

Our thanks to Arnold Burling who has updated the computers during the term break, although two computers proved to be 'difficult'. Printers are working well.

### GENERAL MEETINGS:

Patricia Beal has Guest Speakers arranged to November. Meetings for 2018 to be organised by the new Guest Speaker Coordinator.

### TRAINING:

Maureen McDonald gave the Meeting an update of the enrolments so far for Term 4. iPad/iPhone classes are going well, however several classes are low in numbers and others may have to be cancelled. We are hoping more members will enrol before Term 4 begins.

### WEBSITE:

Lynton and Gwen Bradford reported that the Club website has been updated with the latest information.

### SUPPLIES/REPLACEMENTS:

Folders for class notes and toners for the printers have been ordered.

### WELFARE REPORT:

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

### MEMBERSHIP:

Our Club membership now stands at 162 following receipt of late renewals.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2017:

Following our AGM in September, Shirley Holmes expressed her willingness to accept the role as Guest Speaker Co-ordinator. On a motion from Lynton Bradford, it was unanimously agreed that Shirley be appointed to the Standing Committee.

### ASCCA:

One of our volunteer members interested in attending the 2017 ASCCA Conference, will be offered the opportunity to attend. A name will be drawn at the October Meeting. Registration for the Conference will be paid by our Club.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

- ◆ Code of Conduct: As suggested at the last Committee meeting, the Code of Conduct was signed by each Committee member present. This will be included in our records.
- ◆ Member Survey: Patricia Beal has received about 60 completed survey forms, with a good spread of different lengths of time in the club etc. Suggestions for improving the Club were read out and discussed.
- ◆ Trainers Meetings: Following discussion at the last Committee Meeting, it was agreed to have one Trainers Meeting per Term with Committee members attending. This would coincide with the timing for preparation and discussion on courses for the next term. Next meeting was arranged for Friday, 10th November at 1pm to discuss Term 1 2018.
- ◆ Bookings ECC Inc and Club Calendar 2018: These dates have been determined, however Patricia Beal will contact the Booking Officer at ECC Inc. to confirm the dates for our Club..
- ◆ NABO: Bill Earls mentioned the website [nabo.com.au](http://nabo.com.au) for networking in any given suburb. He offered to investigate as a way of attracting new members to our club.

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

## **Today's Meeting**

The Speaker at this Meeting will be **Paul Storm....** who will talk about **“The Letters of Rachel Henning”**

*Rachel Henning was born in England in 1826 and came to Australia in 1854. Returning to England in 1856 due to homesickness, she eventually returned to Australia in 1861 to settle permanently with her brother and sister on their property in Queensland. Rachel married in 1866 and later eventually moved to a property near the south coast of N.S.W. Rachel's descriptive letters to her sister in England, provide a detailed account of nearly 30 years of pioneering life in Australia. One literary critic wrote “they are valued for their vivid portrayal of station life in the second half of the 19th century and for her own humour and frankness about the life she led”.*

## **Meeting –15<sup>th</sup> November**

**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 have been gradually working up to more serious adventures since then.*

*Come and share their adventures, where their bike touring is all about the journey not the destination.*



## **WE NEED A SECRETARY!!**

**OUR COMMITTEE CANNOT FUNCTION OR RUN OUR CLUB, WITHOUT A SECRETARY.**

**A Secretary is required by law as we are an Incorporated body.**

**At our October Committee Meeting, our new President, as well as presiding over her first Meeting, recorded the Minutes.**

**You will realise that this cannot continue.**

**If you are able to help, please speak to Patricia Beal at Today's Meeting.**

**This is urgent and critical to the future of our Computer Club.**

**Term 4 - 2017**

**16<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> December**



Term 4 classes started this week, however although there have been some cancellations, there are still vacancies in other classes.

It is not too late to enrol, so have a look at the Class Timetable or check with Maureen McDonald at today's Meeting to see what is available.

Enquiries can also be made by emailing our special enrolment site.....

**[enrolcpe@gmail.com](mailto:enrolcpe@gmail.com)**

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

On our website, you will find the latest  
monthly Newsletter, information on the  
latest Term Timetable listing Courses  
available. Also coming dates and times  
for monthly Meetings and Interest  
Groups.....and much more!!



**ASCCA 19<sup>th</sup> Australian  
Computer Conference  
for Seniors**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

at Rydges World Square Hotel,  
389 Pitt Street, Sydney.

The ASCCA AGM is to be held at the  
conclusion of Day 1 of the Conference  
during which the results of the 2017  
ASCCA competitions will be announced.

Details for on-line registration and other  
information about the Conference are  
available on the ASCCA website.

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



*Our retiring President, Joan Craymer, with  
the flowers presented to her at our AGM  
in September. Thank you Joan, for an  
amazing total of eight years, serving as  
President of our Epping Computer Club.*



A warm welcome to Computer Pal

**Bobbi Murphie**

who has joined our Club.

### **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 **"Lost & Found"**. First we heard about Myrtle the tortoise, who turned out to be Myrtle the turtle. She was lost, but it turned out that *"Light Fingered Terry"* from next door had stolen her. Terry's father offered to give our writer and his friend Ian "A kick in the pants" when they knocked on his door. He didn't know that Ian's Dad was the local policeman!

Next we heard about the feeling of being "lost" when bonds of friendship are broken by the adoption of an idyllic sounding work-free lifestyle. Not quite having that feeling of "belonging" anywhere and not always having the things you need at hand are among the problems to be overcome.

A Red Cross Report told of events during the futile Battle of Fromelles in 1916; *"A shell burst near the Corporal and after the smoke and mud had cleared off, there was no sign of him - and several other men standing near him"*. He was found with 250 other "Lost Soldiers of Fromelles" almost 100 years later and identified with his descendant's DNA.

Our next writer lost her purse on the train and blamed the young people in her carriage for the theft. In her mind *"these miscreants were now covered with tatoos and up to no good"*. How bad she felt when she learned these young people saw it on the floor and handed it in at Central station without a cent missing.

A story of the trauma of a young child missing in a large shopping centre made our next writer's *"world fall apart"* for several minutes and made her aware of judgements she had made about mothers who "lose" their children. Then we had another story about the terror of losing a small daughter on a beach notorious for its treacherous currents.

What a relief to discover she had found her way back to sit on the step of their caravan.

We heard about the excitement of a new archaeological dig in Santorini as it began to reveal the history of a "lost civilization" and "tell" the story of the people and the way they lived and died. Our author called this *"The Intriguing Industry of Lost and Found"*.

How we enjoyed a little poem called, *"Lost and Found - A Husband's Lament!"* Such truths - are all husbands the same?

There was yet another lost child story - this time, about a young son who managed to escape unnoticed from the bell tower of Notre Dame in Paris. What a blessing that he ran into the arms of a lovely French lady when he reached the ground. His parents were never again tempted to tell any of their children to *"Get lost!"*

We heard from a caring writer who is looking for a gentle way to help a relative who has led a cloistered life, as she tries to deal with the shock and grief of widowhood. After many weeks in hospital no spark or enthusiasm or even the beginning of acceptance has relieved this lady's burden of sorrow as she remains "lost" in an unfamiliar new life.

Finally, we heard the story of wanton vandalism that marred a family walk in the lower Blue Mountains. The removal and stacking up of destination signs almost caused Mum and Dad and four young children to spend the night on the valley floor. There was great relief when the faint sound of traffic above them was finally heard.

**Next Meeting - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.** The topic will be **"If you ask me ..."**

Joan Craymer



The Digital Photography Interest Group  
October Photo of the Month from .Roy Ridley  
“ Golden Arches over the Turnpike “  
Topic: “Travel/Journalism”



*Life is like a Camera*

*“Just focus on what’s important  
Capture the Good Times  
Develop from the Negatives  
and if things don’t work out  
- just take another shot.”*



*“Don’t think of it as getting a flu shot.  
Think of it as installing virus  
protection software”*

### **Christmas is coming.....**

There is no General Meeting in December. Instead members are invited to celebrate the end of our Computer year on...



**Wednesday, 13th December**

in the Ron Mathews Room of the Epping Creative Centre commencing at **12 noon.**

**All the details will be in the  
November Newsletter**

# 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

**NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

**8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 19<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN COMPUTER CONFERENCE FOR SENIORS**



*Christmas-end-of-Year Celebration  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 10.00am**

Topic: ***"If You Ask Me....."***

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

### Digital Photography Interest Group

**MONDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 1.30pm**

Topic: ***"Sunrise/Sunset"***

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, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 at 10.00am**

(Contact: Maureen McDonald)

### Android Tablets & Android Phones Special Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 at 9.30am**

(Contact: Arnold Burling)

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