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HERE WE GO AGAIN MEMBERS!
 Your favourite computer club re-opens on Jan 23rd.
 Before we start you may like to check out your computer. How long is it since you got rid of the rubbish—all the old letters, scams, programs **you don't use anymore and are unlikely to ever again and so on.**

Our resident gurus, particularly Malcolm Fell and Ken Moorley, recommend this website to you as a good source of information to help you undertake a clean-up with confidence. It is:

<http://forum.world.start.com/showpost.php?p=16418&postcount=1>

Or use this: <http://tiny.cc/8tz6s>

Do try it out soon!

TRAINERS ARE THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR CLUB

Without them we would cease to exist! We need more trainers right now. We can provide training on how to be a trainer in four easy sessions that are a lot of fun. If you would like to help, please contact Darrell Hatch, our training coordinator very soon.

The present trainers are able to help newcomers with any problems encountered and you will certainly improve your own computer skills as you help trainees with their problems. Please give it some serious thought.

MVPs

Are available to help solve your problems.

MVPs, or Most Valuable Professionals, are experts who help people in computer difficulties. They are not employed by Microsoft or Apple, but they can help fix problems in either systems of both companies.

The main website for finding help is: www.word.mvps.org

Simply follow the prompts to find the help you need. There is more information about these helpful people on website: <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/>

Guest Speaker for Monthly Meeting

Sandra Brophey is presenting a talk she did at the November 2011 ASCCA Computer Conference on how to get over your fears of Android Smart Phones. Included will be some tips for things to think about before buying and how best to keep costs in hand. The need for a router connection if you wish to run lots of apps and generally speak about the fun she has in using her Samsung Galaxy not only as a phone but also as a GPS and information service.

Dr Samuel Johnson (1709—1784)

The famous English Writer, once said "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where to find information on it." He published the first dictionary in 1755 (A Dictionary of the English Language), a great help in standardising spelling, which until then had been quite haphazard. How the dear Doctor would have loved playing with Google! Google "Samuel Johnson" yourself if you want to know more about this innovative gentleman.



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2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Anna instructing us all in the rules of a party game!



(photo by Colin Ward, club president)

Livewire Anna Karalus organised the Christmas Party. Here's what she thought about it all:

"The Christmas afternoon tea was a success. I tried to do something different this time, each member was presented with a Christmas token pinned on them as they arrived to get them into the Christmas spirit. Later we had some fun with answers to some simple Questions and each of the 6 received a gift. Different, but without the decorous Santa of last year.

The tables were decorated beautifully and the food plentiful, extra was bought from Manly Freezers, and always very popular. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits, and I think it finished much too early.

And of course great pictures were taken by Colin, they should show what a great time we all had. Anna"

Sending Web addresses to our Editor & Program Extensions.

Members like Malcolm Ken and Myself often send links to Dick Manuel our Newsletter now printing addresses as long on the front page is very hard for members to use but the tiny Url under it a lot easier. To convert long web addresses use a site like <http://tiny.cc/> Copy the long address and paste it into the box provided. Click the Tiny button. In the box below is the much shorter address to the same place. Just copy and paste to Newsletter article Dick
Colin-President.

There are thousands of extensions and it often helps to know just what they are. Most extensions consist of just three letters, but there are exceptions. Lots of websites can help you decipher the meanings of extensions. One your editor finds useful is: Try it out next time you need to know the nature of a new extension.

www.computerhope.com/dosex.htm

TRAINERS AND COURSES

There are about 20 trainers assisting club members at present and their help is greatly appreciated. Trainers agree that teaching fellow members how to use computers is very rewarding, not only because they are helping others, but particularly because they learn so much more about computing. *Perhaps **you would like to become a trainer? The club runs a special course to "train the trainer".** Please contact any trainer or Darrell Hatch, our Training Coordinator, for more details.*

Derek Rowland: Every Friday, from 1.00 to 4.00 pm Derek teaches in one hour segments, on a one to one (or more) basis, the basics of the following programs:

- Word processing programs such as Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, or similar.
 - Basic photographic enhancement programs such as, Picasa 3, Photo Story 3, Microsoft Publisher and Windows Photo Gallery.
- Internet - introduction to Windows Live Mail and Skype.
Please add your name to the list in the office.

INTRODUCTION TO OUR CLUB AND COMPUTER BASICS

Darrell Hatch: Darrell runs a basic course for newcomers on selected Saturdays, (usually the last **Saturday in the month**), from 9.30 to 1130 am. **It's easy** to follow and a good starting point. Please put your name on the list at the club office to register for attendance. Next talk is on Feb 11. All welcome.

MS EXCEL SPREADSHEETS

Malcolm Fell offers training in MS Excel on an appointment basis. Please Email him on mmfell@optusnet.com.au for more information.

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

On Wednesday afternoons, you may bring your

troublesome control tower or laptop to the office, when Colin Ward may be able to suggest a solution to your problem, or make an adjustment. Appointments are necessary for this often lengthy procedure.

GENEALOGY

Anna Karalus will help you get your family tree in shape, among other things. Anna trains on Thursday mornings

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

John Robinson: attends from 10 am to noon on Wednesdays (hourly sessions) to help you get your camera images into in Photo programs or to run Picasa.

DIGITAL PHOTO COURSE
PICASA 3 & PHOTOSTORY

Sandra Brophey: runs three week courses on digital photography on Thursday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm. To attend, add your name to the board list and Sandra will advise you when the next course will be held.

THE COURSE YOU WANT IS NOT ON THE LIST?

If there is a computer topic you'd like us to teach, please tell Darrel Hatch and he'll see what can be done to meet your need.

DISCLAIMER: All information in our newsletters is provided in good faith, but we cannot accept responsibility for its veracity. Members need to satisfy themselves whether or not they should use that information.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Recording Your Attendance and Departure times

Most of us remember to sign in on arrival at the club office but sometimes some of us depart without recording our time out and our signature. It is important to record this in the attendance book please.

Subscription Reminder

The Joining fee is \$25, with quarterly subscriptions of \$25.00, payable in advance for the periods Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep and Oct-Dec; or an Annual Fee of \$70.00, for a 12 months period, commencing at the beginning of any of the quarterly periods mentioned. The address label on mailed newsletters will advise when subs are due. If you receive your newsletter by email, reminders are emailed just before your subscription expires. When paying, please put your cheque or cash in an envelope with your name and number on it and hand it to a trainer or office assistant to record it in the diary and put it in the cashbox. Alternatively, post it (cheques only) to:
The Treasurer, Forest Computer Pals for Seniors, PO Box 116, Forestville 2087, or make an EFT payment directly

to Forest Computer Pals for Seniors Bank Account. For **further information the Treasurer's email address is:** treasurer@forestcompals.org.au

Members Training/Appointment Calendar

Members are asked to print their First and Family Names on the appointment schedule so that, if a trainer needs to contact them for any reason, their identity will be clear.

Members may book ahead for tuition for two separate one hour sessions per week. However, if a member wishes to have extra tuition that member may, on the day they wish to attend, phone the club and if there is space available then, and only then, they may book extra time. (This requirement does not apply to Special Group courses as they are not listed on the booking sheets).

Would members who have booked time and cannot keep the appointment please phone as early as possible to allow others to utilise the vacant place.

ABOUT THE CLUB	TRAINER INFORMATION					
<p>Through mutual help we assist members to develop or improve their computer skills, including using the Internet. We do this in a relaxed environment where we also enjoy fellowship and exchange of ideas. We operate on a minimum budget and are very dependent on prompt payment of members' subscriptions to maintain this objective.</p> <p>The club is a founding member of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA). The work of our club is voluntary and it depends mainly on its members for its resources in management and training.</p> <p>APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Enquiries from prospective members are welcome. Please call the club office (9975 7762) or the Membership Coordinator (Reg Flew, 9971 0325) for more information.</p>	Mon am	Jan van der Hilst Bruce Adams Richard Crighton	9452 5475 9958 3685 9972 0429	Mon pm	Malcolm Fell Bob Brisebois Bruce White Joan Kohler	9451 6050 9451 4660 9451 9779 9905 5193
	Tue am	Graham Allan Shirley Palmer	9451 4336 9451 0158	Tue pm	Special courses: see Notice Board and Trainers & Courses, page 3	
	Wed am	Dick Manuell Archie Macnaughton Gay Savage John Robinson (10-12)	9451 1578 9938 1971 9452 1937 9451 5977	Wed pm	Ian Parsons Ken Moorley Susan Howell Jack Wilson	9452 4249 9451 0494 9415 1167 9452 1148
	Thu am	Richard Smith Anna Karalus	9451 5573	Thu pm	Specials—see notice board	
	Fri am	John Ray Kate Holland Pam Perrin (10 am)	9451 9396 9810 2451 9449 2734	Fri pm	Derek Rowland Word processing etc	9451 3969
Committee for the year October 2011 to October 2012						
Colin Ward President		9451 1000	Reg Flew Vice-President		9971 0325	
Sandra Brophey Secretary		9939 7737	Joe Magno Treasurer		9451 0592	
John Ray		9451 9396	Darrell Hatch Training Coordinator		9982 7139	
Ken Moorley		9451 0494	Bruce White		9451 9779	
Anna Karalus		9451 5573	Gerry Benjamin		9453 3255	
Janece Burge-Lopez		9975 3465				
<p>REGISTRATION DAY IN FORESTVILLE VILLAGE</p> <p>On Saturday, February 4 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm, in the Forestville shopping centre, there will be teams of people taking registrations for various organisations, including Forest Computer Pals.</p> <p>If you would like to help the club, either in setting up, manning the stall, or packing up afterwards, please contact Darrell Hatch as soon as possible please. See adjoining Committee table for his phone number.</p> <p>It will be a fun morning so do pay us a visit if you are in the area. Bring a likely new member too!</p>	<p>Digital Photography and Photo Books</p> <p>Photo Books are becoming increasingly popular and are a very cost effective way of producing albums for travel, family and a myriad of other formats. John Robinson is holding an information morning on Wednesday, Feb 8th at 11 am for those interested in discovering this fascinating method of providing coffee table books of their own images.</p> <p><i>Clickonprint.com.au/</i> will give an overview of these books.</p> <p>Please register your interest on the sheets on the notice board.</p>					
	<p>The things people say — so they say!</p> <p><i>"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, with the two as close together as possible."</i> George Burns.</p> <p><i>"My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then, she stops to breathe."</i> Jimmy Durante.</p> <p><i>Money can't buy you happiness.....But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery."</i> Spike Milligan.</p> <p><i>Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you."</i> Winston Churchill.</p>					