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WELCOME BACK TO ALL MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY NEW ONES!

It's been a good year so far, and thanks to all the good work done by Malcolm with the new computers we were able to install thanks to a grant from the Forestville RSL club (see page2), our trainers are ready and waiting to help you with any problems you may have encountered over the break.

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Dates to watch;
Committee meeting on Feb 13
Monthly meeting on Feb28

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Do not send messages without a subject line

Do not send a second email to complain "the first" was not answered quickly enough; keep in mind some people are not on their computers every day

Do not click Reply to an old message and then talk about something completely different from the subject line

When responding to a message leave the original message intact

Do not include oversized attachments in email; try to keep them below 500 kb, or send an email to the recipient and warn them you have a large file ready to be sent

Do not send exe files in email; many email services will block the email

Never pass on warnings or other alerts by email that say "send to all your friends". The vast majority of them are hoaxes.

Do not use "Spam Challenge" emails and expect people to prove themselves, especially to a company since most companies would not be able to do this. And, spammers could send these same emails and fool people into "proving" they exist for nefarious reasons.

Do not use "vacation responders". Your close friends will know if you are gone; everyone else can wait until you get home. If you really need to access email use a web mail account like Gmail that you can access from anywhere

Do not use or expect others to allow "read receipts". If someone wants you to know your mail has been read, they will respond to you.

Don't send emails with ccs of all your friends; be sure you use bcc.

Don't assume because you have a high-speed connection that everyone else does too -- or that everyone else's high-speed connection is as fast as yours.. There are still many people using dial-up and many using low-tier broadband who don't have much bandwidth to use -- especially not on opening up a 50MB attachment. Nothing is more irritating to those folks than receiving an embedded video they can't watch, or a huge embedded image that takes them fifteen or twenty minutes to download.

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Forest Computer Pals thanks Warringah Council for its assistance



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A BIG THANK YOU FROM PRESIDENT COLIN TO

To the three volunteers who completely cleaned out the club office and checked out the computers in preparation for the start of operations this year, namely:

John Ray, Reg Flew and Darrel Hatch

Perhaps their example may have inspired you to clean out the rubbish from your own home computer? If not, have a look at a program like Glary Utilities, or go to All Programs, then Accessories, then Systems, then Defrag, or go to Computer, right click on "C" drive then select Disk Clean up, all of which can assist your computer to operate more smoothly

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome *Evonne Miles* and *Raymond Alcock* to Forest Pals and wish them lots of fun as they explore the world of computing with us.

A good starting spot for you will be an **Introductory Course** on February 16 run by Darrell Hatch. It starts at 9.30 am. Members seeking a refresher are also welcome. Please phone Darrell on 9982 7139 to ensure a place

SICK OF PLAYING SOLITAIRE, OR SPIDER, OR FREE-CELL?

Then try out "Circle the Cat", which you can access by visiting website

<http://www.members.shaw.ca/gf3/circle-the-cat.html>

Jerome Jerome, English humorist, once said:

"It is impossible to enjoy idling unless one has plenty of work to do"

CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

On February 2, from 9 am to 1 pm, many of the organisations associated with the Warringah Council's Memorial Hall and Arts Centre will have stands in the Forestville Shopping Centre providing information about their activities.

Forest Computer Pals will be there and volunteers to help man the stand will be welcome. If you are able and willing to help, please call Darrell Hatch (9982 7139) and let him know when you can attend. Even one hour would be great!

REMINDER FROM REG!

Those members whose subscriptions were due by the end of December 2012 are asked to contact Reg please on 9971 0325. If you have decided to leave us please also let Reg know **as soon as possible.**

WINDOWS 8 IS COMING SOON

Malcolm Fell will soon have Windows 8 available on Computer Hope. And as soon as the latest version of Deep Freeze is loaded onto other computers, they will have Windows 8 installed too.

So trainers, it's now time to sharpen up on the latest Windows program.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING ON THE 28TH

Our president, Colin Ward, will be the speaker and he will introduce us to the latest version of Microsoft's operating systems—WINDOWS 8.

The meeting will start at 2.30 pm for business, followed by afternoon tea/coffee and then Colin will speak from about 3 pm.

Your friends and guests will be welcome to this first meeting for 2013. Put it in your diary now!

REPLACEMENT RECORD/CASSETTE RECORDER FOR CONVERTING YOUR MUSIC TO CDS.

Ken Moorley advises that the replacement for the expired converter is now operational.

If you wish to convert your old records or cassettes to a more convenient form have a look at website:



THANK YOU

Thank you Forestville RSL, for the grant of \$1598, which we used to buy some new computers.

Info from Janece Burge-Lopez

Ever wondered where your air-travelling friends might be en route?

You probably already use www.sydneyairport.com.au/flights/flightarrivals-and-departures.aspx?Sea to check whether they will arrive or depart on schedule to avoid dashing off unnecessarily, but there is another site that can help find where they are during transit. It tracks planes fitted with certain types of communication equipment, so not all planes are tracked. The site is <http://www.flight radar24.com>. You will need to know the flight number and either the date of departure or arrival before entering the site.

<p>CAN'T FIND THE PROGRAM YOU SEEK?</p> <p>Ask Darrell Hatch, our Training Coordinator and he'll see what can be done to help you.</p> <p>We have about 20 Trainers, but we need more. Most trainers will tell you that they learned more about computing by becoming a trainer than by any other means.</p> <p>If you'd like to consider becoming a trainer, talk to any trainer, or Darrell about it. We can provide training for you.</p>	TRAINER INFORMATION					
	<p>This table shows at which times trainers attend the Club. To check which programs Trainers can offer, check the list above the booking boards.</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 Steve Richards Lynne Johannes	9451 4336	Tue pm	Special courses: see Notice Board and Trainers & Courses, page 3	
	Wed am	Dick Manuell Archie Macnaughton Gay Savage John Robinson (10-1 pm)	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	9451 3969	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS OCT 2012-OCT 2013				GOT SOME NEWS FOR THE NEWS-LETTER?	
Colin Ward President	9451 1000	Reg Flew Vice-president	9971 0325	<p>Your editor appreciates items for the N/L or requests for particular topics to be published as well as feedback in general.</p> <p>His hide is tough so be as direct as you wish! Please communicate with him via email:</p> <p>rman77@bigpond.net.au</p>	
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 0494		
Anna Karalus	9451 5573	Lynne Johannes	9451 4455		
Richard Smith					



Christmas party in the Senior Citizens' Centre, December 2012



Those members with teenagers coming and going will recognise this feeling!



Happy revellers at the 2012 Christmas Party exchange ideas and problems with one another