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Coming events
 Committee 11th May
 May meeting 24th

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THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Will be held on Thursday April 26 in the Memorial Hall, starting at 2 pm. Afternoon tea will be at 2 .30 pm, followed by an address from

Senior Constable Kylie Boss

SC Boss will tackle a range of issues experienced by Seniors, so do bring your **tough questions about living in today's busy world won't you! Are you certain about roundabout rules? Can you remember how close you may park near a post box? What should you do if an elderly neighbour's behaviour causes you concern?** As well as your questions, why not bring a friend too!

WARRINGAH COUNCIL WORKS AT MEMORIAL HALL!

From April 23 to May 28, Construction work will require able-bodied members to enter the club via the hall kitchen and those with disabilities to enter via the **Senior Citizen's Centre. From May 29 to June 12, able-bodied members will resume entry via the front doors, but those with disabilities will still need to enter via the Senior Citizens' Centre.**

Note : there may be changes to these dates, so do be careful and observant.

As construction teams may be using part of the parking space, remember you are entitled to three hours free parking under Coles

NEWSLETTERS

Our club receives newsletters from a few other Computer Pals clubs and they often contain interesting items. So that members can access those newsletters; shortly we **will have them stored on a "Newsletters" site on the desk top of computer "Dick".** We will also store copies of our own newsletter on the same site, instead of maintaining a library hard copy. The ASCCA Newsletter however will continue to be emailed to all members on our email list. Members may print out copies at a cost of 10c per page.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

From April1, the club website will host a Question and Answer section. Members may enter their query and those who can, may respond with a solution. Both questions and answers will be available to all members to see.

The editor thinks it will work like this: -If you have a question, go to the club website: (forestcomputerpals.org.au), enter *help*, enter your question, followed by your name as *user name*, and your membership number as *password*. Allow enough time for answers to arrive by the same procedure, noting there may be several answers to the one question.

Ken Moorley says this is a good site to check out how good your password security measures are:

<http://www.ghacks.net/2012/04/07/how-secure-is-your-password/>

FORGOTTEN WHAT THAT ABBREVIATION MEANS?

If, like your editor, you have forgotten more than you ever knew, Microsoft have obliged with a website that provides useful reminders, especially if you are considering a new computer and are trying to interpret the advertising guff. **It's**

www.microsoft.com/athome/video/pcterm.aspx

(see also page 4!)

PHISHING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Recently your editor received an email, purporting to come from American Airlines, seeking confirmation of an **already paid for flight**. **It didn't ask me to pay anything, or provide any personal information, but it was for a flight to Montgomery from Los Angeles.** Some nice people might be tempted to respond, and suggest they had made a mistake, but that would be a mistake itself! Should readers receive any similar emails, **don't be curious, don't be nice—DELETE WITHOUT OPENING.**

I did send a separate email to AA's security people, supplying them with details included in the email so they could try and track the origin and they provided a website about Phishing, which may be worth visiting if you are unaware of just what Phishing is trying to do to you. It's www.aa.com/phishing.

AUDIO AND VIDEO CONVERSION

Ken Moorley supplied the following website about a useful conversion program:

http://apcmag.com/downloader.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+apc-all+%28APCmag.com+-+All+Articles%29

And President Colin provided another:

http://www.freemake.com/free_video_converter/

Colin said Freemake Video Converter can convert almost "anything to anything else"!

Ask either of them if you need further details.

USING THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Library of Australia at Canberra has an immense database accessible by the Internet. People searching **for all sorts of information often find what they seek by browsing the many avenues in the library's records.** Most of the information is free, although some items may incur charges. Some records are "digitised", providing fairly low resolution images, which are nonetheless adequate for those researching events rather than illustrations and this enables users to download data quite readily without cost usually.

Records of immigrants, defence stalwarts, acts of parliament, among many others are all there at your disposal. Try it out some time. The site is www.naa.gov.au.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

President Colin opened the meeting at 2 pm and welcomed members and guests.

There were 24 members and guests present, with 5 apologies.

Minutes of February meeting accepted.

Treasurer Joe Magno reported that finances were sound. YTD Expenses totalled \$8,547, YTD Income was \$8154, a shortfall of \$392, making Total Assets \$18,556. Report accepted.

Colin advised that his yearly special DVD of free, useful programs was now available. Copies of the DVD at the office could be made with the assistance of trainers. He suggested a trial of Driver Easy, a program that enabled users to keep all program drivers up-to-date. And of course the usual plea for all members to have and maintain reliable protection programs on their computers against viruses, worms, Trojans, Scams and other malware.

"Protect yourself" was his message!

After afternoon tea/coffee, Kerrie's talk and Q & A was one of our best in a while and at the end she was asked to come back and expand on how to build a website.

Her talk was about our current club website and the various facts known about who visited our site. (Like the good old USA has the highest and I think Yugoslavia the lowest (1) number of visitor(s)). She also explained what the new Q & A section would look like and that it would start on the 1st April.

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.

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 supplied in the N/L, or by trainers, is believed to be sound, but we cannot guarantee it. Members must satisfy themselves whether or not to use that information. Similarly, the club cannot accept responsibility for any damage that occurs to members' equipment while using that equipment on club premises.

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

Some member's subscriptions are now well overdue. *If you do not intend to continue as a club member, please phone Reg Flew (9971 0325) and let him know your intentions.*

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 one hour session each 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 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 (10-12)	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
<p>WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>A special welcome to 15 new members and one lady renewing her association with us. The 16 are: -</p> <p><i>David Dilanchian, Victoria Kenessey, Mary Cleary, Bernie Hanslow, Terry Osborne, Rosemary Fisher, Mary Rae, Betty Cameron, Vilma Fernandez, Kay Johnstone, Elizabeth Jacka, Joy Nixon, Michael Miltiades, Christine and David Norman and Michael O'Brien.</i></p> <p>Have fun as you learn the intricacies of computing and make new friends. Do come along to our monthly meetings, where we all can discuss our discoveries and errors and find solutions to problems.</p>		COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2011 TO OCTOBER 2012					
		Colin Ward President	9451 1000	Reg Flew Vice-president	9971 0325		
		Sandra Brophay 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	94515573	Lynne Johannes	9451 4455		
		Janece Burge-Lopez	9975 3465	Richard Smith			
<p>NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR</p> <p>We accept letters from members about computer topics, so please let us know what's on your mind; questions, comments, whatever and we'll try and accommodate you in a subsequent issue.</p> <p>Please send emails to:</p> <p>rman77@bigpond.net.au</p>		<p>USEFUL SMS ABBREVIATIONS AND ENCRYPTIONS FOR SENIORS</p> <p><i>The kids have all their little SMS codes ...like BFF, WTF, and LOL etc.</i></p> <p><i>So here are some codes for the Seniors:</i></p> <p>ATD - At the Doctor's BFF - Best Friend's Funeral BTW - Bring The Wheelchair CBM - Covered By Medicare CUATSCC - See You at the Senior Cit's Centre DWI - Driving While Incontinent FWBB - Friend With Beta Blockers FWIW - Forgot Where I Was FYI - Found Your Insulin GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low GHA - Got Heartburn Again HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement IMHO - Is My Hearing-Aid On? LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out OBE - Over Bloody Eighty OMMR - On My Massage Recliner OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas ROFL...CGU - Rolling on the Floor Laughing... Can't Get Up! TTYL - Talk to You Louder WAITT - Who Am I Talking To? WTFA - Wet the Furniture Again WTP - Where're the Prunes WWNO - Walker Wheels Need Oil GGLKI - Gotta Go, Laxative Kickin' in!</p>					