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Forest Computer Pals thanks Warringah Council for its support.



Warringah Council

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting followed: 13 present 4 apologies 2 visitors Terry Osborne first meeting Acceptance of March minutes- Anna Karalus. Second Joe Magno Secretary Pam Hunt hopes to make it to the next committee meeting, Lynne a while yet.

Colin spoke again of passwords, and need for frequent change.. The Mayor was still reeling, Fresh from a Meeting with State Govt Main Roads 'planners' "Who here is not interested in the new hospital? Now is the time to get active."

"I've recently been asked to meeting about road works around the hospital with. CEO of SHOROC (group local councils) at the table, sworn to secrecy. The idea has been on the books since the 1930s in the Cumberland plan, the hospital is right there in the plan. Departmental General Manager sworn to secrecy. Tues & Wed were RMS (or whatever is their modern name) meeting."

Mayor lives across the road from the Starkey St & Warringah, Rd junction; long familiar with congestion there. "I asked 'What about the gridlock for years already in Starkey St? ...'person from DRMS (Richard Hines?)- He looked me straight in the eye. 'I don't know' Well, you're honest." Michael repeated this many times, to stress to us, or to come to terms with it himself, perhaps. Also "What about the intersections- Crown of the Hill? Sky-line shops? Allambie Rd? Starkey St? Wakehurst?" "Main Roads Policy states we are responsible for keeping the arteries running, not concerned how the feeder streets run. ' Feed to Starkey St , it's a 'gate' , as is Crown of the Hill a 'Gate'. It sounded as though roads over/under, Skyline demolished. Response: 'Don't know. There'll be a comment in about 5 weeks'. There will be traffic counts soon, maybe a pedestrian bridge; the median strip will stay to help pedestrians cross the highway'.

"Money is there and waiting for main Roads RMB; Local hospital closes this May. Announce Private contractor -Builder and to run hospital in November. Turn soil in February 2015. Cost \$ 600,000,000 to build roads alone."

Premier will announce Road and Transport concurrently with the budget+ Hospital. 5 storey, self contained "Work with you" load of...as all are sworn to secrecy!

Mayor was standing with a Lady who lives opposite High School, looking at a map with red lines along Frenchs Forest Rd East; they plan a 7 lane Hwy.

'What's that?' DMR man mumbles 'looks like those houses will be resumed' ""But that's my home!" Imagine the pickle Michael is in, 'all sworn to secrecy' how can he handle it?

He led some conversation on options we could suggest, and question time - NW rail link to and from Chatswood, no capacity for buses - parking station at Wakehurst Intersection-

He stayed for a cuppa, then dashed off to collect his boys

CLUB MAY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29

For the business meeting, don't be bashful, please bring your queries, there may be several members with the same problems and a discussion could help us all. Please bring your friends and gusts too, they'll be welcome. After afternoon tea/coffee, we'll hear from our speaker,

PESKY PHONE CALLS

Gay Savage has reminded us that if you wish to reduce the number of "marketing calls" on your home phone, a visit to website

<https://www.donotcall.gov.au>

may provide the answer for you. This is an official government site and after registration, most of those annoying calls will be stopped. The block does not apply to registered charities and scammers selecting phones apparently at random, may also penetrate the system.

COMPUTER HISTORY

Ken Moorley sent us this website—

<http://www.computerhistory.org/>

So we could see how the computer developed over time.

ONE FOR THE COUCH POTATOES

Many of us would like to lose a little weight but are confused (or perhaps too lazy?) as to how to get started.

The NSW established website to into a bet-based intake. site :-



Government has an excellent guide you easily ter lifestyle, around kilojoule Just visit web-

<http://8700.com.au>, and explore the many useful sub-folders it contains. Do try it out. It's so easy!

OUR COMMITTEE

2014

(Please be considerate in the timing of your calls to these busy people)

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	NAME	TITLE	PHONE
Colin Ward	President	9451 1000	John Ray	committee	9451 9396
Reg Flew	Vice-president	9971 0325	Anna Karalus	committee	9451 5573
Joe Magno	Treasurer	9451 0592	Richard Smith	committee	
Pam Hunt	Secretary	9913 3755	Ken Moorley	committee	9451 0494
Darrell Hatch	Training Coordinator	9982 7139	Bruce White	committee	9451 9779
Lynne Johannes	committee	9412 2922			

TOP TEN MISUNDERSTOOD ROAD RULES IN NSW

If you don't know the ten most misunderstood road rules in NSW, may we suggest you make time to visit website

<http://driveformulae.com.au/top-ten-most-understood-road-rules-nsw/>

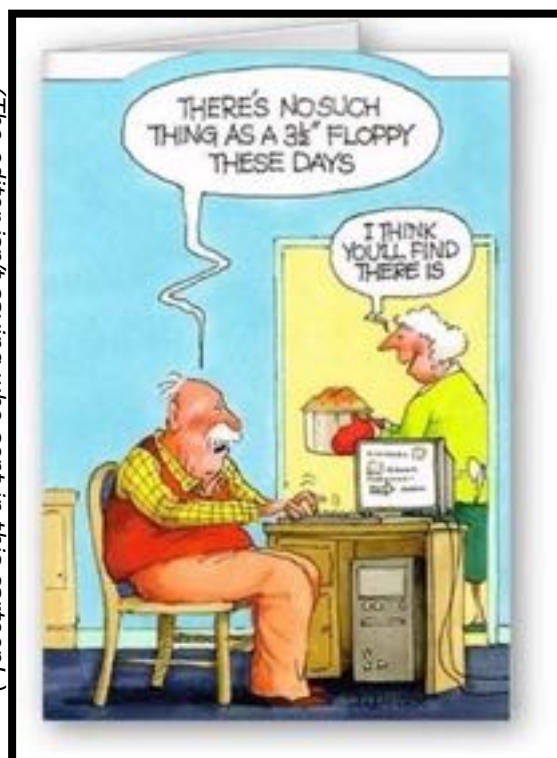
to ensure you can drive safely at all times! Be sure to watch the video!

TRAINERS

Lynne Johannes and Richard Smith have been out of action because of medical problems. We all wish them a speedy and complete recovery and a return to their normal lives.

Detlef Volkmer joined the ranks of trainers recently and we thank him for that. But we still need more trainers. If you are interested, we can provide in-house training for you, spread over four successive Thursday afternoons in a very relaxed atmosphere. Please contact Darrell Hatch for further information or discussion.

(The editor isn't saying who sent in this cartoon!)



POSTAL CONCESSIONS

Australia Post has announced some minor postal charge concessions for Pensioners and certain other persons, To find out more about this useful concession, or your eligibility for the concession, go to web-site:

<http://auspost.com.au/parcels-mail/mypost-concession-account.html>

NOTE TO XP USERS

From May 1, HOPE will be the only club computer running MS XP. As advised previously, Microsoft ceased providing support for XP from April 16. Hope is currently being re-powered and will be back by May 1.

TRAINER INFORMATION

This table shows at which times trainers attend the Club. To find which programs Trainers can offer, check the list above the booking boards.

Mon am	Jan van der Hilst Bruce Adams	9452 5475 9958 3685	Mon pm	Bruce White Joan Kohler Malcolm Fell (by appointment)	9451 9779 9905 5193
Tues am	Graham Allan Steve Richards Detlef Volkmer	9451 4336	Tues pm	Special courses: see Notice board and Trainers & Courses, page 3	
Wed am	Gay Savage John Robinson Dick Manuell	9452 1937 9451 5977 9451 1578	Wed pm	Ian Parsons Ken Moorley Susan Howell Jack Wilson	9452 4249 9451 0494 9415 1167 9452 1148
Thur am	Richard Smith Anna Karalus	9451 5573	Thur pm	Special courses: see Notice Board	
Fri am	Kate Holland Pam Perrin John Ray	9810 2451 9449 2734 9451 9396	Fri pm	Derek Rowland	9451 3969

A little girl was diligently pounding away at the word processor program on her grandfather's computer. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about dear?" he asked. "I don't know, grandpa," she replied. "I can't read yet." (Thanks to Pam Hunt)

Thanks to Pam Hunt for this gem below! "Look before you leap", or here, "Check before you Shred!"

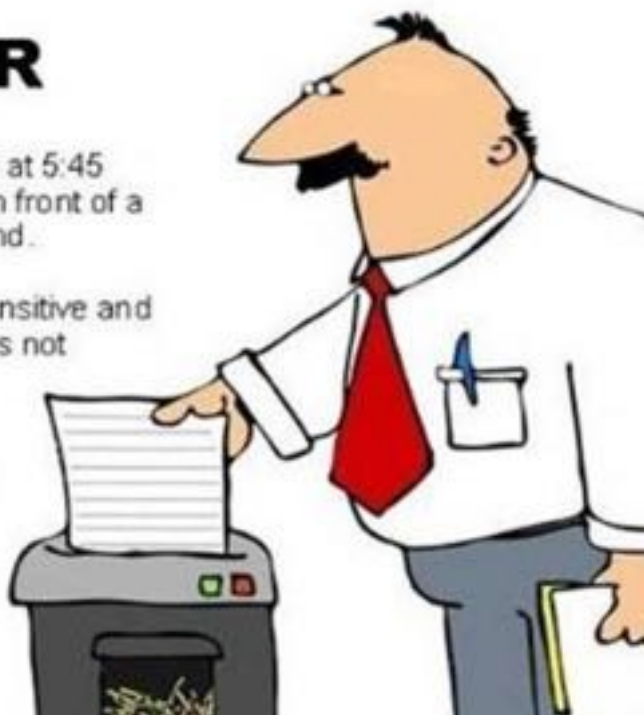
THE SHREDDER

A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45 p.m. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."



Moral: Never assume that anything your boss says is necessarily correct. He may know even less than you do about the proposed task. Get the facts before you acts!

TRAINERS AND COURSES

There are about 18 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.*

SOME OF THE COMPUTER TOPICS TRAINERS CAN HELP YOU WITH

BEGINNERS TUTORIAL

The next tutorial for newcomers will be held at the club office on a Saturday morning. Date to be advised. Darrell Hatch will lead the session. Booking recommended.

USING IPADS AND LAPTOPS

John Robinson, Ian Parsons, and Ken Moorley can all help. Make sure to bring your own device!

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

Richard Smith is a whiz on photographic matters on Thursday mornings. Booking essential.

THE COURSE YOU WANT IS NOT ON THE LIST?

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

DISCLAIMER

All information supplied in the N/L, or by trainers, or speakers, 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 may occur to members' equipment while using that equipment on club premises.

Please Record Your Arrival 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. Please print clearly.

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. The Subscriptions of most of the Club members will become due at 30th

June 2014 and prompt payment would be appreciated. This may be done by post to Forest Computer Pals, P O Box 116 Forestville 2087, or paid at the club office. For any queries, please phone Joe Magno on 9451 0592.

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 second day they wish to attend, phone the club and if there is space available, they may book an extra hour. (This requirement does not apply to Special Group courses as they are not listed on the appointment calendar).

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.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome the following new members to Forest Computer Pals club and wish them well as they sail through cyberspace with us:-