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COMING EVENTS

- July 8—1.45 pm, Committee meeting
- Newsletter folding July 8, 9 am

**MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY JUNE 25
 THE NSW STATE LIBRARY**

Maurie Farrell, Speaker at the June Monthly meeting, was brought up in Melbourne. He was a student in librarianship during the first year of Monash University's existence while he worked at the State Library of Victoria. As a graduate he moved to Sydney for an editor's job at the grand Aussie publishing house of Angus and Robertson.

After a few years, he noticed that his next door neighbour and best mate, who was a Qantas steward, was earning more money and had a lot more time off than he did. So he joined Qantas for a year or so to see the world for nothing. Thirty three years later he retired from Qantas and returned to his first love, the love of books, and became a volunteer at the State Library of New South Wales.

The general meeting begins at 2 pm, followed by Marie's afternoon tea and then Maurie at 3 pm.

ELEVENTH ASCCA CONFERENCE

Members who receive Newsletters (both club and ASCCA) by email will already know all about the 11th ASCCA conference to be held at the Powerhouse museum on August 18 and 19. Members not on the email list can find out more by visiting the ASCCA Home page when at the club, or can send an email to Dick to be added to future emailings (see Page 4)

ASCCA Conferences at the Powerhouse Museum are always well worth attending. To assist our members wishing to attend, our club will close on the conference days August Tuesday 18th. & Wednesday 19th. August. The Powerhouse museum is readily accessed by public transport; however, Sandra Bropey, Ph. 9939 7737, has suggested a car pool is the way to go with car parking adjacent to the Powerhouse for a reasonable fee. Persons interested may contact her directly.

WELCOME BACK PAT JAMES!

We're all pleased that your op was successful and that you are back into your usual busy life once more.

Forest Computer Pals for Seniors welcomes the support of:-



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN AND OUT

It is important that members sign IN and OUT in the Attendance Book please!

It is a safety requirement for your protection.

Also it is a safeguard against non-members dropping in for free tuition, which none us welcome!

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 24th June, 2009.

President Colin welcomed all and the Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted.

The Secretary reminds all that there is a quarterly meeting at ASCCA -9th June at 10pm (with lunch included). Pat James our auditor and Monday Office Assistant should be back on deck by next week after her serious operation. Sandra would like to be told if any trainer and club member is seriously ill.

Colin presented the accounts and welcomed Joe Magno to the Committee to help Bob Brisebois who has had health problems this year.

Reminder that all are subs due \$70 by the end of June!

Colin's entire Presidential Report is already on the website, which you can Google - Forest Computer Pals - or simply go to www.forestcompals.org.au then click on President's Report, (yellow - on the left), then May 2009. All the good oil is there for Security and any other interesting bits and pieces. One of the questions though did elicit that the browsers, Windows Explorer 8 and Google Chrome are behaving well. Laptops can download from the hot-spot in the club.

Our afternoon speakers, Celeste and Murray Radcliffe, who are members of Northern Beaches, entertained us not only with many relics and the firing off of a 4 ft musket gun but also with 2 fascinating talks: concerning Sydney's safety around the time of the Napoleonic wars when both the Opera House and Observatory were forts; and also the strategies surrounding the battle of Waterloo. It was a most interesting and extremely well presented talk.

TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE COURSE PRESENTED by GERRY with HELPERS

Is about to begin! All members with an interest in learning how to make the most of their mobile phones, whether or not they have registered on the lists posted on the club notice board, are invited to attend the course briefing sessions to be held on Monday, June 15 at 2.30 pm in meeting room 2, or (for those who cannot attend on Monday), on Wednesday June 17 at 10.30 am in the same room.

Those who have already registered should note that the course has THREE Stages, 1, 2 and 3. Stage 1 runs for three consecutive parallel sessions, each of 2½ hours duration, on either Mondays at 2.30 pm, or Wednesdays, at 10.30 am, starting on Mon. June 22, or Wed. June 24th. When all participants have completed Stage 1, Stages 2 and 3 will commence, at dates to be advised later. Gerry expects to complete the whole course by mid-December.

Gerry still needs four members to assist him in running the course and ASSCA's Sirkka Duncan will provide special training for such helpful people.

Thank you Gerry Benjamin for realising this useful course!

CAUTION WHEN USING PUBLIC COMPUTERS

Be very careful when using a public computer located at a public library, Internet Café, Airport etc. or when overseas! Check the connectors on the PC/Laptop etc and if a device like the one illustrated here is fitted..... **DO NOT USE IT!**



This is a storage device that fits at the end of the keyboard cable connecting to the PC. It's specialized to save all typed keys! Mostly used in Internet cafes, exhibitions, hotels, ships & airports. Refuse to use a computer fitted with a device like this - you are at great risk as others can obtain bank accounts online & other important links. Everything you type via keystroke is recorded for later use by folk - even your identity could be captured! To be safe when using ANY computer away from home, you MUST check the PC for any suspicious piece fitted behind!
(Thanks to ASSCA for this item)

TRAINERS AND COURSES

There are about 22 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.*

MICROSOFT WORD PROCESSING

Derek Rowland: Runs group training sessions in MS Word. Next course starts in July. Derek covers the full range of Word's capabilities: including WordArt, graphics, spreadsheets and drawing features. Notes are provided at each of the 6 weekly sessions. As many members now use Vista and MS Word 2007, these programs will usually be the basis for future sessions with Derek. Please add your name to the list in the office.

INTERNET COURSE

John Ray: Conducts Internet group training sessions in three sessions, which run from 1 – 2 pm on Tuesday afternoons. Please add your name to the list in the office.

BASIC COURSE

Darrell Hatch: Darrell runs a basic course for newcomers on selected Saturdays, starting at 9.30 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.

MS EXCEL SPREADSHEETS

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

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. Please call her on 9451 5573 to arrange an appointment.

PICASA 3

Sandra Brophey : next course starts June 4. Bring a USB drive. Book on notice board please.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

John Robinson tackles all sorts of Dig Photography issues on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm, except when John Ray's Internet groups runs from 2— 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE

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

MOBILE PHONE COURSE

Please see page 2 for Gerry's special Telstra course.

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

Previously, if you received your newsletter by mail, your membership renewal to Forest Computer Pals for Seniors was due at the end of the month shown on the top right corner of the address label on the envelope containing the newsletter. If you received your newsletter by email, reminders would be emailed just before your subscription expired. Now everyone pays \$70 for a year's membership by the end of June. 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 put it in the diary and 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 only one hour 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 place.

ABOUT THE CLUB

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.

The club is a founding member of the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA). The work of the club is voluntary and depends on its members for its resources in management and training.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries from prospective members are welcome. Please call the club office (9975 7762) or the Membership Co-ordinator (Reg Flew, 9971 0325) for more information.

The entry fee is \$25. Subscription fees are paid annually (\$70), and are due at the end of June. All members, including trainers and committee persons, pay full membership.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and hope they enjoy the fun and frustration of computing together in our club:

John Laforest, Jenifer MacPherson, Andrew Thom, Marlene Santos, Joan Fay, Cathy McIntyre, Oliver and Patricia Howes, and Jackie Bonnici.

APOLOGY

The editor apologises for the date error for the May monthly meeting; of course it should have been May 28, not May 22.

Monthly meetings are always held on the fourth Thursday of the month in case he makes another such mistake!

This item reproduced from the May edition of the Northern Beaches Pals club with their kind permission.

FREEBEE OF THE MONTH: RECOVER FILES 2

Recover permanently deleted files from hard disks and removable media with this small, fast, useful, practical and powerful tool. Recover Files is an award winning program that can undelete/recover deleted files after they have been deleted. Recover Files is a professional file recovery software that allows its user to recover accidentally deleted files. Even removes files from the Recycle Bin, network drive, compact flash card, portable devices, in a DOS window, or from Windows Explorer, with the Shift key held down. Recover Files has a clean, simple interface. It will work with Windows 95, 98, Me, 2000, XP, 2003 and Vista operating systems. It can be used to recover deleted files from all NTFS and FAT partitions. The program supports all Windows file systems for hard and floppy drives, including FAT12/16/32, NTFS/NTFS5 and image recovery from CompactFlash, SmartMedia, MultiMedia and Secure Digital cards. Recover Files quickly and effectively restores all those files that you may have deleted by mistake.

Go to <http://downloads.zdnet.com/abstract.aspx?docid=784253%tag=nl.e530>.

SOME MODERN SIGNS SEEN AROUND TOWN

On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed"

Outside an Optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place"

On the door to a hospital maternity ward: "Push! PUSH! PUSH!"

Outside a muffler fitting workshop: "No appointment necessary—we heard you coming."

On a church message board: "Seven days without God makes you weak."

In a podiatrist's office: "Time wounds all heels"

In a vet's waiting room: "Be back in five minutes. **Sit! Stay!**"

Outside a funeral director's office: "Drive carefully—we'll wait."

On a Septic Tank truck: "Yesterday's meals on wheels"

Outside a tyre fitting workshop: "Invite us to your next blowout"

In the window of a restaurant: "Don't stand there hungry—come in and get fed-up"

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Contributions, tips, problems, etc., from members are welcome at any time. Please email them in plain unformatted text to Forest News editor, Dick Manuell: rman77@bigpond.net.au, or leave a document in the pigeonhole box.

If you have an email address and would like to get the Newsletter by that means, please send an email to Dick requesting Newsletter by email. This will save the club on postage and paper and you'll get the N/L faster. Also if you have changed your email address, please tell us the new one!