FOREST NEWS

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MONTHLY MEETING (JUNE 25)

Members, their friends, fathers and mothers, and guests are invited to attend the meeting, which will commence at 2 pm, followed by afternoon tea/coffee and then, about 3 pm we will hear from

Mr Leigh Haines,

Who is a member of the **Society of Australian Genealogists** and a lecturer on genealogy for the **University of the third Age** and Yes, you guessed it—he will talk about finding your ancestors by applying genealogical skills to the task. Strange isn't it: if your dad is in jail that's a bit of a downer, but if your great-grandfather on the first fleet was also a convict that's worth bragging about!. This talk will fire you up with some expert tips on how to start the Family History.

Do come along!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members and wish them well as they explore the world of computing with us:
Karina Quirk, Maureen Fallon, Phyl Ballon, Ross Jones and *Dawn Lane.*

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For many members will fall due on June 30.
The treasurer would be happy to receive your payment soon. Any enquiries to Joe Magno please.

REPORT ON MAY MEETING
(supplied by Anna Karalus)

Our guest speaker for the 28th May was David Darcy the Police Commander for the Northern Beaches area with 300 officers under his command.

The members present were spell bound and if you were not present you really missed a topical and local events presentation affecting our community.

 he presentation covered the 30 years experiences in the Police Force from Bankstown, Kings Cross, Central coast, Manly and lately the Northern Beaches area which covers a large area of his control. He spoke about the real life experiences as it affects our community with the over consumption of liquor and drugs like Ice and how they have tackled this problem to minimise the damage to people and property.

Many helpful tips and information not normally known to us was presented; for example we should be aware of mental issues with loved ones as the incidence of suicide in our area has been on the rise.

Darrell Hatch was the Lucky door prize winner. (See photo, page 4)

MEET DETLEF VOLKMER

We have been asked to resume our series of "Meet the Trainer" so in this issue we introduce Detlef Volkmer, who joined us in January 2014.

The following are our questions (Q) to Detlef and his answers (A):

Q: We are very pleased to have you as one of our trainers Detlef. What brought you to Forest Computer Pals?

A: I was looking for some voluntary work where I could help people with their computer problems and at the same time keep up with the new technologies.

Q: How did you acquire your computer skills?

A: I studied Computer Science in Germany in the late 1970s and have been working in IT since then.

Q: Are there any special programs you like teaching?

A: At this stage I enjoy teaching Android and Ipad tablets.

Q: What did you do before retiring?

A: I worked with Westpac as a Computer Consultant on various IT mainframe projects, but I still maintain a hobby business developing musical instrument tuning software for Windows and Android platforms (www.tune-it.com.au)

Q: Do you think handheld devices will displace desk-computers, and if so, how will we print out stuff we need to have in hard copy?

A: There will still be desk-tops and laptops for more serious computer work, but tablets and smart phones will be more and more used for browsing the net, checking your mail and playing games.
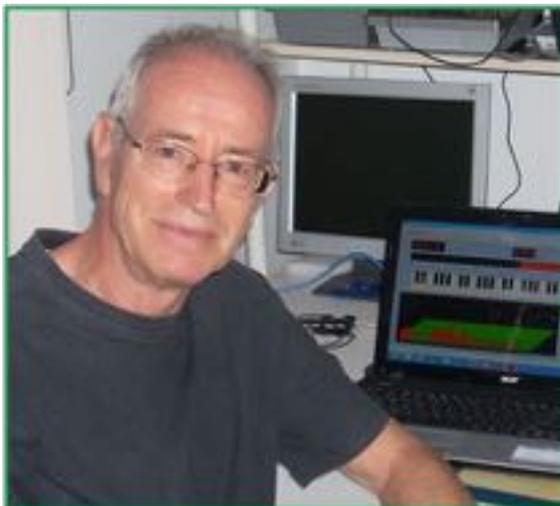
Q: Do you have any hobbies beyond your business project and computing?

A: playing guitar, family history, camping, bike riding and windsurfing.

Q: That sounds like a very full life. Does coming to Compals disrupt your home life at all?

A: Teaching one morning a week fits in nicely with my other activities.

Q: Do you have any special messages for our readers?

A: Keep up with the new technologies, get a tablet and surf the net from the comfort of your lounge chair

Many thanks Detlef for sharing that information with us. We're very pleased to know that you are in our team of volunteer trainers.

SOME GOOD TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR MS WORD SKILLS

Ken Moorley provided this web address, which contains 20 useful suggestions for making wider use of Word's capacity:
http://www.pcauthority.com.au/Feature/374631.how-to-20-features-you8217ve-never-used-

BEWILDERED BY THE SWARM OF APPS IN YOUR WINDOWS 8 SCREEN?

Windows 8 presented us with a huge array of Apps, some free, many cheap and some expensive. Also, in the opinion of some old "non-touch-screen" users, many that we'll never use, or even understand.

One way to sort things out so you can see the Apps you are using and the Apps you can probably uninstall is to firstly open the start screen with all its tiles, then click on the little arrow in the circle at the left side of the screen; in the next screen, in the top left side, click on the box right next to the word Apps. This opens four options: **by name**, **date installed**, **most used** and **category**. In the option Most Used, at the start you'll see the Apps you use frequently and should retain; if you go to the end you'll see Apps you've never used and could probably uninstall, especially if your hard drive is getting overly full. By right-clicking on an app that you use frequently you can select **Pin-to-Taskbar** for easy access. It's worth exploring all of these options to get a better understanding of Apps in general.

As at February 2015 the Google Play Store for Android smartphones and tablets had 1.4 million apps. The Apple app store for iPhone and iPad has 1.6 million apps. The Windows app store has currently 206,284 apps; however Microsoft has announced a new program compiler which will allow developers to easily convert their Apple and Android apps to run on Windows in order to close the gap. The modern computer with Terabyte size hard disks is unlikely to ever become full, particularly with the modern Windows 8 apps being much smaller than the programs of yesteryear.

Incidentally visit **http://www.microsoft.com/EN-US/windows10** for news that Windows 10 will be available for a free update from July 29.

NOTE FOR THOSE WHO USE THEIR HAND-HELD MOBILE WHILE DRIVING

The Honda Crotch Rocket rider was travelling at approximately 135 kph. The VW driver was talking on her mobile phone as she pulled out from a side street, apparently not seeing the motorcycle. The rider's reaction time was not quick enough to avoid a collision.

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Please share any of your you see break- the use of hand- driving.

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RECOVER BEFORE THE TROUBLE STARTS!

Computers are very complex these days!   Things can go wrong unexpectedly and without warning. Most users know about using firstly the **Undo** button; if that doesn't work, next click on **Ctrl + Alt + Del** (altogether) to try and rescue the situation and then, if that doesn't resolve the issue, to press the **power** button on the control tower or laptop and hold for 7-9 seconds and wait for a minute before endeavouring to re-start. If that doesn't work, we usually leave the machine for a while and have a cup of tea or coffee and try once more. If the machine is still unresponsive, it's time to take it to a computer expert.

However, prudent users prepare a **RECOVERY** device before trouble starts as this will often help rectify a fault in start up. You need to have a clean USB drive of at least 1 MB capacity before beginning the preparation. Then for Windows 8 series Operating Systems, (we don't know if it will work for other OSs), open the tile window, click on **Search,** then enter **Create recovery drive** in the window. A new window "**User account control"** will open. Click on **Yes**, and then follow the straightforward instructions. Keep the recovery USB in a safe place and don't load anything else onto it.

For a complete guide with illustrations, we suggest you obtain a copy of the excellent computer exercises prepared by Colin. Contact him for procedure, or Log in at **http://fcpfsanswers.info/** for all the help you'll need. If you weren't at last monthly meeting contact Colin with your name and Membership number for login info.

2014/5 COMMITTEE					
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Susan Howell	Committee	9415 1167			

THE TABLE BELOW INDICATES ON WHICH DAYS THE VARIOUS TRAINERS ATTEND THE CLUB. TO FIND WHICH PROGRAMS THEY CAN TEACH, PLEASE REFER TO THE CHART ABOVE THE BOOKING SHEETS AT THE CLUB OFFICE.
We have about 14 trainers at present, but would like to have a few more. Most trainers will tell you they have learned more about computing by becoming a trainer than by any other means. They'll also agree it's good fun and rewarding. If you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Darrell Hatch, our Training Coordinator.

DAY	TRAINERS AM	CONTACT NUMBER	TRAINERS PM	CONTACT NUMBER
MONDAY	Derek Rowland 9 am–1 pm	9451 3969	Jan van der Hilst Joan Kohler noon—4 pm	9452 5475 9905 5193
TUESDAY	Graham Allen Steve Richard 9 am—1 pm	9451 4336	**Trainers Training** with Ken Moorely Booking essential	9451 0494
WEDNESDAY	Gay Savage Dick Manuell 10 am—1 pm	9452 1937 9451 1578	Susan Howell Jack Wilson Colin Ward (by appoint-ment) 1—4 pm	9415 1167 9450 2114 9451 1000
THURSDAY	Richard Smith Anna Karalus Detlef Volmer 9 am—1 pm	9451 5573	Special Courses As notified on notice board (Experimental writers course underway)	
FRIDAY	Kate Holland Pam Perrin John Ray 9 am—noon	9810 2451 9449 2734 9451 9396	(Club closed until enough members request lessons on Friday afternoons)	

Trainers specialising in iPads, Androids etc		
TRAINER	**I-PADS & TIME AT CLUB**	**ANDROIDS, ETC & TIME AT CLUB**
Ian Parsons	Wednesday PM	(Not at present—Ian is recuperating)
Derek Rowland	Monday AM	
Detlef Volkmer	Thursday AM	
Janece Burge-Lopez	Wednesday AM (Thursdays by ap-pointment)	
Colin Ward	Wednesday PM	Wednesday PM
Graham Allan	Thursday AM	

WHAT'S EVERYONE DOING?

Members often ask "Where's so-and-so these days? And the question frequently goes unan-swered. Soooo, we've been asked to include a spot for member news. Your editor knows that **Ian Parsons** is recovering from his problem, but won't be back for a while yet and **Reg Flew** is staying with his son at Mt Colah for a while recu-perating and won't be back before June end. His phone number at Mt Colah is 94578781. We wish them both a full recovery.

If you have news about a member, which they are happy to see included in this spot and would like it to be printed, please email me (rman77@bigpond.net.au) with the details.

Commander David and Anna