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COMING EVENTS

- July 1—1.45 pm, Committee meeting
- Newsletter folding July 8

Forest Computer Pals for Seniors welcomes the support of:-



Warringah Council

EVER SO POLITE REMINDER!

Everybody's annual sub was due by June 30. If you forgot, please pay it very soon, as you will soon run the risk of being deleted from the membership. Once deleted, it is necessary to go through the whole process of rejoining, with an Application fee of \$25.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 25th June, 2009.

President Colin Ward welcomed all and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted -proposed by Ian McDonald and seconded by Ray Cornelius

The Secretary gave out some notes on the ASCCA Conference at the Power House Museum Tuesday & Wednesday 18th & 19th August and reminded us that we are all members of ASCCA and the Conference Program is at the ASCCA website (Google ASCCA) and in the clubhouse. The club will be closed for those two days and hopes that as many as possible will book for it as there is an excellent program: eg – Peter Blasina the gadget man will speak in a fun/technical strand in the afternoons. 2 lunches are included in the cost. Travel can be public transport to Town Hall and pick up the Monorail at Pitt and Park for \$3.20 each way for Seniors, or travel in with a car load – short walk from Entertainment car park via walkway to Power House.

President's chat:

www.worldstart.com good website for newsletter and computer tips. Colin reminded us that when malware was on a computer looking like a Security Warning or a Critical System Warning that 'x' ing out actually was programmed as a yes, so the Escape key on keyboard was the way to go. Failing that a 'cold turkey' stop i.e. hold in stop/start key for 7 seconds. Absolute last resort!

Sandra further mentioned the speed test at www.speetest.net but only click in middle of Australia do not click any free scans etc. (Ed. Also see page 2)

Colin also showed us a nifty picture -the latest in cyber crime! - a special attachment that can be added to the back of public computers to store away your computer key strokes such as banking. PS: the police have been warning that mobile phones that access the internet to do banking are also easily prone to identity theft.

Colin's entire report will be 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 June 2009. Due to our server being down (the black box that handles our internet activity) our internet is still down. He warned that rectification may, unfortunately, take another week.

The Afternoon address was very well presented by Maurie Farrell who gave us a very interesting talk on the State Library of NSW – Mitchell Library which included the history and the extraordinary work done in the Mitchell Library and a special room that as a 'Friend of the Library' you could access for 'cups of tea'.

JULY MONTHLY MEETING

Will be held on Thursday July 23, starting at 2 pm. The speaker will be Noel Williams, MD of MS Business Technology, a certified MS Partner specialising in solving problems in MS Office. He will speak on "Emails and attachments". Bring your friends along to hear the latest on this important topic.

PRICING FOR WINDOWS 7

IT magazine "APC" for June included a detailed article on MS policy regarding the pricing on the about to be released OS Windows 7. You can buy the magazine or read the article on website http://apcmag.com/europe_to_be_a_windows_7_upgrade_free_zone.htm. (Thanks Ken Moorley)

SURGE PROTECTION

Electric surges are usually due to lightening activity, but may also occur due to power supply fluctuations. Most people turn off their delicate electrically powered equipment when not in use (it's environmentally friendly!) and pull out the plug to avoid a surge through the earth connection. We are warned by authorities to not use telephones during thunderstorms the same applies to computers.

What should be done to avoid unexpected surges?

The May/June issue of Computer Choice publishes the results of tests on 12 different surge protectors. A copy of the issue is in the club library

SPEED TEST

How fast is your computer at downloading and up loading? If you are interested, try this website www.speedtest.net. Our secretary Sandra, is collating data about computer performance and costs of achieving that performance. If you do try out the site, you are encouraged to send your results to her. Anonymity is guaranteed.



JOHN STEEN

As mentioned in the May issue, John Steen and Don Muir cleaned up several medals at the recent swimming carnival for seniors.

Well here's John, proudly displaying his large collection of swimming medals gained over the years.

Congratulations John, keep it up.

Members who receive their copy of the Newsletter by email will see John in all his glory, but those who receive the newsletter by Snail-mail will have to be satisfied with a black and white version. If you would like to get your copy by email, please see the notice on page 4.

And we would love to hear about the exploits of other members too! Tell us about your other hobbies and send us a photo as well.

WHY WE USE A4 PAPER

A4 size paper is the most common size of paper we use for our computer generated printing – 210 mm x 297 mm. It seems an odd size doesn't it? The reason is found in the mathematical relationship between the width and length. The dimensions are 1: $\sqrt{2}$, or 1: 1.414 approximately. This is the only ratio that allows a piece of paper with these dimensions to be cut, or folded, in half and still retain the same ratio.

In fact A4 is the 5th in a progression from A0 (841 x 1189 mm) to A10 (26 x 37 mm). Because the ratio 1: $\sqrt{2}$ is maintained through the whole set, the original sheet can be fully utilised. (There are other sets available, "B" and "C". If you are interested, consult Australian Standard AS1612.)

The **weight**, or substance of a paper, is described in grams per square metre (gsm). 80 gsm paper is the most widely used and is what we use at the club. For special occasions, such as making cards, heavier papers are used, up to 110 gsm, or more, with special papers for photographic printing quality. Envelopes are designed to accommodate folded A4 sheets neatly. For example a "DL" envelope holds an A4 sheet folded twice (in thirds), or a C6 envelope holds an A4 sheet folded twice (in half, then folded again).

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 on July 10. Derek covers the full range of Word's capabilities (versions 2003/2007). WordArt, graphics, spreadsheets and drawing features. Notes are provided at each of the 6 weekly sessions. 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 for the next course.

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 Brophrey: Bring a USB drive. Book on notice board please.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

John Robinson: Starting in August, on Tuesday afternoons, John will be able to provide guidance on PHOTOBLOCKS, a recent, cost-effective innovative program. He'll also be available to advise how to upgrade digital camera skills. Please register on the list on the Notice board.

TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE COURSE

Gerry Benjamin: the first course is running well. Put your name on the notice board list for a future course! Gerry still needs two or three helpers with modest mobile skills to assist in class work please. (Phone number on page 4)

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.

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		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 the club is voluntary and depends 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 Co-ordinator (Reg Flew, 9971 0325) for more information.</p> <p>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.</p>	Mon am	Jan van der Hilst Richard Crighton Bruce Adams	9452 5475 9972 0429 9958 3685	Mon pm	Malcolm Fell Bob Brisebois Bruce White Joan Kohler	9451 6050 9451 4660 9451 9779 9905 5193
	Tue am	Don Muir Graham Allan Shirley Palmer	9451 6548 9451 4336 9451 0158	Tue pm	Special courses — see Notice Board	
	Wed am	Dick Manuell Archie Macnaughton Gay Savage	9451 1578 9938 1971 9452 1937	Wed pm	Ian Parsons Ken Moorley Susan Howell Jack Wilson	9452 4249 9451 0494 9415 1167 9452 1148
	Thu am	Len Johnson Richard Smith Anna Karalus	9450 2167 9451 5573	Thu pm	Special courses—see notice board Monthly meeting—4th Thursday	
	Fri am	John Ray Kate Holland Shanelle Breusch Pam Perrin (10 am)	9451 9396 9810 2451 9452 5680 9449 2734	Fri pm	Derek Rowland MS Word groups	9451 3969
	OTHER TRAINING INFORMATION					
Colin Ward		Computer maintenance and repairs	By Appointment	9451 1000		
Marie Bailey		Wednesday am	Social Coordinator & Office Assistant	9451 5307		
Pat James		Monday am	Office Assistant	9905 1882		
Elaine Mulligan		Friday am	Office Assistant	9939 2686		
Sandra Brophay		Skype & dig. photos	By Appointment	9939 7737		
Lexie Keston		Tuesday am	Office Assistant	9417 3354		
Anna Karalus		Genealogy	By Appointment	9451 5573		
Pam Perrin		Thursday pm	Office Assistant	9449 2734		
Committee for the year October 2008 to October 2009						
Colin Ward President		9451 1000	Reg Flew Vice-President	9971 0325		
Sandra Brophay Secretary		9939 7737	Bob Brisbois Treasurer	9451 4660		
John Ray		9451 9396	Darrell Hatch Training Coordinator	9982 7139		
Ken Moorley		9451 0494	Bruce White	9451 9779		
Anna Karalus		9451 5573	Gerry Benjamin	9453 3255		
<p>WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>We welcome the following new members and wish them well as they compute and meet new friends:</p> <p>Valda Klune, Inga Wilson, Jasmine Seymour, David van Kool, Josephine Bowles, Patricia Smith, Colin Colinson, George Merzian and Bev Satler</p>						
<p>A Quote from Jerome Jerome</p> <p>It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly, unless one has plenty of work to do!</p> <p>And Broderick Crawford (US actor) said:</p> <p>Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.</p>		<p>NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p>				