



# Forest News

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- Committee Oct 13
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Forest Computer Pals thanks Warringah Council for its support



Warringah Council

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

Will commence at 2 pm on September 23 in Meeting Room 3. Following afternoon tea/coffee, the speaker will be:

**JULIE LEVER**

Julie is a double certified registered nurse AND a practising lawyer, who has a passion for helping people to sort out their affairs while there's still time! She is president of the Manly Community Centre. Julie is a most entertaining speaker, covering a wide range of useful topics.

Members, and their guests, will be most welcome.

*(The photo below is nothing to do with Julie's talk!)*



**IF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU!**

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING (August 26)

Acceptance of the Minutes of the July meeting was proposed by Ray Cornelius, seconded by Joan Menzies and carried by all. There were 37 members present and 1 visitor with 3 apologies.

Treasurer Joe Magno presented the accounts with our current balance at \$26,190. Reg Flew reported that we currently have 184 financial members with 57 2 months overdue. A current list is on the back of the cupboard door where the membership list is and if any trainers have time please ring a few of the "overdues" and gently remind them of their status. Don't forget to annotate the list if you ring anyone and note short response so that we don't double up. (There is another list of the 57 overdue members on the noticeboard if any members can help remind them they are overdue)

Vic Taylor won final free entry raffle into the 2 day ASCCA conference September 8th and 9th (see ASCCA website for details of the conference). Pam Perrin kindly offered to help ASCCA by going in with Sandra to fill the ASCCA bags with freebies ready for the conference.

Check out the new competitions on the ASCCA website (which close next month). Subjects are Creative Writing, Digital Photography, Photo Story, Club Website, and Club. Remember our passwords to get into the Website [secretary@forestcompals.org.au](mailto:secretary@forestcompals.org.au), then [um65gtzz](https://www.forestcompals.org.au)

Our president had many interesting things to show us and these are detailed on our own website [www.forestcompals.org.au](http://www.forestcompals.org.au) - Look under Presidents Report/ August 2010.

Deborah Martin from Computer Pals Parramatta Club gave an excellent talk on Genealogy and also forwarded her wonderful list of contacts that she used in her research – a must for getting started.

NSW Births Deaths Marriages: [www.bdm.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au)

Transcription agent (one of several): [www.transcriptions.com.au](http://www.transcriptions.com.au)

Ancestry (for their Australian index of Births Deaths Marriages): [www.ancestry.com.au](http://www.ancestry.com.au)

National Library (Australian newspapers, Picture Australia, Trove): [www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)

NSW State Records (including early government records, and great tips): [www.records.nsw.gov.au](http://www.records.nsw.gov.au)

National Archives of Australia (including defence service records and more great tips): [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)

Australian War Memorial (military record including Roll of Honour): [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

Australian Cemeteries: [www.australiancemeteries.com](http://www.australiancemeteries.com)

Ryerson Index (index to more recent deaths and obituaries in Australian newspapers): [www.ryersonindex.net](http://www.ryersonindex.net)

Society of Australian Genealogists: [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au) (please note that some of these sites require fees)

A Poem chosen by Joan Kohler

### Our Crazy Language

Eye halve a spelling chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly Marques four my revue.

Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it too say  
Weather eye am wrong oar I yam write  
It shows me strait a weigh

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee for two long  
And eye can put the err or rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong

Eye have run this pome threw it  
I am shore your pleased to no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My chequer tolled me sew.

### The AGM will be held on October 28

Papers relevant to that meeting are enclosed, including the Minutes of the 2009 AGM, Agenda for the 2010 AGM, Nomination forms and Proxy forms. Email subscribers will receive the documents in a separate email.

Please read these through promptly and take appropriate action, such as nominating yourself or another member (with their agreement of course!) and sending it to the Secretary.

You are requested to attend the AGM if possible, or complete a proxy otherwise and send it to the Secretary.

Please also bring these papers to the AGM.

### DRAGON'S TEETH?

Have you noticed the triangles painted on the roads near schools recently? They are called "Dragon's Teeth" and are meant to remind you that you have just *entered* a Restricted School Zone. They appear *after* the 40 km sign painted on the roadway, which seemed to the editor to be less preferable than having them *before* entering the zone.

### 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.*

#### MICROSOFT WORD PROCESSING

**Derek Rowland:** Runs group training sessions in MS Word 2007 and Operating System Windows 7. Next course will start when a minimum of 6 trainees sign up. Derek covers the full range of Word's capabilities, including WordArt, Graphics, Tables and Drawing features, as well as Word Processing. Notes are provided at each of the sessions. Please add your name to the list in the office, or ring him.

#### INTERNET COURSE

**John Ray's** next course starts at 1 pm on Sep 7 and runs for 3 weeks to Sep 21 in three one hour sessions. Browsers, Email, Security and Settings will be covered. 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, 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. Existing members welcome too!

#### MS EXCEL SPREADSHEETS

**Malcolm Fell** offers training in MS Excel on an appointment basis. Please Email him on [mmfell@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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, among other things. She trains on Thursday mornings

#### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

**John Robinson:** attends from 10 am to noon on Wednesdays to help you get your camera images into in Photo programs or to run Picasa.

#### PICASA COURSE

**Sandra Brophey:** will run a 3 week course on Picasa starting on October 7. The session runs from 1 pm to 3.30pm. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard.

#### MOBILE PHONE COURSE

Contact **Gerry Benjamin** by email ([gbenjamin@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gbenjamin@bigpond.net.au)) for details.

#### THE COURSE YOU WANT NOT ON THE LIST?

**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

The annual subscription is \$70, or \$25 if paid quarterly. The address label on mailed newsletter 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 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](mailto: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 two separate one hour sessions 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 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 the club is voluntary and depends mainly on its members for its resources in management and training.</p> <p><b>APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP</b></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> <p>The entry fee is \$25. Subscription fees are paid annually (\$70).</p> <p>All members, including trainers and committee persons, pay full membership.</p>	Mon am	Jan van der Hilst Bruce Adams	9452 5475 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 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	Len Johnson Richard Smith Anna Karalus	9450 2167 9451 5573	Thu pm	Specials—see notice board		
	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	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A couple of topical one-liners from Pam Perrin</b></p> <p><i>In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of citizens and giving it to the other.</i> <b>VOLTAIRE, 1764</b></p> <p><i>What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.</i> <b>EDWARD LANGLEY (1928—1995)</b></p>						
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS</b></p> <p>The following new members are warmly welcomed to Forest Computer Pals:</p> <p><i>Margaret Wilson, Francis Gibbs, Maureen del Sal, John Foo and Garry Heiron.</i></p> <p>We wish you well as you learn with us how to have fun computing and making new friends as we go. Do come to our monthly meeting on September 23 and meet other members over a "cuppa" before hearing from Julie Lever.</p>		<p><b>Committee for the year October 2009 to October 2010</b></p>					
		Colin Ward President	9451 1000	Reg Flew Vice-President	9971 0325		
		Sandra Brophey 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 9779		
		Anna Karalus	9451 5573	Gerry Benjamin	9453 3255		
<p><b>AN UNINSTALL TIP FROM Malcolm Fell</b></p> <p>If you are having trouble trying to uninstall a damaged or corrupted program or driver that fails to respond to normal uninstall programs, try downloading <b>REVO UNINSTALLER</b> from the web. (<a href="http://www.revouninstaller.com/">www.revouninstaller.com/</a>)</p> <p>It's not a freeware program, but you can download a thirty day free trial. It is a quite powerful tool for removing obstructive programs that refuse to conform to normal uninstall programs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND Ken Moorley</b></p> <p>Suggested that digital camera buffs could find some interesting history about its development on website <a href="http://www.osnews.com/Story/23741/The_First_Digital_Camera">www.osnews.com/Story/23741/The_First_Digital_Camera</a></p>							