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MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, in the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road)

Visitors most welcome. After three visits, visitors will be requested to become members.

Cost $2 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/ tea and biscuits.
Subscriptions for twelve months
Single $18
Family membership $24

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Editors: Bib and Bub

Our next meeting will be held on

Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 7.30 pm

Topic: Backing up Data

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November meeting - Computer & Device Security

Lionel opened the meeting welcoming 29 members and 3 visitors, Helen Stewart (friend of Kim Wooning) and Elaine & Lloyd Russell.

Lindsay Chuck then gave an informative presentation, providing a comprehensive look at computer and device security, so members could be forgiven for being overwhelmed. A summary of the evening follows, and if you would like a copy of the powerpoint presentation, please contact a committee member.

☺**Device** = Desktop computer, laptop, tablet (iPad/Samsung), smartphone.

☺**Educate yourself** - subscribe to Stay Smart Online - watch the media.

☺**Ensure your device is secured**. As a minimum, use a free antivirus program (AVG, Avast etc). Regularly run Malwarebytes in addition to your normal security software. Only download apps from Microsoft, Apple, Google stores to your tablets/smart phones.

☺**Backup** your documents, photos etc and don't leave your external harddrive connected to your device. Ransomware encrypts your files and you are unlikely to recover it.

☺**Symptoms of Malware** - Slow computer or web browser speeds; freezing or crashing; modified or deleted files; other strange computer behaviour; problems connecting to networks; emails/messages being sent automatically and without user's knowledge.

☺**Phishing** - Electronic communication, ie emails purporting to be from banks, auction sales, social websites etc may contain links which take you to a fake website.

☺**Prevention/Protection** - Use strong passwords; encrypt your data; install security firewall and use antivirus programs; use two email address (one for legitimate emails and one for websites you register on for information).

☺**Wi-Fi hotspots** - do not do banking on public hotspots like Hungry Jacks, McDonalds etc.

☺**Web Browsing** - Consider what websites you visit. Be careful downloading programs. Don't click on links.

☺**Buying on-line** - Use reputable sites. Know what you are buying. Only use Paypal or Credit cards with a small limit.

☺**Social networking sites** - Regularly check privacy settings. Use separate groups (family, friends etc). Be careful what you share.

☺**Scams & Phishing** - Delete emails where you don't recognise sender. Requests for money. Hard luck stories.

The meeting closed on a happy note wishing our Past President and Life Member, Jim Greenfield a very happy 70th birthday. Thanks Anne Leddra for the delicious birthday cake and stubborn candles.

DECEMBER

December is the 12th month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calenders. It kept its original name from the Latin word "decem" meaning ten which marked it as the 10th month of the Roman Calendar.

Birthstone - Blue Zircon

Flower - Narcissus and Holly

Astrological Signs - Sagittarius & Capricorn

Symbol - Prosperity, Good Fortune and Success

Trivia - Anniversary of Pearl Harbour bombing in 1941

Southern Hemisphere summer solstice on 22nd.

Hanukkah on 17th.

Start of Summer in Southern Hemisphere

Battle of Eureka Stockade in 1854

Wright Brothers first powered aeroplane flight in 1903

Walt Disney born in Chicago in 1901

John Lennon assassinated in 1980

And, of course, Christmas Day celebrated on 25th

MEETING RULES

We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road) in return of a small fee plus respect for their property. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above. While we can not control what our members do away from our club meetings, Piracy of copyright material can not be condoned at our meetings.

Recipe Corner

Christmas Pudding Rum Balls

Ingredients:

800g dark fruit cake or leftover Christmas pudding
250g dark chocolate
125g butter
2 tbs rum
1 tbs orange peel, finely chopped

Icing:
250g white (or dark) chocolate
Mint leaves and glace cherries to decorate

Method:

1. Melt the butter and chocolate over a bowl of hot water.
2. Crumble fruit cake or pudding into a large bowl.
3. Add the rum and mix it through.
4. Stir in melted butter and chocolate mixture until combined and pour into the cake mixture. Mix well until combined.
5. Line baking trays with greaseproof paper. Roll a teaspoon of the mixture into a ball and place on trays.
6. Refrigerate for 1-2 hours to set
7. Melt chocolate and ice the rum balls, allowing it to trickle down the sides. Decorate with mint leaves and glace cherries.
8. Place into mini patty pans for serving.

Folklore

☺ Christmas Pudding was traditionally made with 13 ingredients to represent Christ and his Disciples.

☺ Puddings were always stirred from East to West in honour of the Three Wise Men who visited the baby Jesus. (Which way are you going to stir????) Every family member must give the pudding a stir and make a secret wish.

☺ The word Christmas is Old English and comes from the term “Christ’s Mass).

Expert Assist List.

Keep this Contact list handy and phone these people first if you have a problem with any one of the subjects mentioned below.

Email, Windows Live Mail	Lionel Leddra	8381 2821
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Computer Courses

Publisher & PowerPoint to be scheduled for early 2015. Other computer courses will be structured into the 2015 calendar according to need

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact a Committee Member

If you have a special request regarding a program, eg Word, Publisher, Excel etc, please let a committee member know. We may be able to schedule a course to suit, sometime in the future.

A CHRISTMAS STORY
FOR PEOPLE HAVING A BAD DAY!

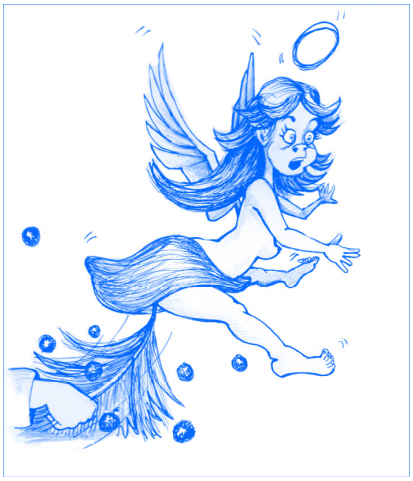
When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure.

Then Mrs Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where!

Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered.

Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drank all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug and broke it into hundreds of glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom.



Just then, the doorbell rang and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree.

The angel said very carefully, ' Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?

***And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas Tree*.**

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DID YOU KNOW ??

The traditional colours of Christmas are **green**, **red** and **gold**

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Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth.
Red symbolised the blood of Christ.
Gold represents light, wealth and royalty.

✶✶ Items For Sale ✶✶

Jim Greenfield always seems to have **desktop** and **laptop computers** for sale
If you are interested, please contact him for more details.

If you have something for sale, please let us know. Fill in the sheet at the front desk, or email:

Lorraine at **lorian23@bigpond.com**
or Wanda at **rmcd3779@bigpond.net.au**

We will keep running your ad until you advise the item is either sold or "taken off the market".

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From the Editors:

Any suggestions regarding topics for future meetings would be greatly appreciated. Please see a committee member or email your suggestions.

Bib & Bub did some research to find the origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas. This is what we found:

The meaning was composed as a catechism song for persecuted Catholics forced to live under Protestant rule in England between 1558 and 1829.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree represents Jesus Christ

Two Turtle Doves refers to the Old and New Testaments

Three French Hens represents Faith, Hope and Love

Four Calling Birds refers to the Four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke & John

Five Golden Rings represents the first five Books of the Old Testament

Six Geese a Laying relates to the six days of Creation

Seven Swans a Swimming represents the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy

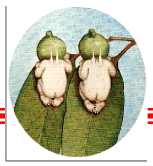
Eight Maids a Milking represents eight beatitudes (blessings)

Nine Ladies Dancing refers to the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control

Ten Lords a Leaping represents the Ten Commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful Disciples

Twelve Drummers Drumming symbolizes the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed.



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How many presents ??

Most people wrongly believe that the '12 Days of Christmas' refers to the days *before* Christmas. However, it's really the period *starting on* Christmas day and *finishing* with the Epiphany (January 6th, when the 3 kings from 'the East' brought gifts).

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

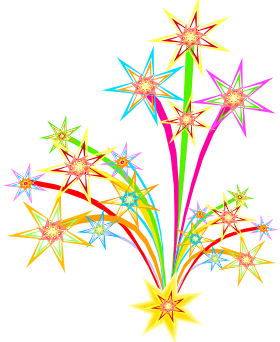
On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

The song continues, adding 4 calling birds on the 4th day, 5 golden rings on the 5th, and so on up to the 12th day, when 12 drummers add to the cacophony of assorted birds, pipers and lords leaping all over the place.

So, how many presents are there altogether?

For the answer to this pondering question, please go to page 8.

see you next year



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