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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
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computer users will be
warmly welcomed



Happy Computing

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Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Cartridges on line

The Committee in 2014 / 2015

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John Kirby (Vice President) Jim Greenfield (Past President)

Last month's meeting (January) - Backing up

A great turnout last month to hear two of our computer wizards (Jim and Trevor) show different ways of backing up.

We had no visitors and welcomed 3 new members:

Lloyd and Elaine Russell
Helen Stewart

Jim commenced the evening talks reminding us why we **MUST** backup our data.

Why?

- In case data is lost
- Computer may die or be stolen

What?

- Documents
- Photos
- Family history programs
- Finance records
- Itunes music/videos
- My favourites
- Emails and contacts
- Downloads
- Desktop
- Dropbox (if you have it)



Housekeeping

- Do a full virus scan to ensure your backup is virus and malware free.
- Do a computer defrag. (Note: NEVER defrag solid state drive, memory sticks or external hard drives.)
- Run hardware 5-10 mins before backup to normalise harddrive.
- Remove rubbish on computer, especially your email account. DO NOT backup .exe files that are in your email account, move them to another file outside (this is the most popular place for a virus to take hold).

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Last month - cont'd

- Only keep approx 30 files in each email folder (inbox, deleted, junk mail etc). Attachment are at risk, not the text itself.

How?

1. Make a folder on hard drive called "back-up <date>"
2. Make sub-folder for each folder to be backed up.
3. Click desktop, highlight everything, copy and paste into hard drive folder.
4. Repeat above for other folders, eg documents, pictures etc.

Don't keep backups near your computer, preferably store at another residence.

Trevor then showed us how to backup automatically using commercial programs. Some points:



- Microsoft Backup is free but uses zip or encrypted files and is hard to do.
- Other programs are available at a cost but easier to use.
- Does a direct backup of databases.
- Can open directly or zip (compression)
- Automatically backs up when told to do and provides a backup log.
- A full backup places all files in a selected folder.
- **Computer must be turned on for automatic backup to work.**
- **Don't leave the hard drive in your computer all the time -**

**More risk of a virus
Will wear out sooner.**

Trevor then showed us how the KLS program works.

This topic is such an important and complex subject that our meeting went over time. Hopefully you learnt a lot and all went home to back up your computers.

Coffee and Bub's Cheese and Bacon Bites were enjoyed by all.



TONIGHT'S MEETING - SKYPE

Presented by Dean Vice



Skype was first released in August 2003, purchased by eBay in 2005 and Microsoft bought it in May 2011.

It is a telecommunications software that specialises in providing video chat and voice calls from computers, tablets and mobile devices via the Internet to other devices or telephones/smartphones.

Users can also send instant messages, exchange files and photos, send video messages and create conference calls.

It can be downloaded onto computers running Microsoft Windows, Mac or Linux as well as Android, Blackberry, iOS and Windows smartphones and tablets.

Much of the service is free, but users will need Skype Credit or a subscription to call landline or mobile numbers.

What's happening in 2015 - Windows 10

Microsoft announced that Office will be free for Windows 10 apps and preinstalled on Windows tablets and phones. Pricing for Office 2016 has not been released. There is an expectation Office 2016 will be designed for business and cost extra. It is being released late 2015.



If you are running Windows 7, 8.1 and Windows Phone 8.1, Microsoft will make Windows 10 available for free. The only catch, it will be free for 12 months from the date it is commercially available. Not sure what it will cost after that.

Apple has Siri, Microsoft has Cortana and Cortana is coming to Windows 10. A personal digital assistant, Cortana will be able to do things like open a powerpoint presentation. Cortana is also in the cloud and will interact with your connected devices.

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THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 2/15.

REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Last month's meeting created quite a stir and had a lot of folk frantically checking on their backup programs - or creating one! Quite apart from hosting one of our largest meetings, it was very gratifying to generate such a positive response.

The committee is very aware of the need to keep abreast of new developments and technology. To achieve this requires us to have access to the latest innovations and software which means that we have to purchase new equipment and/or programs from time to time. We are in the process of assessing our situation at present and it is reasonably certain that we will upgrade our equipment.

We really tread a fine line between catering for members who purchase new equipment and members who do not have the latest gear. People who buy a new computer **HAVE TO** use the latest software and we would like to be able to support them. Equally, those members with older technology require support as well.

Please take heed of the message in last month's report - let us know of your requirements. We will endeavour to assist.

This evening we will learn all about SKYPE.

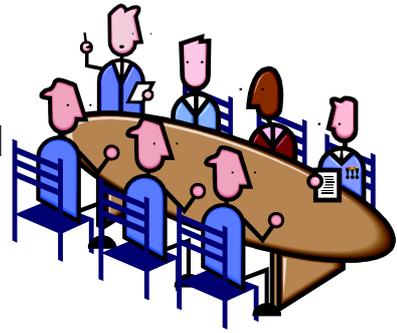
Enjoy your evening!

Lionel Leddra
(The Yardbroom President)



Committee Capers.

This month's committee meeting was held on Monday February 9th.



Subjects up for discussion were:

- All club power cables have now been tested.
- The committee had a request to help with scanning and editing photos. Anne Leddra will follow this up
- Membership fees was discussed and to be considered later in the year with a possible slight increase.
- We will commence a 12 month subscription to the magazine PC & Tech Authority. It was also suggested Jim download programs (eg Avast, AVG) onto a USB stick for the use of members. Should a member require one of these programs, they can bring their laptops to monthly meetings between 6pm and 7pm.
- A sub-committee to be formed to organise the paperwork and lodgement for Council and Seniors grants. If successful, these grants can be used to purchase updated equipment.
- It was agreed to renew our subscription for Office 365 for another year.
- Our PowerPoint course has been scheduled for March 19th and 26th. Anyone interested in attending are to contact a committee member.
- A *Notice of Intention and Interest* form regarding future courses will be available for members at club meetings.

CRAPWARE - DOWNLOADING FREeware



“Should you download from a trusted source?” There isn’t a freeware download site that is free of *crapware* or adware. Here’s the result of our investigation to prove it.

We installed the top 10 apps from **Download.com** and you will never believe what happened!

We were unable to find a single freeware download site that isn’t listing bundlware awfulness, and while a few of them attempt to do the right thing and alert you when something is bundled, it is just not good enough. Nobody reads the fine print, just like nobody reads the installers when they are clicking through.

And some of these installers are extremely tricky. They move the buttons around. They change the text or, in some cases they make it look exactly like a terms and conditions screen. They hijack browsers, insert ads and they even use hidden services with dark API functions. The latest trend is pushing lookalike copies of Google Chrome with adware bundled directly into them.

The fact is, everybody is doing it to some extent by providing downloads that include this nonsense - the worst offenders are adding their own install wrapper to make sure that you get punished. Freeware isn’t actually *free software* and we are all paying for it now.

The ironic thing is that most of these downloads are hijacking your browser - away from Google. Sadly, even on Google, all the top results for most open source and freeware are just ads for really terrible sites that are bundling crapware and malware on top of the installer.

So, if you absolutely must download some stupid freeware from somewhere, you may as well punch yourself in the face. And then either find the real site (ignoring the ads) or **use Ninite** or **test it out on a virtual machine first**, or consider just buying software from a programmer that deserves the money. You may switch to **OS** or **Linux**. When the product is free, the real product is YOU.



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
Email, Thunderbird	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
E-readers	Lionel & Anne Leddra	8381 2821
Hardware & operating systems, re-loads, CD DVD fix	Jim Greenfield	8382 4912
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Microsoft Movie Maker	Lorraine Loader	8382 7243
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Video programming to CD/DVD	Cheryl McDonald	8382 3660
Wi-Fi connections & Tablets	Emma Boss	8386 2723

Computer Courses for 2015.

- **Publisher** - 3 week course commenced last Monday.
- **PowerPoint** - 2 week course, March 19th and 26th (Thursdays)
- Other computer courses will be structured into this year's calendar according to need.

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact a Committee Member . Cost is \$40 per course.

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.

Puzzle Page

1. What do you give before you can keep it?
2. When I was born, I was big but the older I get the smaller I am. What am I?
3. I live where light is but die if light touches me. What am I?
4. What loses its head every morning but gets it back each night?
5. I travel around the world but never leave the corner. What am I?
6. What gets wetter as it dries?
7. What goes up and down without moving?
8. What can be broken but can't be repaired?
9. What runs but never moves?
10. What gets white as it gets dirty?

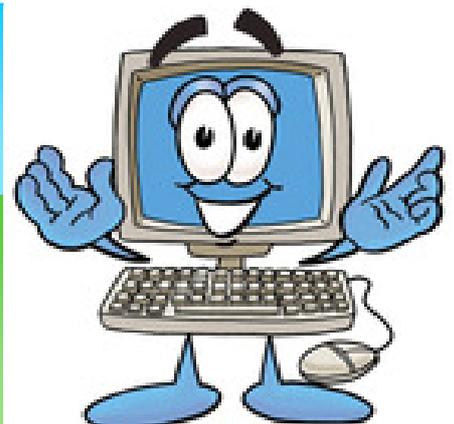
Answer on page 14

We do not stop laughing because we grow old: we grow old because we stop laughing.



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SUCCESS

At age **4**, success is **not peeing in your pants.**

At age **12**, success is having **friends**

At age **16**, success is having a **drivers license**

At age **20**, success is having **sex**

At age **35**, success is having **money**

At age **50**, success is having **money**

At age **60**, success is having **sex**

At age **70**, success is having a **drivers license**

At age **80**, success is having **friends**

At age **85**, success is **not peeing in your pants.**

It comes full circle whether you like it or not!



Congratulations

Colin & Kay Martin celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 13th February.

They were married at the Methodist Church, Warradale in 1965 with a reception at Lewis Lodge, Somerton Park and a honeymoon in Sydney.



February



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This month we would like to wish the following members a
Very Happy Birthday.



Kim Wooning



February was named after the latin word, *februum* which means purification. It is the only month with less than 30 days and is the only month that can pass without a single full moon.

Celebrity birthdays :

Peter Allen, Jamie Whincup, Crown Princess Mary, Johnny Cash, Charles Darwin, John Travolta, George Harrison.

Events

Valentines Day (14th)
Chocolate Lovers Month
Groundhog Day (2nd)
Breaker Morant executed in 1902
Australian currency to Dollars in 1966



Symbols

Birthstone: Amethyst (humility, spiritual wisdom)
Flower: Violet
Zodiac signs: Aquarius and Pisces



Editors: Our apologies if we missed your birthday this Month. If you haven't given us your birthday month, please see Bib or Bub.



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Some Aussie culcha!

LOG ON: adding wood to
make the barbie hotter.

LOG OFF: not adding any more wood to
the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the
ute.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys

MODEM: what you did to the lawn.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

Answers to SA Quiz

1. **Your word.**
2. **A candle.**
3. A shadow.
4. A pillow.
5. **A stamp..**
6. A towel.
7. **The temperature.**
8. **An egg**
9. **A river**
10. **A chalkboard**

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