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Supporting inexperienced users with local expertise



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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 Rd and Main South Rd)

Visitors most welcome.

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

Cost \$3 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/tea and biscuits.

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Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2



At the last committee meeting we had a discussion on the way our **computing environment** has changed over the years.

The very simple computer keyboards (eg Vic 20, Commodore 64) have evolved to the **ultra-sophisticated** and powerful contraptions we have on our desks and even wear on our wrists. This has meant that the club has had to adapt to the **changing technology** as well.

I think we have embraced change (not so lovingly at times!) and this is reflected in the subject content of our **meetings**. We try to present subjects that are of interest and use to our members. Laptops have become more **popular** than desktops, tablets and smartphones have taken over from almost everything.

It is a rapidly changing world and we need to adapt to make sense of the changes. An interesting challenge!

Happy adapting

Cheers



Lionel Leddra
Yardbroom

Want to know why the multi-coloured report?
See page 14 (Bib n Bub)

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 15th March, 2017

Topic: Organising your files

The Committee in 2016 / 2017



**Committee Members
Southern Districts Computer Users Club, 2017**

**L-R: Dean Howard: Trevor Francis (Secretary): Linda Kirby:
Anne Leddra: June Harman: Jim Greenfield: Wanda McDonald:
Jo Berkin: Cheryl McDonald (Treasurer): Lindsay Chuck:
John Kirby (Vice President): Lionel Leddra (President): Lorraine Loader.**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

A very Happy Birthday to you all



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Kim Wooning

Helen Stewart



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



THIS MONTH'S MEETING - Windows 10 "What do we know?" with Lindsay Chuck



The topic for our February meeting is Windows 10. I will present a brief history, what's coming and some of the features of Microsoft's latest operating system.

Promotion of Windows 10 in the lead up to its release painted a picture of it being the best, most secure operating system produced by Microsoft. After its release, it wasn't long before reports surfaced of user problems. Bad media followed, especially about the methods used by Microsoft to convince users to upgrade, many upgrading by accident, others delaying installation because of problems highlighted in the media.

That's the past. Windows 10 is here to stay, whether we like it or not. Best to embrace this new operating system, move into learning mode, and configure your computer to do what you want it to do.

Having installed Windows 10, followed by the anniversary update, I've found regular use results in an appreciation of the system and helping users with installation and resolution of issues, has provided a valuable learning experience.

I suggest you experiment. Visit the *You Tube*. Watch some short videos on Windows 10, there's plenty available, and implement the features that best suit you. A good place to start is the screen you see when you switch your PC on. Tired of what you see? Change it. Visit personalisation in settings.



See you at the February meeting: bring along your questions, tips and suggestions on using Windows 10.

MEETING RULES

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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Members were once again treated to a wonderful slide show before the meeting. Trevor, our talented Secretary spends hours researching and preparing these pre-meeting entertainments, and the January presentation of the Chinese city of Harbin's "Festival of Ice & Snow" was no exception. It showed magnificent sculptures, shaped and chiselled by nearly 10,000 workers in temperatures between minus 17 and minus 30 degrees. Its worth coming to our meeting just to see what gem Trevor has prepared for us.

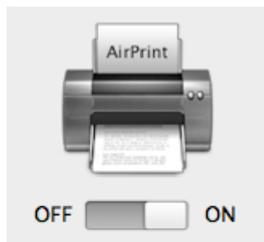


Lionel opened the meeting which as again well attended. There were 2 Life Members, 2 visitors (Katherine Adams and John Childs) plus 2 new members (**Anne Marie Wooning** and **Kerry Van der Veen**).

He said the Christmas Dinner photos in the newsletter did not do justice to the great evening of food and entertainment that we, who came, enjoyed and Lionel suggested that those who didn't come should consider joining us this year.

Our guest speaker for the evening was long time member, **Dean Vice** who began his informative and comical presentation of his version of designing and making greeting cards.

He gave examples of various paper that can be used, of the 'tools' that aids his productions, then demonstrated the programs he favours - programs and paper used listed on page 5.



The finished cards were finally printed on his 'Air Printer' - actually, ones that he had prepared earlier. Finished cards were handed around and a couple of short videos added to the entertainment.

We are sure you are now informed enough to go into the card marking business, which really is only limited by your imagination and the ability to 'borrow' verses and ideas from outside sources. **Thank you Dean for a most entertaining evening.**

He did it his way!

Last month, continued

Val Martin, Dean Vice and a visitor, John Childs were tonight's lucky prize winners.

Lionel closed the meeting with the usual Invitation to stay and enjoy a cuppa with biscuits and a chat.

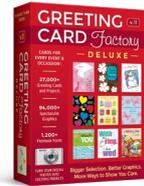


Note: Programs and websites Dean used for his demonstration:

Microsoft Publisher 2003 which is part of the Office suite.

Greeting Card Factory, Deluxe Version 11 is now available at a cost of just under \$US50 from:

<http://www.novadevelopment.com/software>



Hallmark Card Studio, from <http://www.hallmarksoftware.com>. Again the cost of just on \$US50

Jacquie Lawson, <http://www.jacquielawson.com>, this is a paid for site of \$A14 per year or \$A20 for two years.

Types of paper used:

Normal copy paper, eg Reflex 80 gsm, available from Officeworks or most newsagents.

Thin cardboard, about 200 gsm available from Officeworks.

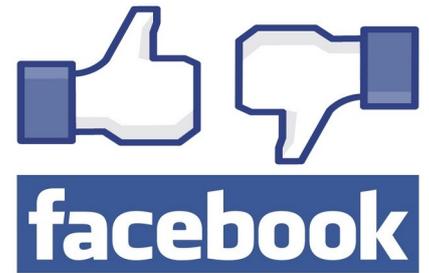
Glossy photo paper, 200 gsm, best to use double sided paper if you can get it.

High Resolution inkjet coated paper, 105 gsm, around \$15 per 100 sheets, available from some printing supply shops.

Various colour paper for the inserts, again available from Officeworks or most newsagents or even Two Dollar Stores.

SHOULD I REALLY JOIN FACEBOOK ??

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook so my family could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.



That was before one of the grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twitterific, Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting World.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything that affects the entire next generation.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the shops or library. I mean, the GPS looked pretty smart on my dashboard, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying and rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes she would sarcastically say "Re-calc-u-lating". You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light,. Then if I made a right turn instead, well it was not a good relationship.....when I get lost now, I call my wife!

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house., We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.



The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the shops. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Cash or Card?" every time I go through the supermarket checkout just knocks me rotten. I bought some of those re-usable shopping bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

We Senior Citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.....



FIREFOX BROWSER TIPS

If you are currently using the Firefox browser on your computer or tablet, then you will know that it is pretty nifty from the onset. There are, however, a whole range of hidden tricks available that make it faster and more effective at the click of the button.



OverSixty FB page gives us their 5 favourites.

- 1. More screen space** - want a bigger screen display? Make your icons smaller by going to view-toolbars - customise and click on the "Use small icons".
- 2. Auto-complete** - if you visit the same websites regularly, then this one is for you. Auto-complete your favourite sites by going to the address bar and typing the name of the site without the "www" or the ".com", then press Control+Enter, and it will automatically fill in the "www" and ".com" and take you there. For ".net" addresses, press Shift+Enter, and for ".org" addresses, press Control+Enter.
- 3. Speed things up** - everyone wants a faster connection. You can use something called "pipelining" to speed up Firefox. This allows Firefox to load multiple things on a page at once, instead of one by one. Type "about:config" into the address bar and hit Return. Type "network.http" in the filter field and change the following settings (double-click on them to change them). Set "network.http.pipelining" to "true". Set "network.http.proxy.pipelining" to "true". Set "network.http.pipelining,maxrequests" to a number like 30. This will allow it to make 30 requests at once.
- 4. Clever keywords** - if you tend to use a particular search regularly, keywords can help speed things up for you. Right-click on the search box, select "Add a Keyword for this search", give the keyword a name, something easy to type and remember is best, and save it. Now when you want to do that particular search, go to Firefox's address bar, type in whatever you had named it and press Return.
- 5. Tab navigation** - instead of using your mouse to select different tabs that you might have open, use the keyboard. Here are the shortcuts you will need. Ctrl+Tab (rotate forward among tabs), Ctrl+Shft+Tab (rotate to the previous tab), Ctrl+1-9 (choose a number to jump to a specific tab).

(Bib n Bub: we have not tried these to make sure they work, so if they don't please be nice to us!)

SCAM ALERT

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is warning the public about a “sophisticated” Qantas scam.

Fake emails that look like they are from the airline appear to be ‘almost identical’ to real Qantas emails, ACMA warns. The scam looks to grab important personal information from the public.

“They are offering rewards for cash and frequent flyer points for participating in a survey,” ACMA said in a Facebook post. “These emails look almost identical to a real Qantas email - look for the subject line ‘Customer Satisfaction Survey, Earn up to 95 AUD Plus 1,000 bonus Qantas points’.

“This is a sophisticated phishing scam that aims to steal your personal information, including your email and password, contact information and bank account details.”

The rule of thumb to follow on the internet, ACMA reminds, is “**if it looks too good to be true, it probably is**”.



FACEBOOK WARNINGS

- 1, Do not accept a friend request from a **Christopher Davies** or **Jessica Davies** as they are hackers. Check your friend list to ensure they are not already there.
2. Do not accept a video called “The Dance of the Pope” - this is a virus that formats your mobile phone.
3. Do not press #90 or #09 on your mobile when asked by a caller. It is a trick to access your SIM card then make calls at your expense and frame you as a criminal.

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LINDSAY'S TIPS

Select all files within a folder - Press *Ctrl+A*

Select multiple files - Press *Ctrl* then click on the files you want to select. You can deselect the files in the same manner.

Great for deleting files and folders

SUPPORT ENDING

1. Microsoft has announced it will end support for Microsoft Office 2007 in October 2017. They suggest you move to Office 2016 or Office 365.
2. The Google Drive desktop utility no longer supports Windows XP, Vista and 2003 server, unless it was installed prior to 1/1/17. Use of the Google website is still available. Dropbox stopped support in April 2016, and as with Google, access is available via the website.

\$229M lost to scams in Australia in 2015.

\$363,270 reported lost from phishing in

TEAM VIEWER 12

Originally created for business, Team Viewer is a free program which can be very useful and should have a place on your PC.

This new version claims to be:

- * 20 times faster
- * More reliable
- * Provides smoother video
- * Transfer speeds up to 200Mbps
- * Redesigned interface
- * Easier to use
- * You can leave sticky notes on other PCs
- * Allows you to share live secure video stream of your screen with someone anywhere
- * Can be used to resolve another person's problem
- * Quick and easy to set up
- * Share photos with other people
- * Secured by unique ID codes and passwords
- * Share files between computers by clicking files and extras
- * A drawback is the way Team Viewer wants you to purchase a license when you use it
- * Click speech bubble to start a chat with the person on the other computer.

What does “unsupported software” really mean?

At some point, a version of a product stops being improved. Any work that might go into new feature development is halted or directed at newer versions of the software.

No more fixes - even if a bug is found, it is not going to be fixed unless it poses as a security risk. Finding a spelling error? It's there forever. Anything that breaks functionality somehow (perhaps even losing data) isn't going to be repaired. The software will continue to work, but if you encounter issues, you will have to work around them yourself. The software is what it is.



No more updates - a variation on the “unsupported software” theme is software that continues to be available and updated (or not) on an unsupported platform. For example, Internet Explorer stopped being supported on Windows XP some time ago. That means that any and all updates to IE that took place after version 8 are simply unavailable on Windows XP. The last version that works on a particular platform will continue to work, but any problems that result will remain. You will have to either work around them, or upgrade to newer, supported versions.

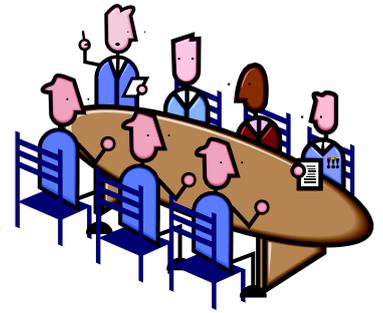
The software stops working - the ultimate form of unsupported software is when it just stops working, and the vendor elects not to update it. Typically this happens when you update something else. The most common is updating to Windows 10. It's not unheard of for older printers to stop working. The drivers may be “unsupported software” when running Windows 10 and there's almost nothing you can do.

No help - “support” can also mean official technical support and help using the software. This can happen at just about any time, but it usually coincides with one of the formal end-of-support dates for the software. Once that happens, there will be no further assistance or help from the company that produces the software.

Is it safe to use unsupported software? - it is significantly less safe to use unsupported software,. Vulnerabilities will be found and not fixed. Those vulnerabilities then become the target of malware for which there will be no protection. That's not safe.

COMMITTEE CAPERS

This month's meeting was held at John & Linda Kirby's new home. After a tour around their property the meeting opened with 11 members in attendance.



Some points for discussion were:

-  Correspondence - offer from Bunnings to have a **sausage sizzle** on **Saturday 11th February**. This was agreed upon and a sub-committee meeting held last Saturday 4th. Rosters for volunteers to 'man' (or woman??) the BBQ and to purchase the ingredients have been set up and looks like we are ready and rearing to go.
-  Jim put to the committee that all volunteers to help at the Sausage Sizzle be provided with drinks and sausages free of charge. All agreed.
-  Trevor requested his Laser printer be either serviced or a new one purchased. He is to look at new vs repair costs and report next month.
-  Hardware Workshop discussed - to be desktops only - no laptops as these are harder to clean.
-  Topics and future meetings discussed.

Coffee (or tea) and cake was enjoyed by all.



Bureaucratic Ingenuity

When NASA started sending astronauts into space, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat this problem, Congress approved a program and NASA scientists spent a **decade and over \$165M** developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, on almost any surface and at temperatures ranging from freezing to over 300C degrees.



The Russians used a pencil!

THE GUMNUT WORD FIND



Computer Words

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- FACEBOOK
- SCANDISK
- DVD
- SPEAKER
- SOFTWARE
- FOLDERS
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- TABLE
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NOTICE BOARD

- * OOPS - sorry every one - the editors forgot to wish you all a very Happy New Year.
- * Did anyone notice John Kirby's moon boot last month? No he didn't damage his Achilles Tendon prancing around with the Vintage People! We wish John a speedy return to wearing his normal shoe.
- * Don't forget our **Hardware Workshop** on **Friday 3rd March** at Trevor's house in Seaford. If you are interested in attending or have an old computer (not a laptop) for spring-cleaning, please see Lionel, Trevor or Jim.
There will be no cost involved in this workshop.
- * The Club will be holding a **Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Noarlunga** on Saturday 11th February. Please come along and buy one of our yummy sausages and onion.

One for the Women,

If my body was a car, I would be trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps, dents, scratches and my headlights are out of focus.

My gearbox is seizing up and it takes me hours to reach maximum speed.

I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.



If you want a rainbow, you have to put up with the rain!

How do you tell when you are out of invisible ink?

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy!

The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it!

If your car could travel at speed of light, would your headlights work?

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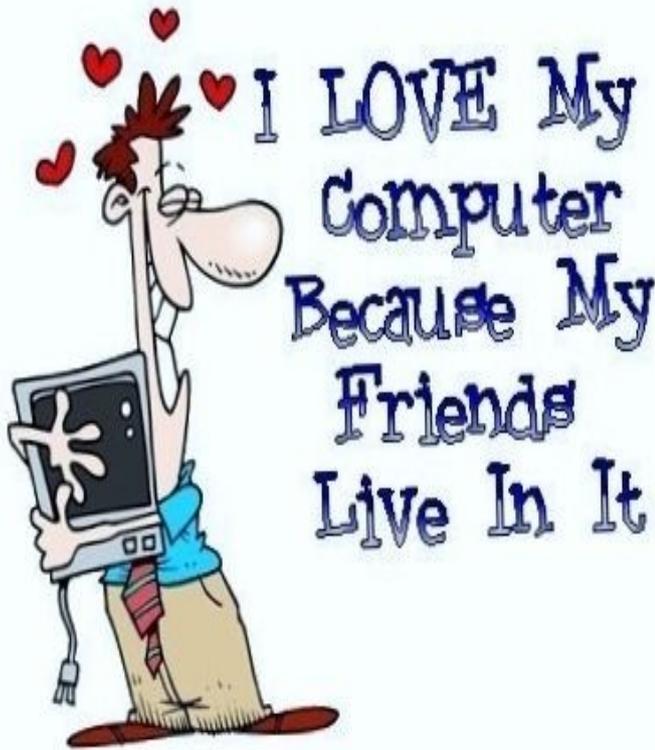
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More pics on www.imfunny.net

Reason : “Tongue in cheek” reply from our Yarbroom to our continued request for the monthly President’s Report. He advised us that he would only send it if our request was in red - so this month WE DID and look what happened!!

LCD DIGITIZER REPAIR:

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