

# SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



**January 2012**



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Editor Jim Greenfield

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on the third  
Wednesday of the  
Month, in the Hall at  
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Church  
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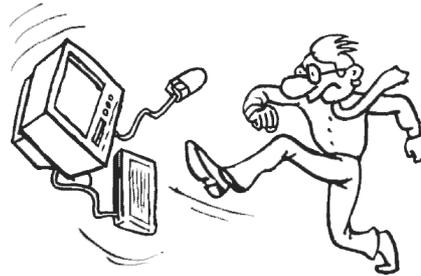
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welcomed

The committee trust you had an enjoyable Christmas and wish you a trouble free year with your computer.



The Committee met on **Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

### **Topics planned for February and March**

- February meeting recovering files accidentally deleted from your camera.
- March meeting to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Club. On this night a special supper will be provided. We hope to have a display of Commodore 64 and other Commodore computers.

*Jim Greenfield.....President*

Next Meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> 2012  
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### **Topic**

Recovery of deleted files and photographs.



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(Our aim is to conduct the classes in a friendly non-threatening atmosphere).

Some of the classes that are available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One and / or Stage Two).
2. Advanced Word.
3. Internet workshops.
4. Digital Cameras.

**For more information  
contact a committee  
member.**

What is brought to the table  
and cut, but never eaten?

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## SENIOR DRIVING

Colin was driving down the motorway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, " Colin, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Lonsdale Highway. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Colin , "It's not just one car.. It's hundreds of them!"

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# MEMBER PROFILE.

## Allan and Margaret Norton

Joined the SDCUC approx. 3-4 years ago with the suggestion from Kay Martin with whom they had been friends for several years.

This was brought about by Kay assisting Marg to use a computer, and could see that she definitely needed a lot of training and knowledge.

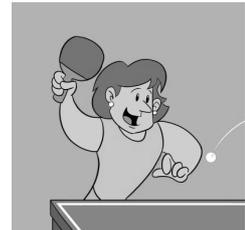
This has been beneficial to them both and also has been great for social interaction with the meeting of new friends within the Club.

Allan has worked in the timber industry for over 40 years and has come in handy when Jim has needed help using an electric drill and any other small jobs needed doing. We do not let Jim play with these toys !!!!!!!!!!!

Margaret worked in the Hotel industry for 8 years and then 23 years in the aged care industry for ACH at Glenelg.

Allan retired in 1996 and Marg in 1997. Were lucky enough to holiday in Europe in 96 and then Canada & Alaska in 97 with the Martin's. Had these 2 lovely holidays and then decided to purchase a caravan and set off exploring Australia.

The Norton's live in the Lifestyle Village, Happy Valley where Allan plays outdoor and indoor bowls 3-4 times a week and also loves his table tennis of which he attends twice a week.



Marg keeps herself busy with gardening, shopping, reading, and helping Daughter in her hairdressing Salon (she does the junior/apprentice work. We don't let her attack the ladies/gents hair !!!!)

They have had some lovely caravanning holidays with the Computer Club group and also with the village group of caravan people and have been initiated into 'Off road" in the bush stuff which has been quite interesting,

Hope to continue our great lifestyle enjoying health and happiness for several more years to come, and also to continue with involvement in the Computer Club



From The Editor  
Allan and Margaret are both on the Computer Club  
Committee  
Their contribution to the Club is greatly appreciated.

## e-readers

It's the 21<sup>st</sup> century and everything's going digital... Even books — or e-books as they're called.

Just as you need a music player to listen to digital music, if you have an e-book you need a device to read it on. That's where e-readers come in; they're hand-held devices, generally around the size and weight of an average paperback — the difference is that one e-reader can store hundreds or even thousands of books, so you can literally carry a library with you wherever you go and, unlike paper books, you can change the font size to suit yourself.

E-readers aren't particularly new, they've been around for several years — but in the last two or three years they've started to gain increasing popularity, meaning there are now more options available to you and more books available in e-book format. If you're looking to purchase an e-reader there are a few key things to consider.

**Size:** The average screen size is 6 inches — but they vary from 5 inches up to around 10. Naturally, the larger the screen, the larger and heavier the device.

**Screen Type:** The main screen type is eInk — the advantages of eInk screens are that they use very little power, so you should be able to get a couple of weeks of reading out of one charge; they also don't have a backlight so they're easy on the eyes and can be read in full sunlight, just as you would with a paper book. The other main screen-type is LCD (the same sort of screen as a laptop computer) which is available in colour — though battery life will be much shorter with this option.

**Touchscreen or keyboard:** Some readers include a small qwerty keyboard beneath the screen which can be used for writing notes or searching dictionaries — this makes the device a bit longer. Others have a touchscreen so you can do everything via the screen.

## e-readers

**Wireless:** Many new e-readers come equipped with wireless capability. If you plan on managing your e-books on your home computer this isn't such a big deal, but if you like the idea of being able to purchase books whenever you're within range of a wireless network then look out for this option.

**Format:** ePub is the main book format, the vast majority of readers will work with books in this format. The other common format is .awz -this is Amazon's proprietary format, it only works with the Kindle e-readers (which don't support epub). Unless you intend to buy a Kindle, it's a good idea to look for a device that supports multiple formats. Almost all e-readers support pdf format so you can easily take your documents from your home computer with you.

**Storage:** Most readers come with 512 MB up to about 4 GB of internal storage — even at the lower end that's a lot of books... But if you're concerned you might need more space, look for a device that has a card reader slot so you can add as much extra space as you need.

**Other options:** If you don't want to buy a dedicated e-reader, any laptop, tablet (such as iPad) or PC can be used to read e-books you just need to download the software to do it. If you're planning on buying the books from Amazon, you can download the Kindle for PC application from Amazon. Alternatively there are many free readers available for download to your device - Calibre is one of the best e-book library applications, it includes an e-book viewer and can be downloaded from [www.calibre-ebook.com](http://www.calibre-ebook.com)

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# Australia Day

## Celebrated annually on 26 January.

Previously known as Anniversary Day, Foundation Day, and ANA Day is the official national day of Australia. Celebrated annually on 26 January, the date commemorates the **arrival of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788** and the proclamation at that time of British sovereignty over the eastern seaboard of New Holland<sup>1</sup>

Although it was not known as Australia Day until over a century later, records of celebrations on 26 January date back to 1808, with the first official celebration of the formation of New South Wales held in 1818. It is presently an official public holiday in every state and territory of Australia and is marked by the announcement of the Honours List for the Order of Australia and presentations of the Australian of the Year awards, addresses from the Governor-General and Prime Minister, along with community festivals, concerts and citizenship ceremonies.

The date is controversial to some Australians, particularly those of Indigenous heritage, leading to the use of alternate names, such as *Invasion Day* and *Survival Day*. Proposals have been made to change the date of Australia Day, but these have failed to gain widespread public support

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## THE FLAG OF AUSTRALIA



The **flag of Australia** is a defaced Blue Ensign: a blue field with the Union Flag in the canton (upper hoist quarter), and a large white seven-pointed star known as the Commonwealth Star in the lower hoist quarter. The fly contains a representation of the Southern Cross constellation, made up of five white stars – one small five-pointed star and four, larger, seven-pointed stars.

The flag's original design (with a six-pointed Commonwealth Star) was chosen in 1901 from entries in a worldwide competition held following Federation, and was first flown in Melbourne on 3 September 1901; this date has been proclaimed as Australian National Flag Day. A slightly different design was approved by King Edward VII in 1902. Over the next few years, the exact specifications of the flag were changed several times both intentionally and as a result of confusion. The current specifications were formally gazetted in 1934, and in 1954 the flag became recognised by, and legally defined in, the *Flags Act 1953*, as the "**Australian National Flag**"

### WE KNOW WHAT WE ARE SAYING, BUT DO OTHERS?

As Australians we have a language of our own when we want to describe a person to another, to us we know exactly what is being said, but have you ever thought just how confusing it must sound to a foreigner to our country.

#### For example:

" She was as fat as mud"

" She was straight laced"

" He was light fingered "

" We chewed the fat for hours "

He wouldn't work, even if he was in an Iron Lung"

" He's not the full quid "

" That woman has a sticky nose"

" He tickled the Peter "

" He is just thick"

She was on the Blower for an hour: "

And then he cracked a fruity "

He blew through like a Bondi tram"

"She did her lolly "

"Fair suck of the sav.. .I said "

**If you were a visitor from a foreign country would you understand these expressions?; but then I guess foreigners have just the same weird sayings that we have. What do you think.?**



## **PROOF READING IS A DYING ART**

### **Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter**

#### **Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers**

Now that's taking things a bit far!

#### **Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over**

What a guy

#### **Miners Refuse to Work after Death**

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's

#### **Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

#### **War Dims Hope for Peace**

I can see where it might have that effect!

#### **If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last awhile**

Ya think?!

#### **Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures**

Who would have thought!

#### **Enfield ( London ) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide**

they may be on to something!

#### **Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

#### **New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group**

Weren't they fat enough?!

#### **Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft**

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

#### **Kids Make Nutritious Snacks**

Do they taste like chicken?

#### **Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half**

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

#### **Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**

Did I read that right?

## Windows XP Windows 7

### Don't just maximize your windows—go full screen

When you need a really big window for viewing photos don't just maximize it: go full screen! This tip works great for viewing photos at maximum size in Windows Explorer utilizing screen space usually occupied by the header at the top of the screen and the taskbar at the bottom. Here's how:

Open any photo in Windows Explorer, Do one of the following:

**In Windows XP, click the F11 key at the top of your keyboard.**

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How things have changed from 1998 to 2012

# Top 10 New Year's Resolutions for Computer Users

**It's the New Year!** One other major category of New Year's Resolutions is to help others, and to achieve this, I'm providing 10 resolutions every computer user should make to help reduce the chances of wanting to bash one's computer with a sledgehammer (admit you've thought of doing that at least once in 2011).

By making these resolutions and sticking to them, you should experience less hassle using your computer and accessing the Internet, perform fewer mistakes that result in praying you have made recent backups of your files, and hopefully reduce the chances your computer slows down, has pop-up advertisements randomly appear, or experiences other symptoms of **spyware and malware** attacks.

## **1 I will read all dialog and warning boxes when they appear**

For example, If I am prompted that continuing what I am doing will cause me to delete a file (or all files on my computer!), I will actually take a couple of seconds to ponder if I really want to do so. Then, and only then, will I click "OK" (or "Cancel", "Cancel", "Cancel").

## **2 I will save my files often.**

Many software programs, like the Microsoft Office suite, have Autosave features that make backups of what I am doing every few minutes in case something unthinkable happens. However, relying on Autosave is a risky game, as what if it doesn't work or still misses recent changes to a spreadsheet, document, e-mail, etc.?

I will save my files often so as not to be too frustrated when software or the operating system crashes (it will happen). Better yet, I will save copies of files as I am editing them in case I need to go back to previous edits.

## **3 I will make backups of my files more than once a year.**

I will make multiple backups because the following can happen and corrupt my files:

**\* CD-ROMs, DVD-ROMS, and other removable media have a limited shelf life or can get damaged**

- \* Hard drive / flash drive failure
- \* Ignoring dialog box warning that all files are to be deleted
- \* Operating system failure
- \* Power surge
- \* Software failure
- \* Spyware or virus infestation

## **4 I will describe my problems clearly when asking for help.**

If I need to ask people for computer help, I will make it as easy as possible for others to help me, as many doing so are volunteers and only have a limited amount of time. I will provide at least the following information:

- \* Operating system I am running (not just Windows or Mac, but which version, such as Windows XP or Windows 7)
- \* **Exact** error or warning messages that may appear, plus when and where they show up
- \* Software program and version that caused the error (if applicable)
- \* Have I installed any software recently?
- \* Have I installed any hardware recently?
- \* Web page or service causing the error (if applicable)

## **5 I will think twice before posting photos on Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking service.**

This is a biggie. Just because I think my photos of a wild keg party are only going out to friends doesn't mean that others cannot get copies of my pictures. And do I want these photos being seen by:

- \* Extended family
- \* Law enforcement
- \* Lawyers of opposing party in a lawsuit
- \* Potential business partners or clients
- \* Potential job interviewers
- \* School admissions officers

These photos may stay available for searching virtually **forever**. What I do in my 20s can have serious consequences when in my 30s, 40s, and later in life.

## **6 I will keep my anti-virus system up-to-date.**

I will update my antivirus software, plug-ins, and other software regularly. Although doing so can be a hassle, it is still less of a hassle than dealing with a virus or other malware attack and possibly losing all of my files. It is also easier than having to deal with my credit card numbers, social security numbers, bank accounts, etc. getting spread across the Internet.

## **7 I won't install everything I see and then wonder why my computer is running slow.**

Although the Internet is packed with untold amounts of software, web browser toolbars, screensavers, etc., I won't install everything I find. Doing so might slow down my computer or parts of it, like my web browser, or make it unstable.

## **8 I will not believe everything I read via electronic mail.**

Although human beings want to be trusting, I have to realize that the world does contain scammers and miscreants; thus, **I cannot believe everything I read via electronic mail.**

Some examples of things I must think twice before believing:

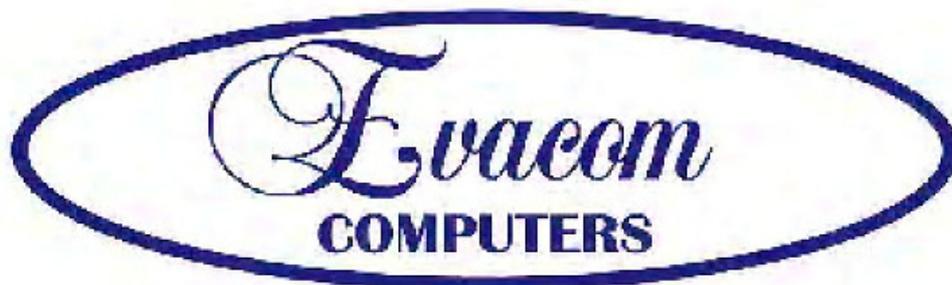
- \* I have millions of dollars waiting for me from a prince / corporate entity / long-lost family member.
- \* I have won the e-mail lottery.
- \* My Facebook / Twitter account has been hacked and I need to click a link to reset a password
- \* I need to click a link to access my bank account web site and re-enter personal information that their computers lost.

Note that in some cases, accounts have been hacked and legitimate e-mail has been sent warning users of the hacking. If I am concerned, I will visit the site's home page **directly** in my web browser and not click a link inside an e-mail message. Then I can contact the site administrator to see if it was really them sending out the warning e-mail.

## **9 I will understand the risk of security questions.**

Although security questions are used by websites to help us re-obtain or reset forgotten passwords, these are also an opening for hackers to gain access to our account. And it has been done before, even to vice-presidential candidates. If I have a system to securely store passwords (hopefully encrypted), I will treat security question answers just like passwords and not type personal information that can be easily guessed or found out over the Internet.

## **10 I will Defrag regularly**



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