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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.
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Novice and experienced
computer users will be
warmly welcomed



Happy New Year and Welcome 2014



Editors: Bib and Bub



Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 19th February 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Digital Estates

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Last month's meeting - Christmas Party

What a great night we all had.



All who walked through the door were given a complimentary drink and hors d'oeuvres.



The salads, meat and sweets were wonderfully presented and a big thankyou to all who helped bring this great meal together.

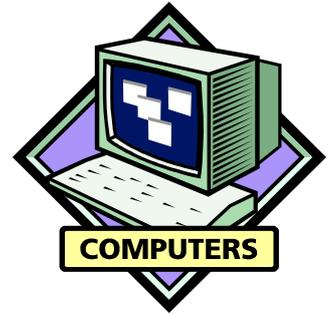


There were door prizes, well actually, 'hat' prizes because one had to have less stars on their Christmas hats to win one of the three prizes on offer.

We were then treated to a very funny skit called 'if I were not one of Santa's helpers, I would be a'



How do I backup my computer?



Backing up your computer is critical to avoiding data loss. It is merely making a **copy** of data and/or program files and then keeping that copy in a safe place.

The reason is simple - if something happens to your computer so that you can't retrieve your information (which happens more often than we realize), or you somehow lose access to your data, then you can get the information from the backup copies.

Types of backup

- **Copying your data.** This is very simple. For example, if you copy pictures off your digital camera and then immediately burn those pictures to a CD for safe-keeping, you have backed them up. Similarly, if you regularly take the contents of your "My Documents" folder tree and copy it to another machine or CD, that is also backing up those files. They are safely stored in another location in addition to your computer.
- **Imaging your system.** This is also very simple. Rather than backing up only this and that, hoping that you actually remembered to include everything, this approach makes a copy of **everything**: your data, your programs, your settings - even the operating system itself.

If your data is in only one place, meaning that there are no copies of that data, then you are not backed up!

Backup locations

Where should this "other location" be? Far away from your computer as practical - the further away, the more you are protected from various types of disasters.

- If the backup is on the same hard disk, then you could lose your data and your backup if that hard disk dies.

How to backup my computer, cont'd

- If the backup is on a different hard disk, but inside the same computer, then you could lose your data and backup if something happens to the computer that causes both hard disks to be harmed.



- If the backup is on an external hard disk but connected to the same computer, then you could lose your data and your backup if there is a software glitch or malware on that computer that starts destroying files on all connected devices.

- If the backup is burned to a CD or DVD but kept in the same location or any of the solutions are all in the same place, then you could lose your data and your backup if that location suffers a physical catastrophe (such as fire or flood).

A suggested plan for backing up

The three most common issues people encounter that causes data loss are:

- Malware
- Hard drive failure
- Accidental deletion

For most average home users, it is suggested you

- Get an external USB hard disk
- Use an automated backup program and back up everything as an image backup to the external drive automatically on a daily or weekly schedule.



This won't protect you from everything (like your house burning down), but it will protect your data from the most common causes of data loss. If your hard disk dies, you can restore files and perhaps the entire system from your backup. If you happen to delete a file by accident, then as long as it was there when the most recent backup was taken, you can restore it quickly and easily.

THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 2. REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Thank goodness the silly season is behind us. It does, however, make way for the exciting season known as the New Year, more commonly known as **2014**.

This is the season where initial grandiose plans are ditched for exciting practical alternatives and also where our Club forgoes the hype and hoopla and endeavours to provide an interesting (maybe even exciting) program of events for the members.

Current plans include a number of workshops covering more practical aspects in our computer world, eg using tablets and using parts of Microsoft Office. These could be held at a normal meeting or held separately.

More familiar lecture or presentation nights will include how to start an unresponsive (irresponsible!!) computer, 3D printing and regenerating old photographs. Our aim is to provide this in an informative and entertaining way. The exciting part is learning something new each time.

Each week I will preview the planned event for next months meeting.

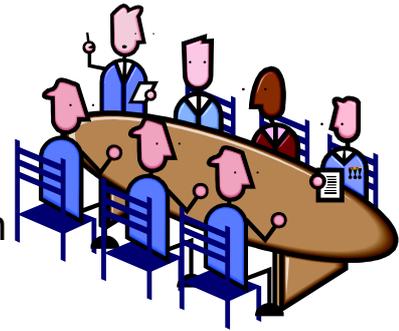
Next month, Lindsay Chuck will be presenting on a subject not many people consider, let alone know about. His subject will be **Digital Estates**.

Enjoy your evening!

Lionel Leddra
(The Yardbroom President)



Committee Capers.



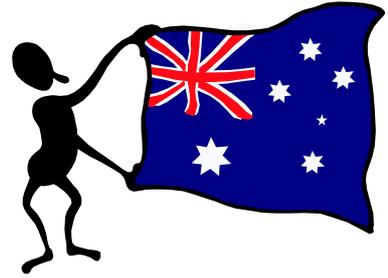
The committee meeting was held on Monday January 6th. Discussions included:

- The Asset Register has been updated to include new equipment purchased over the last 2 years.
- Windows 8.1 is to be purchased by March for a club computer.
- Instrument boxes and foam to be purchased to protect the two club projectors while in transit.
- Peter has created a club Facebook page for members to join. This will be mentioned at January's meeting.
- Dates for the MovieMaker courses have been finalised at a cost of \$40. They will be a 2 week course (1 day per week) from 9.30am to 12.30pm.
- Discussed using proceeds over and above cost of April's (Easter) raffle to be donated to the Mary Help of Christians Church.
- Two new advertisers for the newsletter have been approved.
- Dates and advertising for our next course/s was discussed.
- Topics for future meetings discussed.

Recipe Corner

Australia Day Fare

For a change, we are not providing a recipe, just food ideas to help you celebrate Australia Day.



The Traditional Lamington



The Modern BBQ



The Favourite Pavlova



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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E-readers, Tablets	Lionel & Anne Leddra	8381 2821
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Photographic, Photoshop	Trevor Francis	8186 1138
Tablets	John Kirby	7007 4819
Video programming to CD/DVD	Cheryl McDonald	8382 3660
Wi-Fi connections & Tablets	Emma Boss	8386 2723

Computer Courses for 2014.

- Windows Live Movie Maker scheduled for 14th & 21st January 2014 (fully booked) and 28th January & 4th February 2014. Cost \$40.
- Computer Basics I & II for Windows 7 & 8
- Photos: Camera to Computer Image Management Course

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact Anne Leddra on 8381 2821.

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.

The Five Riddles

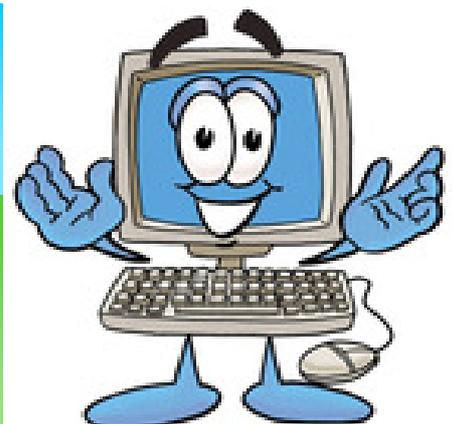
1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him but 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it and gray when you throw it away?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I am curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching.



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SANDS COMPUTER GROUP

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Computers and Printer for Sale

Computers 1 - Windows XP with 'mouse' keyboards and flat screen monitors, all cables, plus some software. **\$50 each**

Computer 2 - Windows 98 - **\$25**

Printer - Canon Pixma IP 4600. Comes complete with 2 sets of continuous ink supply system and a lot of ink. **\$120 negotiable.**

Phone Peter on 0438 827 178

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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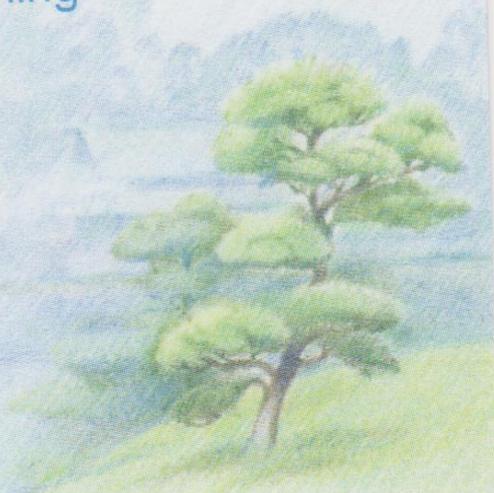
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