Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc

SDCUCI

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

We wish you all a very Happy 2015

Editors: Bib and Bub

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 18th February 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Skype

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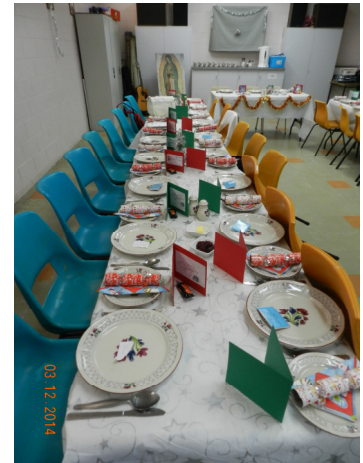
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Christmas Dinner

WOW - what a fantastic, fun-filled yummy night for all those who attended.

This year we were lucky enough to have TWO skits. The first actually received an encore! Extremely well done to the players and a very big thankyou to **Colin McDonald** who sang the SDCUC version of

"**The 12 Days of Christmas**".

Santa, where's your troosers?

A 12-day Aussie Christmas with a very 'merry' Santa

Colin McDonald

IS IT SAFE TO LET MY BROWSER REMEMBER PASSWORDS ?

Letting your browser remember passwords is a convenient feature. However, it is important to understand that with that convenience comes risk - often significant risk.

If you have **Firefox** remember passwords for you, do the following:

- Click on the **Firefox** icon
- Click on the **Tools** menu
- Click on the **Options** menu item
- Click on the **Security** tab
- Click on the **Saved Passwords** button
- Click on the **Show Passwords** button

Yes, a few clicks and all your passwords are visible, and anyone who gets access to your computer can follow those simple instructions to obtain all your saved passwords. *Scary???*
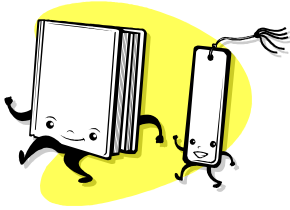
What can you do?

- **Do nothing but rely on physical security -** this means you know that your machine cannot be easily stolen and that no one can walk up to it and access Firefox's remembered password list.

- **Clear the list and stop remembering passwords -** This is the recommended action, or, as an alternative, use **LastPass** which allows you to store your password database and keeps it securely encrypted as well.

- **Use a master password -** Firefox allows you to use an encrypted master password, which in theory, without knowing the password, you cannot access the stored passwords. But, if someone with malicious intent can steal your computer, or Firefox's encrypted files, they still have a reasonable chance of breaking through this security and gaining access to your remembered passwords.

Recommendation: Never use the browser to remember passwords on a computer you don't control completely!

TONIGHT'S MEETING - BACKING UP DATA

Presented by Jim Greenfield and Trevor Francis

The backed up data is a <u>copy</u> of the original data you have made (often over some considerable time) and moved to an entirely separate piece of hardware, either an external hard drive, a USB stick or a CD disk.

Firstly, here are several things one needs to consider before anything can be backed up.

1. **What information (files) do I want to back up?**
2. **Where in my computer are the files that I want backed up?**
3. **Where am I going to put (and keep) these backed up files?**
4. **How often should I back up my data files?**

It is safe to assume that your computer WILL crash at some point or other.

AND Murphy's Law says it will probably happen with no warning - with no time at the last minute to save the situation. Your data will simply be destroyed or become unavailable in an instant. If you have never done a backup before, this could result in the loss of several years work and effort. You will wish the earth could just swallow you up - especially if the wife or partner has been nagging you about getting it done!

BUT, having a copy of your data on a different drive will save the day!

Tonight, we will hear two ways of achieving a reliable backup - one using a commercial program and Jim showing us how it should be done - manually.

What's happening in 2015

Windows 10 - We know Microsoft will be releasing Windows 10. They are currently encouraging users to provide comment on what they want included in this new operating system.

Spartan (web browser) - Microsoft is rumoured to be releasing this new web browser.

Devices - Google, Apple and Microsoft have released products that will interact with your smart phone/tablet. You will see improvements in 2015. One product, the wrist watch, has received plenty of publicity.

iOS 9 - iOS9 is expected along with updated iPads.

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THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 1.
REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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The silly season is finally a thing of the past and I trust that you had a happy Christmas period. We can now concentrate on making **2015** a happy and productive year.

At our most recent committee meetings the subject of training and training courses has been regularly raised.

The dilemma facing the committee is not so much developing appropriate courses but rather the extent of the demand for particular courses. It takes considerable time and effort to develop a training course that will meet the training needs of our members. A successful outcome really makes the effort worthwhile. The alternative is a waste of time. However, the constant release of new technologies encourages and demands that we all update our skills

Therefore, we need **YOUR** assistance in making the right choices. We need to know what your training needs are, what you expect from a course, and what your ideal outcome for the course is. If you have a particular need please let someone on the committee know what it is. It is quite likely that there are other like-minded members with the same need. The committee will endeavour to address your need and if it is not possible or feasible to conduct a particular course you will be given the reason for this. Our aim would be to say YES.

This evening we address the ultra-important subject of backups. There are numerous ways of achieving this and these will be discussed. Just DO IT (before it's too late)!!
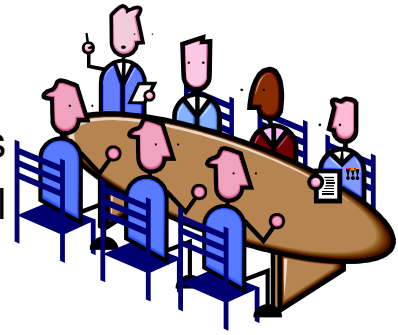
Enjoy your evening!

Lionel Leddra
(The Yardbroom President)

Committee Capers.

The first committee meeting for 2015 was held on Monday January 12th and nearly all were present - no-one on holidays (as yet).

Subjects up for discussion were:

- Rent on the hall will be increased by a small amount. Still a good rate compared to other venues.

- Some members have not yet paid their fees - committee to contact.

- Discussed and agreed to set up a Cloud email for the Club. This will eliminate any lost emails due to a mishap or misadventure occurring to a committee member. The Club members will be informed of new email address once it has been created.

- Agreed to donate profits from this year's Easter Raffle to the Church again.

- Dates for Publisher and PowerPoint Courses have been set. (see page 9 for these times).

- A '*notice of intent and interest'* for both courses will be available for members at club meetings.

- A PowerPoint presentation will be shown on the screens prior to the commencement of meetings (where possible).

- Future topics for upcoming meetings has been discussed (and we have a long list to keep us all entertained).
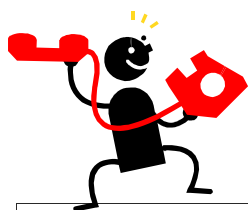
Recipe Corner

<u>Cheese and Bacon Bites</u>

Ingredients:

½ cup milk,
1 egg,
2 cups coarsely grated matured cheese,
3 short bacon rashers, chopped,
2 medium brown onions, or 1 brown and 1 green onion, finely chopped,
1 cup SR Flour,
1 tsp French or grainy mustard,
Pinch of salt,
¼ tsp ground black pepper.

Method:

Beat together milk, egg, mustard, pepper and salt together in a large bowl. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Drop rounded spoonfuls onto a baking paper lined oven tray. Bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes, or until golden brown.
If your matured cheese doesn't have much bite, add another ½ tsp of mustard to the mix.

(*If Bub remembers - you will sample these with supper tonight*)

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
Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
Microsoft Movie Maker	Lorraine Loader	8382 7243
Photographic, Windows Photo Gallery, Paint Shop Pro	Anne & Lionel Leddra	8381 2821
Photographic, Photoshop	Trevor Francis	8327 6061
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 2015.

- **Publisher** scheduled for 3 week course, 16th and 23rd Feb and 2nd March (Mondays).
- **PowerPoint** - 2 week course, March 19th and 26th (Thursdays)
- Other computer courses will be structured into this year's calendar according to need.

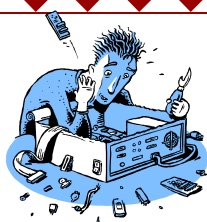**If you wish to attend any Course, please contact a Committee Member**

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

How well do you know South Australia??

1. What is South Australia's fauna emblem?

2. What story-book character is represented with a statue in Rymill Park?

3. What did the GPO do to let early Adelaide residents know that the mail had arrived from England?

4. How many Nobel Prize winners as Adelaide University produced?

5. Who was the first European to successfully navigate the River Murray?

6. Where was the first school in South Australia?

7. What place in the mid-north is described in Aboriginal mythology as formed by the bodies of two snakes?

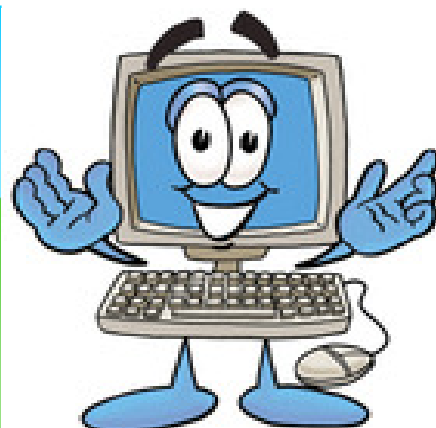8. Which two country towns were connected by a pipeline in 1944?

When you feel like quitting, remember why you started.

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ROY'S COWBOY BOOTS

Roy always wanted a pair of authentic cowboy boots. Seeing some on sale one day, he buys them and wears them home, walking proudly.

He walks into the house and says to his wife, " Notice anything different about me? "

Bessie looks him over and says, " Nope"

Frustrated, Roy storms off into the bathroom, undresses and walks back into the room completely naked, except for the boots.

Again he asks, a little louder this time, " Notice anything DIFFERENT NOW?"

Bessie looks up and says, " Roy, what's different? It's hanging down today, it was hanging down yesterday and it will be hanging down again tomorrow!"

Furious, Roy yells, " AND DO YOU KNOW WHY IT IS HANGING DOWN, BESSIE?   IT IS HANGING DOWN BECAUSE IT IS LOOKING AT MY NEW BOOTS !!!"

To which Bessie replies, " **Shoulda bought a hat, Roy. Shoulda bought a hat!"**

An old wise woman was asked, "At your ripe age, what would you prefer to get - Parkinsons or Alzheimers?"

The wise woman answered, "Definitely Parkinsons - better to spill half of my wine that to forget where I keep the bottle."

* * 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 and/or newsletter articles would be greatly appreciated. Please see a committee member or email your suggestions.

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.

January

This month we would like to wish the following members a

Very Happy Birthday.

John Bell

January was named after the Roman God, Janus. Janus is also the Roman word for **door.** The God Janus had two faces which allowed him to look forward into the coming year and backward into the past year.

Celebrity birthdays :

Mel Gibson, Rowan Atkinson, Kate Middleton, Neil Diamond

Events

Australia Day
National Hugging Day (21st)
Epiphany (6th)
Save the Eagles Day (10th)
Vietnam War ended 1973

Symbols

Birthstone: Garnet
Flower: Carnation
Zodiac signs: Capricorn and Aquarius

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

Answers to SA Quiz

1. **The hairy-nosed wombat.** The hairy-nosed or plains wombat was adopted by the Government as the Fauna Emblem of SA on 27th August 1970.
2. **Alice in Wonderland.**
3. A **flag** or **light** was raised on the GPO tower flagstaff.
4. Adelaide University has produced **three** of Australia's eight Nobel Prize winners.
5. **Captain Charles Sturt** in 1830.
6. Kan**garoo Island** in 1836.
7. **Wilpena Pound** (the area formed being the edge of the Pound).
8. **Morgan** and **Whyalla**

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