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**MEETINGS are held on
the third Wednesday
of the month at 7.30
pm, in the Hall at the
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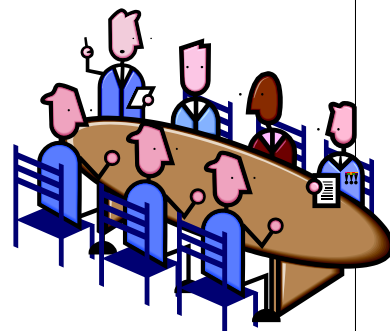
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Novice and experienced
computer users will be
warmly welcomed

Committee Capers

The last committee meeting was
held on 8 July 2013.



The club has been awarded a grant
of \$1310 from the City of Onkaparinga Council for the
purchase of multimedia training devices. Due to the
changing nature of these devices any decision to
purchase will be delayed until later in the year.

After a bit of discussion the committee approved the
purchase of another Brother colour laser printer for the
use of the Newsletter editors. Purchase of an electric
stapler to enable the production of the current format
(A5) booklet was discussed as well. This would allow
the printing of our newsletter to be done totally in-house,
and in colour, giving it a more professional appearance
and making it far more attractive to read.

The proposed date for the 2013 Christmas Function is
4 December 2013. How is that for early warning!!

Editors: Bib and Bub (with some help from a friend or two)



Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 21st August 2013 at 7.30 pm.

**Topic: Pot Pouri of questions and answers.
If you have any specific request, please e-mail our
President or Secretary.**

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Our last meeting — 64 bit or 32 bit? That is the question.

Our President James welcomed us to the June meeting, then proceeded to advise some of us and confuse the rest by explaining the differences between the two **bits**.

Most new PC's come with 64 bits. .

64 bit machines have some advantages and are generally more secure.

A new PC with 64 bit Windows 8 may not run some of your old programs.

However, never fear. There is a program called VMware Player, and it creates a virtual operating system on your computer enabling you to use your old programs. You do require a registered copy of Windows XP .

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Jim also demonstrated a Portable Image/Document Scanner, powered by 2xAA batteries, which can scan word documents and photos.

Prices are between \$60 (ebay) and \$100.

Jim scanned some photos, digitized them and saved them to his computer.

A very neat, compact addition for your wish list.

More information on [www.mbeat.com.au](http://www.mbeat.com.au)



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Jim's Tips

A test for you to gauge if your computer is working efficiently. Word should open and be ready to use in approximately four seconds. If it takes longer, you may have a problem and need to do a disc cleanup and/or defrag.

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Before loading a new program onto your computer, always turn on your laptop to stabilize for half an hour, turn off your screen saver if you have one, defrag, then load the program.

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Vice President Lionel Leddra has recently purchased an in-car camera to take with him when he and Anne return to South Africa on holiday later this year. He demonstrated his Crash Camera by showing a short sample movie of his recent trip along Goog's Track. The quality and stability of the high definition movie was excellent, it was easily transferred to his computer and was inexpensive at around \$50 on ebay. It has a microphone. A 16 gig SD card, holds 90 mins of video. The camera can take an SD card up to 32 gig.

Available from "Storage Specialists" on ebay under cameras



Digital Cameras and DCIM madness.



Every Digital camera—even the camera on your smart phone—insists on storing photographs in a folder called DCIM. What's with the alphabet soup? Why not just call the folder 'Photos', or skip it altogether and save photos directly to the root directory? Believe it or not, there is a method in the DCIM madness, and it's all about standards.

Eons ago, DCIM (for Digital Camera Images) became the default directory structure for digital cameras. Mostly it exists to keep everything organized. When you put a memory card into a camera, the camera immediately looks for a 'DCIM' folder. If it doesn't find such a folder, it creates one.

Likewise, some desktop image-editing programs are designed to look specifically for 'DCIM' folders on any media inserted into the PC. That saves time in scanning said media for images—and it prevents the software from importing images that your camera didn't capture.

While on the subject of photos—if you are thinking that you may like to learn how to put your photos and videos into a movie that you can show on your computer or television (through your DVD player), we will shortly be conducting a course on Windows Live Movie Maker. It may also help with the quality of your finished movie if you know how to edit your photos first., and to do this you may like to join our Camera courses.

Please ask a committee member for more information, or check out the Expert Assist List for a phone number.

Solitaire in Windows 7

While most users are enjoying the Windows 7 experience and all the new features and abilities it has, there are some that prefer the look of the games from Windows XP. While the functionality and game play has not changed, the look has. For those of you who prefer the style of the XP versions of the Windows games on your Windows 7 PC, here are instructions to help you get the XP versions up and running.

****You need to have a valid copy of Windows XP****

In Windows XP, use Windows Explorer and navigate to C:\Windows\System32.

****Note that the Windows folder and System 32 folder will hide the contents of the folder by default. This is because there are system files in these locations and you should take care when navigating in these folders.****

Copy the following files to a USB memory stick, or CD (whatever means you have to move files):

- cards.dll
- freecell.exe
- mshearts.exe
- sol.exe
- spider.chm
- spider.exe
- spider.hlp
- winmine.exe



Then on your Windows 7 PC, create a folder (do not put it in the Windows\System32 folder) and paste those files into the folder. Now you can either open the folder and launch games from there, or create shortcuts to the games and place them on your desktop.

For the Pinball game, it has its own folder located at C:\Program Files\Windows NT\Pinball. You can copy the entire Pinball folder and then move it to your Windows 7 PC.

****Do not put it in the C:\Program Files\Windows NT folder.****

Place it in the same folder with your card games

Thank you Mr. President.

You think English is easy??



- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 12) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 13) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 14) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are lollies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?

Recipe Corner

Elephant Stew

1 medium elephant
50 gallons of gravy
2 tons of potatoes
500 pounds of other assorted fresh vegetables
20 pounds of salt
15 pounds of black pepper
5 pounds of mixed herbs
100 bottles of red wine



Directions:

1. Cut elephant into bite-size pieces. (This takes about 2 months.)
2. Chop potatoes and other vegetables into bite size pieces. (This takes about 1 month.)
3. Using large kettles simmer elephant in the gravy for 3 weeks.
4. Add wine, vegetables, salt, pepper and herbs and cook for another week.

This recipe will serve about 3800 people, if more are expected you could add two small rabbits, but do this only if necessary, as most people don't like to find hare in their stew.

Thank you to Dean Vice for this sumptuous recipe. I'm sure he means to invite all members of the Computer Club—we're just waiting for a date.

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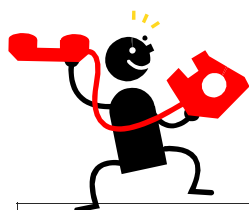
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Expert Assist List.

Keep this Contact list handy and phone these people first if you have a problem with any one of the subjects mentioned below.

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Computer Courses for 2013.

- Computer Basics I for Windows 7 & 8
- Computer Basics 2 for Windows 7 & 8 (Basics 1 is a pre-requisite)
- Windows Live Movie Maker—22nd & 29th July am—fully booked.
- Camera to Computer Image Management (CCIM) Course 22nd & 29th July pm—2 places available.

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.

Cleaning your computer screen

First check whether your computer screen is glass or plastic.

If you have an LCD monitor, the cleaning must be done carefully because the screens are plastic. Gently wipe the monitor with a lint-free cloth.

The best type is a natural fibre or micro-fibre cloth, as these are less prone to leaving scratches on surfaces. Wipe away any visible dust and dirt. Be careful not to rub too hard or you may rub the dust particles across the screen, resulting in tiny scratches. If you are not using a micro-fibre cloth, you will need to change the cloth often, or use the cloth in sections to avoid re-depositing dust onto other parts of the screen.

Next, try wiping the screen with a slightly damp cloth. Water is safe on most surfaces in very small amounts, but do not spray it directly onto your screen.

Spray water onto a lint-free cloth and wring it out until the cloth is just damp.

Gently clean your monitor using the same procedure as dusting.

Do not use ammonia-based products such as window cleaner on an LCD monitor.

Small amounts of window cleaner can be applied to a soft cloth and then to a glass screen, but make sure the screen does not have a coating or finish on it. Stained monitor screens can be cleaned with one part water and one part isopropyl alcohol.

Extract from the Advertiser, 8th July, 2013.

MEETING RULES

We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphet 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.

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Windows 8 update tease.

MICROSOFT plans an update to its Windows 8 system to address complaints and incorporate other feedback received since the radical make-over to the operating system that came out in October.

Microsoft isn't saying yet when Windows 8.1 will come out, beyond later this year, but a test version is scheduled to be released today. It will be a free download for existing Windows 8 users.

Planned changes include a built-in connection with the online storage system, SkyDrive, to back up photos, music and files; Internet Explorer II and easier ways to move apps on the start screen.

Extract from: The Advertiser, June 27, 2013.

Where to recycle old electronics

Make sure old electronics do not end up in landfill in Australia or other countries.

TechCollect will accept televisions, computers and computer products.

TechCollect cannot accept white goods, microwaves or power tools.

Find your nearest TechCollect drop-off site or event by visiting their website from more information.

<http://techcollect.com.au/our-locations/>

A good password is at least 12 characters long, incorporating upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters limited only by your memory.

e.g. **WhiteWave45***

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

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available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One
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2. Advanced Word.
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