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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 Road and Main South Road)

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.

Subscriptions for twelve months

Single \$18

Family membership \$24

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly



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"Front Page at Last!"

I'm not sure if this is a promotion or a demotion. It may depend on the colour of the halo - if there is one!

In recent months, we have explored the wonderful world of tablets (the electronic kind). The popularity of these devices is rapidly increasing - almost as fast as smart phones which are almost the size of tablets now. So too is the cost of these devices increasing - rapidly. Therefore it comes as a surprise to most of us to find out that there really is a bit of modern technology that we can get for nothing - FREE!

Jim Greenfield is going to expound on the virtues of the Linux operating system (as opposed to Microsoft Windows or Apple). There are apparently several hundred versions of the system. Jim has promised to keep it as simple as possible and not try to explain all the differences! He will try to win a few more converts to the system with his customary enthusiasm and knowledge.

Something new - for FREE. Think about your wallet - it won't hurt at all. Enjoy something different.

Lionel Leddra
(Your Yardbroom President)



Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 19th August 2015 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Facebook—questions & answers from the floor.

The Committee in 2014 / 2015

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Never ask Google for medical advice:
I have gone from mild headache to
clinically dead in three clicks of the mouse.



What's happening in 2015

Windows 10 - Microsoft announced pricing for Windows 10. While it will be free for users to upgrade within 12 months of the release date, if you decide you want to upgrade after 12 months, it will cost \$156 for Windows 10 home , Pro version \$262. Upgrading to the Pro version will cost \$130

Concerned about your privacy? We all know Google collect your search information to sell to marketing companies so you can be targeted with their adverts. Microsoft offers users of Bing (its search engine) the ability to encrypt search information, and by the end of the year, your search information will be encrypted by default. Microsoft says it cares about consumers privacy more than marketers.

Using Microsoft Security Essentials? Bob Rankine suggests you use another program as this one came in last compared to other security programs.

TONIGHT'S MEETING - LINUX & OPEN OFFICE

Presented by Jim Greenfield



This month's meeting we will be looking at the similarities and differences between the giant Microsoft Operating system that is expensive (ie Windows XP, Windows 7, 8 etc.) **and an entirely FREE one,** which, at first glance, one would be hard pressed to tell the difference.

We are talking about an operating system called LINUX which is a **free** shareware program that mimics Windows in all but a few facets.

When Linux is installed, it automatically includes an email package (Thunderbird) and a web browser (Firefox).

Linux was originally developed as a free operating system for personal computers, based on the Intel x86 architecture, but has since been ported to more computer hardware platforms than any other operating system.

Open Office (Openoffice.org) is able to read and write Microsoft Office files. It can open and save Word, Excel and PowerPoint files on several platforms (Windows, Linux, Mac OS x, Solaris).

We hope you enjoy Jim's presentation tonight and feel free to discuss Linux with him during supper..



Have you heard of ACORN?

www.acorn.gov.au

An Australian Government website which encourages you to report scams and cybercrime.

Plenty of resources to help you stay safe online, in particular online shopping, email, personal information and social media.

Links to media stories on cybercrime.

It is worth a visit!

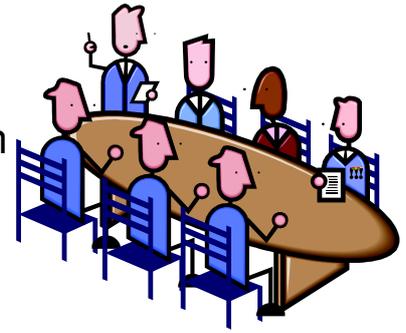
INHERITANCE EMAIL SCAN

Be extremely careful in responding to a letter or email that purports to come from the Justice Department or an overseas lawyer with regards to Estates. This can end badly for the recipient particularly if bank account details are returned (as the lawyer asks for these in order to deposit estate money).

There have been many instances of bank accounts being cleared out by unscrupulous people. The ACCC urges people to protect personal data by blocking mailboxes, shredding bills, limiting information on social media and using passwords.

Committee Capers.

This month's committee meeting was held on Monday 6th July.



Subjects up for discussion were:

- ◇ Onkaparinga Council advised of our success in obtaining a Grant. Also Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg has accepted a request to attend our AGM in October.
- ◇ Reduced monthly newsletter size to help reduce costs incurred in printing. Coloured printing will be minimal.
- ◇ A decision to ask members to phone or e-mail Jim Greenfield before they download a program from the net. He will check it out first then advise if it is a secure program and safe to have on your computer. Some secure programs are available on the club USB Library.
- ◇ Flyers advertising our club have been printed and are to be distributed at various locations with a view to increased membership.
- ◇ The possibility of a fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings is to be looked into.
- ◇ Speakers and subjects for future meetings was discussed.

YOU KNOW YOU LIVE IN ADELAIDE IF:

You meet at the 'Malls Balls'.

You drink Farmer's Union Iced Coffee.

You drink Coopers—and you know it's the best beer in the world.

You've been to see the Christmas display at the Brewery.

You like Yo Yo Biscuits and you've eaten a Balfour's Frog Cake.

You grew up on Fritz & Sauce sandwiches.

You pronounce graph as 'grarph', plant as 'plarnt' and dance as 'darnc'e'.

You know where 'Porta Gutta' is.

You know what a 'pie floater' is and you've eaten one.

Last Month's meeting— APPS

The June meeting was well attended, with around 38 souls braving the cold night air. We were delighted to welcome **Gundi Schuetz** as a new member, and were equally pleased to have four visitors— Pat and Dez Clarke, and Gloria and Hoss Janssen.

President Lionel opened the meeting then handed the mike over to Trevor Francis who proceeded to enlighten us with explanations of 'apps' that have been installed on the club tablet.

NB: Trevor was able to actually face the members for his presentation thanks to a small connector, a long lead, and once again, our talented gurus.

He explained how to move from screen to screen using his finger as a 'slider'. He then explained the various icons and buttons.

Question: What is the difference between an "App" and a "Program".



Answer: **NOTHING!** However, with a computer, one usually 'downloads' a program from a site on the net, then you install it. With a tablet this is a seamless operation. You visit an app store, (Playstore) download it and it automatically installs and creates an icon that is ready for use.

He discussed device selection, spoke about apps that are already installed, and security.

Trevor then took us on a tour of a typical 'digital' day in his busy life, showing us how he uses his apps.

He divides his apps into 4 categories:

Social - e-mail, Web, Facebook and other things that bring pleasure and are useful to have at your fingertips.

Photographic—Things like Camera, VLC , apps for images and recording.

Games - Literally thousands of them, ranging from "shoot-em-ups", to mind improvement and loads more topics.

Office Usage.- Things like Microsoft Office package: Word, Excel, Powerpoint etc, plus many more office type categories..

Once again, a most informative, entertaining and useful topic. Thankyou Trevor for all the work put into this presentation.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

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The aim of this page is to provide some useful websites and programs.

ASK LEO—<https://askleo.com/> - Subscribe and get some great tips from one of the experts.

ASK Bob Rankin—<http://askbobrankin.com/cloud/> - As with Ask Leo you can subscribe to his regular newsletter for tips.

DIGITAL UNITE—Simply click on the Guides and Support tab and you will be provided with a range of learning material. Categories include Computer basics, Creating documents, Email & Skype, Using the Internet, Smartphones & tablets, Music & audio. www.digitalunite.com

GFC LEARNING—Tutorials on Microsoft products, computer basics, iPad basics, etc. <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

GON-Get Organised Now—Maria Gracia manages a website which has quite a following. If you want to organise your life or just a project this is the website. You can subscribe to a free newsletter.

<http://www.getorganizednow.com>

OPENOFFICE—An office suite—includes a word processor, spreadsheet, database, draw for diagrams. Reads Microsoft formats.

<http://www.openoffice.org/>

VLC MEDIA PLAYER—Plays numerous formats-Available for Windows at the following link and also available in the IOS & Android app stores.

<http://download.cnet.com/>

LASTPASS—A password manager-Keeps all your passwords in a secure place. You only need to remember one master password.

<https://lastpass.com/>

Macworld IOS Tips and Trends—<macworld@lm.macworld.com> Helpful website for Apple tips.

MALWAREBYTES— An anti malware program. Mentioned and recommended by many experts. Detects and eliminates malware your anti-virus will miss. Removes rootkits and repairs the files they damage. Free but a paid version is available.

<https://www.malwarebytes.org/mwb-download/confirm/>

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WORLD WIDE TELEPHONE SURVEY

Last month, a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the UN.

The only question asked was

“Would you please give your honest opinion about possible solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world”.

The survey was a complete failure because:

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what 'honest' meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what 'shortage' meant.

In Africa they didn't know what 'food' meant.

In China they didn't know what 'opinion' meant.

In the Middle East they didn't know what 'solution' meant.

In South America they didn't know what 'please' meant.

In the USA they didn't know what 'the rest of the world' meant.

And in Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain, everyone hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

Computer Courses for 2015.

No courses are planned at the present time as there does not seem to be a need. However, Basics 1 and 2 are to be updated and will be offered soon.

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.

**Southern Districts Computer Users Club
wishes to acknowledge the assistance of the Council
of the City of Onkaparinga for their generous support.**





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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| 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 |
| Wi-Fi connections & Tablets | Emma Boss | 8386 2723 |

From the Editors
 To ensure the standard of the newsletter is maintained, and the articles remain of interest, contributions from all members will be welcomed. Forward to Bib or Bub.

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.

* * JULY * *

This month we would like to wish the following members a

Very Happy Birthday.



John Kirby



July: was named after Julius Cesar due to him being born in July.

Celebrity birthdays:

- 1730 British pottery designer Josiah Wedgewood was born in Staffordshire, England.
- 1606 Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn was born in Leiden, Holland.
- 1919 Sir Edmund Hillary was born in Auckland, NZ. In 1953 he was the first to ascend Mt Everest.
- 1863 Henry Ford, was born in Michigan, USA.

Events:

- 1377 Coronation of Richard II of England
- 1776 Declaration of Independence.
- 1885 Louis Pasteur gave the first successful anti-rabies inoculation to a boy bitten by an infected dog.
- 1910 John Robertson Duigan makes the first flight of the Duigan Pusher biplane (first built in Australia)
- 1969 Apollo 11 launched from Kennedy Space Centre

Symbols: Birthstone is Ruby - contentment.
Birth Flower is Larkspur or Water Lily
Signs of Zodiac are Cancer and Leo



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.

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USB LIBRARY

As our list of programs available on the USB Library is growing each month, we have decided to just advise you of the new ones added.

The complete list of programs will be displayed at the front desk each meeting, or see Jim of a committee member.



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(Same block as Woolies on Beach Road)

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available locally

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