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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 Morphet Vale. (Corner Bains Rd and Main South Rd)

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.

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Yardbroom Report for July, (by proxy T. Francis)



Right now we are in that cold icicle type weather where folk tend to stay in and keep warm by the winter fire and that the wiser ones of us have left the south and moved north the enjoy somewhat more of the sun's rays to keep them warm.

Our attendances have been down (as per usual) over this time of the year – but as a committee we are trying to ensure our evenings are as relevant and meaningful as always. In this regard we thank the members who supplied us with such pertinent questions for our Q&A night last month. We trust the answers satisfied your queries satisfactorily.

In keeping in touch with new technologies that seem to keep coming up all the time -and with our thoughts on trying to remain relevant with desktop and laptop technology we note that much of the heavy lifting on the new technologies is by youth. Granted we see many/ most members have smart phones / tablets yet the young seem to learn and understand their way around easier than us seniors. Trust you enjoy tonight's session where we have youth demonstrating their prowess in manoeuvring around in Facebook. Love to hear your feedback later.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday evening August 4th 2018

Our August meeting will feature a tour around the world using Google Earth.

For those of us familiar with Google Maps—Google Earth is something else, and if you are unfamiliar with capabilities you will be impressed!

Life in a Retirement Estate

The BIG questions usually are: should I/we do this: What happens when . . . ? What about getting rid of superfluous “stuff” . . What would it be *like* . . ? Would I “*get on*” OK in this community style environment? and so these . . and many other questions come to mind and one tend to go round-and-round in circles.

Some folk ‘bite the bullet’ and tackle the unknowns and the challenges and other just say “Naa . . Too hard” or “I don’t want to leave the home I have been in for so many years” . . “I don’t want to go to a place where I feel closed in /”Claustrophobic” . etc.

Kay and I had been mulling these questions and thoughts over for some time In 2017 we decided to proceed.

Reasons

Had seen aged relatives become incapacitated – physically and mentally – and saw the deep trauma that siblings and other relatives went through in securing nursing home facilities: of clearing out major quantities of “stuff” that were probably precious and treasured by the oldies – but valueless to others. This is made much worse if there is a large “shed” involved!

We wanted to ensure our passing did not cause this sort of pandemonium for our kids.

I guess like many of us we know the names of neighbours, a bit about them and get on OK with them - - but usually we know little of anyone else around us.

We felt that being in a retirement village there would be many more folk around with whom we would get to know and would be aware when difficulties arose and we needed assistance.

We had visited several retirement estates over some few years but settled on one in Noarlunga Downs.

We felt this “ticked all the boxes” for us in terms of:

Each villa was an individual villa: . . and we would be in a new house.

The quality and workmanship of each villa was excellent.

We could choose the site we wanted within the estate

Once selected a non-payment or deposit of \$1000 was paid: totally refundable if we changed our mind at any stage – right up to the time of “signing up”.

As the controlling body was a not-for-profit organisation, the initial outlay was considerably less than other villages: as is the monthly maintenance fee.

The local management seemed excellent.

At a pre-entry get together with existing residents we found ALL were pleased to be there and had no issues with the management or the controlling body.

Life in a Retirement Estate

Having made the decision, we set about selling our home in Seaford Rise and to “downsize”.

Each of these processes are pretty stressful, but having cleared out a lot of unused material things (downsized) – and the house being sold - - one advantage of moving into a retirement estate is that there is no payable Stamp Duty tax to the government . . and SA has the highest stamp duty rates in Australia!

We moved in July 2017.

Since then things have gone from good to really good. We have now been residents for close on 12 months and now know it has been a great decision.

All the home maintenance is done for us – even to changing light bulbs! In the future, when the dishwasher or the stove or other things pack up – it is managed by the organisation.

We pay a monthly fee but find living costs less than owning our own home. (No water rates: council rates: or other government charges: no maintenance costs etc)

Socially our lives have changed: there are many activities within the estate and one can partake in as many as one wishes.

As an example there is a pool table: darts: Walking groups: Line dancing: Table tennis: Ladies indoor bowls: Tai Chi: Yoga: Monthly BBQ luncheons: Bingo: Zumba: Bridge evenings: Card Evenings: Craft sessions: Monthly Men’s Breakfast: Bi-monthly day bus visits to various places: Jewellery making: Scrapbooking: Quilting: and each Friday a “Happy Hour” (when those that wish can get together in the community area and enjoy a drink and a chat).

Now these (or a few of them) combined with internal visits to other residents and our usual external activities is becoming more difficult to find time to clean the villa, do shopping, assist with the grandies, and look after the other things one needs to do!

SO - all is good. Kay and I would suggest that if you have been having thoughts of moving to a retirement village or estate - - don’t put it off.

If you put it off until you *HAVE TO* – it is too late! Do it while you can – while you can still enjoy the fruits that come after!

Trevor Francis



1926 Durant Rugby VERY low tech travel

It was with great anticipation that we started our trip to the Barossa Valley. The car looked good, but, 120 km without the comfort of air conditioning, auto transmission and the simplest of things like windows!!!! It may have been cool in 1926 but what about 2018?

The day started extremely well as the sun was shining. The very spacious back seat with loads of legroom only held blankets and a picnic basket – we were in the front seat. All the comforts of home! The mighty Rugby motor started first time and all the 10 horses were keen to go.

The route took us through Northern suburbia. Some of the roads had 80 kph speed limits – not that it really mattered. We did pass a number of bikes (pedal) and pedestrians. We were passed by – everything!! But the best part of all this is that everyone had a smile. A number of friendly toots on the horn and the occasional thumbs up were all part of the trip. Even the truckies patiently waited to pass. It was quite evident that motorists in general cut the old cars a lot of slack on the road.

The rolling hills, tiny hamlets and beautiful historic buildings made for a very pleasant drive. The icing on the cake was the fact that all these things were enjoyed at vintage car pace as opposed to the normal frenetic rush. Somehow the absence of an additional 100 or more horses under the bonnet made a bit of sense.

We took the bypass road back – not as interesting but very efficient. Once again the old car attracted appreciative glances from well ensconced drivers in their insulated and air conditioned bubbles. Few of them would have had a friendly day of old world charm like we had. Their loss.



*Lionel Leddra
Custodian*



10 Tips to Stay Safe on Social Media

With so many of us using social media today, sites like Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn make perfect targets for scams.

Here's our top 10 tips to stay safe on social media:

1. Use a strong password. The longer it is, the more secure it will be.
2. Use a different password for each of your social media accounts.
3. Set up your security answers. This two factor authentication is available for most social media sites.
4. If you have social media apps on your phone, be sure to password protect your device.
5. Be selective with friend requests. If you don't know the person, don't accept their request. It could be a fake account.
6. Click links with caution. Social media accounts are regularly hacked. Look out for language or content that does not sound like something your friend would post.
7. Be careful about what you share. Don't reveal sensitive personal information ie: home address, financial information, phone number. The more you post the easier it is to have your identity stolen.
8. Become familiar with the privacy policies of the social media channels you use and customize your privacy settings to control who sees what.
9. Protect your computer by installing antivirus software to safeguard. Also ensure that your browser, operating system, and software are kept up to date.
10. Remember to log off when you're done.

Help Desk request

"My screen has exploded! Can you fix it without losing my work?"

The tech assistant insisted that the user unplug the monitor. When he arrived with a replacement screen he was able to plug it in. The work was still showing, and the caller was amazed.

The techo advised against watering plants that had been placed on top of the CRT screen.

Windows File History Backup feature

Courtesy Sands Computer Group – L Chuck

Having assisted a few users who write articles, I thought this feature may be worth considering. Windows 10's built in, *File History*. An easy way to backup your personal files. What it does— Takes snapshots of your files stored in Libraries, Desktop, Favourites and Contact folders on a continuous basis. The snapshots are stored on either your home network or your USB connected external drive. Here is the part I think will be useful—Over time File History builds a library of past versions of your documents, enabling you to recover a previous version of your document, great if you need some paragraphs from an earlier version or your file is lost or damaged.

To Turn on File History go to Settings > Windows Update > Updates & Security > Backup > Add a drive. Have your external drive or USB plugged in, then choose the one you want to backup to. When on/off slider appears select *on*. Click More options > click Backup now > select setting to determine how often you want your data backed up. There is a range of settings from 10 minutes to daily. The default setting for keeping your data is forever, however there's a range of settings from *until space is needed* to *2 years* or *forever*.

Remember the golden rule for backing up. Have three copies of your files with one stored off site at a different location. Don't forget to remove your external drive or USB from your computer when you've finished your work.

Windows 10 S Purchasing a new laptop?

Something to be aware of

Courtesy Sands Computer Group – L Chuck

Looking through my past newsletters I haven't commented on Windows 10 S. Originally developed as a dedicated version of Windows for education customers and to compete with Chrome OS, it is restricted to running Microsoft Store Apps. Jim Greenfield commented he had a few clients purchase laptops on special that wouldn't download programs from the internet. They had Windows 10 S. Microsoft has confirmed it is moving Windows 10 S from a dedicated operating system to a special "S mode" in Windows 10 Home, Enterprise and Pro. Devices will be shipped and sold with S mode enabled, **but** you can choose to switch to Windows 10 Home for free, or to Windows Pro version for an additional charge. To change from Windows 10 S mode to Windows 10 Home, click the icon on the task bar which provides options in the Windows Store. Once you have moved to the Home version you will not be able to go back to S mode unless you completely reinstall Windows. Microsoft's strategy is to have its partners ship more devices in S mode, as some users are either happy to use S mode, or don't know they can switch to the Windows Home or Pro versions.

<http://au.pcmag.com/software/48370/guide/the-best-malware-removal-and-protection-software-of-2018>

The Best Malware Removal and Protection Software of 2018

By [Neil J. Rubenking](#)

11 Jan 2018

Malware comes in many forms, but one thing's for sure—you don't want it attacking your computer. We've tested nearly 100 apps to help you find the right tools to protect your devices and your privacy.

Here's our "Top 10" picks

Product	Bitdefender Antivirus Plus	Bitdefender Total Security	McAfee LiveSafe	Webroot SecureAnywhere AntiVirus	Kaspersky Anti-Virus	Kaspersky Internet Security	Symantec Norton Security Premium	Check Point ZoneAlarm Anti-Ransomware	Cybereason RansomFree	Malwarebytes 3.0 Free
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Protection Type	Antivirus	Suite	Multi-Device Suite	Antivirus	Antivirus	Security Suite	Multi-Device Suite	Ransomware Protection	Ransomware Protection	Malware Removal
On-Demand Malware Scan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓
On-Access Malware Scan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
Behavior-Based Detection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	—
Ransomware Protection	✓	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	—
Read Review	Bitdefender Antivirus Plus Review	Bitdefender Total Security Review	McAfee LiveSafe Review	Webroot SecureAnywhere AntiVirus Review	Kaspersky Anti-Virus Review	Kaspersky Internet Security Review	Symantec Norton Security Premium Review	Check Point ZoneAlarm Anti-Ransomware Review	Cybereason RansomFree Review	Malwarebytes 3.0 Free Review

Q. What happens when you read a dictionary? A. You become infactuated

Q. What is the biggest lie in the entire universe? A. "I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions."

Q: Why did the computer show up at work late? A: It had a hard drive.

"I am hungary."

"Maybe you should czech the fridge."

"I'm russian to the kitchen."

"Is there any turkey?"

"We have some, but it's covered in greece"

"ew, there's norway I'd eat that!"

Google moves to end website installation of Chrome extensions

The company's walled-garden approach to browser add-ons moved another step closer to reality with a ban on the inline installation of all newly-published extensions.

Credit: [EstudioWebDoce](#) [Gregg Keizer \(Computerworld \(US\)\)](#) 16 June, 2018

Google this week began barring Chrome users from installing add-ons offered by third-party websites, the last steps toward making the company's own market the only available source for browser extensions.

"We continue to receive large volumes of complaints from users about unwanted extensions causing their Chrome experience to change unexpectedly - and the majority of these complaints are attributed to confusing or deceptive uses of *inline installation* on websites (*emphasis in original*)," James Wagner, the extensions platform product manager, [wrote in a post](#) to a company blog.

Inline installations originated as a convenience for add-on developers. Rather than direct their customers to the Chrome Web Store, developers were able to offer the extension from their own websites. The add-on was still hosted by the Store, but users weren't forced to leave the developer's site to install them.

Wagner spelled out the death of inline installation, saying it would take effect in three phases.

The first, which began June 12, banned *inline* installation of all newly-published extensions. Any that try will instead redirect to the [Chrome Web Store](#), Google's e-mart for browser add-ons and Chrome OS apps.

Next, inline installations will be banned for existing extensions beginning Sept. 12. As in the first phase, users will be shunted to the Chrome Web Store to complete installation if that was initiated from another website. Chrome 69 should be the current version when this stage starts.

Finally, the install installation API (application programming interface) will be deprecated from Chrome 71, which is slated to ship the week of Dec. 2-8. In other words, the programmatic means to install an add-on outside of the Chrome Web Store will be eliminated.

"If you distribute an extension using inline installation, you will need to update install buttons on your website to link to your extension's Chrome Web Store page prior to the stable release of Chrome 71," Wagner warned.

The elimination of inline installation has been long in coming.

Google started its campaign to limit the sources of add-ons, and how they're installed, six years ago this month, when it first required that extensions move to the Chrome Web Store. With one step after another, Google tightened the screws with mandates that, for instance, [blocked "silent" installations](#) (February 2013), banned extensions not in the Chrome Web Store (May 2015) and [purged add-ons that mine cryptocurrencies](#) (April 2018).

All along, Google has contended that add-ons, while great at extending Chrome's functionality, were simultaneously a security nightmare-in-waiting unless they had been vetted, as they are before being allowed into the Store. Google also constantly claimed that users were disgruntled with add-ons they found outside the Store, and that such complaints tainted Chrome's reputation.

"When installed through the Chrome Web Store, extensions are significantly less likely to be uninstalled or cause user complaints, compared to extensions installed through inline installation," Wagner said.

More information about the demise of add-on inline installations - much of it aimed at extension developers - can be found on [Google's website](#).

Foolish Tech Predictions

1876: *"The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys."* — William Preece, British Post Office.

1889: *"Fooling around with alternating current (AC) is just a waste of time. Nobody will use it, ever."* — Thomas Edison

1903: *"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty – a fad."* — President of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer, Horace Rackham, not to invest in the Ford Motor Company.

1921: *"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to no one in particular?"*

1946: *"Television won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night."* — Darryl Zanuck, 20th Century Fox.

1955: *"Nuclear powered vacuum cleaners will probably be a reality within 10 years."* — Alex Lewyt, President of the Lewyt Vacuum Cleaner Company.

1959: *"Before man reaches the moon, your mail will be delivered within hours from New York to Australia by guided missiles. We stand on the threshold of rocket mail."* — Arthur Summerfield, U.S. Postmaster General.

1961: *"There is practically no chance communications space satellites will be used to provide better telephone, telegraph, television or radio service inside the United States."* — T.A.M. Craven, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) commissioner.

1966: *"Remote shopping, while entirely feasible, will flop."* — Time Magazine.

1981: *"Cellular phones will absolutely not replace local wire systems."* — Marty Cooper, inventor.

1995: *"I predict the Internet will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse."* — Robert Metcalfe, founder of 3Com.

2005: *"There's just not that many videos I want to watch."* — Steve Chen, CTO and co-founder of YouTube expressing concerns about his company's long term viability.

2006: *"Everyone's always asking me when Apple will come out with a cell phone. My answer is, 'Probably never.'"* — David Pogue, The New York Times.

2007: *"There's no chance that the iPhone is going to get any significant market share."* — Steve Ballmer, Microsoft CEO.

FOOLISH TECH PREDICTIONS

There's an old saying that goes, *"Predicting the future is easy ... getting it right is the hard part."* We're greeted with an almost unlimited supply of Nostradamus-wannabes trying to predict how the future of technology will play out. Below are my favourite technology predictions, spanning the past 150 years, that didn't quite turn out as expected. .



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NURSES:

Somebody asked:

"You're a nurse?!? That's cool, I wanted to do that when I was a kid.
How much do you make?"

The nurse replied: *"HOW MUCH DO I MAKE?"*

I can make holding your hand seem like the most important thing in the world when you're scared.

I can make your child breathe when they stop....

I can help your father survive a heart attack.

I can make myself get up at 5 am to make sure your mother has the medicine she needs to live, work all day to save the lives of strangers.

I make my family wait for dinner until I know your family member is taken care of.

I make myself skip lunch so that I can make sure that everything I did for your wife today is charted.

I make myself work weekends and holidays because people don't just get sick Monday through to Friday.

Today I might save your life.

How much do I make?

All I know is, I make a difference.

Disclaimer: The information contained herein is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before proceeding on information you don't understand.

Tonight's Topic

GETTING TO KNOW FACEBOOK BETTER

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