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YARDBROOM REPORT 6/16

Last month we, as a committee, learned a valuable lesson that we should have been aware of previously. That is, a successful meeting does not need a single subject presenter.



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the scheduled speaker was not available. We enacted Plan B and presented a variety of subjects for your entertainment and information. The feedback we received indicates that, in general, a range of subjects is more popular than a single one. It is more likely that there will be something for everyone.

Thanks to the presenters who stepped in at very short notice and did an excellent job. BTW (sorry, I can't resist the shorthand!) our clever folk sorted out the glitches that occurred at the meeting. All should be VERY well at the next meeting.
Enjoy the evening.



Lionel Leddra (President)

Where's my halo?

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.30 pm.
Topic: Photos using Google Drive

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish

Linda Kirby

Jan Stephenson

Rob Zeugofsge

a very Happy Birthday



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 or someone at the desk.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

In today's world of commercialism and competitive forces, companies are seeking quicker, easier and more cost effective methods of communication.



Computer technology has allowed speed and cost improvements by sending emailed PDF files to reach clients rather than *snail mail*. However, for the person receiving these emailed documents it is more work intensive than in the earlier days of using normal mail.

Tonight Trevor will give a demonstration of Foxit Phantom. A program that can edit a PDF file (Portable Document format) directly. One opens the PDF document, adds the information, saves and sends it back to originator.

Normally, to reply to a PDF file sent by email, one would have to firstly print the document to allow the required information to be filled in, fill it in, then send the completed document back, again by email. Before sending back however the completed document needs scanning.

Foxit Phantom is a program that has been found to be good for the task. It is free for a 30-day trial before requiring payment, but it is good.

Have you ever wanted to take a copy of your screen or part thereof, and Copy & Paste just didn't work. Well, with time permitting, **Anne Leddra** will give a talk on the **Snipping Tool** found in Windows

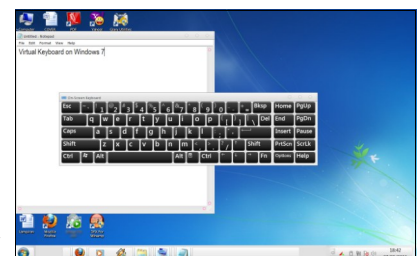


This tool allows you to capture a screen shot, or snip any image or object on your screen and then annotate, save or share the image. It also allows for basic image editing.

WILL USING ON-SCREEN KEYBOARD STOP KEYLOGGERS?

The short answer is simply NO! The simple truth is while it might stop some, it's nothing you can count on to be 100% effective.

Keyloggers are a form of **malware** that record your keystrokes so as to capture things like your login usernames and passwords so that hackers can then get into your accounts. You use the virtual keyboard by using your mouse to point and carefully click at the image of a key on the keyboard. The keylogger could then, for every mouse click: a) capture the location of the mouse on the screen and b) capture a screenshot image of the screen or just the area around the mouse pointer. The keylogger has captured a series of images showing exactly where you clicked and in what order.



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OUR MAY MEETING

Last month we had 32 members, 2 life members and 1 visitor attend our meeting. We would like to welcome **Brenda Colliver** as a new member and hope you enjoy many of our meetings. **Jake Fowler** was a visitor and also won a raffle prize. We are sure he enjoyed our presentation.

Thank goodness for our Plan B (and Plan C). We certainly did not expect to be using either so soon. Unfortunately, Jake Maslin from Optus, Seaford was unable to give his presentation, so Anne Leddra came to the party with Plan B and Trevor Francis with Plan C. The photo is Trevor preparing his Plan C presentation.



Trevor was able to research VPN and gave a talk on these findings.

What is VPN?

- Virtual Private Networks is the method used which enables users to send and receive data through what is virtually a “private” network between you and your other party.
- Mostly used by corporate companies to protect their data.
- 99% of internet usage is not company related. Using VPN program, Google will recognise you as in their country and keep your usage private and anonymous. Some VPN programs available:

Total VPN

Express VPN

IP Vanish

VYPR VPN

PIA (this is recommended by IT&C Computers and is available from Google to download. Cost approx \$40US per annum.

- MetaData is run by the Government and records everything we do on the computer: sites visited, email sent etc. When using VPN, this information remains anonymous and data is not stored .
- Can download music, videos or movies from any country that you can't do now.
- Opra Browser has VPN. A member commented that AVAST (paid) also has VPN incorporated in it.

May meeting, con't.

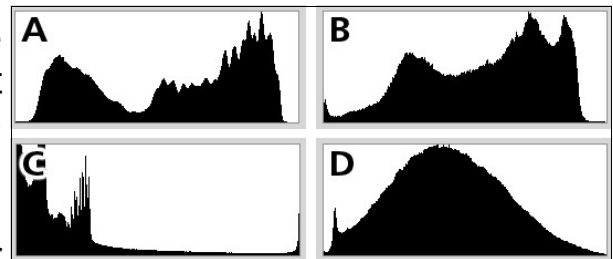
Trevor then talked about their butterfly attracting plant and was going to show us a video, **BUT**, the gremlins turned up and he was unable to find the cursor or even open the program. Another day Trevor!



Anne Leddra then began her Plan B presentation on using **Histograms** to improve photos. She recalled using histogram in her work as a Radiographer to enhance bone density xrays.

Histogram is available on most Photographic programs and is a graphical representation of the tone or density of the pixels exposed in your image.

- The left side of the graph represents the blacks or shadows, the right side the highlights or bright areas and the middle section is mid-tones.
- How high the peaks reach represents the number of pixels in that particular tone. The gaps on either side means no pixels and it is safe to shift graph.
- Photo Gallery will automatically save your changed picture but if you do not want to save it, just click on "revert to original".
- Anne showed us as B&W photo of her Grandpa and upon sliding the histogram, the photo improved dramatically.
- Anne's suggestion is to watch your photo as you slide the histogram.

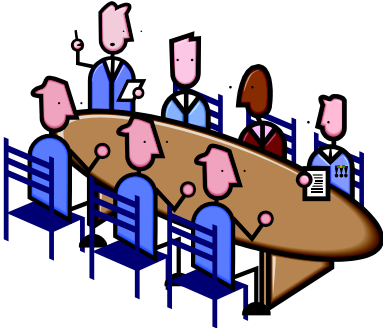


Lindsay Chuck advised us if you put the wrong code into your iPad 6 times, you will disable it. To enable it, plug into your computer and restart, **BUT** it will have deleted everything.

Trevor also advised of a **Virus** attached to emails, that has been affecting computers. See story on page 9 of this newsletter.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle prizes - Jake Fowler, Trevor Francis and Alan Coe.

At the close of the meeting, we presented our Yardbroom, Lionel with a 70th birthday cake (on which the sparklers refused to light!!), sang happy birthday and then we all devoured the delicious cake with coffee.



COMMITTEE CAPERS

This month's committee meeting was held on Monday 6th June with 8 attendees and 5 apologies.

Subjects up for discussion were:

- ◇ A few emails were received in answer to our virus warning email.
- ◇ Lionel had received some positive feedbacks from last month's meeting.
- ◇ As we had to use up our **Plan B's** last month, future Plan B topics were discussed. Considered having 2 separate talks when these are needed next.
- ◇ We plan to hold a Q&A evening one month, and format discussed. Thought one month we would mention to all, next month ask our members to write a question on paper and the 3rd month, the Committee '**Dorothy Dixes**' will come forward with the answers (hopefully).
- ◇ This month marks 6 years that our Club has held meetings in the Church Hall.
- ◇ Jim will not be available to give his Team Viewer talk the month, so Anne Leddra has stepped up and will give a talk on **Snipping Tool**.
- ◇ Trevor, Jim and Lionel to check hall equipment as we have had some problems getting them to 'play ball'.
- ◇ We have had a query regarding the Microsoft/Office course. It was noted that there appears to be less interest in the courses.
- ◇ Meeting concluded at 3.45 pm with coffee and cake.



KEEPING FACEBOOK MESSAGES PRIVATE

Are you sharing your Facebook messages with the rest of the World?

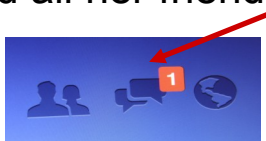
One common mistake people make is not being able to tell the difference between writing a post and private messaging.



Public Post

Don't go into a friend's profile page and try to communicate with them. This message will be public for all to see. Anyone who goes into your friend's profile will see it and all her friends will also receive the post.

Private message



On your newsfeed page, you will see the icon for private messaging on top right hand corner. Send your private message from here - only your friend will see it.

Click on this to bring a drop-down box showing a list of the people who have received a private message from you in the past. Click the person you want to message, type your message and press *enter*.

If their name does not appear, click on *new message* and all your friends names will appear. Click on the friend you want to message, type message and enter.

Only your friend will receive notification your message has been sent.

PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM JIM!



Jim recommends you do not throw your **old laptop** away! It can be used for emails and Google searches, and if an unfortunate thing should happen, eg a nasty virus, it will only affect your old laptop and not the computer holding all your files, photos etc.

USB LIBRARY

We have compiled a number of programs that you may need, or like to download to your computer. They are available on meeting nights as well as through the month. They will be updated periodically. Please see Jim or Trevor.



Google Chrome (search engine)



Dropbox (storage in the Cloud)



Firefox (search engine)



Internet Explorer II (upgrade)



Pstudio (simple photo editing)



Skype (video chat)



Install Flashplayer (sometimes needed to play videos or games)



MSE Install (Microsoft Security)



Spybotsd162 (cleaning malware etc)



Camtasia (takes snapshots of computer screen)



AVG Free (anti virus)



AVAST Free (anti virus)



Windows Essentials 54bit (suite of Microsoft programs. Eg Live Mail, Photo Gallery, MovieMaker etc)



Malwarebytes (finds and removes malware)



Ashampoo (recover deleted photos)



Calibre (program to use eReader)



FreeMake Download (download YouTube and clips)



iTunes (popular music manipulation/synchronisation)

This list will be updated when new programs become available.

BEWARE OF EMAIL VIRUS

On speaking with technicians from IT&C Computers, Trevor discovered that they are receiving MANY computers for virus removal after opening certain emails.

The virus concerned is an encrypto locking virus that is received:

1. within an email from a person possibly/probably already on your own contact list.
2. Will have an intriguing and enticing type of subject, eg *Amended Invoice*, or something else to engage your attention.
3. Will have a Word document as an attachment relating to the subject.
4. If/when the "*.docx" document is opened, there is a text box indicating "**click here**" (or similar) to **enable editing**". **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE TEMPTED TO CLICK THAT BOX!**
5. This will invoke an executable program encrypted in the email that will:
 - a) Send itself to all contacts in your own contact list and will then be able to corrupt all those computers if opened as per above.
 - b) Will cause great harm to your computer - cause the loss of many files and data and be VERY difficult to remove from your computer.



This is far more expensive than a normal virus removal!

Footnote: Be aware some emails appearing to be from AGL with attachments have this virus and hackers are asking for money to remove the virus.

A good way to check if you have a scam/viral email is:

1. Hover your mouse over the link - DO NOT CLICK!
2. The URL name of the link will show at the bottom left of your screen and you should be able to tell if it is authentic or not.

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CUSTOMISE YOUR GMAIL EMAIL ADDRESS WITHOUT CHANGING IT.

As an example, on visiting a cooking website for a popular recipe you are asked for your email address. By adding +cook to your email address per **Lindsay.chuck+cook@gmail.com** the email is received in your inbox. Using a filter, gmail will display the emails with the +cook. You can determine if the cook website has passed your email address onto third parties. Did you know you can add dots to your gmail address ie.lindsay.chuck and the dots are ignored by Google.

SPAM - WOOLWORTHS SURVEY

A reader commented that after completing an online Woolworths survey, they started receiving emails from third party companies. Be careful!

WINDOWS 10 UPDATE

Don't want Windows 10? Don't click on the 'x' in the top right hand corner of the notification popup, as it now means accept Windows 10. A small easily missed link in the popup will stop the upgrade though. Don't forget the program *never10* works.

Microsoft to stop pestering users to upgrade to Windows 10.

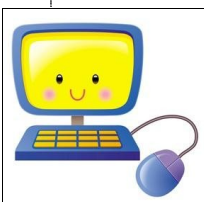
Microsoft have advised that from 29th July, the *Get Windows 10 notification* on Windows 7 and 8.1 devices will be progressively disabled and removed. Be patient as it will be implemented gradually.

Windows 10. Microsoft announced in May that Windows 10 is running on 300 million devices. Microsoft Edge usage has had a 50% increase in minutes, rising to 63 in March. Cortana has answered 6 billion questions since launch.

REMINDER !

We have some committee members at the Hall on meeting nights from 6.30 pm to help you with any computer related problems.

So bring along your laptop and your problem and hopefully we can sort it out for you.



How smart is your right foot?



You have to try this please - it takes a few seconds. It is from an orthopaedic surgeon.....this will boggle your mind and it will keep you trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but, you can't. **It's pre-programmed in your brain!**

1. Without anyone watching you (a bit hard in a room full of people) or while sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make **clockwise** circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand.

Your right foot will change direction,. And there's nothing you can do about it!

You and I know how stupid it is, but before the day is done, you are going to try it again and again, if you haven't already done so.

SOME MORE SMS TEXT ACRONYMS

TLDR: Too Long, Didn't Read. If you cannot be bothered reading a long message or post but want to reply.

FYI: For Your Information. An easy way to say you should really know this.

ATM: At the Moment. Not a bank machine but a simple way to tell someone what you are doing right now.

IMHO: In My Humble Opinion. A disclaimer that lets people know what you say should be not be taken as fact but just as your opinion.

ILY: I Love You. Usually pronounced as a whole word rather than letters.

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Where am I ?

1. I was opened in 1881.
I was 1680 metres long in 1883
I was used for loading grain onto sailing ships
An old lighthouse was erected at the end of me in 1894
I am one of the longest in the Southern Hemisphere
Where am I?
2. I was surveyed in 1837 by William Light
My name derives from Kurna *Ngangiparri*
I begin between Mt Torrens and Charleston
I am partly protected by Marine and National Parks
I am the second major river in the Adelaide area
Where am I?
3. I was formed 1500 million years ago
I am a rich pink granite rock (inselberg)
I have a unique wave form standing 2-3 stories tall
Pioneering farmers constructed dam walls on top
I am an excellent picnic and camping site
Where am I?



MORE LAWS NOT TAUGHT IN PHYSICS CLASS

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you will want to pee.

Doctors Law: If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor and by the time you get there, you will feel better. Don't make an appointment and you will stay sick.

MEETING RULES

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WHAT IS THE CLOUD ?

The **Cloud** is nothing more than a reference to services and technologies provided online over the internet.

The term “cloud”, besides being a marketing buzz-word, conceptualizes the internet itself as a cloud so as to avoid having to detail the reality of its massively complex interconnections. Even before the term “cloud” was popular in general use, network diagrams often used the image of a cloud to represent large networks.

Cloud computing is nothing more than using internet-connected computers to perform computational tasks.

Cloud storage is nothing more than data storage provided by online services.

Cloud services are nothing more than services provided by online service providers.

Naturally, all of the above can be intermixed.

The “Cloud” is nothing really new - email has been essentially a cloud service since its inception. What has changed, however, is the ubiquity of internet connectivity, the increased speeds at which people are connected to the internet, and the fact that using online services is becoming more and more practical for more and more people than ever before.

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***Change is the Law of Life.
And those who look only to the past or the present,
are certain to miss the future!***



Welcome desk

Anne's talk on Histograms



Answers

- 1) Port Germain Jetty
- 2) Onkaparinga River
- 3) Pildappa Rock



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