SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.

March 2013

Club Web Site http://sdcuci.com

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

Happy Easter

We would like to wish every one a very safe and Happy Easter and may the Easter Bilby bring you plenty of chocolate eggs to eat.

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Why an Easter Bilby?

The Easter Bilby is the Australian version of the Easter Bunny.

Rabbits have already caused the extinction of the Lesser Bilby in Australia and there are now less than 1000 Greater Bilbies left in the wild. Promoting the Easter Bilby helps spread awareness of their plight and helps save them.

Editors: Bib and Bub

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 17th April 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: IT & Computers (Beach Road) will do a presentation of their latest "toys".

The Committee in 2012 / 2013

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Our last meeting — Windows 8

We had a good attendance at our **February 2013** meeting. Jim Greenfield gave an excellent demonstration on Windows 8.

Some points made were:

- The original Windows 1 came about in November 1985 with many changes during the years including Vista, Window XP etc, and now Windows 8 being released in October 2012.
- Windows 8 has laid the groundwork for modular computing—a single device that transforms to suit user's need, eg tablets.
- Dean advised us of a new program which would install a "start Button/Menu on Windows 8". Jim has installed this on his computer with excellent results.
- Following is the article submitted by Dean:

INSTALLING A START BUTTON / MENU ON WINDOWS 8 (written by Dean)

My new Window 8 computer with its Metro Start Screen uses lots of tiles to display programs and features on the start screen. This may be great if using a touch screen computer, but I am not, and I found it both time consuming and somewhat hard to understand. I wanted something that was fast and easy to use (or understand) so I researched the web and found a program (Classic Shell) which meets my needs.

The Classic Shell project started back in 2008 and the first public version was released in Nov 2009 and was used by many people on their Vista computers.

What does Classic Shell do? It is a collection of features that were available in older versions of Windows but removed in newer versions. It will install a 'Start Menu' and other features if you want/need them.

I suggest only installing the Classic Start menu and not the other two programs that are part of the package. After downloading the program, take time to study the "Read Me" file that comes with it. You can then make up your mind if you need the other features or not. Also in the "Read Me" file is a lot of information on both installing and/or uninstalling the programs.

The program can be downloaded from: **http://classicshell.sourceforge.net/** and the one installer will work with both 32 and 64 bit systems.

I have installed it on three new computers and if you want to make your copy of Windows 8 look and operate like XP and/or Windows 7, I suggest you consider this program. And it is FREE.

The Original Computer

Memory was something you lost with age.
An application was for employment.
A program was a TV show.
A curser used profanity.
A Keyboard was a piano.
A web was a spider's home.
A virus was the flu.
A CD was a bank account.
A hard drive was a long trip on the road.
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.
And if you have a 3.5 inch floppy—
You just hoped nobody ever found out!

Some of the finest unintentional double-intendres ever aired on British TV & Radio:

1. Ted Walsh—Horse Racing Commentator—'This is really a lovely horse. I once rode her mother.'

2. US PGA Commentator—'One of the reasons Arnie (Arnold Palmer) is playing so well is that, before each tee shot, his wife takes out his balls and kisses them. Oh! My God! What have I just said??'

3. A female news anchor who, the day after it was supposed to have snowed and didn't, turned to the weatherman and asked, 'So, Bob, where's that eight inches you promised me last night?" Not only did he have to leave the set, but half the crew did too, because they were laughing so hard!

4. Steve Ryder covering the US Masters - 'Balleteros felt much better today after a 69 yesterday.'

5. Mike Hallett discussing missed snooker shots on Sky Sports—'Stephen Hendry jumps on Steve Davis's misses every chance he gets!'

EXERCISES FOR SENIORS

Monday	Beat around the bush. Jump to conclusions. Climb the walls. Wade through the morning paper.
Tuesday	Drag my heels. Push my luck. Hit the nail on the head.
Wednesday	Bend over backwards. Jump on the bandwagon. Run around in circles.
Thursday	Toot my own horn. Pull out all stops. Add fuel to the fire.
Friday	Open a can of worms. Put my foot in my mouth. Start the ball rolling. Go over the edge.
Saturday	Pick up the pieces.
Sunday	Kneel in prayer. Uplift my hands in praise. Hug someone and encourage them.
	WHAT A WORKOUT !!

Did You Know.....

If you multiply 111,111,111
x
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it equals 12,345,678,987,654,321 ?

Tonight's (March) meeting topic—Audacity

Audacity is a free, easy to use and multilingual audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X. GNU/Linux and other operating systems. You can use Audacity to:

- Record live audio through microphone or mixer, or digitize recordings from cassette tapes, records or minidiscs. With some sound cards, Audacity can also capture streaming audio.
- Convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CD's.
- Import sound files, edit them and combine them with other files or new recordings.
- Edit and mix large numbers of tracks.
- Cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together.
- Change the speed or pitch of a recording.
- And more!

We are sure you will enjoy the presentation by Jeff Rowley.

WHAT IS THE CLOUD?

In simple terms, Cloud computing refers to any situation in which computing is done in a remote location rather than on your desktop or portable device. It is computing over the Internet using virtual servers.

In the Cloud you can:

- Access photos and documents.
- Create, edit and share documents.
- Use Microsoft Office Web apps.
- Share files too large to email.

Recipe Corner

Sticky Date Cake with Caramel Sauce

Ingredients

250g pitted dates, chopped
1 teaspoon bi-carb soda
1½ cups boiling water
125g butter, softened
¾ cup brown sugar
2 eggs, at room temperature
2 cups self raising flour, sifted

Caramel Sauce
1 cup brown sugar
300 ml thickened cream
60g butter, chopped

Method :

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Grease a 7 cm deep, 22 cm (base) cake pan and line with baking paper.

Place dates and bi-carb soda in a heatproof bowl. Pour over boiling water. Allow to stand uncovered for 20 mins or until dates are tender.

Using an electric mixer, beat butter and sugar until pale and creamy, add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Using a large metal spoon, stir in date mixture and flour. Mix until well combined.

Spoon mixture into cake pan. Bake for 40-45 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Stand for 10 mins before turning onto a wire rack.

Make caramel sauce: Combine sugar, cream and butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook stirring for 3 mins or until boiling. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 2 mins. Pour warm sauce over warm cake.
Cut in to wedges and serve. Cake and sauce can be made up to 2 days in advance. Store cake in foil-lined, airtight container and store the sauce in an airtight container in the fridge.

Resist it if you can!

Absolutely delicious—ask Lionel !. It was baked and served by Emma at

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
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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 2013.

- Computer Basics I for Windows 7 & XP was run during Feb & March. 5 students attended the course.
- Computer Basics II for Windows 7 & XP to be run in April (it is requested you have completed the Basics I Course prior to attending this.)
- Camera Course—watch this space!!

If you wish to attend any Course, please contact Anne Leddra on 8381 2821.

Committee Capers

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The committee meeting was held on Monday 4th March, 2013. Discussions included:

- The purchase of a pocket WiFi modem was discussed, but it was decided that the committee does not yet have enough information, therefore further discussion will be held next meeting.
- A future meeting subject could be on ways to connect various devices to the internet.
- The club is to purchase external hard drives to compliment the lap-top computers used for student courses.
- A speedier programme has been sourced for our monthly raffle.
- A computer course for Windows Movie Maker was discussed and to be developed by our experts.
- Coffee and delicious Sticky Date Cake with Caramel Sauce was enjoyed by all!!! Check out the recipe on page 6 of this newsletter.

Passwords are like underpants.
You shouldn't leave them out where people can see them.
You should change them regularly.
And you shouldn't lend them to strangers.

SANDS COMPUTER GROUP

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COMPUTERS FOR THE CONGO

Do you have any old computers you feel you could offer to an overseas charity organisation?

If so read on!

A container is being organised to go to the Democratic Republic of Congo. It will contain medical & hospital supplies and also computers.

The computers are needed to run the administration of a hospital and for schools that are being set up to train children in the Republic of the Congo.

Any old working computers including laptops, screens etc. would be gratefully accepted.

This charity mission is called “Mission in Health Care and Development” and is run by a Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu. Dr Luc is a trained Medical Doctor and Medical Director of two hospitals in the Congo.

He is also a Member of the Congo Parliament and Pastor of a Church of 2,000. He has already trained over 500 birth attendants, built a hospital and has distributed over seventy thousand (70,000) birthing kits.

He also has links with Rotary Australia and any monetary donations made will be tax deductible.

The Australian organisers estimate they have about 3 months to prepare a large transport container to go to the Congo. Our nearest drop off is Camden Park.

Please call Jim on 8382 4912 or Kay Francis on 8186 1138 for more information or possible pick up.

Further information on Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masururu is readily available through Google.

Just a thought

I was visiting my son and daughter-in-law last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my i-Pad.'

I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it …..

*** Items For Sale ***

AVan Aliner 2005. Easy towing, suits couple. 1 double bed 1 single. Full annex, ducted r/c aircon. 3 way fridge, gas cook top: has had very little use.

Phone 8386 2723

This is a generic photo—not the advertised AVan.

Motor car rims.

4 Steel RIMS—16" 5-STUD Silver. $20 ono

Phone 8382 7243

If you have something for sale, please let us know. Fill in the sheet at the front desk, use the sheet on the clipboard which will be passed around at tonight's meeting 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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The Club conducts classes on a wide range of subjects, at a very moderate charge.

The maximum number in class is five.

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

Some of the classes that are available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One and / or Stage Two).
2. Advanced Word.
3. Internet workshops.
4. Digital Cameras.

For more information contact a committee member.

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