

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



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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
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Novice and experienced
computer users will be
warmly welcomed



Welcome to Autumn !!

No more hot days, and

Daylight Saving ends 6th April



Editors: Bib and Bub



Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Using Publisher

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Last month's meeting - What to do when your computer doesn't start



Thank goodness tonight was a much cooler evening (it was almost cold!) and we had a very good turnout with 1 visitor and 2 new members who were welcomed by our President.

Ann Zeugofsge was presented with her 5 year membership certificate.

Trevor then gave a short talk on his experience in getting connected to the National Broadband Network and handed some cables around for us all to see.

Jim then gave an informative and interesting talk combined with demonstrations on what, and what not to do in a situation when your computer doesn't start. The meeting went way past our usual finish time, not that anyone noticed. ***A word of warning from your Editors - if you don't know what you are doing, give your computer to Jim or IT Computers!!!***

WINDOWS XP

A show of hands indicated a considerable number of members still use XP, including Jim, and even though Microsoft support is coming to an end, it remains a good operating system. Internet security companies like AVG, Avast and others are continuing their support for the time being, and third party firewalls are available. One likely problem will be drivers for new printers and devices.

BACKUP YOUR DATA

That's Jim's message. Something everyone should be doing.

- Create a system image and backup to either disk or external drive. External drive is quicker.
- Hard drives are mechanical and do not last forever.

RECOVERY - If your hard drive doesn't work

- In 95% of cases, data including photos can be recovered.
- Remove hard drive from computer, and using an adapter with a USB, access your data/photos on another computer.
- Linux is also useful to recover data.

Last month's meeting, cont'd

BIOS (Basic Input/Output System)

- F2, on some PC's, gives you access to the Bios, however, check the internet.
- Only make one change at a time so you can identify the problem.
- A service disk is a worthwhile tool to have for analyzing problems.

LAPTOP

- It is usually the power supply inside and is hardly worth fixing.
- Check by using the same power supply to another laptop.
- Can only expect the hard drive and power supply to last 4-5 years.

DESKTOP

- Take the side off your computer and blow the dust out. DO NOT USE A VACUUM CLEANER.
- Clean the fan.



FACTORY RESTORE

- Setup is on hard drive. Go on to internet to manufacturers home page to find out factory settings.
- Recommend a factory restore on your computer every 4 or 5 years.
- Worth doing if you are selling your computer.
- You need to practice before any attempt to revert your computer to factory settings.

PROGRAMS WORTH USING

- Spybot - cleans annoying adverts from computer.
- Advanced System Care - has a number of utilities and good for uninstalling programs.

HOW TO REDUCE PHOTOS FOR EMAILING

It can be very irritating when checking your email to be faced with downloading large image files that someone has sent you.



To check just how big a picture is in terms of file size, **right click the image and click on properties.**

To email a photo using My Pictures

Highlight the photo to be emailed and select **e-mail** on the **Tool Bar**. You will be given a selection of sizes to choose from. (I would suggest you use the smallest or next smallest size).

Click **Attach** and an email will open with the photo attached. Send per normal emailing.

Emailing and Re-sizing with Windows Live Photo Gallery

To **email** - select the photo/s you want to email.

Using the **Home** tab in the **Share** group, click the arrow under **Photo Email**, select **Send Photos** as **Attachment**, select a size for the photos and click **Attach**.

To **resize** - Select the **photos** you want to **resize** and then, using the **Edit tab** in the **Properties** group, click **Resize**.

Click the **Select a size list** and then select a size for your photos. For a custom size, in the **Maximum Dimensions** box, enter the maximum width you want your photos to be.

Click **resize** and **save**. To save resized photos to another location, click **Browse** and then **select an existing folder** to save your resized photo in.

Editor's Note - You can edit your photos in Photo Gallery (eg crop, improve the colour and adjust) prior to emailing. Our Club will be running a one day Course on Photo Gallery, so if you are interested, please see Anne Leddra.

THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 3. REPORT FROM OUR PRESIDENT



The great Tablet debate continues. To buy or not to buy?

Lindsay recently gave an excellent session on tablets. The three types of tablet currently available were analysed and costed.

The strengths and limitations of each type were explained. Information overload beckoned. However, a logical approach to the purchasing procedure should avoid the pitfalls associated with any technology purchase.

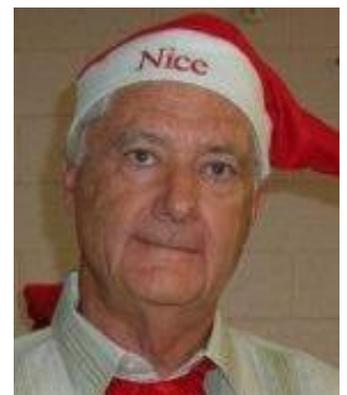
1. Ask yourself the hard question: *What do I want to do with the tablet?*
2. If you can answer the question positively, then list your requirements.
3. Talk to existing users to get feedback and clarify any uncertainties.
4. Make up your mind. *Select the tablet that meets most of your requirements.*
5. Buy one.
6. *Spend time and energy and make your tablet work for you.*

(**Red** is critical, **Blue** will ensure good decision making).

Next month (April), Wanda McDonald and Trevor Francis will give us the good oil on the preparation of Easter greeting cards using Publisher. Just in time!!!

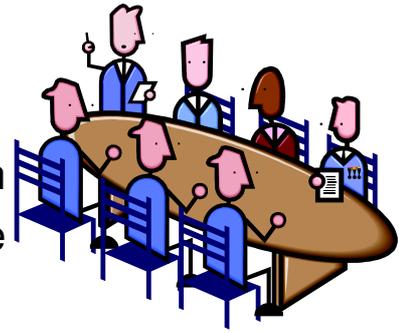
Enjoy your evening!

Lionel Leddra
(The Yardbroom President)



Committee Capers.

The committee meeting was held on Monday March 10th. After the ringing of the red cow bell, discussions began:



- A new projector screen has been purchased and is to be installed prior to March meeting.
- iPad/tablets to be purchased by mid May.
- Those who visited Sands Computer Club found it very interesting and enjoyable.
- Discussed the possibility of us running an Adelaide Computer Club meeting in the future..
- Peter would like email addresses of committee and club members for the Club Facebook page.
- It was requested speakers be encouraged to use our microphones if possible. We may borrow the latest digital microphone to ascertain if we need to purchase a similar one.
- It was agreed to purchase a digital recorder to assist those who may need to make notes, eg newsletter editors!!
- Dates and subjects for our next course/s was discussed.
- Topics for future meetings discussed.

Recipe Corner

LEMON FINGERS

INGREDIENTS:

1 packet of plain (crushed) biscuits
125 g butter
½ tin condensed milk
1 cup coconut
Rind of a lemon



METHOD:

1. Melt Butter.
2. Add Condensed Milk and blend.
3. Add coconut and lemon rind to the crushed biscuits.
4. Pour butter mixture over the biscuits and mix together well.
5. Press firmly into a greased slice tin.
6. Refrigerate.
7. Ice with lemon icing and cut into fingers.

A family favourite, quick and easy to make and it doesn't need cooking.
Ideal for holidays in caravans without an oven.



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
Email, Thunderbird	Trevor Francis	8186 1138
E-readers, Tablets	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	8186 1138
Microsoft Movie Maker	Lorraine Loader	8382 7243
Photographic, Windows Photo Gallery, Paint Shop Pro	Anne & Lionel Leddra	8381 2821
Photographic, Photoshop	Trevor Francis	8186 1138
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 2014.

- Photo Gallery - Monday 31st March, 2014 (seats still available).
- Computer Basics I & II for Windows 7 & 8
- Photos: Camera to Computer Image Management Course
- Possible Excel and/or Word 7 or 10.

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

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.

Sudoku

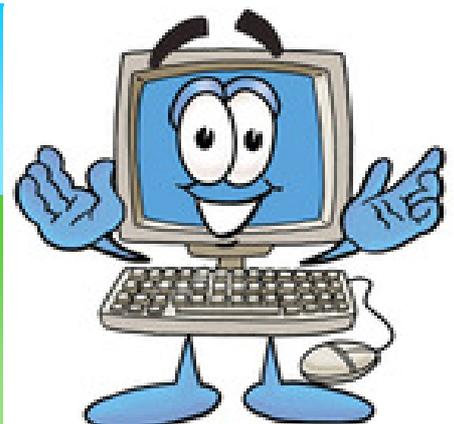
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5				1	9			
2							3	5
7	5			9				4
	6	1				5	9	
9				4			7	2
3	2							7
			7	2				8
	4		9				5	

Answer on page 13

I hate losing, but I don't mind being beaten!
 (wise words from our Yardbroom)

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NEVER ARGUE WITH A WOMAN

One morning, the husband returns the boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out herself.

She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up and begins to read a book (of course on her Tablet).

Along comes a Fish & Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says “ Good morning Ma’am. What are you doing?”

“Reading a book” she replies.

“You are in a Restricted Fishing Area” he informs her.

“I am sorry Officer, but I am not fishing. I am reading!”

“Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I will have to take you in and write you up a ticket”.

“If you do that, I will have to charge you with sexual assault” said the woman

“But I haven’t even touched you” says the Game Warden.

“That’s true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment”.

“Have a nice day ma’am” and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It is likely she can also think.

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



*** Items For Sale ***

Computers and Printer for Sale

Computers 1 - Windows XP with 'mouse' keyboards and flat screen monitors, all cables, plus some software. **\$50 each**

Computer 2 - Windows 98 - **\$25**

Printer - Canon Pixma IP 4600. Comes complete with 2 sets of continuous ink supply system and a lot of ink. **\$120 negotiable.**

Phone Peter on 0438 827 178

WANTED TO BUY

Windows 7 Professional install disk - for Windows XP desktop.

Contact: Colin Campbell on 0428 894 058
or email seecam42@bigpond.com

If you have something for sale, please let us know. Fill in the sheet at the front desk, or email:

Lorraine at lorian23@bigpond.com
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We will keep running your ad until you advise the item is either sold or "taken off the market".

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MEETING RULES

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DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Microsoft Office for iPad

It seems Microsoft Office for iPad may be released in the first half of 2014. So, if you are a Microsoft Office fan and now use an iPad, you are in luck. Unfortunately you haven't escaped from the annual licence fee structure which Windows users are faced with.

LOGMEIN - another free program bites the dust.

You may have heard of this program. It allows you to remotely log into a computer. It is a legitimate program which unfortunately is used by some scammers when trying to convince you of a problem with your computer. Some companies use the program to train staff and to fix computers at remote locations. You can now trial it for 14 days free, but unfortunately, the days of the free version have finished. Luckily, there are other free programs which will do the same job.

Do you have a Yahoo email address?

Stay Smart Online has advised users to, as a precaution, change their password after a cyber attack on a third party stole usernames and passwords of Yahoo mail.

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Sudoku answer:

6	3	4	2	8	5	7	1	9
5	7	8	3	1	9	4	2	6
2	1	9	4	6	7	8	3	5
7	5	2	6	9	3	1	8	4
4	6	1	8	7	2	5	9	3
9	8	3	5	4	1	6	7	2
3	2	6	1	5	8	9	4	7
1	9	5	7	2	4	3	6	8
8	4	7	9	3	6	2	5	1

'FREE OFFER' SCAM

'Free' offers displayed on the internet often turn out to be scams. They might appear as a pop-up and offer you free access to an otherwise restricted site, free shares, free downloads, free trials of certain products or even a free holiday. Sometimes entire websites could be set up to advertise a 'free' offer.

Usually, the offers either require you to provide credit card, bank account or other personal details, or they require you to pay an upfront fee to claim your 'free' prize or product. ***Do not give out your personal details.***

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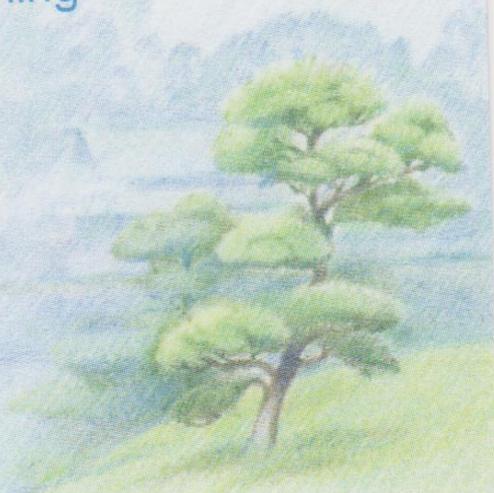
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