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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 \$20
Family membership
\$30

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed



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Feedback received following last month's meeting was super positive.

So much in fact that I will not be surprised if attendance numbers at the next few meetings is at an all-time low –

everyone will be away on some sort of holiday!!!!

As a follow-up subject, this evening's presentation will tell you how the wonderful world of computing allows you to stay in touch with the world out there – wherever you may be in your travels.

We aim to please!!! – most of the time.

Enjoy the evening

Lionel Leddra (President)



A health forum speaker asks: "Which food causes extreme suffering for years after eating it? After a long silence, an old man answered: "WEDDING CAKE"

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: Linux Demo using "libre" as well as Thunderbird

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish

Detlef Baucks

Chris Catt

Horst Hanssen

Mary De Kreuyf

Ian loader

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



Wi-Fi Access, Global V Cellular

What is Broadband Technology – What technologies are available and how do we get connected?



John will provide information about the various technologies to enable broadband communications into the home including cellular telecommunications (including 3G 4G and 5G), satellite, wireless, NBN fibre, cable broadband, options for internal home networking (note that all new Wi-Fi modems should comply with **802.11ac** standard) including areas of blackspots within the home and voice of IP (VoIP) telephone systems. John will endeavour to not make this talk too technical, but try to explain the differences with each technology, just so that you have a greater understanding of what technology is

available and where it is best suited.



Presented by John Kirby



From a Beijing hotel brochure, translated word for word from Mandarin to English.

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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.

OUR FEBRUARY MEETING

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ast month we had another great turnout, with 31 members, and 7 visitors. We hope our visitors David & Josie Smith, Peter & Lesley Schneider, Colin Hornby, Hal Marshall and Chris Ross enjoyed themselves and will come again.

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Thank you again **Trevor** for the beautiful, pre-meeting **Powerpoint** presentation. It's worth coming along just to see what's showing.

Lionel thanked the members for completing the 42 surveys handed out at the January meeting which resulted in some interesting results:

18 people are still using Windows 7, 24 are still using a computer, 13 use Live Mail, 22 know how to make 'blind copies' when sending e-mails and 28 know how to send an attachment.

The most interesting statistic was that most members **NEVER** change their **PASSWORD**. Jim was horrified!

Lionel asked for volunteers to assist at our **Bunnings BBQ**, to be held on **Saturday 9th April**. These extra funds will help to defray some of the Club's running costs. This is a first for our club. Others who have helped out on BBQ's have said it's really good fun **so please offer your time**.

Once again, **Anne** has worked hard to give us an interesting evening of tips, apps and web-sites, this time to help us whilst travelling.

Anne explained that -

- App is short for application—and runs on a smartphone or tablet device & can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple Store
- There are millions of travel sites on the internet. Double check on the information given & don't believe all you read.

The following are two sites that Anne & Lionel have used & can be downloaded at home, then accessed off-line using satellite cover.

- Wikicamps Australia—is an app with many features such as Crowd sourcing date base, it works offline, has a satellite dish pointer (not for TV), it has many filters to allow you to refine your search eg don't show camps for back packers, but allow for dogs etc. Icons give tent, caravan, toilets, etc. Shows camp sites near to your current position.
- Ulmon- CityMaps2Go—an <u>iPhone</u> and <u>Android</u> app for travel and international travelling. Download your maps before leaving home because using online maps when travelling can be expensive. This app will show city maps so you can choose what to look for eg banks, restaurants etc.

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### February meeting, con't.

Some internet sites that may be very useful are;

- https://www.ricksteves.co Rick Steve aimed at the USA market with lots of info mainly on Europe, with travel, tips, health & hygiene, toilet locations, tourist info etc.
- http://www.whatsinport.com Whats in Port where you can check where your ship will dock, what cruise lines are sailing where & when, plus tips & hints, a world map etc. Others sites are;
- http://www.cruisecritic.com.au/ -home page
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#### Hints & tips when cruising:

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- Internet and/or Wi-Fi connections on ships are usually slow and expensive. The crew will know the closest and cheapest connection near to your port.
- Cruise excursions in some ports are a must, especially to far away places.
   They are more expensive, but if it the tour returns late, the ship will wait.
   Do your homework!
- There is a lot of info on your ship's tour sites.
- When Anne & Lionel were in Germany, they found it was cheaper to book a car in Geman rather that English !!!!
- www.telstra.com/overseas is an excellent site for phone call information. Well done Anne and thankyou.

**Trevor & Kay** were planning a trip and he told of his experiences whilst accessing info. on his ship 'Voyager of the Seas'.

If you need more detailed notes, I'm sure Anne will oblige.

**News Flash**: Google Chrome will not support Windows XP or Vista after April 2016.

**Lionel** closed the meeting and the conversation din following, indicated that all enjoyed either the meeting, the camaraderie whilst enjoying a cuppa and biscuits, or both. We hope all who attended came away feeling happier about using their internet or apps to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

You're never to old to learn something stupid.

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#### **COMMITTEE CAPERS**

This month's committee meeting was held on Monday 29th February.

Subjects up for discussion were:

- Raffles—do we continue with the current procedure with \$3 door fee and \$2 raffle, or do we dispense with the monthly raffle and increase the door fee by \$1 to \$4 per night.
- The Easter raffle donation to the Mary Help of Christians Church will cease.
- Committee member Linda Kirby asked to provide a member profile. Jo Berkin's profile is on page 9 of this issue.
- Members to be asked to fill in a 'hand on' sheet at the March meeting indicating who their ISPs are, are they happy, approx monthly charge and monthly data quota.
- Cloud issue—The Secretary has experienced issues with One Drive & will investigate using Google Drive instead.
- Bunnings BBQ— 9th April at Noarlunga. Preparations were discussed at length. A special pre BBQ meeting to be held, quotes for consumables to be obtained & if poss check out the Colonnades site on a Saturday prior to our BBQ.

Our hostess, **Cheryl** tempted us with a Devonshire afternoon tea. How could we resist. Delicious thank you Cheryl.

**DID YOU KNOW**— that airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

- -that in ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.
- -peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450° F.
- -zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- -the military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armour raised their visors to reveal their identity..
- -in ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.





#### **HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY WINDOWS**



**Microsoft's Windows** turned 30 last year so let's take a look back at the operating system that changed the world.

- **Windows 1** was released in November 1985. It was a huge milestone that paved the way for the modern version of Windows that we use today.
- **Windows 2** was released in December 1987 and introduced the ability to minimise or maximise Windows as well as the ability for windows to overlap each other.
- **Windows 3** was launched in 1990 and was the first Windows that required a hard drive and supported 256 colours.
- **Windows 3.1**, released in 1992, introduced True Type fonts and for the first time, Minesweeper made its appearance.
- **Windows 95** arrived in August 1995 and brought with it the first ever Start Button and Start Menu.
- **Windows 98**, released in June 1998, introduced Internet Explorer 4, Outlook Express, Windows Address Book, Microsoft Chat and Netshow Player.
- **Windows ME**, launched September 2000, was considered a low point in the Windows series by many. However, it introduced some important concepts to consumers including more automated system recovery tools.
- **Windows XP**, released in October 2001, saw the Start Menu and Task Bar get a visual makeover. It was the longest running Microsoft operating system.
- Windows Vista arrived in January 2007, updating the look and feel of Windows with its numerous bugs and was one of the most criticised versions.
- **Windows** 7 was first released in October 2009 and was what many thought Windows Vista should have been, being faster, more stable& easier to use. Most users wanting to upgrade, bypassed Vista entirely.
- **Windows 8** was launched in October 2012 and was Microsoft's biggest makeover, with the Start button and Start Menu scrapped for a touch friendly screen which displayed at-a-glance information.
- **Windows 10**, was announced on 30th Sept 2014, but not available until 2015. It brought back the Start Menu and unified all Windows' platforms across multiple devices including Windows' phone & tablet universal apps that can be downloaded from Windows' Store & run on all Windows devices.

# 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.





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.

### **Committee Member Profile**

**Member -** Johanna Berkin.

**Joined -** Late 2013.

**Computer -** HP Laptop with Windows 8.1

and an Ipad.

Main usage - Microsoft Office, Excel and Publisher; Firefox and

Thunderbird for web.

**Marital status** - Married 45 yrs—3 children with 9 grandchildren

(all living away from Adelaide).

**Pre-retirement -** My husband, Geoff and I farmed the family property

for 44 years in the Coonawarra/Wrattonbully region

of the South East, SA.

**Post—Retirement -** Spent 7 months touring Central and Western

Australia. On arrival in Adelaide, saw the

apartment on Beach Road that we now live in, and

bought it.

**Interests -** Member of the Thaxted Golf Club, Noarlunga Gym,

Hallett Cove Probus and President of the

Onkaparinga VIEW Club, which supports "The Smith Family", and of course the Computer Club. I started the Newsletter for the VIEW Club, before passing it on. In 2015 I started a Newsletter for the

Beachpoint Apartments where I live.

**Travel -** Last year spent 5 weeks in Tasmania touring with

our caravan. This year we are taking a cruise from Sydney to Seattle via Hawaii. We will spend an extra 5 weeks when we get there, to see some of

the US, with a 6 day stopover in Auckland NZ.

I am really thrilled with the transition from farm to city life. The ease of trains into the city. Lots of shows to see and made many, many great new friends.

They say 'ask a busy person!' Thank you Jo.

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Ransomware—is malicious software that denies access to all or part of the information on a computer, and demands payment of a fee, or

ransom, to regain access.

Typically, ransomware will encrypt a significant portion of the computer's hard drive, such that it's no longer accessible to the user. The encryption is often a strong public key encryption that is practically impossible to defeat. Once the ransom is paid, the person or people behind the malware may offer a method to decrypt the date and restore access. Or not, simply taking the money.

It is important to realize that ransomware is simply another form of <u>malware</u>, and is often delivered in the form of a virus or trojan. As such it's best avoided by all of the same techniques that one uses to avoid any malware; up-to-date and properly configured security software and settings, keeping your system up-to-date, and using safe online behaviour.

A **bounce** is an email message sent in response to an email message that cannot be delivered for some reason. The term refers to your original message "bouncing back" to you.

A message indicating that an email message has been delayed, but may still be delivered, is sometimes also incorrectly referred to as bounce. More accurately the final message indicating that the message had *not* been delivered would be the bounce message.

Bounce messages are not guaranteed, meaning that not getting a bounce in response to sending an email message does not guarantee that the message has been delivered. Bounce themselves can be lost in the mail, or email providers can elect not to send them in some circumstances.

### **Computer Courses for 2016.**

We are hoping to organise a course on *Email / Internet* for early this year. Please advise a committee member if you are interested. 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.

### A BIT MORE TRIVIA FROM THE GOOD OLD DAYS

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They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "piss poor", but worse than that were the really poor folk, who couldn't even afford to buy a pot, they "didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.



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read was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "the upper crust".

ead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around to eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up, hence the custom of "holding a wake".

ngland is old and small and the local folk started running our of places to bury their dead, so whey would dig up coffins and take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside, and they realised they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, thread it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would do the "graveyard shift" & listen for the bell; thus someone could be "saved by the bell" or considered "a dead ringer".

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

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# SPAM WHAT CAN I DO TO PREVENT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?

There's no way to stop spam, only deal with it in a way that makes it less of an issue when you get it.

Similarly there's no way to prevent it from starting. Eventually all email addresses will get spam. Eventually.

What you can do is avoid asking for spam. Asking? Yes, asking.

Many people unknowingly ask for spam in various ways:

- Posting an email address publicly: If your email address is visible on a web page somewhere that anyone can get to, then "anyone" includes spammers. They have been known to harvest email addresses from web pages on the assumption that they are more likely to be real, active email addresses than simply guessing randomly (which they also do).
- Responding to or acting on spam: Replying to any form of spam is really just a signal to the spammers that they have a real, live person at this email address, and that they should send you more spam. Lots more spam. Even if you ask them to unsubscribe you. Similarly, acting on spam (such as clicking on spammer's link, or—horrors! purchasing a product through spam) also tells spammers "we've got a live one!".
- Enabling pictures on spam: The reason that pictures are disabled by default on most spam-filtered email is that the mere act of accessing an image so that it can be displayed can tell a spammer they have a real email address. Expect more spam.
- Giving your email address to the wrong person, company or agency: This is actually one reason many people have more than one email address, or create one-time or 'throw-away' email addresses. Many companies will share their email lists with others, or even sell the list of their customer's email addresses. Reputable companies do not, so keep shopping at Amazon and the like, but be careful when dealing with a company you've never dealt with before. Consider creating and using a different email address for this purpose.

#### **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.

The list actually goes on. What's worse is, it includes items that are not in your control:

• When you send a joke, photo, urban legend, rant or what-have-you to a friend, and they then forward it on without removing your email address from the forward, your email address is now 'in the wild'. Worse, when a friend sends you an email like that and does so by putting you and 200 other people on the "To:" or "Cc:" line, they've just advertised your email address to everyone else that got that email. And when they forward it without trimming...your email address makes it out to potentially hundreds or thousands of people you don't know, and some are spammers.

There's literally nothing you can do, except perhaps admonish your friends not to do that—but by then it's too late.

Sooner or later every email address will get spam.

#### SPAM FILTERS MAKE LIFE BEARABLE

What does work are good spam filters.

Spam filters work by looking not just at where email comes from, but the nitty-gritty technical details of the email, what it's about, what it says and how it says, and how many other people are getting that same email message. If it looks like spam, then the email is simply placed in your spam or junk mail folder instead of your inbox.



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This type of SPAM is the only one that's OK!

TALKING OF HOLIDAYS — which we weren't, but anyway, here are a few tips to make yours more enjoyable.

- Research your destination before you leave.
- Ask before taking photos—it's common courtesy.
- Learn a few phrases in the local language.
- Be mindful of the different cultures of the countries you visit.
- Mind your surroundings, and don't block traffic, vehicular or foot.
- Keep an open mind and your opinions to yourself.
- Try local foods where possible—you didn't travel half way round the world to eat at McDonalds.

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To ensure the standard of the newsletter is maintained, and the articles remain of interest, contributions from all members will



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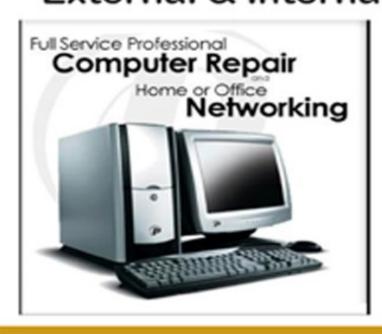
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