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Supporting inexperienced users with local expertise

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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 Rd and Main South Rd)

Visitors most welcome.
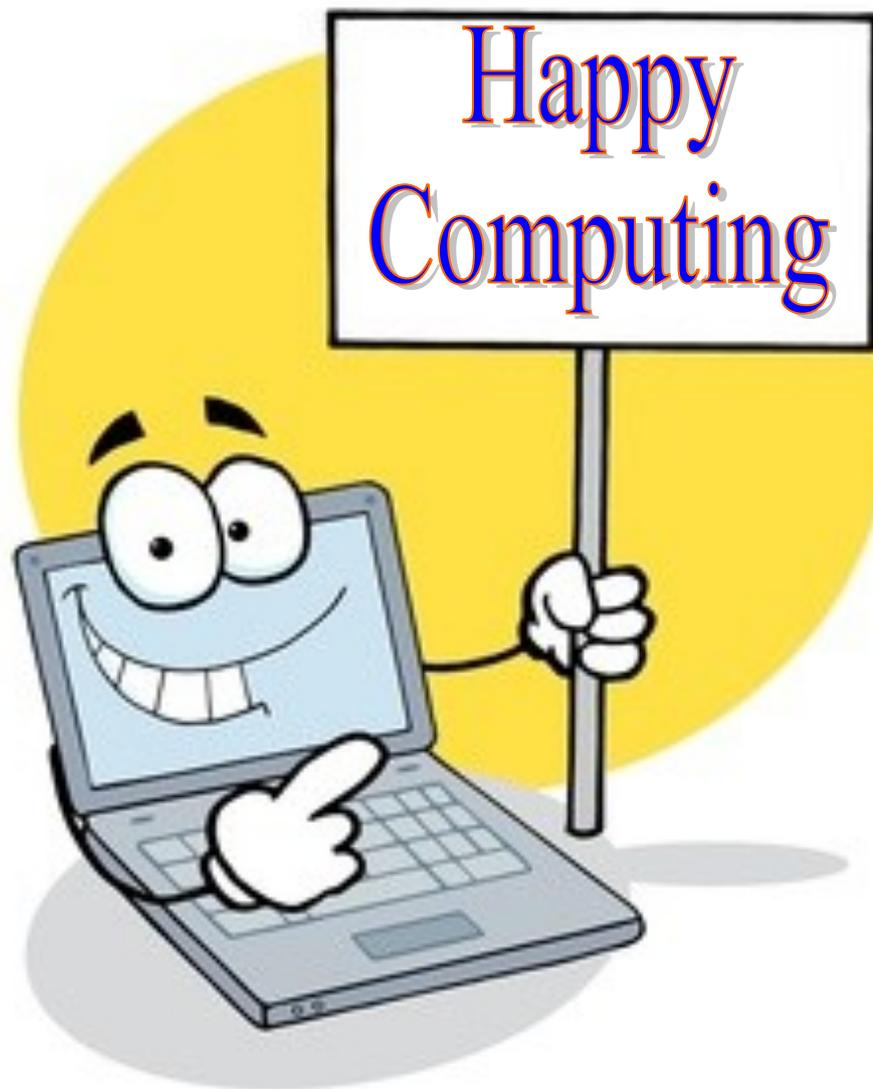After three visits, visitors will be requested to become members.

Cost $3 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/ tea and biscuits.
Subscriptions for twelve months
Single $20
Family membership $30

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed

Happy Computing

Our next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday 21st June, 2017

Topic: Bi-cycles, Tri-cycles & Re-cycles

The Committee in 2016 / 2017

Committee Members
Southern Districts Computer Users Club, 2017

L-R: Dean Howard: Trevor Francis (Secretary): Linda Kirby:
Anne Leddra: June Harman: Jim Greenfield: Wanda McDonald:
Jo Berkin: Cheryl McDonald (Treasurer): Lindsay Chuck:
John KIrby (Vice President): Lionel Leddra (President): Lorraine Loader.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

A very Happy Birthday to you all

Lionel Leddra

John Rumac

Anne Leddra

Editors: Our apologies if we missed your birthday this month. If you haven't given us your birthday month, please see Bib or Bub or someone at the desk.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Emails and email pathways:

We often overhear members discussing emails and the different techniques of sending them off, ie: through Gmail, ISP Direct, ISP Webpage or similar methods.

How did all this email thing happen?
What happens to an email when you hit *Send?*
Where does it go?
What are the usual ways to send and receive emails?

Tonight we hope to make these and maybe other questions clearer and (hopefully) not more obscure.

See if you can pick the speaker for this month! She is a club member and pictured here.

DID YOU KNOW?

Have you missed a notice in the paper (eg Death or Funeral) and need to find it?

Go into the ***adelaidenow.com.au*** web page

Click on *Classifieds,* then *Tributes.*

Fill in the search criteria and all past and present notices will appear.
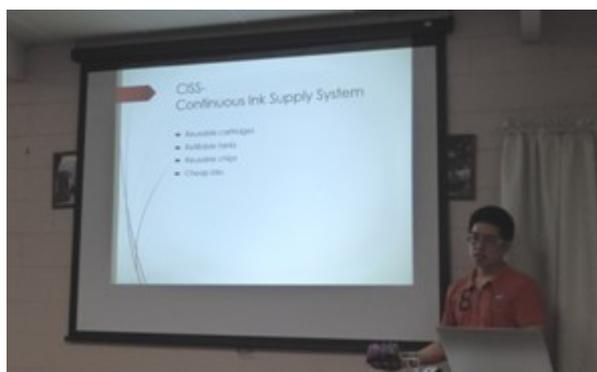

MEETING RULES
We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road) in return of a small fee plus respect for their property. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above. While we can not control what our members do away from our club meetings, Piracy of copyright material can not be condoned at our meetings.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Another good turnout for our April meeting with 25 members, 2 life members, 1 new member (welcome to David Porteous) and 5 visitors (John & Joy Stewart again, Graeme Gregory again, Trevor Browne and Kathryn Adams.

We are beginning to expect an amazing pre-meeting slideshow, and once again, this was achieved. Thank you Trevor for *Animals of the Planet.*

Lionel welcomed everyone on opening the meeting, then introduced **Jason** from **InkJet City** as the guest speaker for the evening. InkJet City is located on South Road, Edwardstown opposite Castle Plaza and a sister business of Adelaide Cartridge in Torrensville.
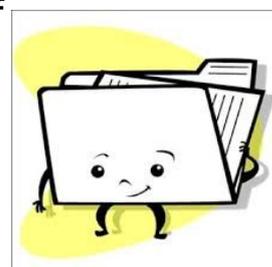
Their web addresses are: www.inkjetcity.com.au and
www.adelaidecartridge.com

Jason sells printers and cartridges, scanners, papers, bottle ink, services computers & printers and recycles cartridges & old printers.

Some popular and lesser known brands available are: Epson, Brother, Canon, Hewlett Packard (HP), Fuji Xerox, Ricoh, Kyocera, Samsung.

He pointed out the main differences between Inkjet and laser printing. Laser printers use carbon powder, heat printing and are fast. Inkjet printers are liquid printers using cold printing, are suggested for photographs but print relatively slowly.

CISS (Continuous Ink Supply Systems) have a reusable cartridge supplied by refillable tanks and use reusable chips. Purchasing bottled ink is much more economical than using regular cartridges. Eg, 10 mls of ink in a cartridge is from $30-$35 as against 100mls of bottled ink at $15 which amounts to a huge saving.

Maintenance varies on types of printers also.

Jason suggested that leaving a printer turned on for a prolonged period will activate a 'sleep mode' thereby saving ink which is used to prime the printer each time it is turned on.

Print heads that come out of alignment can be temporarily fixed, but in the end, a new unit will be needed. Print heads are very expensive to replace.

When clearing a paper jam, grasp the paper with both hands and gently pull to remove. Try not to tear the paper.

3-D printers have been around since last century when they were invented and were very expensive.   Now they are much more affordable and can be used in the home using a plastic medium. Jason then handed out samples of what can be printed using 3-Ds.

In answer to a question from the floor, Jason advised that the CISS tank could be installed into a suitable printer from $120 to $170.

Lionel then thanked Jason for a very interesting session, and drew the raffle. Prizes went to Anne Leddra, Betty Dawson and Linda Kirby.

After his initial shyness, Jason mingled with the members answering questions whilst all gathered to enjoy coffee, tea, Anzac biscuits and as a special treat, an iced orange cake with candles, baked by Anne, to wish Cheryl a happy birthday.

JIM'S GEMS - from newsletters past.

* **Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.**

* **Never let a computer know you are in a hurry.**

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO TWITTER.

W hat is twitter? Twitter is a fast moving information network made up of 140 character messages called "tweets" Unlike Facebook, Twitter is not about connecting with people you know (although you can do this) but about following people and organizations that interest you (such as news sources, politicians, comedians, TV shows, celebrities etc). It's an easy way to discover the latest news related to subject you care about in real time and in a short digestible form. Just think of it as reading a newspaper with headlines you will always find interesting as you only follows users you want to follow.

Twitter terms you need to know

Following: These are the users you have chosen to follow by clicking "follow" on their twitter page. It means all their tweets will show up on your news feed.

Followers: These are the people who have chosen to follow you.

Retweet or RT: Re-sharing someone's tweet to your own followers. You can retweet someone's tweet by clicking on the two arrows on the bottom of someone's tweet.

Feed: The stream of tweets you see on your homepage which is made up of people you follow. When you have followed a few users, you will have a new page of information every time you log into your homepage.

Handle: Your username.

Mention: You can mention other users by including the @ symbol followed directly by their username. Mentioning someone else endures they will be notified of your tweet.

Direct Message or DM: A private message between two people. You may only DM a user who follows you.

MEMBER PROFILE - Lorraine Loader (Bub)

Born in Seymour, Victoria sometime last century! And lived in Seymour, Highgate, Edwardstown, Brayville, Dover Gardens and Morphett Vale.

Schooling at Ascot Park Primary followed by 3 years at Brighton High School. Did a Commercial Course which included English, Arithmetic, Geography, Social Studies, Typing, Shorthand and Bookkeeping and Home Science (which I failed).

Employed as a telephonist, stenographer, wages clerk, tea girl and general dogsbody in a small, now defunct construction company that built bridges, silos, water tanks, road drains and culverts.

Sport - basketball as a teenager, then netball as it was later named. I played netball for Stanvac Mothers and Southern Stars. Was on Parents & Friends Committee of Stanvac Primary School and also the Morphett Vale Scout committee where Ian was a Venturer Leader and the boys later became Queen Scouts. We helped raise funds to enlarge the Scout Hall by cooking cakes for the cake stall, hosting progressive dinners, etc.

Met Ian Loader on a blind date, married at Blackwood. Rented a fully furnished house for 5 guineas per week, then lived in a caravan for around 15 months then moved into a newly built home in Sherwood Estate in 1965. In 1975, sold and moved to Morphett Vale in the hope we could give our boys, Jeff and Chris a better and wider education.

Semi-retired in 1997 and started travelling around Australia and with a few trips overseas, having thoroughly enjoyed these last, how many years? Surely its not 20 already! Time flies when you are having fun.

I then had time to learn oil painting, knit some jumpers and purchase a digital camera then a computer to fiddle with the photos.

iCloud Password - how important is it?

Devices - iPhone/iPad/Mac

When you consider the access your iCloud password gives you, you start to realise its importance.

The reason for
using a strong password; using two factor authentication; changing your password regularly and using a password manager.

Your iCloud password provides access to your:

Personal details
iCloud mail messages
Calendar
Contacts
Stored iCloud credit card details
Track, lock and wipe your devices

Protect Yourself

**"Be curious always!
For knowledge will not acquire you:
You must acquire it."**

Sudie Beck

Microsoft's Problems Continue

After reading the numerous issues that Microsoft has created for users over the last 2-3 months, no one would blame you for giving up on Microsoft and moving to a tablet, either iOS or Android. Maybe even buying a Mac!

The most recent issues being Microsoft's detection software. It blocks certain computers, depending on the processor installed, from receiving updates.

New processor generations will require the Latest Windows version. As an example, if you upgrade your desktop processor, and want to install your version of Windows 7 or 8.1, you will not receive Windows or Microsoft updates.

Recent reports highlight some users of older Intel and AMD processors are unexpectedly being blocked from receiving updates. In one case, the upgrading of a graphics card had the same effect.

The bottom line for users is that you may, without warning, find you can not receive updates. Seems the best course of action is to keep your fingers crossed!
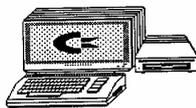
Google Earth

https//earth.google.com

A revamped Google Earth is receiving plenty of media attention.

Added features include, knowledge cards, additional controls for 3D, and being able to search for the capital of a country by typing "capital of ..... eg England".

Versions are available for Chrome browsers and Android phones/tablets.

However, iOS and other browsers are unable to see versions.

MICROSOFT "TO DO"

When you have a lot of tasks on the go, one idea is to create a *To Do* list.
This simple task manager from Microsoft is worth a try.

* Available for windows 10, Android, iOS.
* Install from the respective app store.
* Create multiple items on multiple lists.
* Set due dates and reminders
* Items can be marked as partially or fully completed.
* It is built into Office 365.
* Has a My Day view which allows you to organise tasks to be done.
* A "Suggestion" feature recommends the tasks you should do now, however, this requires a history to work effectively.

Facebook Messenger

Did you know you don't require a Facebook account to use Messenger. You can register using your phone number.

Start chats with people from your contacts library.

Available on PC by going to the website.

Try Messenger's inbuilt games. Snake, PacMan, Tomb Raider, etc.

Apps inside Messenger allow you to plan holidays, book restaurants and join a shopping list.

Edit photos within chat. You can also add word overlays and stick emojis to photos received from your friends. An encrypt option is available.

Free calls over WiFi is probably the feature Messenger is known for.

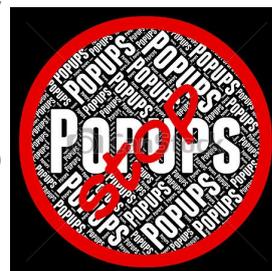Messenger, like Face Time and Google Hangouts, has inbuilt video and voice call functionality.

It is available on iOS and Android, so whether your friend has an iPad or Android tablet, if they have WiFi and the messenger app, they can communicate for free.

163ZB - the amount of data humans will have created by 2025. Ten times as much created in 2016.

According to a report by Seagate.

SCAM ALERT

The ACCC is warning people to watch out for dodgy **internet pop-up windows** claiming there are viruses or other seemingly nasty tech problems affecting their computer.

Known as remote access scams, these pop-up windows are used as a ploy to get unsuspecting victims to call a fake support line - usually a 1800 number. The scammer will then ask for remote access to their victim's computer to 'find out what the problem is'. Once the scammer has access to your computer, they can install malicious software, steal your personal data or con you into paying for an unnecessary 'service' of your PC.

These pop-ups can often seemingly freeze your computer and clicking the close button on your browser often doesn't work. This tricks people into thinking there really is a problem and calling the fake support line for help. Your first and best line of defence against this scam is to not call that number and close the pop-up if possible.
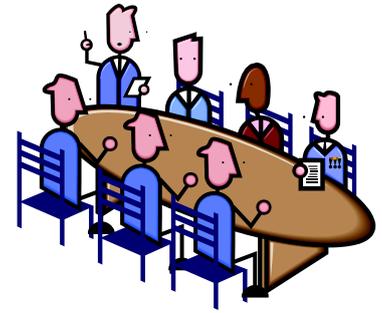
Affected users can close the pop-up manually through Windows Task Manager (for PC users) or by using the Activity Monitor (for Mac). If this fails to work then shut down your computer and restart.

A few ways to spot an email scam.

1. Bad spelling and/or poor grammar and if offering money, gift voucher or winnings, the amount is not Australian, eg 400,00AUD$
2. Unfamiliar company or person, especially if you have not been in contact with them in the past.
3. The email is asking for personal information and is full of promises. Be very wary of these.
4. The email is from another country, eg Nigeria, Singapore, etc. Hover your mouse over their email address but don't click!

COMMITTEE CAPERS

This month's meeting was held at Wanda's with 6 members in attendance. Enough for a quorum.

Several committee members are away on holidays, so we had 7 apologies.

Points for discussion were:

- Our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings will be on Thursday 8th June**.** We will be asking members if they would like to help us man the tent this time. A meeting will be scheduled to finalise details, eg food, drinks and attendances. Bunnings indicated we will need less sausages, bread and drinks.

- A letter was sent to Jason from InkJet City thanking him for his talk last month.

- Trevor talked about his problem updating Windows 10 Creator. He experienced a frozen screen so had to turn the computer off. After discussions and constant turn off/on, he rolled back to the old version. Now works well again. **We warn members with W10 to delay the latest update for a time.**

- We asked COTA if they could give us a talk on computing - the answer came back a NO as they only give talks on ageing.

- Possible future topics and next month's committee meeting venue discussed.

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm so we settled down with a coffee and chat.

Never trust a computer
you can't throw out a window.

Apple co-founder, Steve Woxniak

LOVE THIS CHINESE DOCTOR

Doctor, does cardiovascular exercise prolong life?
Heart only good for so many beats and that it….don't waste on exercise..everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer…like saying you extend life of car by driving fast - take a nap!

Should I reduce my alcohol intake?
Oh no. Wine made from fruit...fruit very good. Beer made from grain...grain very good too.

How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?
Well if you have body and fat, you ratio one to one. If you have two body, you ratio two to one.

Aren't fried foods bad for you?
You not listening. Food fried in vegetable oil...vegetable good for you.

Is chocolate bad for me?
You still not listening. Cocoa bean..another vegetable.

Is swimming good for your figure?
If swimming good for figure, explain whale to me.

Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?
Hey, round is a shape.

Remember, life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - chardonnay in one hand...chocolate in the other...body thoroughly used up...totally worn out and screaming

Woo-Hoo what a ride!!

From the Editors

To ensure the standard of the newsletter is maintained, and the articles remain of interest, contributions from all members will be welcomed. Forward to Bib or Bub.

NOTICE BOARD

* Anyone looking at buying a beautiful house in Seaford with room for a caravan (yes and room for a pony, maybe) - Trevor is selling!.

* Several members are away this month and into next month, mostly caravanning or going to Melbourne to watch the footy!! Go Hawks!!

* We wish all you mothers and grandmothers a great Mothers Day on Sunday 14th May.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Someone has to do it !!!

I was sitting in a comfortable chair looking out over the lake in Victoria, iced drink in hand and the prospect of some yummy food to follow. The sun was shining, kookaburras were laughing somewhere in a distant tree and some magpies were warbling in tune. (let your imagination run riot!!)

This was day 6 of our month long meander through the backblocks of Victoria in our caravan. Wasn't sure if we would survive the serenity for much longer but we gave it a long shot!

Sorry for the travelogue but this is what you get when I am on holiday. It's a hard life, but someone has to do it!

Have a good evening.

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.

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