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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
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Reminder -



Our Christmas Party

4th December 2013 at 6.30pm

Good food, good fun. BYO drinks



Editors: Bib and Bub



Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 6.30 pm.

Topic: Our Christmas Party

The Committee in 2013 / 2014

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Southern Districts Computer Users Club

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Our Annual General Meeting



President Jim Greenfield welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a warm welcome to the Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga, Mrs Lorraine Rosenberg.

Mayor Rosenberg responded with an entertaining address on the number of events that occur in the Onkaparinga Council area. There are currently 158 events taking place throughout the region.

The minutes of previous AGM, Presidents Report and Treasurer's Report were all received and accepted.

A proposal was put forward to have Trevor Francis elected as a Life Member due to outstanding, notable and meritorious service. The motion was carried and Trevor was then presented with a Certificate, name tag and office standard.



President Jim Greenfield gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and felt that the unity in the team was excellent and allowed the business of the club to proceed smoothly and efficiently. He then declared all positions vacant and asked Mayor Rosenberg to be Acting Chair as Returning Officer for the meeting. The Returning Officer asked for nominations for all positions - 13 written nominations had been received. The meeting accepted all nominations "en bloc" by a show of hands.



Mayor Rosenberg then handed the Chair back to the incoming President, Lionel Leddra who then thanked everyone for their support in electing him and offered a gift to the Mayor for her part in assisting with the evening.

AGM MINUTES, con't

Lionel welcomed the new committee members, but advised it was with regret that we received Mrs Betty Dawson's resignation from the Committee as she had decided to stand down. Her efforts were gratefully recognised and a gift presented.



Trevor, the new Life Member was to present outgoing President, Jim Greenfield with a gift suitably representing the time, effort and commitment he has poured into the Southern Districts Computer Users Club.

Unfortunately, this presentation had to take place at a later date as Trevor omitted to bring the gift to the meeting. Nevertheless, Jim's ongoing commitment over the years was highly valued and recognised by all present.

His influence in the local area - not just the club - for his computing knowledge and skills is widely known and greatly appreciated. Our sincere thanks and appreciation were offered to Jim.

Val McMahon was presented with her 5 year membership certificate.



Ian Loader also offered members congratulations on the efforts of the club's committee and management.



A lovely supper was enjoyed by all.

THE YARDBROOM REPORT NO 1.

REPORT FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT



New brooms are not necessarily better or worse but they are different. They may be soft and efficient or they may be wide and prickly (yardbrooms). Take an educated guess at what you've got!

This month I will be introducing all the committee members present and especially the two new committee members—something I sadly omitted to do at the AGM. The new members are Wanda McDonald (co-newsletter editor and now committee member) and Peter Janmaat. The committee comprises 13 members.

At this meeting, Anne Leddra and Cheryl McDonald will introduce Microsoft MovieMaker and go through the basic steps required to turn your slides and videos into a high class movie presentation. There are many home movies, videos and countless photographs silently waiting their chance to play a starring role. Sadly, many folk simply do not know how to go about making a good movie. Anne and Cheryl will hopefully enthuse the budding Spielbergs into action.

This is a reminder that the **Club Christmas Dinner** will be on **4th December 2013**. The committee is preparing an evening of fun and food for all. We may even be able to entice that very popular old guy into making an appearance! Tickets should be purchased at tonight's meeting as we need to have firm numbers to assist with catering. I repeat, this is a pre-paid event.

Buy your tickets tonight.

Enjoy the evening!

Lionel Leddra
(The Yardbroom President)



Will an external drive left plugged in be damaged if there is a power surge?



It's not just power you need to worry about; connected drives can also get malware. But that doesn't mean you can't keep yourself safe.

My main worry about leaving an external drive on all the time is, that in my experience, a major cause of damage to hard drives is a power cut or surge. If both internal and external drives are switched on, both might be destroyed.

Surges happen and they can destroy drives. There are a few things to be aware of if you leave your external drives plugged in all the time.

It's all about the power source.

The drive's power source is perhaps the single biggest factor. If you plug the main 120 or 240 volt power into the external drive, then it actually has its own power supply inside. That puts it pretty close to the same risk as your desktop computer.

Most external drives don't have a power supply. They usually have an external power "brick" that converts the main line power to something else that is actually used by the drive. That process of converting that power acts as a nice buffer from many types of power problems. Some have no power supply at all, drawing everything they need solely from the five volts provided by the USB interface.



Other Risks

The "Should I leave it plugged in all the time" issue is really most often related to malware. If your external drive is connected and malware infects your machine, that drive could also get infected. This has nothing to do with power and power spikes; it has everything to do with software.

If the external drive actually never moves, then it is still not something to worry about beyond making sure that your system as a whole is secure. If that drive travels from machine to machine, then maybe it is worth a little extra thought.

But even then, still focus on keeping the system clear as a whole - where the side effect is that the external drive never gets infected.

The good news is that backup images from programs like Macrium (if that is what the drive is used for) are typically not compromised.

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Committee Capers.

The committee meeting was held on Monday 11th November, 2013. Discussions included:



- The 2 new committee members were welcomed.
- Club Asset Register to be updated as we have had several new purchases over the last 12 months.
- Use of drop-box and access to committee members to make changes was discussed. Trevor and Cheryl to discuss further.
- Equipment that is outdated and/or not working is to be sold or written off.
- A new data projector for Club meetings is to be purchased. As we now have 2 screens, 2 projectors are required.
- Our website has now been updated showing the new Committee.
- Preparations for the Christmas Dinner were finalised.
- The cost of Office 365 for computer classes was discussed.
- A sub-committee of Lionel Leddra, Jim Greenfield and Trevor Francis was set up to co-ordinate and schedule the 2014 computer courses.



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Device rids tablet angst.

Those who work on iPads and other tablet computers can find it frustrating to type without a conventional keyboard - or on the miniaturised keyboards of a smart phone.

But a new "virtual projection keyboard" may provide a solution to the problem.

The Magic Cube is a tiny gadget - about half the size of a mobile phone - which uses lasers to project a keyboard on to any flat surface.

Users simply type on the projected keyboard and the device's sensors record the exact position of their fingers. The gadget costs approximately \$67.

From The Advertiser

Recipe Corner

Lionel's Brownies



Ingredients

50g cocoa
225g plain flour
450g white sugar
225g baking margarine (or butter) - melted
4 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
Pinch salt

Method

- ◆ Put all ingredients into a mixing bowl.
- ◆ Mix slowly at first to wet the mixture and then at full speed for 5 minutes.
- ◆ Transfer mixture to a greased pan (250mm x 350mm) or a pan lined with baking paper.
- ◆ Bake for 35 minutes at 160 degrees. Must be crispy outside and very moist inside.
- ◆ Cool for a few minutes, then cut and remove from pan to cool completely.

Optional decadence - a few handfuls of dark chocolate chips!!

Lionel made these from Aunt Dianne's South African recipe book for this month's committee meeting, and all agreed they were quite moorish.



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
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Computer Courses for 2014.

- Windows Live Movie Maker 2-day Course - **14th and 21st January 2014. Cost \$40.**
- Computer Basics I & II for Windows 7 & 8 - date to be advised
- Photos: Camera to Computer Image Management Course

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.

Puzzle of the Month

New Senior's Exam

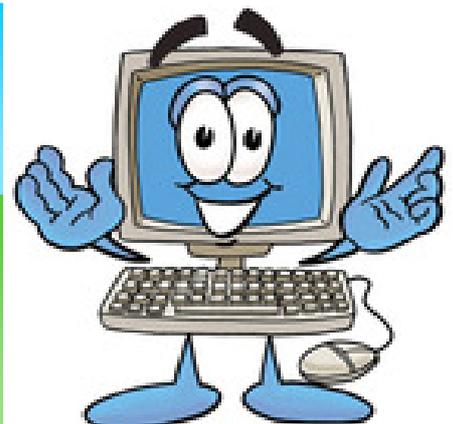
- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last?
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats?
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut?
- 4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
- 5) What is a camel's hair brush made of?
- 6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
- 7) What was King George VI's first name?
- 8) What colour is a purple finch?
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?
- 10) What is the colour of the black box in a commercial airplane?

Check out page 13 for your answers (4 correct is an excellent score)

**“Experience is not what happens to you;
it is what you do with what happens to you.”**

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Tonight's Talk - Windows Live MovieMaker

Windows Live **MovieMaker** is available free with Windows Live Essentials for those using Windows 7 and above.

Live **MovieMaker** is a basic movie making program that is easy and fun to use.

To make a movie with **MovieMaker**, you will need some photos and/or videos on your computer. You can import photos and videos from your digital camera, a flash memory card, DVD's or your mobile phone.

The Auto Movie themes will help you create a terrific movie with just a few clicks of your mouse. **MovieMaker** adds transitions and effects automatically so your movie looks polished and professional.

Music can also be added to your movie and that annoying wind noise in some video clips can be faded out.

With **MovieMaker**, you can burn your own DVD or quickly publish your movie to popular websites, and then share your movie with friends, or the whole world.



We hope you enjoy the demonstration of MovieMaker tonight, courtesy Anne & Cheryl, and if you want to learn more, we have a fun MovieMaker course scheduled for 14th and 21st January next year.



**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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*** Items For Sale ***

Computers and Printers for Sale

Computers 1 & 2 - Windows XP with 'mouse' keyboards and flat screen monitors, all cables, plus some software. **\$50 each**

Computer 3 - Windows 98 - **\$25**

Printer 1 - Canon Pixma MP 240. Needs a new black ink cartridge - **\$15**

Printer 2 - 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

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**
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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