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*Supporting inexperienced users with local expertise*

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## **SDCUCI NEWS**

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**M**eetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 7.30 pm, in the hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church on the Corner of Bains and Main South Roads, Morphett Vale

Cost \$3.00 per person per meeting. This includes a copy of our Newsletter, plus coffee/tea and supper

*Visitors are most welcome*

After 3 visits, you are requested to become members

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### **The Brownpaddock Chatter** **Election of the President**



Contrary to all the reports in the media the election of a President was a unanimous low key procedure.

I had a message from a Mr. D. Trump from America wishing me well, and enquiring how I managed to get such good support.

I explained to him that The Club had an excellent committee who would not be dictated by the President.

I further explained to Mr. Trump this strategy worked well last year and I am sure will work well for our coming year.

I further explained to him that the Corona Virus is a threat we must face and act accordingly.

By abiding to the restraints due to the Coronus Virus The Club can operate to full advantage for its members.

I hope he heeds my suggestions.

I take this opportunity to thank The 2020 / 2021 SDCUC committee for their support to the Club.

The committee for 2020 / 2021 is 11 in total

#### **The Christmas function**

The Christmas function will be held on Wednesday 9th December 2020 at the Woodcroft Tavern. Numbers must be known in advance to facilitate catering for the event.

*James Brownpaddock*



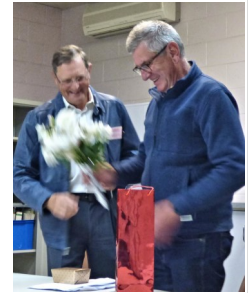


## Annual General Meeting

Considering the Convid restrictions, the Club had an excellent turn-up to its 2020 Annual General Meeting.



Unfortunately, Mayor Erin Thomson had to renege at the last moment but gave us her Deputy Mayor, Geoffrey Eaton, (pictured left) as her fill in. Geofrey, a senior ex-Police Officer, gave us a most interesting talk about his life in the Force and during a pan-Pacific



cruise in a maxi yacht.

In the absence of President Jim Greenfield due to ill health, Chairman, Vice President John Kirby (pictured above right) thanked Geoffrey and presented him with a box of Haigh's chocolates and a bunch of white roses for his wife.

Treasurer, Cheryl McDonald tabled her report on the finances of the Club. This was received with acclamation. Vice President John presented the President's report on Jim's behalf which was also received with acclamation. Vice President John then presented **Ten Year Membership Certificates** to:

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**A Fifteen Year Certificate** was presented to: Colin and Kay Martin (left).

**Delayed Ten Year Certificates** from 2019-20 were



presented to:

### **Election of Officers and Committee:**

The two Officers of the Club up for election, Vice President, John Kirby and Secretary, Trevor Francis, were both elected unopposed.

The only newcomer to the Committee was Past President Lionel Leddra who has agreed to be the Club's Minute Secretary. The other two members of the Committee up for election are Anne Leddra and Lorraine Loader who were also elected unopposed. Those remaining in office are David Porteous, Val McMartin and Linda Kirby. President Jim Greenfield and Treasurer, Cheryl McDonald also continued in office.

The Vice President read the Secretary's report regarding updating the Club's Constitution. As there were no questions or comments from those present, the variations were proposed en masse and carried unanimously.

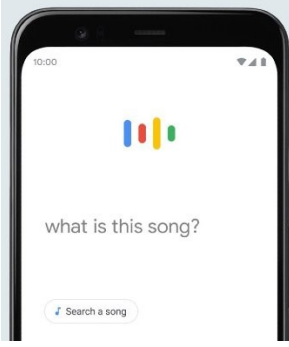


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## Ever Had a Worm in your Head?



Have you ever had some tune stuck in your head (a worm) but cannot recall the name of it? Now you can hum or whistle it to your mobile phone and use a new feature recently added to Google search that will allow users to identify details of songs by humming, singing, or whistling a portion of them to the Google Artificial Intelligence-powered Assistant.

1. On your mobile device, say “Hey Google” or long-press the **home button** to open Google Assistant.
2. Tap the mic icon and say “**what’s this song?**” You can also type the same query.
3. Start humming or whistling, for 10-15 seconds, the tune that you remember .
4. Alternatively, you can also use this feature on the Google app.

Once you’ve finished humming or whistling to Assistant, Google’s machine learning algorithm will help you identify potential song matches. Do not worry, as you do not need perfect pitch to use this feature. Google will show you the most likely options based on what you have supplied. Now you can select the best match, view relevant music videos, or listen to the song on your favorite music app. 


## Copy & Paste Between Windows 10 & Android Devices!

Microsoft is already bridging the gap between **Windows 10** and **Android** devices, courtesy of the Your Phone App, which allows users to manage their Android phone notifications, messages, and calls on Windows 10 devices. Microsoft is about to take this integration to a whole new level.

The company is working to bring a cross-device “copy and paste” feature to enable clipboard data synchronisation across Windows 10 and Android devices.

Mobile users will soon be able to seamlessly copy items from their Android device and paste them to their Windows 10 machines in real-time and vice versa.

Microsoft is expected soon to allow Windows 10 users to copy-and-paste clipboard data across all of their ‘signed in’ devices, courtesy of the company’s Azure cloud computing services.

This is expected to be of great benefit to many Microsoft users. 

## Facebook Bans Holocaust Denial, Distortion Posts

Facebook is banning posts that deny or distort the Holocaust and will start directing people to authoritative sources if they search for information about the Nazi genocide.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced the new policy recently, the latest attempt by the company to take action against conspiracy theories and misinformation ahead of the recent U.S. Presidential election.



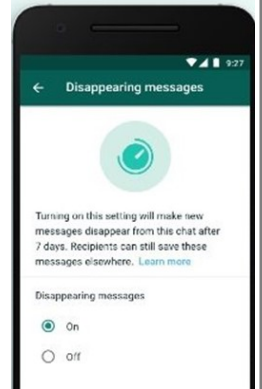
## WhatsApp Disappearing Messages

Similar to LinkedIn and Snapchat, WhatsApp messages will initially disappear after 7 days. In future, you will not have to worry about an embarrassing photo or a text you sent to someone. Simply choose to send a message with a 7-day expiry. This means that the message will remain visible for only 7 days.

After the success with ephemeral stories that disappear after 24 hours, WhatsApp has decided to experiment with this new format that targets individual conversations. WhatsApp recently stated:

*“Our goal is to make conversations on WhatsApp feel as close to in-person as possible, which means they shouldn’t have to stick around forever. That’s why we’re excited to introduce the option to use disappearing messages on WhatsApp.”*

When the option to make messages disappear is turned on, new messages sent to a chat will automatically disappear after seven days without any manual human intervention. Similarly, in WhatsApp groups, only admins will have control over turning on or off disappearing messages.



### How to send disappearing messages on WhatsApp

You can enable disappearing messages in an individual chat by going to WhatsApp > Tap the contact’s name > Tap Disappearing messages (tap CONTINUE if prompted) > Select On (or Off in case you want to disable disappearing messages).

Once Disappearing messages in an individual or group chat is enabled, new messages sent in there will disappear after seven days. Turning the disappearing messages feature on or off will not affect text or media that you previously sent or received in that chat. On the other hand, in a group chat, only group administrators can enable or disable disappearing messages.





# LinkedIn Introduces Ephemeral Stories and New Design

Microsoft is redesigning LinkedIn, with its desktop interface undergoing a major design overhaul. Ryan Roslansky, CEO of LinkedIn recently stated:



*“This new LinkedIn experience is warmer and embodies our diverse, inclusive and trusted community. It is also simpler, more modern, and more intuitive, allowing for easier navigation and discovery.”*

The company has promised to streamline its search capabilities to help them search and discover people, events, groups, and content on a single page.

LinkedIn has confirmed that a dark mode update is coming soon. It has also added illustrations to enhance search results. It will redesign how members find opportunities, as it launches “Open to Work”, a profile photo frame to indicate that you are looking for a job opportunity.

When finalised, to post a Story on your profile, just open your LinkedIn app and tap the circle with your photo and a plus sign in the upper left corner. It will open the camera.

1. Record the video or take the photo directly through the app.
2. You can upload videos up to 20 seconds or an image.
3. Add a sticker or text or both.
4. Mention users with @ for maximum visibility.
5. Post your story.

LinkedIn is making a series of additions to Messaging to allow users to join video calls and meetings via Microsoft Teams and Zoom. It will prompt users to start video calls using Teams and Zoom directly from messages. Users will be able to edit or delete sent messages or react to a message with an emoji.

LinkedIn has decided to follow Snapchat and Instagram by introducing its own version of ephemeral **LinkedIn Stories**. Due to their popularity, there has been an increase of social media and messaging apps employing stories that disappear after 24 hours. Quick and easy to create, and with almost every other social media and messaging app cashing in on their popularity, it is unsurprising that LinkedIn is considering implementing them. Ephemeral stories on Snapchat and Instagram aim to be quick, creative, up to 15-seconds long and disappear after 24 hours (unless you highlight it on your profile).

LinkedIn wants to create content and distribution, that focuses on easily consumed content relevant to specific interest groups.

LinkedIn has figured out that content is king and now wants users to engage with content (created by users or LinkedIn itself), in addition to experimenting with new ways to help users create, distribute, and discover it.

Being a professional social networking and job discovery platform, it will be interesting to see if LinkedIn Stories will fit well, especially relating to the unique possibilities in a professional context.



# LibreOffice Writer — Best Features and Advantages

As you may or may not know, LibreOffice Writer is the free and open-source alternative to Microsoft Word. It is primarily used by those running Linux.

This is also available on Windows 10, so if you cannot afford Microsoft Office, look at what LibreOffice has to offer instead of turning to piracy.

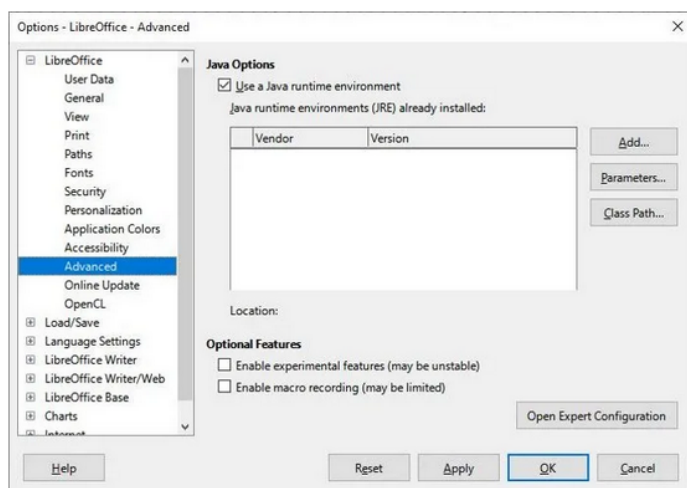
Before you begin with LibreOffice Writer, be aware that the design does not

compare to Microsoft Office. It looks ancient, but that also means it will not take up a lot of resources to use it making it perfect for older computers no longer able to handle Microsoft's offerings.

## 1] Change the Default Save Format from ODT to Word

By default, LibreOffice saves documents in the ODT file format. This is not supported

by Microsoft Word, making it almost impossible to edit a document across multiple devices. Best practice is to make sure the document is saved in a Word format instead. To do this, open LibreOffice Writer and navigate to **Tools > Options > Load/Save > General**. You should now see the option: **“Default File Format and ODF Settings”** and select **Always Save as**. When the dropdown menu appears, select **Microsoft Word 2007 – 365**, then hit the **OK** button. Once done, every document saved when using LibreOffice should automatically be saved in the Microsoft Word preferred format.



## 2] The Most Important Keyboard Shortcuts

To make better use of LibreOffice without having to always use the mouse, try using the keyboard shortcuts. Here are some of the most useful ones:

- Undo and Redo choices: Ctrl + Z and Ctrl + Y
- Create a new paragraph within a

list: Alt + Enter

- Perform a line break without new paragraph: Shift + Enter
- Create a page break manually: Ctrl + Enter
- Select words in their entirety: Ctrl + Shift + Up/Left/Right/Down arrow+

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### 3] Use the Styles feature

LibreOffice comes with the ability to customize documents in the same way as Microsoft Office using “styles”. Users can create their own Styles if they do not like the default options available.

### 4] Make LibreOffice faster

LibreOffice performs decently on slower computers, but there are times when things can get a bit too sluggish. This has much to do with the memory, and as such, the fix is simple to accomplish. If things are not going quickly enough, a few Settings changes could improve performance.

To get things moving quickly again, we need to increase the amount of memory LibreOffice uses. You can do this by clicking on **Tools > Options > LibreOffice > Memory**. Under the Graphics Cache section, change “Use for LibreOffice” to 128MB. Also change the “Memory per Object” to 10MB.

Return to the Sidebar and select LibreOffice once more, then click on **Advanced > Java Options**. **Uncheck “Use a Java runtime environment”**, and hit the **OK** button, and that is it.

It should be pointed out that Java is primarily used for LibreOffice “Base”. If you do not use Base, then there is no need to use Java at all.

### 5] Take advantage of the Extensions feature

Microsoft Word users can improve LibreOffice Writer by using extensions. In order to open the extensions manager, select **Tools > Extension Manager**. You should now see several pre-installed extensions.

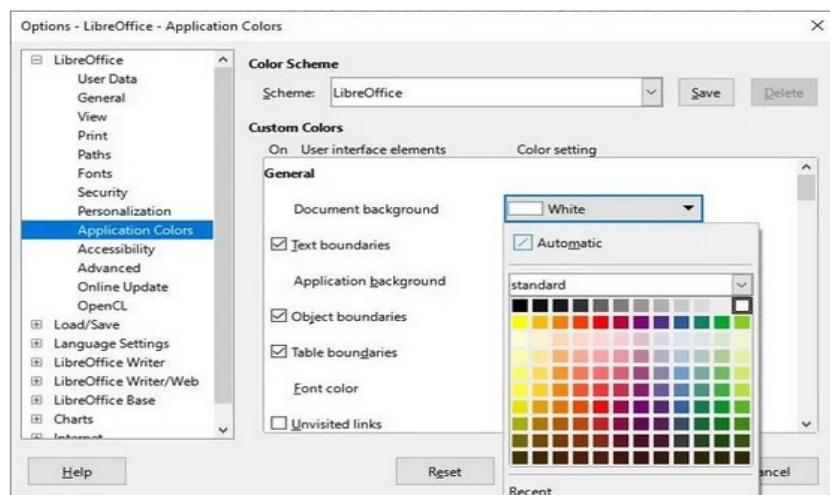
The ones already installed might not be enough. If that is the case, visit <https://extensions.libreoffice.org/> to download and install more.

### 6] Dark Mode, we all love it

By default, Libre Office Writer has a white background, but it is possible to

make it go dark. Do this by clicking on **Tools > Options > Personalization**. Be sure to select **pre-installed theme**, then click on the dark colour.

Next, select Application Colours and change the Document Background to black. Finally, hit **Apply > OK**, and it is all finished.





## Microsoft Investigates Win XP Code Leak



During Microsoft's investigation regarding leaking of the source code of different versions of Windows XP and Windows Server 2003, it may not be the first time a leak has occurred, if reports are to be believed, the source code of Windows XP has been distributed privately for years.

On the other hand, this is probably the first time XP's source code has been leaked in the form of torrent files on such a massive scale.

According to reports, someone dumped 43GB of Microsoft source code as torrent files on "4chan", an anonymous forum site.

Below is the full list of leaked material:

- Windows XP
- Windows Server 2003
- MS-DOS 3.30
- MS-DOS 6.0
- Windows 2000
- Windows CE 3
- Windows CE 4
- Windows CE 5
- Windows Embedded 7
- Windows Embedded CE
- Windows NT 3.5
- Windows NT 4

The leaking of Windows XP and other versions of the operating system source code is unlikely to pose any security threat to organizations still using Windows XP on their machines.

Microsoft officially pulled the plug on support for the Windows XP operating system six years ago. Despite that, the company had to respond to the 2017 Wannacry Malware attack, courtesy of an unconventional Windows XP security patch.

Back in 2017, the source code of Microsoft's Windows 10 operating system was leaked online. As part of the leak, someone dumped files related to Microsoft's USB, storage, and Windows 10 Wi-Fi drivers on Beta Archive.

In May this year, Microsoft's private GitHub repositories became subject to massive data theft. In this attack, a hacker reportedly gained unrestricted access to the company's private GitHub repositories and was able to steal more than 500GB of data.

And there are still people who wonder why we don't trust Microsoft — quite apart from its belligerent business practices!





In this issue, I have compiled a group of articles that, hopefully, will be of interest to member's widely disparate computer platforms.


Starting with a brief writeup of the Annual General Meeting held at last month's Members' meeting.

There is also breaking news of LinkedIn's and WhatsApp's latest offerings of ephemeral personal stories. These storeys only last a matter of a few hours or days and then self-destruct.

Some of you may have heard that Microsoft's XP Code has been hijacked and, at least temporarily, is publicly available. Microsoft is seriously following up on how the leak occurred and what, if any, damage control is needed.

There are short offerings about how to resolve worms in your head and using Libre Office as an alternative to MS Word.

Microsoft is also introducing an ability to cut and paste between Windows 10 and Android devices — how cool is that!

Next month, Trevor Francis, brings you a 50M light year old story 



## Jest a Minute



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ERA WEDDING VOWS

~ THIS MONTH's Topic ~

“MASTER PASSWORDS”

**Presenter: CAMERON RAWLINGS**

— *For Your Notes* —


### **Our December Members' Meeting Wed. December 9th**

This will be our Christmas meeting and will be held at the Woodcroft hotel on the corner of Bains and Panalatinga Roads commencing at 6.30 pm

We look forward to seeing you there.



### **MEETING RULES**

We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church, on the corner of Bains and Main South Roads, Morphet Vale in return for a small fee plus respect for their property. We ask for your co-operation in respect to the above.

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