

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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Annual General Meeting

Next month is our AGM—no, there is nothing to fear about attending the AGM....no-one is going to pester or hijack you into something you do not wish to do.

Saying that, if you would like to become involved in the management of our Club, simply fill out the nomination form which will be **emailed to you soon** along with the minutes of last year's AGM.

Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg is willing to act as temporary Chairman during the election of committee members. We look forward to having her again and hearing her thoughts about where we are heading in respect to the Onkaparinga Council.

See page 4 of this newsletter for vacant positions and nominations.

We will also be presenting Trevor Francis with Life Membership to the Club.



Editors: Bib and Bub

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 16th October 2013 at 7.30 pm.

Topic: None—it's our AGM.

The Committee in 2012 / 2013

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Our last meeting— Q&A and New Toys and Gadgets



A cold night with heavy rain making it hard to hear at times, although it was amazing that **26** members attended. Well done !!

To start the ball rolling, Trevor and Jim screened a short video on handy hints for your computer.

Other questions/answers were:

- Turn your laptop into a television with TV Tuner, available from Dick Smith for approx \$40. Then all you need is a USB port and a television antenna/aerial.
- Long time member/life member, Bob Cloosterman, is the proud owner of a Mercedes Smart Car and has found that having the car serviced is VERY expensive. So he has purchased an electronic diagnostic problem finder that most mechanics use these days on our computerised vehicles, together with a programme on how to use it and carry out home maintenance on his vehicle. A clever man who is saving himself a small fortune in repairs. His little car is very comfortable and economic, travelling 600kms on a 30ltr fuel tank.
- Jim demonstrated how to change the mouse pointer to suit the individual and also spoke on the importance of having the date and time settings set to Australian requirements. Sometimes the factory settings are for the American market and this can upset your anti-virus programme.
- A programme called “**freemake**” can be used to convert music or video files.
- Some internet providers stop and/or cut off your connection if you haven’t activated your internet for a period of time—without advising that they are going to do it!!
- **Alt4** will close a programme if for some reason you cannot access your shut down icon.

Committee Changes for 2013-14

Members standing for re-election

President Jim Greenfield will not seek re-election. He will be nominating as a committee member.

Lionel Leddra has reluctantly agreed to nominate for the position of President. He is away in Africa til 25th September.

John Kirby will stand as Vice President and deputise for Lionel as required.

Cheryl McDonald is willing to again stand as Treasurer.

Lorraine Loader and **Anne Leddra** are also willing to stand again.

Wanda McDonald has nominated to join as a committee member rather than be in an ex officio position.

Betty Dawson will not stand for re-election.

Committee members continuing in office:

Trevor Francis (Secretary)

Robert Zeugofsge

Ann Zeugofsge

Emma Boss

Lindsay Chuck

SCAMS

“Blackmail by webcam”



Scammers are using malware and webcams to obtain photos of their victims and then blackmailing them while masquerading as police. The photo is shown in a pop-up which says your PC has been frozen by police and will be unblocked after a fine has been paid. This scam can be prompted by the user accessing illegal music and movie download sites.

“Tax refund scams”

A new phishing email claiming to be from the ATO is currently circulating consumers and small businesses claiming they are entitled to a tax refund. All you have to do is click on an embedded link and complete an online form. **But watch out!** The online form and link are fake, and are designed to steal your personal information or infect your computer with malware.

Some Golden Rules

- If it looks too good to be true - it probably is.
- Always get independent advice if an offer involves significant money, time or commitment.
- Remember, there are no get-rich-quick schemes: the only people who make money are the scammers.
- Do not agree to offers or deals straight away - tell the person you are getting independent advice.
- Never send money or give credit card or online account details to anyone you do not trust.

Tonight's (September) meeting - LED's and Wave Cards

Tonight, Robert Cloosterman will be giving his take on the use of LED's in our lives today. Now, I had to ask - what does LED stand for:-

Light Emitting Diodes.

And I also had to ask, what is it and how does it work ?



I am sure Rob will totally enlighten us, but here is a little information to help us along the way.

- Light Emitting Diode (LED) is a type of electronics spare part that produces or emits light when connected to a circuit. It is commonly used as a light indicator when a certain electronic device is turned on.
- They are found in all kinds of devices, eg computers, digital clocks, remote controls, watches and television screens. They light up and tell you when your appliances are turned on.
- Basically, they are just tiny light bulbs that fit easily into an electrical circuit. They are significantly more efficient than 'compact fluorescent lighting' (CFL) and contain none of the mercury hazards of CFL's.

Wave Cards



We will also be showing and discussing new "wave cards" (a type of credit card / debit card / pension card).

A Wave Card is a form of contactless payment that removes the need to physically swipe or insert a smart card into a payment reader. By simply holding the Wave card at a close range of 4cm from the reader, the card will be detected.

Wave Card is a fast and simple way for consumers to make payment. No signature is required and there is no need to hand the card to the cashier – consumers simply wave, pay and go.

A good thing or not???

I am sure we will all enjoy these informative talks.

You know it is spring in SA when.....

1. A trek to the top of Mt Lofty is rewarded with clear views and dry socks.
2. Following the Yellow Brick Road at the Royal Adelaide Show keeps the kids busy for hours.
3. Weird hats start to appear to fend off swooping magpies.
4. Footy finals fever hits with BBQ's and bottleshop runs.
5. The soursobs in the front garden reach up to your shins.
6. Cute lambs frolic along fence lines during a trip to any wine region.
7. Cherry and almond blossoms light up suburban streets.
8. Spending on tissues, antihistamines and nasal sprays surge.
9. A stroll after dinner doesn't involve a flashlight and three layers of clothing.
10. Hotels in the city dust off the furniture in the beer garden.
11. It is lighter in the morning and people's moods are generally lifted.
12. Wattle is in full bloom and bottlebrushes are not far behind.



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Windows vs Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on...

At a recent computer expo, Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry, and stated:

"If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon".

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

"If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

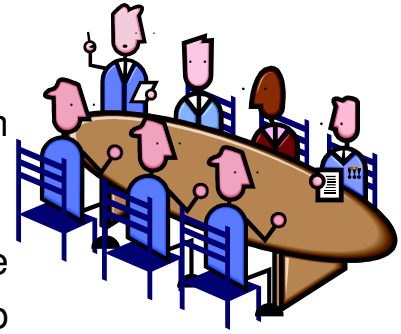
1. *For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.*
2. *Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.*
3. *The airbag would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.*
4. *Occasionally, executing a manoeuvre such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.*
5. *You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.*



**Daylight Saving commences on
Sunday 6th October 2013 at 2am**

Committee Capers.

The committee meeting was held on Monday 9th September, 2013. Discussions included:



- A colour printer has been purchased for printing the newsletters. The purchase of a dedicated laptop was also discussed.
- Insurance Public Liability is due for renewal.
- A yearly fee of \$99 will provide the Club with 5 licenses for Microsoft Office 2013 package. It was agreed to purchase the license.
- AGM was discussed and agreed all members will receive an email on or by 18th September which will include nomination forms and agenda.
- A thank you letter was received from the Computers for Congo organisation (MHCD). (see article on page 11)
- A suitable gift is to be purchased for the Mayor as a thank you for her AGM attendance.
- Windows 8.1 is to be downloaded on a club computer for assessment.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Is the desktop on the way out?

With the recent announcement of a major reorganisation in Microsoft, the 'tiles' in Windows 8 are here to stay. As you would be aware, Microsoft followed Apple and Google with an app platform across their computers, tablets and phones. With the fall in sales of PCs, some experts are predicting the end of the desktop.

Windows XP

Microsoft is increasing its push to get XP users to upgrade to Windows 7 or 8.1. April 2014 has now been declared *Zero Day*. (the day support for XP ends). We know you should be able to use XP after that date, however you should make yourself aware of the risks associated with using it and develop strategies for after Zero Day.



Kindly supplied by Lindsay Chuck.
Sands Computer Group

Recipe Corner

Apricot and Walnut Tea Loaf

Ingredients

1 cup (150g) dried apricots, roughly chopped
½ cup (125 ml) hot Black Tea
125g butter, at room temperature
½ cup (110g) caster sugar
1 egg
⅔ cup (100g) Self Raising Flour
¼ cup (30g) chopped walnuts



Method

Soak apricots in hot tea for 1 hour, until apricots have softened and tea absorbs into fruit.

Preheat oven to 180 °C. Grease and line a 13cm x 25cm loaf pan.

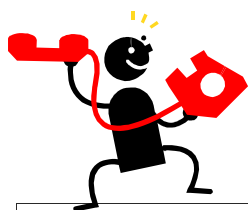
Using an electric mixer, cream butter and sugar together until pale and creamy. Add egg and beat well.

Fold in flour, walnuts and apricots.

Spoon into prepared pan.

Bake for 40-45 minutes until a skewer inserted comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before turning onto a wire rack to cool.

(The Chinese have long recognised that drinking tea has many soothing benefits, and that tea can both aid your digestion and take away some of the oiliness residue of food, leaving you with a cleaner palate and the ability to better taste the lovely flavours of the meal.)



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	Unavailable til October
Email, Thunderbird	Trevor Francis	8186 1138
E-readers, Tablets	Lionel & Anne Leddra	Unavailable til October
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	Unavailable til October
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.

- Computer Basics I & II for Windows 7 & 8
- Photos—Camera to Computer Image Management Course
- Windows Live Movie Maker

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.

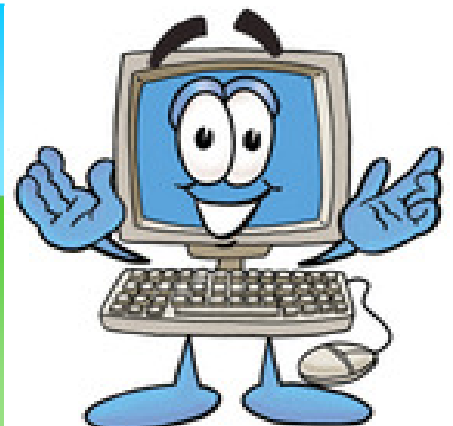
What am I ?

1. I start on a different date in different countries.
2. In East Asian I begin on 4th February and end on 5th May.
3. In Ireland, I traditionally start on 1st February (St Brigid's Day)
4. The axis of the Earth increases its tilt relative to the Sun during my term.
5. As I warm, I significantly cause new plant growth to "spring forth".
6. In Egypt, *sham ennisim* is a holiday marking my beginning.
7. In Iran, they celebrate *Nowruz* (New Day) on my first day, usually around 21st March.
8. I am a season, and follow after Winter.

**Knowledge is knowing a tomato is technically a fruit;
wisdom is not putting it into a fruit salad.**

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Computers for Congo, update

We received an email from MHCD (Mission in Health Care and Development) - our computers have helped them set up a learning centre where they have equipped youths in Uvira district with computer knowledge.

An extract from the email (sent to all donors) read: *"The container arrived in the last few days! We are really thrilled that this has been such a successful project, all with your help."*

We were all worried in the last weeks that the container had been lost somewhere in Africa. However, it has all worked out. Dr Luc emailed me yesterday that the goods were all there. His email was the first he could get through as the internet has not been working in Luvungi and hence the difficulty we have all had in getting messages to each other.

You will be interested to know that Dr Luc's helpers unloaded the container in 2 hours! It took us a whole day to pack.

.....The goods Dr Luc has received are irreplaceable and will be vital for this community which is one of the poorest in the World. A huge thank you again to you all.

Please pass this on to others you know who will want to know this good news.

MHCD Representatives in Australia.

**Southern Districts Computer Users Club
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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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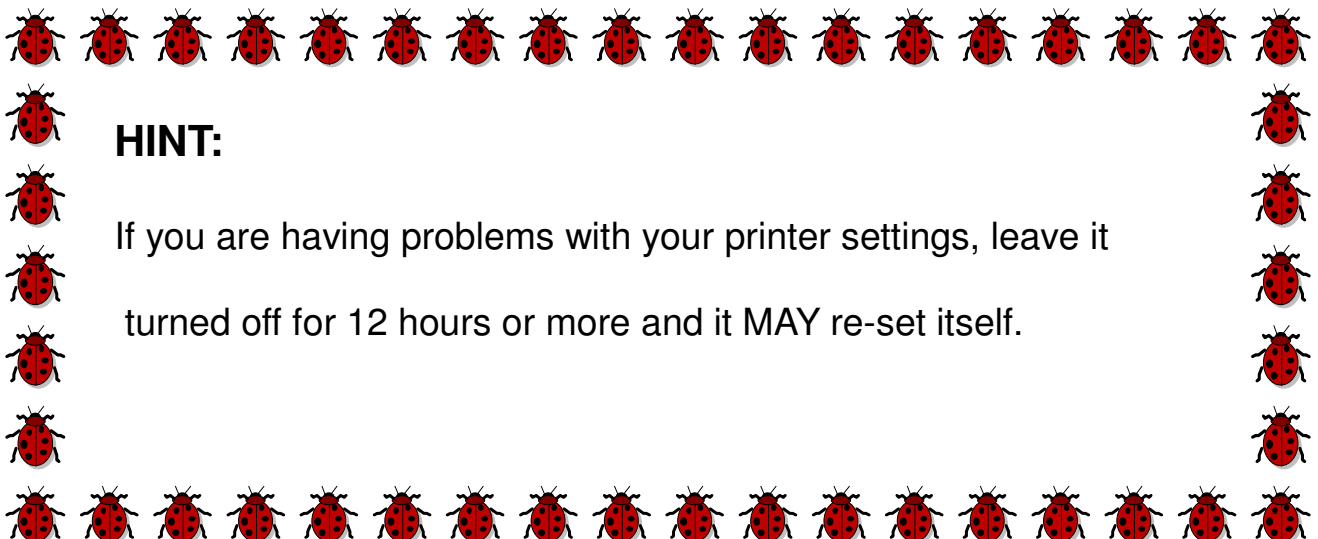
CLEANING COMPUTER SCREENS

I need some help cleaning my computer screen. Last time I tried, it left smudges all over it. What should I do?

First check whether your computer screen is glass or plastic. If you have an LCD monitor, the cleaning must be done carefully because the screens are plastic. Gently wipe the monitors with a lint-free cloth.

The best type is a natural fibre or micro-fibre cloth, as these are less prone to leaving scratches on surfaces. Wipe away any visible dust and dirt. Be careful not to rub too hard or you may rub the dust particles across the screen, resulting in tiny scratches. If you are not using a micro-fibre cloth, you will need to change the cloth often, or use the cloth in sections to avoid re-depositing dust onto other parts of the screen.

Next, try wiping the screen with a slightly damp cloth. Water is safe on most surfaces in very small amounts, but do not spray it directly onto your screen. Spray water onto a lint-free cloth and wring it out until the cloth is just damp. Gently clean your monitor using the same procedure as dusting. Do not use ammonia-based products such as window cleaner on an LCD monitor. Small amounts of window cleaner can be applied to a soft cloth and then to a glass screen but make sure the screen does not have a coating or finish on it. Stained monitor screens can be cleansed with one part water and one part isopropyl alcohol.



HINT:

If you are having problems with your printer settings, leave it turned off for 12 hours or more and it MAY re-set itself.

Answer to quiz
Spring

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The maximum number in class is
five.

(Our aim is to conduct the classes in
a friendly non-threatening
atmosphere).

Some of the classes that are
available:-

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2. Advanced Word.
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