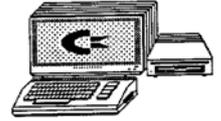


SOUTHERN DISTRICTS COMPUTER USERS CLUB INC.



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Margaret Holland 15th January
Tony Calhoun 31st January

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I take this opportunity to wish all our members and our visitors a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and did not over indulge. The joy of Christmas for Val and myself was to share this special occasion with our Children, and five Grandchildren.

(I try not to be biased but I think our Grandchildren are the best looking, smartest and best behaved of all the children we see.)

Your Committee is already at Work

The Club Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, January 9th at the home of our Treasurer Betty Dawson. Our thanks to Betty and Max for their hospitality.

To Kay Martin for bringing the Home Made Cake our appreciation for making it a very pleasant meeting.

We welcomed our well travelled committee member Colin Campbell back to the committee

It was great to have Our Past President Ron Stephens at the meeting. Ron is making slow progress after his recent illness. We all wish him well.

How pleasing it is to Chair a meeting with no absent members and 100% enthusiasm.

Our Government grant for a Data Projector and Public Address system has been approved.

The acquisition of this equipment will greatly enhance the presentations at our meetings.

Finally my appreciation to our secretary Roy Buckle and Betty Dawson our Treasurer for the way they perform their important duties for the club.

Jim Greenfield

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Holiday Capers

Below is a photo of Val Greenfield holding a crayfish

We had to Share it with four other people

It was hard work , but with a bit of effort was able to leave the shell only



Report from our well travelled Members Colin and Vicki

Hello everyone, Happy New Year to you and trust that 2007 will be a good year. **The Club President asked me to prepare a trip summary for the Club Newsletter**; I think that he wanted some padding. Good to be travelling but always good to be home again.

During 2006, Vicki and I took our third caravan tour of part of this great continent of Australia. Our first trek in 2004 was around Northern NSW for four months, 2005 saw us heading off to WA for 8 months and our last trip took just over 7 months. I have heard of people bragging about “doing the big-one around the block” and taking three months to do it. All as I can say is that all that they would see is the white line in the road ahead. We have highlighted our trip route on our Australia Tour Planning Map and believe me, after some 33500+ Kilometres of towing; there is still a huge amount of space in between. We are not likely to run out of places to go, only money and time I suspect.

Our last tour took us through three states, SA to NT, QLD and back via Northern NSW. We travelled a total of 25386 kilometres in the Pajero and 13807Km of that was with the van in tow. We used 4539 litres of petrol at a cost that averaged 140.28c/l. The maximum cost was 186.80c/l at Barkley Homestead, (PULP), the cheapest @ the Gold Coast, was 108.9.

We travelled north through SA to Coober Pedy, Uluru, and Kings Canyon and on to Alice Springs. From the “Red Centre” travelled on to Katherine; to many places in between before camping at Litchfield NP and going onto Darwin. From the NT we headed east via Daly Waters to Cape Crawford, Barkley Tablelands and Mt Isa. Northwards from Cloncurry to Normanton and Karumba at the Gulf of Carpentaria. Further East to Nth Queensland; Ravenshoe to Cooktown; Mossman and Wonga Bch. We followed the east coast southwards to Cairns, Townsville; Airlie Beach and the Whitsunday Islands; Hervey Bay and Glass House Mountains and again, several places in between. We spent two weeks on the Gold Coast before making our way westwards via Burke, Cobar; Broken Hill and back to the daughters place for Christmas.

We can't definitely say what place was best as many had beautiful scenery, magnificent vistas and many sensual attractions. Each of the major cities had their individuality but much sameness. The richness of the tropics and the excitement of the northern rivers, crocodiles and wildlife have given us memories for a lifetime. It's true of the travel adverts, “you'll never-never know if you never ever go!”

Highlights for us were, not in any order of priority, the Sunset Cruise of Yellow Waters; tour of some of the Whitsunday Isles; Daintree National Park and the Skyway cable cars to Kuranda; Crocodiles in the wild and a one only sighting of the rare Cassowary. Enjoying the vastness of the outback and getting a better understanding of Aboriginal Culture.

The diversity in the geography of this great country is amazing too. Floodplains, huge rivers and vast areas of drought affected cattle stations. Forests and mountains compete with the coasts and Islands for stimulating the senses.

Vicki took about nine thousand digital photos, some 6.8 GB of .jpg files and produced our own Christmas Cards using unique pictures of Australia. Some were sent to the UK and New Zealand and a couple made lovely framed Christmas presents for family. We are currently trying to edit the folders to make up DVDs to send to family and anyone else who may be interested. It is great to see tourist adverts on the TV and be able to say, “been there...”

Looking forward to renewing our friendship with the Club and to meeting new members.

Colin and Vicki, January 2007.

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By default, internet Explorer reserves 10% of your drive space for the Temporary Internet Files. This was fine several years ago, but since then hard drive capacities have increased dramatically.

If you happen to have one of those large disks, the 10% is truly unnecessary and wasteful. Here's how to reduce the size.

1. Close all Windows of Internet Explorer and Outlook Express.
2. Go to Control Panel→Internet options→General tab
3. Click Settings and move the slider to 50MB. Click OK.
4. Click Delete Files and also select "Delete all offline files, then click OK
5. Click Clear History, click OK then OK

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Computer Users Groups

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Web site www.rootsweb.com/~safpfhg

Or speak to Jim Greenfield or Keith Jones at The Southern Districts Computer Users Club Meeting



URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

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Digital Photography

Don't Always Center Your Subjects

One sign of a novice photographer is the desire to always take their main subjects and directly center them in the picture. While centering a subject sometimes makes the best photo, you should also consider placing the subject slightly off-center. Some people even suggest placing the subject 1/3 away from the center. It's just another way to add variety to your pictures.

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Happy New Year

When does the New Year Start?

January 1 is the first day of the calendar year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Here a calendar year refers to the order in which the months are displayed, January to December. The first day of the medieval Julian year was usually a day other than January 1. This day was adopted as the first day of the Julian year by some European countries between 1522 and 1579 (that is, before the creation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582).

The British Empire (including its American colonies) did not adopt the Gregorian calendar until 1752. This change can lead to dating confusion between Old Style and New Style dates. The Gregorian calendar as promulgated in 1582 did not specify that January 1 was to be either New Year's Day or the first day of its numbered year. Although England began its numbered year on March 25 (Lady Day) between the thirteenth century and 1752, January 1 was called New Year's Day, which was a holiday when gifts were exchanged. 364 days (365 in leap years) remain in the year after this day

April Fool's Day probably has its origin with a pre-Gregorian new year celebration which went from the spring equinox to April 1. When the new calendar, starting on January 1, replaced it, people who continued to celebrate the traditional New Year were, apparently, mocked and teased, the subject of various humorous harassment.

MEETING RULES

NO SMOKING NO DRINKING NO SWEARING

We are allowed to use the facilities at Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill 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

Windows XP and Laptops **Conserving Battery Power**

Is your battery powering your Windows XP laptop requiring a recharge almost constantly? Here are some things you can do to cause Windows XP to use less power:

- 1. First, check your battery to make sure it is completely holding its charge. This normally can be done by first completely charging your battery, turning your computer completely off, unhooking the battery, then performing a test on the battery by pressing a button or looking at a small display as per your computer manufacturer's instructions.**
- 2. Stay offline when necessary. Network communications may put a drain on battery power.**
- 3. Unhook USB devices whenever not in use - they can zap power.**
- 4. Disable all background processes that you don't need, such as the clock or a background disk defragmenter. DO NOT disable firewalls or antivirus software as removing these programs can cause a security risk!**
- 5. Change the screensaver to the "Blank Screen" screensaver. There's no need wasting power displaying fireworks or marquee text when your computer isn't doing anything important.**
- 6. Though you shouldn't disable your antivirus software, don't schedule complete system scans until your computer is plugged in. Same for spyware scans.**
- 7. Most importantly, when your computer is not in use, either shut it down, put it in standby, or hibernate it.**

Adjust Zone Alarm

If the ZoneAlarm / ZoneAlarm Pro firewall software broadcasts a large number of Internet alerts, your log file may get quite large.

If you want, you can have ZoneAlarm or ZoneAlarm Pro rotate your log files (it calls archiving them) every day, week, or month. This way you can still access old log files from within Explorer, yet your main log file with the most recent alerts will be short and hopefully easy to read. To have ZoneAlarm/ZoneAlarm Pro perform this log rotation:

- 1. Double-click the "ZA" icon on your taskbar.**
- 2. On the "ZoneAlarm" or "ZoneAlarm Pro" window that follows, click on the "Alerts & Logs" button on the left.**
- 3. The "Advanced Alerts and Logs Settings" dialog box appears. If you are using ZoneAlarm Pro, click the "Log Control" tab.**
- 4. Make sure the checkbox "Archive log text files every" is checked, and enter the number of days you would like to pass between log archives.**
- 5. When you are done making your selection, press "OK" to close this dialog box and "X" to close the ZoneAlarm or ZoneAlarm Pro dialog box.**

Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc.

Application for Membership

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Preferred Given Name: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Post Code _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date Of Birth (Optional): _____

(We like to wish our members a
Happy Birthday)

If you own a computer, and know its operating system please

list details: _____

How did you find details of our club? _____

I hereby apply for membership of The Southern Districts Computer Users Club Inc. and agreed to its rules as determined by its Committee.

_____/_____/_____
Signature Date

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