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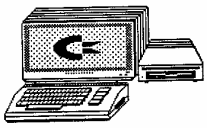

MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of the Month, in the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road)
Visitors most welcome.
Cost $2 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/tea and biscuits.
Subscriptions for twelve months Single $18
Family membership $24
Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed

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Commonwealth and Local Council Grant Update
A Report from the Secretary Trevor Francis

Since last month's AGM, the new committee has been briefed on earlier committee deliberations in regard to our upcoming and ongoing equipment requirements. The old committee had decided not to make any decisions on what to buy nor when to buy until the new committee was established at the AGM.

Now, initial decisions and purchases have been made –with more to follow later. The underlying focus to this point is on training, with the purchase of dedicated club laptops with latest Microsoft Office packages for our training programs. Also, we have purchased an "upmarket" wide screen 64 bit laptop for committee purposes. It is anticipated that this unit will see the club enabled to assess and undertake exercises in transitioning from x86 (32 bit) units to the 64 bit platform and programs. As we have already seen and encountered, this transitioning is not "plain sailing" with several older programs and equipment not wishing to run on this new platform. However, as we wish to keep the club as up to date as possible, and to be able to answer questions as they arise, these sorts of challenges are to be expected. In some cases they can be overcome, but in others, some of the much old programs will become defunct.

As a club, it was also felt we needed colour laser printing capability and a colour laser colour printer has been purchased.

All the above (including 2 x Microsoft Office 10 packages) have cost just over $3000. This leaves the available grant money, still to spend at around $1700.

Again for training purposes we will be considering other useful training software to share at club nights or in training sessions. At this stage no decisions have been made on additional equipment or software.

In more details, the specifications of the purchases are on page four.

Government of South Australia
Department for Families and Communities

Southern Districts Computer Users Club,
acknowledges the generous assistance of both the
Comm. Department of Families and Communities
as well as the
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in the provision of laptops and software used in training sessions and elsewhere within the club.

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

Some of the classes that are available:-

1. Basic Computing (Stage One and / or Stage Two).
2. Advanced Word.
3. Internet workshops.
4. Digital Cameras.

For more information contact a committee member.

MEETING RULES

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For those unable to attend the AGM,
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The Council is made up of 21 elected members, including the Mayor. The City of Onkaparinga is divided into five wards, each represented by four elected members. Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Noarlunga office, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre.

The Council keeps in touch with residents through community forums which are held regularly.
The Council focus is always on leadership and innovation so that the Council is on track to achieve its goal of vibrant, sustainable communities across the city.
The City of Onkaparinga is divided into five wards with each ward represented by four elected members. The Mayor is elected by the community and represents the city as a whole. A Deputy Mayor is chosen by the elected members to support the office of the Mayor.

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Specifications of equipment purchased with Commonwealth and Local Council Grants.

1 x HP Pavilion DV7 6108TX Laptop Processor (i7 – latest available with a rating of up to 7) RAM 8 Gb: 2x 750Gb hard drives: 17.3 wide screen 64 bit: Video card HD 6770M 4 x USB2 ports Extended numeric keyboard: Windows 7 with 2 months Office 10. Extended Warranty	**3 eMachine Laptops:** Processor i3 (Rating 3.8): RAM 4Gb: 1 x 320Gb Hard Drive: x86 (32 bit) Extended numeric keyboard 3 x USB ports Windows 7 with 2 months Office 10. Extended Warranty
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Member Profile

Lionel Leddra

Joined: 2009

Computer: Acer laptop with separate wireless keyboard and mouse displaying on 24 inch monitor.

Main Usage: Email, internet surfing, photo editing, on-line business and banking.

Working Life: Ancient history now. Retired and loving it.

Interests:
Caravanning
Off road driving – so much to see away from the main roads
Photography
Metalwork – just making things
Woodwork – making more things
Picture framing
Motor racing of all kinds – 2 wheel and 4 wheel
Watching someone else (anybody else) do the gardening
Walking and golf
Reading

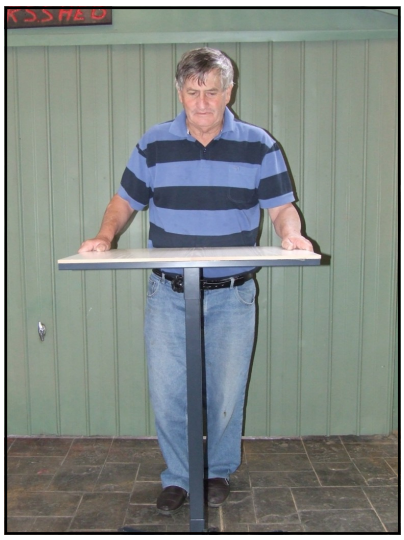
Projector Screen – Hall usage:

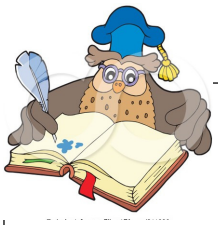
Club projector screen now installed in the church hall. We have given permission for other tenants to use same if required
Allan Norton did a great job - and had about 6 supervisors!!! Many thanks Allan.

Lectern

A lectern *(from the Latin lectus, past participle of legere, "to read") is a reading desk with a slanted top, usually placed on a stand or affixed to some other form of support, on which documents or books are placed as support for reading aloud, as in a scripture reading, lecture, or sermon. To facilitate eye-contact and improve posture when facing an audience, lecterns may have adjustable height and slant. People generally use lecterns while standing.*

Our thanks to Ian Loader for giving his time and expertise in making a portable Lectern for our presentations

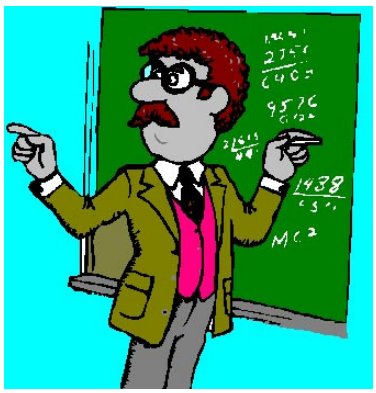




LESSON LEARNED

Last week I had a very frustrating time trying to get my computer to work
I had been entering my Family History into the computer when it suddenly locked up.
I tried the Ctrl Alt Delete trick - to no avail.
I had to turn the computer off manually and restart.
I heard all the right noises including the Windows music BUT all I had was a blank screen with the words INVALID MODE. I tried several more times. Same result.
Mad phone call to Jim – No answer - he was out.
So I sat and pondered. Thought I would start in SAFE MODE. Was it F8 or F2 ???
Thought I should look up some of the notes in past copies of Newsletters.
After a few minutes I found November 2010 with instructions on when and why to use Safe Mode. I followed all the instructions and even without a screen showing me what was happening I held down F8 and was able to start in Safe Mode.
Once in Safe Mode a box appeared with the options to work in Safe Mode or Restore settings to an earlier time. I took the latter option and reset my restore date to the day before. I was very nervous about loosing any of my data, but to my pleasant surprise when I restarted my computer successfully all my new entries were still there.

LESSON HERE - - JIM'S VALUABLE NOTES ARE WELL WORTH KEEPING.



Humor for Lexophilias

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia: The LAN down under.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

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