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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 Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Rd and Main South Rd)

Visitors most welcome.

After three visits, visitors will be requested to become members.

Cost \$3 per person, which includes the Newsletter, plus coffee/tea and biscuits.
Subscriptions for twelve months
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Family membership \$30

Novice and experienced computer users will be warmly welcomed



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



First for the new year!!

At last, the Christmas season of over-indulgence, riotous living and often huge expense is behind us for another year. We of a more sensible disposition (all computer enthusiasts fall into this category) can look back on a season of well-planned expenditure and sensible activities. I say this with a huge tongue in cheek as I'm sure we had as much fun and enjoyment as the rest of the community.

The big difference between us and "them" is that we have our computers monitoring what we are doing.....

I'm not sure where this is going and I think I am digging a big hole for myself. Maybe I'll quit while I'm still ahead.

We look forward to a year of interesting and sometimes challenging topics of discussion and learning all sorts of new things. A year to enjoy.



*Lionel Leddra
Yardbroom President*

Cheers

Our next meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday 15th February, 2017

Topic: Windows 10 Update

The Committee in 2016 / 2017

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

A very Happy Birthday to you all

Brenda Colliver

John Bell

Kay Martin

Joan Catt

Peter Schneider



Editors: Our apologies if we missed your birthday this month. If you haven't given us your birthday month, please see Bib or Bub or someone at the desk.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We start 2017 with a look at the art of making your own Greeting Cards.

Mr. Dean Vice will show us the way he produces high quality personalised cards for his family and friends.



This is a marvellous way to show friends and family you really are thinking of them when you send a personalised card expressing your individual thoughts on the event being celebrated.

So come along to see what Dean has to say!

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

BEREAVEMENT

It is with great sadness we advise the passing of a club member, Mr Ian Fletcher on New Year's Eve.



We pass our condolences to his wife, Dorothy and their family.

Dorothy advised us that Ian had thanked her for joining our Club - said it was the best thing they had done.

RIP Ian

MEETING RULES

We are allowed to use the facilities at the Hall at the rear of St Mary's Catholic Church Morphett Vale. (Corner Bains Road and Main South Road) 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.

Our Christmas Party

Again another absolutely successful Christmas Party and what an end to a great and exciting 2016. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

All those who attended left muttering the phrase "I ate too much" as there was plenty of yummy food - ham, chicken and turkey with 3 salads followed by Christmas pudding and pavlova. Coffee and Mince Pies to finish off the night.

A very big thankyou to the **Vintage People** who came in to perform YMCA at the last minute when the Village People were unable to do so. They did an awesome job and are to be congratulated on a brilliantly funny performance. Well done to you all.

And a very big thankyou to **Colin McDonald** for his Christmas Carol singing and encouraging all to sing along with him while our performers were preparing for their big show. Well done to you too.

Also a special thankyou to Jim for volunteering **Val Greenfield** to help with the catering. Great job.





Enjoying our meal



Colin singing carols



The Vintage People



Our Christmas Raffle Winners



After every great meal, comes the cleanup

BACKING UP YOUR PHOTOS

Do you backup your photos and videos? Everyone with a smartphone has a camera and they are using them to snap photos and shoot videos. A lot of it isn't getting backed up.



As soon as you take a picture or video with a **digital camera**, you have exactly one copy of that photograph (the original on the camera). It is impractical to back it up after every shot, so we do have to accept some amount of time where there is no backup at all. During that time, if you lose the camera, you lose all the photos and videos on it.

AskLeo developed this technique to backup his photos:

- * Take photos throughout the day.
- * At the end of the day, copy these photos/videos to your laptop computer. Again, this is a copy, not a move. After this step, the photos exist in two places.
- * Backup the laptop each night to a portable external hard drive. This results in three copies of your photos. (camera, laptop and backup). Only then is it safe to remove the photos from your camera's memory card.
- * You can take an extra step and remove the memory card from your camera and post it home then put a new blank memory card into your camera.

Smartphones typically have the added convenience of being connected to the internet in some way. We can leverage that to make the copy process not just easier, but possibly completely automatic.

- * Simply email your photos to yourself using an email account you can access online or at your computer.
- * Use cloud storage - DropBox, OneDrive etc. These will automatically upload photos and videos as you take them, if you give them permission to do so. Make sure you have enough storage in your online account and make sure the application on your phone has permission to upload your photos.



If you lose access to your account with the cloud storage, you lose the images you have stored.

- * Understand how the app works. Does it leave a copy on your phone too?
- * Download your images to your computer as soon as it is possible.

CHRISTMAS PAST

It has come to pass that there was no Nativity Scene in Canberra last year. Why??

This was not for religious reasons.

They simply have not been able to find Three Wise Men in Canberra.



The search for a Virgin continues...

But, there was no problem, however, in finding enough donkeys to fill the Stable.



And, Did you see A Fat Man

Who is jolly and cute

Wearing a beard and a red flannel suit

And if he was chuckling and laughing away

While flying around in a miniature sleigh

With eight reindeer to pull him along

Then let's face it.....

You were probably drunk !!



SCAM ALERT

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning holiday makers to watch out for scams on popular accommodation booking sites such as Airbnb.

The ACCC's Scamwatch has received over 150 reports about scams on sharing economy platforms this year, with \$80,000 reported lost. Complaints have tripled from 2015, when there was \$65,000 reported lost to these scams.

"Watch out for scammers advertising accommodation deals in great locations at cheap prices. When you go to book a break, scammers direct you away from the site and ask you to pay them directly using money orders or wire transfer services such as Western Union and MoneyGram," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard warned.

"Some reports indicate that scammers create very convincing fake versions of the site which they can use to collect personal details and banking information. Be aware that the scammers may send 'confirmation' emails which appear to be official, using a logo or email address that imitates the real thing."

"Never click on links in these emails and don't reply to them. Double check that the URL, website or email address is correct and be aware that links may redirect you towards a fake address that looks similar to the legitimate site," Ms Rickard said.

"Most legitimate websites and peer-to-peer platforms such as Airbnb set up secure payment systems where the operator acts as an intermediary between the traveller and property owner. Paying through the platform's system provides both owners and customers with safeguards such as refunds, cancellation policies and dispute resolution in the event that problems arise."

"Any request for payment to be made via a method other than through the approved payment methods stated on the actual site, should be ignored. If you are directed to pay for accommodation using a payment method outside the on-site payment system, check advice on the official site and report the post to that site," Ms Rickard said.

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Google Drive Update

Google introduced auto backups and has been keeping backups since the introduction of the Marshmallow OS. The backup is visible in the Google Drive sidebar. It shows the apps and amount of data. Backup includes the device settings, configuration, wallpaper, wifi passwords and default apps. Also included in the upgrade - easier previews of excel and other spreadsheet files.

YAHOO ACCOUNTS HACKED

You will have read (or maybe you haven't) that one billion Yahoo accounts were compromised in 2014. This was after 500 million were compromised in 2013.

Some experts say you should close your Yahoo account.

If your Yahoo account has been compromised, Yahoo will have sent you a security notice.

TABLET NOT CONNECTING TO NETWORK

It pays to practice what you preach.

After arriving home from overseas, my tablet wouldn't connect to my home network. I tried rebooting. Made the tablet forget my home network then tried to connect again and lastly closed all the sessions that were open in the Chrome browser.

Success, it connected. It's a common problem searching for things on the internet and not closing the session. You end up with multiple sessions open in the browser. This can eventually clog up the system.

Lindsay Chuck

The type of information compromised includes names, email addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, hashed passwords, encrypted and unencrypted security questions and answers.

At the very least, you should change your password.

A Yahoo security link is at this link:

<https://help.yahoo.com/kb/account/SLN27925.html?impressions=true>

Yahoo advised they have blocked security questions to the compromised accounts.

MICROSOFT WINDOWS ESSENTIALS 2012 by James Brownpaddock

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Microsoft will end support for the Windows Essentials 2012 suite on January 10, 2017. If you use any of the suite's component apps—Movie Maker, Photo Gallery, OneDrive, Family Safety, Mail, or Live Writer—here's what you need to know.

Windows Essentials 2012 has been a popular suite of apps since its release, and a surprising number of people still use some of those component apps today. On January 10, 2017, Microsoft will end official support for the suite. You'll still be able to use it, of course, but the apps will no longer receive updates of any kind, including security updates. You also won't be able to download the installer software anymore, either. If you still use Windows Essentials 2012, read on to find out what the end of official support means to you and where you can look for alternatives.



You Can Keep Using Windows Essentials 2012

Official support for Windows Essentials 2012 will end, but that doesn't mean you have to quit using it. If you've already got it installed, you can keep on using it just like you always have. Just be aware that there will be no future updates, including security updates. For users of Windows Live Mail, having no security updates will matter the most. For the other apps in the suite, it's less important.

If you don't have Windows Essentials 2012 installed and want to install it before January 10, you can still use the live web installer app by clicking "Download Now" on [Microsoft's Windows Essentials support page](#). When you run that installer, you can select which of the component apps in the suite you want to download and install.

If you want to be able to install the suite at any point after January 10, 2017, you should go ahead and download the [Windows Essentials 2012 offline installer](#) (that's a direct download link that weighs in at 130 MB). Save it somewhere on your system and you'll be able to install the suite any time you want. There's no guarantee that either of these installers will be available after support ends, so you might as well play it safe and grab a copy of the offline installer now.

You Don't Need to Replace Family Safety and OneDrive

So what if you want to replace Windows Essentials apps with modern equivalents? We'll start with the easy stuff: All the features of the Family Safety app and OneDrive have been built into Windows 8 and 10, so if you use either of those, you're good to go. In fact, if you are using either of those, you won't even get the option to install the Family Safety app along with the suite.

COMMITTEE CAPERS



This was our first committee meeting for 2017 and all except 2 were in attendance. Consequently, the meeting went a little over time with all the chatter.

A warm welcome to Dean who attended his first committee meeting.

Points for discussion were:

-  **Christmas Party debrief** - a small profit was made; feedback was positive which is encouraging for the committee to continue with their good work in preparing the function. **Lionel thanked Cheryl McDonald (on behalf of all) for her tireless effort in overseeing the event.**
-  We can now purchase Club printer cartridges on line via **InkStation** at a better price and reliable delivery.
-  A committee member asked if we could remove the committee email addresses from the newsletter. This has been done and was decided to encourage all to use the Club email address which will be then forwarded to the relevant person.
-  **Windows Live Email** will no longer be security supported by Microsoft. Jim recommends Thunderbird or Webmail.
-  A new committee photo was taken and Trevor will “pretty it up” and add the faces of the missing members.
-  Jim also recommended we all change our Facebook passwords due to recent hackings. Passwords can be changed via ‘settings’.

We all settled down and watched the short video of the YMCA skit put on by the Vintage People while enjoying a cuppa.



NOTICE BOARD

- * Bib and Bub are getting frazzled each month trying to find you an interesting and informative article to read in this newsletter

Please help us and submit an article for our consideration. It would be greatly appreciated. Any articles are to be submitted via the SDCUCI email address and will be forwarded to Bib and Bub.

- * We would like to congratulate **John and Linda Kirby** on their move into their new house. Have fun unpacking all those boxes!
- * We are holding a **Hardware Workshop** on Friday 3rd March at Trevor's house in Seaford. We will be cleaning and repairing (if necessary) 2 old desktop computers and reloading Windows. They will then be donated to an organisation for distribution to underprivileged people or groups. If you are interested in attending, please see Lionel, Trevor or Jim. There will be no cost involved in this workshop.

How to Use Parental Controls on Windows 7

If you're using Windows 7, there are [Parental Controls](#) built in. They're not quite as fully featured as those that the Family Safety app offered, but they should do most of what you need.

OneDrive is also now built into Windows 8 and 10. If you're using Windows 7, you will need to [download the OneDrive app](#), but it's all new since the one offered in Windows Essentials 2012 and it's continually updated.

Reference <http://www.howtogeek.com/286552/how-to-replace-windows-essentials-2012-after-support-ends-in-january/>

I was in the six item express lane, quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly,

“So, which six items would you like to buy?”



Disclaimer: The information contained herein is of a general nature. Always do your own research and seek advice before proceeding on information you don't understand.

Year's end is
neither an end
nor a beginning
but a going on,
with all the wisdom
that experience
can instill in us.
Happy New Year



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