



Please be aware that there are scams asking for donations to the Rural Fire Service, Bush Fire victims and apparently similar other charities in urgent need. These scams can be by phone call or email.

Do not donate to any organisation unless you can be sure of the source.

To be certain, it is best for you to initiate the phone call or email to organisations known to you.

For example.....

NSW Rural Fire Service

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/about-us/fundraising

The Australian Red Cross

www.redcross.org.au

Salvation Army

www.salvationarmy.org.au

St. Vincent de Paul

www.vinnies.org.au

Wildlife

WIRES Emergency Fund

www.wires.org.au



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Castle Hill. 2154.**

Just a reminder that our Club has an arrangement with Cartridge World for our members to order ink cartridges or toners, either by phone or online. These are then delivered and available at our Club for pickup. Payment is to be made to Cartridge World at time of ordering.

Phone: 9659 5366

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**The Club is open -
Mondays & Thursdays -
9.00am until 1.00pm
Tuesdays - 9.00 until 12.00 noon
For individual training or assistance,
please enquire at the Club.**

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BITS AND BYTES
**ANGLICARE RETIREMENT VILLAGES
COMPUTER CLUB INC.
NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2020**



Last February I wrote about the recent extremes of weather, floods, droughts and damaging winds across Australia including the significant wind damage here in our villages, as well as widespread damage across the greater Sydney area.

FIRE:

This year we have the disastrous bush fires, occurring across large areas of Australia. Our thoughts are with those who have lost so much; their property and livestock. Particularly those with loved ones who died in the fires.

We especially think of the wonderful volunteer fire fighters who worked continuously so hard in unbelievable conditions for so long; true Australians. Most of all our thoughts go to the families of the heroic young firemen killed in action; paying the ultimate price for helping others.

Fortunately the loss of lives, while very grim, has been less than Black Saturday of 2009. However, the loss of property is much greater.

The **genuine website addresses** of the major charities are on page 4 if you wish to make a donation.

WATER:

On the local scene here at Anglicare Lober House, we had an unfortunate episode with water to end 2019.

The week before Christmas, a pipe burst in the roof of Lober House, drenching 2 offices on the top floor and flowing down to 2 rooms in our Computer Club. Apparently it occurred about 11 pm (as recorded by the fire system). Ian Searle responded quickly as soon as it was found, with electricians, plumbers, wet carpet vacuums, industrial fans and staff, including Charlie, on the job before I arrived.

It was so fortunate that it did not occur 2 weeks earlier when our volunteers were hard at work still printing orders for extra Christmas cards and finishing off other work before we closed down. Two computers and keyboards were flooded, but after I drained the water and left them in the sun for two days, at this time they appear to be working. One printer is in doubt.

The main water damage was our library with 70 odd publications damaged, many of which will be hard to replace.

Let us look forward to a better 2020.

— Lynton

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

My apologies to members if this Newsletter is running late. It is initially being prepared on my home computer. Due to the flooding described on page 1, my computer was in a pool of water on the desk. Lynton has done his best to dry it out and hopefully this has been successful.

Also with the weather conditions at present, our volunteers will need to choose their times to make the deliveries.

.....Gwen

NSW FUEL CHECK APP

FuelCheck provides real-time information about fuel prices at service stations across NSW and is accessible on any device connected to the internet, including smartphones, tablets, desk top computers and laptops.

FuelCheck uses information from cellular, Wi-Fi, and Global Positioning System (GPS) networks to determine your approximate location.

To find your nearest service station, or your current distance from a particular service station, you must enable **Location Services** on your mobile phone/tablet and give FuelCheck permission to use your location data.

You will need to be connected to the internet to see the most up-to-date FuelCheck pricing information.



FACEBOOK & MESSENGER



Many people believe Facebook is just a social site for young people swapping "selfies", but this is far from the fact.

Particularly when linked with Facebook Messenger, it can become a critical tool for urgent and vital communication.

For example, with the recent bushfire emergencies our immediate family kept in minute by minute communication.

Some of our family live in Kurrajong Hills and others in Kurrajong Heights. We planned to have Christmas Day at the Hills, but that was 'on' and 'off' as the threatened fire situation changed in their area.

We kept informed by established links on Facebook to News and local RFS Reports. Also established a private family Messenger group for personal messages and continual updates.

Many other people in hazard areas are also using these valuable tools.

If you want help to establish a Facebook account and Messenger Group just Google it.

AVAILABLE AT THE COMPUTER CLUB

Batteries: Sizes AAA, AA, C, D and 9v.

Stylus Pens: To use with smartphones.

Greeting Cards: For all occasions.

USB Sticks: 64MB (sml capacity)
16GB

GENEALOGY.....

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



Next Meeting:

Saturday, 1st February 2020
1.30 pm at the Gatehouse

GUEST SPEAKER

DAVID SWAIN

TOPIC:

JAMES OR THOMAS?

"ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE A COLONIAL MYSTERY
WITH D.N.A"

A live on - line demonstration

Enquiries

Peter Salter - Mowll Village



Due to various health issues, Peter Salter is unable to continue running the Family History Group which he has hosted since it commenced. To those interested in Family History, someone is needed to come forward and keep this happy group going. Otherwise the above meeting may be the last one.

KILVINTON MEMBERS

Our last Kilvinton member has advised that they have been re-located.

These residents have either transferred mainly to Brian King Gardens, Hopetoun or Nuffield Villages. We hope they have all settled happily into their new surroundings.

Our thanks to Stephen Heap who previously delivered our Newsletters each month to Kilvinton members.

GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2020
at 1.30 pm in the
MENZIES ROOM, FILLINGHAM CENTRE

SPEAKERS:

.ANNA SCHUMACK & GITA NOVIN
FROM SERVICE NSW

TOPIC:

"WHAT ARE YOUR ENTITLEMENTS?"

As a senior citizen and NSW resident there may be financial entitlements you are not aware of. Come along and hear what they are - bring your note pad and pencil.

You might be missing out!
A great way to start 2020.



SATURDAY MORNING INTEREST SESSION

COME ALONG TO THE GATEHOUSE
8TH FEBRUARY 2020 - 9.00am to 10.00am

**"GETTING THE MOST BENEFIT FROM
GOOGLE AND THE CLUB WEBSITE"**

.....LYNTON BRADFORD

Time for a Smile....

**"A Pessimist sees a dark tunnel,
An Optimist sees light at the end
of the tunnel,**

**A Realist sees a freight train,
The Train Driver sees 3 idiots
standing on the tracks."**