



# ***BITS AND BYTES***

**ANGLICARE RETIREMENT VILLAGES  
COMPUTER CLUB INC.  
NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021**



## ***Digital Diva***

### *What digital devices do you use in your daily life?*

iPhone & camera, computer & printer, Amazon Alexa (my virtual assistant) Sonos sound system, carphone, TV for viewing photos and streaming for sporting events.

### *How do these devices help you?*

The mobile phone allows me to stay connected with family and friends wherever I am. 'Find my Friends App enables my husband to keep track of me! He likes it! I can use my phone to see if my son is home in Singapore. A Facetime call with the Singapore family or even a conversation with friends is wonderful. A car phone is great for traffic snarls and I do concentrate.

### *Do you have a favourite device?*

Alexa is a *giggle!* I ask her to wake me up, tell me if I have a delivery arriving, share a joke, inform me of the latest news and weather & answer any encyclopaedic questions (good reference for husband and wife 'differences'). When asked, she will spontaneously play music. But she's not loved as much as my Sonos. My Sonos sound system is wonderful. I've put smaller speakers throughout the apartment. I play music all the time depending on my mood. I choose my favourite music from Spotify. I find something incredibly

soothing and uplifting or maybe some favourites which take me back to my youth. There are no annoying ads or irritating voices, pompous conversation and no music storage problems. And it plays for hours—it's great company. Another favourite App at present is Kayo Sports which I can view on our computer, my phone or the TV. I'm currently following Ash Barty's road to Wimbledon.

### *What do you do if you're having a 'digital difficulty'?*

Firstly, there is frustration and sound effects! Then I'll seek out my husband, daughter or son and I'm also getting to the stage where I will ask my grandchildren aged 10, 8 and even 4. I think that lineage will soon change.



**Merilyn 73**

### *How do you feel in yourself, as you adapt to the digital world and its offerings?*

I love the digital world but I am easily intimidated. I love being able to text a thought or reminder, to shop online without having to worry about parking. I love having fresh foods delivered. Banking online and making payments is wonderful. I thoroughly recommend banking online. Of course, I need to stay security alert but transferring money is much safer than carrying large amounts of money in my purse.

## GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Our intention for our May Speaker and conveniently following ANZAC DAY, was to invite Senator **Jim Molan**, former Chief of Operations, AODSC Chief of Operations Coalition Forces Iraq, to speak of issues effecting Australian Defence in 2021 & going forward. It is with great concern we note, Senator Molan has had to take immediate leave from Federal Parliament to receive treatment for an aggressive cancer. *We wish him well* as he takes on yet another battle. We have sent our best wishes through his office and know if he can in the future, he will be here at Castle Hill to talk with us or via Zoom from his parliamentary office.

**THANKYOU** to VP Lynton Bradford who stepped into the speaker role vacancy with his very interesting topic

### ‘Our Essential Water Supply —Hawkesbury River And Warragamba Dam’

Lynton as always, challenged our thoughts and understandings with detailed research and a very interesting topic. We were not disappointed- an amazing presentation, Lynton. How lucky we were to have Lynton’s talents, skills and interests as the fall back, particularly in view of the additional demands Lynton has recently faced. If you missed Lynton’s presentation,

[you can view on the Club website.](#)

We highly recommend.



## JUNE SPEAKER via ZOOM

Tues June 1—1.30pm

Log in to your Zoom.us account,  
then join meeting with

Meeting ID **858 7615 6199**

Passcode **721972**

ZOOM instructions go to CC website.

**DR KATE van DOORE**

**Orphanage Trafficking  
& Modern Slavery.**

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions for 2021/2022 are due now. The annual subscription remains unchanged at **\$20.00.**

To renew your membership:

- ♦ Pay by visa or mastercard at Club Rooms, OR
- ♦ Enclose \$20 in the envelope provided with this newsletter, and bring to Club Rooms at Lober House.

If the Club is unattended, your envelope may be left in our **locked mail box** near the Computer Room door (opposite Sisson Clinic). The mail box will be cleared daily. If your envelope is marked **PAID** or you have been given a receipt from the Club, it will indicate you have pre-paid your subscription for 2021/22.



We extend a warm welcome to our new members  
**Elaine Senz and Diana Freeman—Mowl**  
**Julie Kendrick—Farrer Brown**

## Presidents Report 10 May 2021 Committee Meeting

1 **WiFi across Castle Hill site:** Neil met with senior staff at ARV HO to progress this matter.

2. **Reception Finance:** New procedures now in place to simplify receipt of monies.

3. **Loyverse EFTPOS option:** Will allow ipad use at sales point to identify items sold.

4. **New Bits & Bytes editor:** Marilyn Davidson.

5. **Production Room blinds:** Work order

placed for new blinds to block out more morning light and heat..

6. **Menzies Room IT Issues:** *Zoom sessions in Menzies Room have ceased, due to technical difficulties.* A number of IT improvements have been made with Greg Buckle's assistance.

7. **Computer Club members survey:** Currently being designed.

8. **Strategic Plan 2021-23:** To be finalised following survey results.

### Volunteer HELP needed

We have wonderful residents who help at our Computer Club. Their talents, contributions and personalities are very much appreciated. We consider it a worthwhile action to ensure the Club has 'back-ups' for our activities and positions.

The CC is open on  
**Tuesdays 9-12 noon**  
**Thursdays 9-1pm.**

*Technological talents are not necessary and such involvement is a wonderful and enjoyable contribution to 'Village life'.*

If you would like to join us for assistant:-

**SECRETARIAL DUTIES**  
**OR**  
**RECEPTION DUTIES**

Please contact Neil Davidson at  
[nmdavo@gmail.com](mailto:nmdavo@gmail.com)

or at the Computer Club for further questions



*THANKYOU*

### **GWEN & LYNTON BRADFORD**

Firstly to Gwen, who for many, many years organised CC membership details, always letting us know of new members and member health issues. Ever the perfectionist, Gwen produced the 'Bits and Bytes' newsletter, rarely letting an error slip by. In teamwork with Gwen, Lynton among many other roles in the CC (currently VP), helped produce Bits and Bytes content and layout. We are indebted to this wonderful team for their years of CC commitment and wish them well as they enjoy further time together. In particular Gwen, so good to hear of your progress with recent health challenges. If you haven't realised, 'the Bradford team', have now passed the baton to 'the Davidson team', and we will surely do our best to keep up the standard.

## PURCHASING AT THE CLUB ROOMS

When purchasing at the Computer Club you no longer need cash, although still acceptable. We now have an EFTPOS machine in operation, hopefully making your life and ours a lot easier. You can now pay by **Visa or MasterCard**, with both debit and credit cards allowing for simpler accounting processes and importantly, the prevention of spreading diseases associated with handling cash.

## FOR SALE

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

### Rubber tipped Stylus pens:

To use with smartphones and tablets.

\$2.00 each

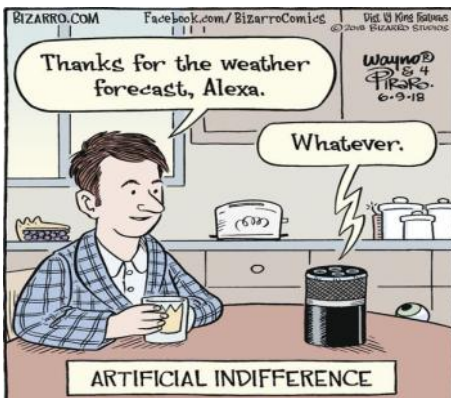
*Excellent for members who have difficulty sending text messages on their mobile phone because fingers are challenged with arthritis or other reasons.*

**Greeting Cards:** For all occasions.

\$1.00 each with envelope

**Magnifiers: (credit card size)**

2 for \$1.00



## VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

### Mowl

Neil Davidson (President  
and Guest Speakers)  
Trevor Arnett (Village Rep)

### Warrina

Lynton Bradford  
(Vice President & Membership)  
Gwen Bradford (Assis Membership)  
Rod Roberts (Secretary)  
Clare Hamilton (Training)

### Nuffield

Elizabeth Pedersen (Treasurer)  
John Gaffey (Genealogy)

### Hopetoun

Jeanette Westley (Village Rep)  
June Murray (Village Rep)

### Flinders

Sharon Crump (Village Rep)  
Fred Wilkins (Village Rep)

### Glenhaven Green

Anne Anderson (Village Rep)  
Jan Andrews (Village Rep)

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**The Club is open -  
Tuesdays - 9.00 until 12.00 noon  
Thursdays - 9.00am until 1.00pm**

**Please observe Covid restrictions  
before entering the club rooms.  
For sales of Cards, badges and other  
items just come in .  
For help, please phone for appointment.**

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