



BITS AND BYTES

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



Digital Diva

What digital devices do you use in your daily life?

My whole world changed beyond my imagination when my son in Hong Kong, gave me an iPad so that we could keep in touch. I never could use our Mac computer. It took some time getting used to the iPad and I couldn't believe that anything and everything you wanted to know was on this device. And above all, getting it at the tip of your fingers.

How does/has this particular device helped you?

It's been an education in itself.

Teaching myself and wanting to know more and more. The more I learnt, the more I got to know how to use my iPad. However, the most exciting thing was all the different ways to communicate.

Some families got in touch and now it's hard to keep up with them and all the new family additions. I posted some family photos on Facebook which we took in 1970 when visiting South Africa. Well, they went viral in no time.



Digital Diva Sally 82

Do you have a favourite device? Maybe a device which has made a huge difference to the quality of your life

Without doubt, it is my iPhone and I am inclined to use it more and more.

The 'Covid' has changed our world...how blessed are we at our age to be having such devices and technology available.

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

Having our own Computer Club here in the Village is wonderful. And now Zooming in with visiting speakers...well, it's just wonderful. And getting some help is just so comforting.

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

Fortunately, I love taking photos and keeping them. I now have 14,126 photos and 90 videos on my iPad and iPhone. It's so good but I have to pay for more space in iCloud!



A BIG THANKYOU

to Anne Anderson

Committee member Anne Anderson, has toiled with energy and order to complete a recent update of Club assets & of course, remove the old and unwanted! Our thanks again Anne, for your marvellous efforts. We are most grateful for such contributions towards the running of our Computer Club.

NB.

Our Tyro **EFTPOS** machine is now in operation. This means when buying cards, badges or paying membership fees, you can now pay by Visa or Mastercard, with both debit and credit cards allowing for simpler accounting processes and the prevention of spreading disease associated with handling cash.

Scams re Identity theft are becoming more frequent.

Scams through phone calls as well as online emails are becoming more frequent. Unfortunately, 'seniors' are especially targeted.

- You do not have to pay for a Covid19 vaccine. They are free and should be organised through your own doctor.
- The ATO (Australian Tax Office) will never - phone you or email you.
Contact will be by letter/mail.
- Information regarding changes to pensions etc will always be forwarded by letter- never phone or email.

If you receive

- Phone calls which you query. **HANG UP!**
- Emails you question. **DELETE!**



We extend a warm welcome to our new members who recently joined our Computer Club.....

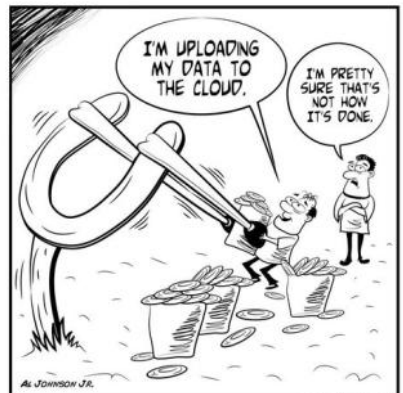
Jim Cunningham, Mowll
Fred Fiegert, Mowll
Jocelyn Pride, Hopetoun
John Harris, Nuffield

DINE & DISCOVER NSW VOUCHERS

Do you have your **4x\$25** vouchers from the NSW Government yet? \$100 for you. All residents can apply- 2 vouchers for dining & 2 for visiting museums, galleries, arts venues etc. Need to check before visiting if the business/venue etc is cooperating with the government initiative. Use by June 30 - available via Service NSW App.

1. Log in/ create Service NSW Account...Or
2. Ring 13 77 88 (need proof of identity) Or
3. Visit Service NSW Centre in Castle Hill
- located near Office works, Harvey Norman, Bunnings) (need proof of identity)

We note Sedici (Oakhill) and Entrata (Glenhaven) are 2 cooperating restaurants. You cannot redeem for cash, takeaways, alcohol, tobacco or online orders.



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Presidents Report 12th April Committee Meeting 2021

1. **Tyro EFTPOS** system now in operation.
2. **Loyverse POS** presently being investigated and link with Tyro.
3. **Online services** presenting increasing demand for Seniors. A proposal to Anglicare to assist RL residents negotiate this challenge.
4. **Menzies Room IT Issues**
Speakers and zoom difficulties continue. Concerns emailed to Susan Alexander. Greg Buckle to assist in solutions!
5. **Assets register**
Anne Anderson completed major task. A system in place for ongoing application. Unserviceable items discarded.
6. **Volunteers insurance**
Electronic copy available.
7. **Staffing plan for secretary & reception**
Statement of roles prepared. Will be distributed in mass email.
8. **Strategic Plan 2021-23**
Main goals being finalised. Survey of member needs.
9. **Zoom instruction**
Further information and encouragement for Zoom.
10. **Oki printer** recently serviced
11. **Security for Club**
Club cameras operational.

HELP WANTED

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 and 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 :-

- SECRETARIAL DUTIES
- RECEPTION DUTIES
(Tues or Thurs moms)

Please contact Neil Davidson at nmdavo@gmail.com or at the Computer Club for further questions and information.

Mobile Phones and Text Messaging

Many of our members have expressed difficulty using text messaging on their mobile phone because fingers have lost their mobility through arthritis or other reasons.

To help with this, our Computer Club has just received a new

batch of stylus pens which are available for purchase at only \$2.00 each. Even handy for using on your tablet device (playing games etc.)

So if you think one of these stylus pens might help with your text messaging, just drop into the Club during opening hours.

For our lady members: Yes, they come in 3 colours and of course, silver and black!!



ZOOM Speaker 1.30pm Tuesday 4th May
Meeting ID 720 862 2266
Passcode 123456

Lynton Bradford



**“Our Essential Water Supply,
The Hawkesbury River and
Warragamba Dam”.**

The flood in March this year is a reminder of how dependant we are on this river and dam.

We will explore the challenges of Sydney water supply from the 1700's and the Tank Stream, Busbys Bore and the flooding of the beautiful Burratorang valley for the Warragamba dam.

We review, how bad was this flood compared to previous floods and will floods be worse in future? Should the dam wall be raised?

Using ZOOM for Guest Speakers

Log in via your zoom.us account

- Enter Meeting ID (See Bits & Bytes Speaker ad)
- Enter Meeting passcode
- Join approx. 5 minutes before start time
- **Remember - MUTE your device** by clicking on the microphone image on the bottom left of your screen.

(If you don't mute your device, your conversations and background noise will be heard by all participants, especially during the talk, which will affect the enjoyment of others and be a distraction for the speaker.

- **At the end of the talk**, please **UNMUTE** yourself using the microphone logo, to ask a question or make a comment on the session.
- **To leave the ZOOM meeting**, click the “Leave meeting” shown in **red**.

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

Mowll

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

Warrina

Lynton Bradford (Vice President)
Rod Roberts (Secretary)
Gwen Bradford (Membership)
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)

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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 .

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