



## *The right way?*

Hello everyone,  
When you are shown how to use a computer or mobile device you might find that different people insist on different ways of making them work. Which is the right way?

Right from the beginning of computer technology there were different ways of achieving the same result and this means that everyone has their favourite way of doing things. Unfortunately some will try to convince you that their way is the 'best' and this can become a barrier to finding out the alternatives.

Some folk insist that you should remember 'keyboard shortcuts' on your computer. Others will say that you should only use the mouse and click your way to success.

Still others will tell you to search for everything and just select the action you need.

What about using voice control with Siri or 'Hey Google' on mobile devices. All devices are also able to type what you speak rather than use the keyboard.

Let's be clear here; there is no one right way to get the result you want. You are at liberty to do it the way that is comfortable for you and ignore the insistence of 'my way or the highway'.

That said, don't ignore the alternatives when you are learning, as you may find something that is very convenient and easy to remember.

Personally I mix and match techniques as there are times when using both hands means most convenience. For example using the mouse in one hand to select text or numbers on screen and then use the other hand on the keyboard to make a copy is something that I find fast in an Excel spreadsheet. This is because I might need to

copy to multiple locations and the right and left hand combination makes it very fast.

However I will usually right click the mouse as an alternative copy/paste when working in a Word document.

It is also helpful to have a few alternatives to assist with fatigue as using the mouse may be a relief from a lot of keyboard work.

So be aware of alternative ways to do things but use the method that works for you. It will only be wrong if it doesn't work and if that is the case see below!

Two little helpers for Windows or Mac computers: If it seems stuck and you don't know how to stop it, try the **esc** or escape key. This often stops trouble when nothing else works. The other is **CTRL + Z (Win) or Cmd + Z (Mac) ie Undo**. You can hold down CTRL or Cmd and press Z a few times to Undo something that did not work the way you wanted. The number of Undo steps is only limited by the app you are using.

Brian McLauchlan

## **The Club website is not finished yet!**

Yes I know; but fear not, we will probably finish it somewhere between 2030 and 2035! It will only be 'finished' then because we may start work on a new look/new content website.

What I am saying is that a website is never finished; it is a dynamic (always changing) communication tool. It is continually updated with new material, new ideas and with feedback from members.

A website is also like a car; it needs continual maintenance just to keep it at peak performance. You will see at the bottom of the pages the date of the last update and this rarely goes beyond a month without something changing.

So if you see a little 'ragged' bit here or there, we will get to it, but we have ignored some of these unpolished bits in the interest of some more pressing need, like putting out more scam information.

So the website is for members, it will keep changing and hopefully it has something for everyone in the Computer Club. It is

also a pretty safe place to 'play' at using a website. While we keep track of how many people use the site we are not tracking you personally, we do not use advertising, and it is a secure site. Practice on our site to build your confidence in web surfing and maybe you will also find something interesting or helpful.

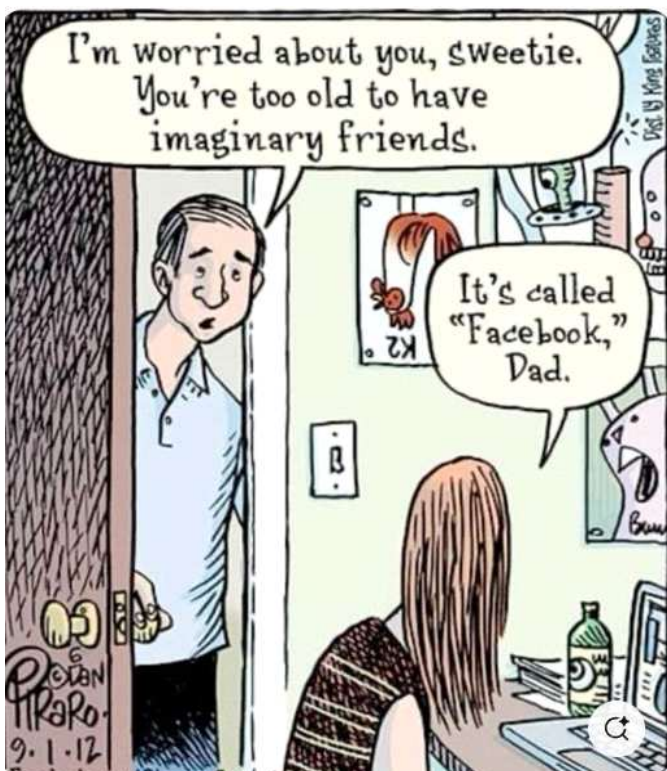
So, remember; Watch this space! It may be completely different tomorrow!

### Welcome New Members!

A warm welcome all:

Bob Heape	Warrina
Jeff Herbet	Warrina
Helen McGregor	Gln Green
Len Ryan	Nuffield

### The Lighter Side of Tech



## The Gatehouse Sessions

### **This Month:**

Sat. Mar 1st Buy a mobile device  
Tech Session, general interest

Sat. Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Android Phone  
Settings, Basics Session, BYO

### **Next Month**

### **Saturday April 5th**

Internet on Mobile devices  
General Interest  
Speaker: Brian McLauchlan

### **Saturday April 12th**

App Stores on Android and  
Apple; Basics Session BYO  
Speaker: Brian McLauchlan

### *Save the dates!*

*These are free technical and general interest presentations provided for members by Computer Club every month. Be there at 10am for the session start.*

### AI Dumbs Down?

Recent Microsoft research has shown that over-reliance on AI is making users lazy with their thinking and loss of their cognitive skills. I recall at the 2023 Computer Club AGM some astute club members suggesting that AI might make us lazy so score one point those seniors who had concerns! Like most tech stuff, we certainly need to be sensible about how it is used for good, not for ill!

## President's Report

We have had a busy start to the year and it appears that we will keep up that pace for a while longer. Unfortunately we also have had to say goodbye to two of our very able tech helpers but it is also great that they have found interesting jobs in their area of expertise. We hope to have some new faces soon and our Vice President is well into the recruitment process.

We have put a lot of work into providing some advice about **scams** on the club website so please go to the First Aid section and look for the Scam Awareness link. I cannot say it too often though, that if it looks suspicious, **STOP**, then come to computer club for advice. Do not react to anything or anyone that insists something about tech is **urgent**. Hang up the phone or **TURN OFF** your device if you are worried, then come and see us at the club rooms in Lober House.

We have also been working on improvements to our basic computing services and hope that the changes we have planned results in more active spaces to support members. More on this when we have it further along but most of our changes should be in place in the next two months.

**Brian McLauchlan**  
**President ARVCC**

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