



# COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA INC.

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## FROM THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PEOPLE:

*Q: Where can men over 60 find younger women who are interested in them. A: Try a bookstore under 'Fiction'*

*Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-60 husband? A: Tell him you're pregnant.*

*Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly? A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.*

*Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the 'elderly wrinkles'? A: Take off your glasses.*

*Q: What is the leading cause of diminished sex drive among the over-60's? A: Nudity.*

## OUR MAINSTREAM COURSES ARE RUNNING AS USUAL, AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- ◆ **Course 1 - Basic Computing using Office 2003 OR Office 2007/2010:** (six weeks course) Monday, Tuesday, and Friday
- ◆ **Course 2 – Word 2003 OR Word 2007/2010:** (four weeks course) Monday, Tuesday and Friday
- ◆ **Course 3 – Word 2003 OR Word 2007/2010:** (seven weeks course): Monday

### Additional Courses:

- ◆ **Desktop Publishing Using Word:** Tuesday afternoons (five weeks)
- ◆ **Digital Photography:** Monday
- ◆ **Internet/Email:** Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons (four weeks)
- ◆ **Introduction to Excel:** Thursday mornings (six weeks)
- ◆ **Understanding Your Computer:** Tuesdays (for *more advanced students*)
- ◆ **Files and Folders:** 3-week classes, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Monday. Bookings with Sue Black, Tel: 9144 2206.
- ◆ **Introduction to ipads/tablets and other hand-held devices.**
- ◆ **The Club also provides a service of transferring slides/transparencies to a CD:** Tuesday and Friday. Contact Nilo (9416 5345) or Erich (9488 8418)

### Short sessions now available:

Attaching Documents/Photos to Emails; Transferring Photos from Camera or mobile phone to Computer; Backing-Up Files; Windows Media Player; How the Computer Works and its Basic Care; Security for the Home User; Skype; Introduction to Windows 8.1.1; Backing up the Whole Computer; Using Microsoft Help Menu and Other Options; Some Essentials for Those New to Computing.

There are quite a few of spare spots in a number of the above classes – all you have to do to take part in any of them is to come to the club rooms and place your name on the appropriate waiting list. We can't help you with any computing requirement unless you let us know what you want.

If you are unable to get to the club rooms, please feel free to ring Margaret Ball (9487 2679), Sue Black (9144 2206), or Norma Kelly (9144 3186) to make a booking.

If you are unable to attend a class that has been arranged for you, the courtesy of a phone call would be appreciated – either to the tutor at the club room, or to our course coordinator, Sue Black – tel: 9144 2206. This would mean the class could commence on time, rather than waste time waiting for you to arrive.

**COMPUTER HELP SESSION: Thursdays 10 July and 14 August 2 – 4 pm. These are always held on the second Thursday of each month (February – November). Make use of this opportunity to pick the brains of a number of club tutors who give up their time to be there.**

**HANDY HINT:** When asked to complete a form which has come through as an attachment, if you just fill it in and forward it back to the sender, it arrives there completely blank. You need to save the attachment to a file, then open it and fill it in, and save the completed form. Create an email to the required address (or reply to the original email you received), attach the completed form and send. It will then arrive with all the information you want on it.

**General Meetings, fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm**  
**Thursday 24 July – Mary Ryder and Peter Le Carpentier from**  
**Hornsby Library, on how to use a computer to get the best out of a**  
**library system.**

**Thursday 28 August - our Club member, Dean Simes, on how to treat**  
**the demise of Windows XP, and what to do next, and other things**

### **Security for the Home User**

We all see reports from time to time of the latest threat to our computing devices. How do we make sense of them? The fridge magnet of a few years back is perhaps appropriate – be alert but not alarmed. A recent example of a media report which may cause some alarm but not shed much light was shown on ABC's 7.30 Report. Part of the report was sensible in the advice included, but other parts may have given some concern. One item dealt with a report of money being removed from a hacked bank account. The specifics of how this occurred were not given so there was no guide to what we as individual users might do to avoid a similar occurrence. Furthermore it was suggested that the current practice of banks reimbursing any such loss may not be available in the future.

Two observations may be made – first the current practice of requiring the entering of a number code sent by the bank to mobile before payment to another account is made gives a second layer of security; secondly you may wonder what grounds are there for the prediction that banks would change their reimbursement practice. Mention was also made of EBay having had a breach of some of the client data base. This is true, and affected 145 million accounts, but did not contain any financial information. EBay has emailed account users – including those not affected - and had passwords changed.

Our passwords and account details have to be in existence at each end of a connection, and both must be secure. Breaches at the server end can and do occur and we have no control over server security. We, never the less, do rely on this not happening, so to some extent we can all be at risk from something outside our control.

Statistically there is only a small proportion of computer users who have actually been attacked, but any that have been in that number have found that the experience is not pleasant – so we all are no doubt wanting to avoid such a fate, as much as conveniently possible. In general this will mean installing a security suite, and keeping it and your programs, including the operating system, up to date – and of course using a sensible degree of caution in your computer use.

Of course to be absolutely safe we would avoid computing – but if we avoid computing we do need to use other ways. How safe are they?

Further information about the club please contact any of the following:

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### **SIGNS ON SHOPFRONT:**

*In a Podiatrist's Office – "Time wounds all heels"*

*Sign over a gynaecologist's Office – "Dr Jones, at your cervix"*

*At a Towing Company – "We don't charge an arm and a leg, we want tows"*

*In the front yard of a Funeral Home – "Drive carefully, we'll wait"*

*On a plumbers truck – "Don't sleep with a drip, call your plumber"*