COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA INC.

> ## Best Wishes to you all for a very Happy, Healthy and prosperous 2012 – and for every success in your computing work

YES, I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN!
I'm the life of the party, even if it lasts until 8 pm. I'm beginning to realise that aging is not for wimps.
I'm very good at opening childproof caps – with a hammer. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's my left leg.
I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up. I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place – somewhere.
Yes, I'm a Senior Citizen and I think I'm having the time of my life.
Share the laughter, Share the cheer, Let's be happy – while we are here.

Year 2011 was again a very successful year, and recognition of that success must go to our tutors who do an outstanding job in not just teaching the courses, but into all the other extra-curricular tasks they take on – writing and re-writing course manuals, printing and binding the finished products. Raise your glasses everyone, and thank the tutors.

Courses commence again end January/early February next year. The following are the ones available at present to Club members, so 'get in quick' and put your name on a waiting list as soon as possible. *To gain access to the club during the holiday period it is advisable to ring the club rooms first (9983 0774), or contact Margaret Ball (9487 2679), Stella Maude (9449 3083) or Norma Kelly (9144 3186) who will help you, or meet you there.*

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

Additional Courses:

♦ **Desktop Publishing Using Word:** Tuesday afternoons (five weeks)
♦ **Digital Photography:** Monday and Thursdays, mornings and afternoons
♦ **Internet/Email:** Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons (four weeks)
♦ **Introduction to Excel:** Thursday mornings (six weeks)
♦ **Understanding Your Computer:** Tuesdays (for *more advanced students*)
♦ **The Club also provides a service for members of transferring slides/transparencies to a CD:** Tuesday and Friday, commencing Friday 3 February, when you will also be able to process negative strips onto a CD.
♦ **Files and Folders:** Four 3-week classes, 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Monday and Thursday starting on 30th January. Bookings with Stella Maude, Tel: 9449 3083.

It is essential that students identify which Office Program they have on their own computer, as the toolbar dropdown menu (2003) and ribbon menu (2007/2010) are taught in different classes. If you are unsure, there is an example of each method on the noticeboard at the club rooms. Also, if you come to the Help Session (see below) a tutor can help you understand this.

It is strongly advised that students wishing to undertake any of the additional courses have at least completed Course 1 – Basic Computing, otherwise they may find these courses too complex to understand.

COMPUTER HELP SESSION: Thursday 9 February, 2 – 4 pm. It is wise to make use of this time slot, as tutors of various courses will be there to answer your queries and give you a hand using your computer.

COMPUTER REPAIRERS: *(please keep a note of these as they won't be included in every newsletter):*

➢ CompuParts & Services P/L, 63 Hunter St, Hornsby. Tel Ismet on 9482 2582. Computers at the Club are supplied by this company.

➢ Servant Pty Ltd (Thornleigh), Tel: 9980 9866, email: info@servant.net.au; www.servant.net.au

➢ YS Computing, Tel: 9888 9352, Mob: 0419 801 307

➢ Shepp Computers, Tel:9487 5443, Mob: 0402 026 464

➢ Joran van der Smagt, JCR Computers, Tel: 8004 6043, Mob: 0403 492 043, joran@jcrcomputers.com.au

➢ Eric You, Pymble Computing Services, Tel 9440 8078, Mob: 0403 008 190, pymblepcs@hotmail.com

➢ Russell Parton, Tel. 0412 566 370. $60/hour for Seniors + $10 if travel is greater than 10 kms from East Lindfield.

The Club does not especially recommend any one repairer, but some of our members have used them and have been very satisfied. It is best to check the hourly rate before taking your computer to their premises or having them visit your home.

WANT TO RE-EDUCATE YOURSELF?

Do you want a change from your old working life, but are not ready to settle down to an unsatisfying retirement? Try something new and take on a real challenge. At Open Universities Australia (OUA) (website: www.open.edu.au, or call 1300 363 652). You can discover 1100 units and 130 qualifications from 20 leading universities and higher education providers. If you feel a little concerned about entering into this, be assured that the support of fellow students and instructors soon builds up your confidence to enable the completion of your degree. If you find staying at home and fiddling with your computer not very satisfying, this could be really worth a try!!

Another website on this theme is Khan Academy. This has a library of 2,700 videos covering everything from arithmetic to physics, finance and history – it has 240 practice exercises. Khan Academy says they are on a mission to help you learn what you want, when you want and at your own pace. And it is FREE!!

For further information about the club, please contact any of the following:

President:	Ken Doyle
Vice President	Norma Kelly
Secretary:	Margaret Ball
Treasurer/Public Officer:	Patrick Bohr
Committee:	Stella Maude
	John Richardson

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN THAT …..
I always used my shampoo to wash the rest of my body while in the shower. It was easier to lather up my hair and use the extra suds on my body instead of soap. Then I saw the words printed on my shampoo bottle "for extra volume and fullness". No wonder I can't lose weight!!! Now I'm using my dish soap in the shower – it's guaranteed to remove fat and other unwanted deposits that other soaps leave behind!

The Club runs financially on a calendar year, which means that membership fees are due again. Could you please use this renewal slip to accompany your 2012 fees - our courses are only available to financial members.

RENEWAL of Membership Fee: January – December 2012

Name: ………………………………..   **Address: …………………………………………………**

Telephone No. …………………………   **Email: ……………………………………………………**

Single: $65.00   **Married Couple: $100.00** *(Please circle relevant amount)*

Is there any topic on which you would like a short two-hour course? ………………………………

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