Best Wishes for a very happy and 'computer-savvy' 2015

The luck of the Irish
A man and his wife moved to Ireland from England, and wanted to insure her wooden leg.
In London it was £2000, but in Cork they only asked for €39.
The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap because it was so expensive in London.
The agent looked on his computer, and said "Well, here it is. any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is €39.00".

About 50 club members attended a very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the club rooms on Thursday 27th November, as you can see from the following pictures.

ALL OF OUR MAINSTREAM COURSES WILL BE RUNNING IN 2015, 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.
♦ **Introduction to ipads/tablets and other hand-held devices.**
♦ **W8.1.1: Further exploration of this operating system.**
♦ **The Club also provides a service of transferring slides/transparencies and photos (prints) to a CD/DVD:** 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; Backing up the Whole Computer; Using Microsoft Help Menu and Other Options; Some Essentials for Those New to Computing and paint.net for photo editing; Ipads and other tablets.

The days that these courses are held may alter occasionally. It all depends on the tutors' availability so please be understanding - they do have the occasional holidays and a life outside of Computer Pals!

At the present time, ipads, iphones and other hand-held devices are the popular method of accessing the internet, sending and receiving emails, and taking photos. Some of you may have acquired one over the Christmas break and find it takes some getting used to. As you can see, we have classes covering these devices, so make good use of your membership fee and attend one of our classes.

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.

SCANNING OF SLIDES/TRANSPARENCIES AND PRINTS:
The club has purchased a new scanner which will convert photo prints to digital, and onto a CD or USB drive. This is in addition to the scanning of transparencies which Nilo and Eric have helped us with over the last few years. They have both put in a lot of time and effort in this way, and it is much appreciated by those members who have made use of the service.

COMPUTER HELP SESSION:
The help sessions for 2015 will be on the second Thursdays of each month, February – November. The first one will be held on Thursday 12 February, 2 – 4 pm, and the next one on Thursday 12 March.. Members should make use of these opportunities to get any help they may need with what has been learnt in our courses, and with any other queries regarding computing.

CLUB'S OPEN DAY – (during Ku-Ring-Gai Council's Seniors Festival):
The club's Open Day is being held on Thursday, 26 March 2015 – this coincides with Ku-ring-gai Council's activities for Seniors Festival.   We have Jennifer Polixenni Brankin, a visual communicator/photographer, speaking at 11 am on how to use iphones and ipads to take photographs, and how to edit them and share images via social media and email. This should be of interest to a large number of our members - please make a note of the date and inform your family and friends of the occasion.

General Meeting – Thursday 26 February, 2 pm
A digital presentation of Margaret's trip to Greenland and Iceland in 2013
(PLEASE NOTE: there is no General Meeting in January)

For further information, please contact any of the following:

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Some things to ponder:
If you think nobody cares if you are dead or alive, just try missing a couple of mortgage payments.
Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him to how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
We are born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our backside – then things just keep getting worse.
Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
Sex is like air – it is not that important unless you aren't getting any.

The Club runs financially on a calendar year. Could you please use this renewal slip to accompany your 2015 fees - our courses are only available to financial members.

Renewal of Membership Fee: January – December 2015

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

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

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

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