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For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

GENERAL MEETINGS (fourth Thursday of the month, 2 pm)

Thursday.22 September – Andrew Robson or Tech2U speaking on accessing the Internet, Security, servicing your computer and other aspects of his company

Thursday.28 October – Jo Harris speaking on the resources at the Ku-Ring-Gai Historical Society, and how they can be of use in Genealogy.

The main topics the club offers members are as follows:

- Basic word processing in each operating system, creating folders and saving documents; formatting text; text and page borders; WordArt, inserting pictures into text, etc. etc.
- Internet/Email, internet banking/shopping on line, arranging travel, surfing the web, etc.
- Maintaining your computer and keeping it safe, and knowing its main components.
- Desktop publishing, and greeting cards using MS Word
- Excel spreadsheets for keeping home accounts etc.
- Digital photographs, camera to computer, and then how to use the photographs.
- iPads and other tablets, iPhones etc.
- Basic use of the Apple computing system.
- Any other topic of computer literacy you would like to know more about.

There are waiting lists on the noticeboard at the club rooms, but if you are unable to get to the club rooms, please feel free to contact either Margaret Ball, (9487 2679 m2ball@iprimus.com.au) before 13 September or Dorothy Soper (9487 3607, dso83223@bigpond.net.au) after 15 September.

One-on-one tuition can be arranged if required - Please be specific as to the nature of your requirement so that a tutor clearly understands your needs.

If you are running late for a class please ring the club rooms on 9983 0774 so that the tutor knows whether you are attending the class or not

COMPUTER HELP SESSIONS:

Help Sessions will be held on Thursday 8th September and Thursday 13th October, 2 – 4 pm. Tutors will be able at these times to assist you with any computing problems you may have. If you have a laptop or tablet, please bring it along with you.

BE AWARE OF SCAMS:

One of our members had a fright a few months ago – she was contacted by phone by someone saying they were from Telstra. He informed her that her computer had been hacked, and that for a small fee he would sort it all out for her. She actually gave her credit card number to him – he sounded very, very authentic. She even mentioned that she was going on a cruise the next day. The next day she realised that this phone call was a SCAM – she immediately cancelled her credit card and fortunately no money had been taken out of it.

Another member has had an email from someone saying they are from AUSPOST informing them a parcel they had ordered is waiting for them – if they get onto a website they can trace the parcel's track. This person is not expecting any parcel, and is sure that the link is a scam, and a way of the sender getting into their email address book. The message was deleted immediately.

You must be aware that no bank will ever contact you by telephone or email – they will always contact you by mail. Only give your credit card details to anyone you are absolutely sure are genuine, and only open emails, from people you know or feel you trust, especially those with attachments. Only give your email address to people you know you can trust.

There is always someone out there who wants to steal your identity, to gain access to your property, relieve you of any finances you may have, or play havoc with your computer.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP – Come and join us:

This group has had a couple of very enjoyable meetings, with the topics: “The First Twelve Years of Your Life” and “The Date”. The next one is scheduled for Monday 12 September at 10 am, and the topic for that one is “On Your Travels.....”. Surely most of us have had good experiences on our travels that we can write about. Just write up to two A4 pages, and bring it along with you. The group would like to have a few more participants, so if you would like to join us please contact Margaret Ball, tel: 9487 2679, email: m2ball@iprimus.com.au. You would be made very welcome and have a really fun morning.

WINDOWS 10 ANNIVERSARY UPDATE:

From 2 August 2016 Microsoft has been progressively releasing the second major update for Windows 10. It is version 1607 and is called the Anniversary Update. It is a major download – 2.5 to 3.5 GB depending upon whether it is 32 bit or 64 bit.

As at August 20 many have yet to receive this update. Those who have may not find much apparent difference. The most obvious is that the Start Screen now shows the full Programs/Apps list without having to click on All Apps.

There are many other changes, generally improving the functionality of some of the programs in Windows 10. Those who wish may join a class to explore these.

SCANNING SLIDES/NEGATIVES ON TO A CD:

Nilo and Erich are still offering club members the valuable service of converting transparencies and photos to digital form onto a CD. Please contact Nilo Filippetto on 9416 5345 or Email: nfilippetto@optusnet.com.au, or Erich Schuller on 9488 8418 or Email: eschull5@outlook.com. The club is very appreciative of them giving up their time in this manner.

For further information, please contact any of the following:

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Vice President:	Dorothy Soper
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A few things you should know!

- *Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.*
- *Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.*
- *“stewardesses” is the longest word typed with only the left hand. “lollipop” with your right hand.*
- *There are only 2 words in the English language which have all 5 vowels in order – “abstemious” and “facetious”.*
 - *Cats have over 100 vocal sounds – dogs only have about 10.*

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