

# COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA INC.

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# My Got Up and Go Has Got Up And Went

How do I know my youth is all spent? Well, my get up and go has got up and went.

But in spite of it all I'm able to grin, when I think of where my get up has been.

Old age is golden so I've heard said, but sometimes I wonder when I get into bed, with my ear in a drawer and my teeth in a cup, my eyes on the table until I wake up.

As sleep dims my eyes I say to myself, is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?

But, I'm happy to say as I close the door, my friends are the same, perhaps even more.

But I don't mind when I think with a grin of all the grand places my get up has been.

Since I've retired from life's competition, my schedules all scheduled (with complete repetition).

I get up each morning and dust off my wits, pick up the paper and read the 'obits', if I see my name missing, I know I'm not dead, so I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

The Club has installed new computers throughout, complete with 22" monitors – a good way to start off 2011. The courses being taught this year are similar to 2010, and as previously the onus is put onto the student to place their name on the appropriate list in the foyer – you will then be contacted with confirmation the week before the class commences. Please write clearly - we all have eyesight problems occasionally!!! At the time of going to press there are vacancies in most of these courses, so call into the club and put your name down on a list and get in early to the class of your choice.

Basics Computing: (six weeks course) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Working With Word: Monday, Thursday and Friday (four weeks)

Mastering Word: Monday and Thursday (six weeks)

**Internet/Email:** Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Friday afternoons (four weeks)

**Desktop Publishing:** Tuesday afternoons (five weeks) **Introduction to Excel:** Thursday mornings (six weeks)

**Digital Photography:** Monday and Thursdays, mornings and afternoons **Transferring Slides/Transparencies to a CD:** Tuesdays and Fridays

**Understanding Your Computer:** Tuesdays

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! Remember too, these courses are only available to financial members for 2011 – see over for the Renewal of Membership Fees slip.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN WORKING WITH WORD COURSE:

This course is a good 'follow-on' from the Basics course. It covers setting up your page with correct margins etc., also rearranging text by copy and paste, cutting and paste, and dragging and dropping selected words, sentences or paragraphs, etc.. Also, creating a new folder and saving documents for quick retrieval, using the tab key, numbered and bulleted lists, resizing and moving windows, and using any of the huge variety of fonts available. There are so many things to learn how to make your documents interesting and appealing – these are just a few. So book in to a course and have a go.

## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER COURSE:**

Students intending to undertake this course should ideally have a good knowledge of word processing and the use of the internet.

#### WINDOWS 7

The Club now has Windows7 installed on our computers, and classes with this operating system and Office 2010 will be commencing in the very near future.

## **COMPUTER HELP SESSION:**

The next help sessions will be on Thursdays 10 March and Thursday 8 April, 2-4 pm. Tutors of various courses will be there to help you, so it is a good opportunity to get any help you may need with using your computer.

#### SENIORS & COMMUNITY LIVING INFORMATION MORNING:

The club is having a stand at the Expo at Turramurra Uniting Church (beside the car park in Gilroy Lane)on Saturday 5 March, 9 am -12 30 pm. There are numerous organisations displaying their activities, and it is interesting to see what is available in the area. Come and join us - morning tea available during the morning.

## CLUB OPEN DAY DURING SENIORS WEEK:

As usual, the club has arranged to have an Open Day on Wednesday 16 March 2011, 10 am - 2 pm. – this coincides with Ku-ring-gai Council's activities for Seniors Week. We will be demonstrating the various courses available in the club - please make a note of the date and inform your family and friends of the occasion.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 28 APRIL:**

All positions on the Committee will declared open – if you wish to nominate yourself or another person for any of the positions could you please contact the Secretary before Friday 22 April.

#### **KEEP YOUR MIND ALERT!**

Click onto this website for hundreds of puzzles (words and numbers) to keep your mind active: <a href="https://www.users.tpg.com.au/puzzles">www.users.tpg.com.au/puzzles</a>. Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it!. Ken Egan developed this site when helping grandchildren who were struggling with mathematics. They have proved very popular with universities, schools, seniors groups and private individuals.

# General Meetings:

Thursday, 24 March, 2 pm - James Bird from Mercy Ships will be speaking on the activities of that organisation in providing disadvantaged countries (mainly in Africa) with medical assistance from their ships

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2 pm – Annual General Meeting, followed by a presentation by Margaret of her visit to Egypt, Jordan and Dubai in 2010

For further information, please contact any of the following:

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## My Living Will:

Last night my kids and I were sitting in the living room and I said to them "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on a machine and fluids from a bottle.

If that ever happens, just pull the plug".

They got up, unplugged my computer and threw out my wine. The little b.....s!

The Club runs financially on a calendar year. Could you please use this renewal slip to accompany your 2011 fees - our courses are only available to financial members.

| Renewal of Membership Fee: January – December 2011 |  |  |
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| Name:  | Address:   |  |
| Telephone No                                       | Email:   |  |
| Single: \$65.00                                    | Married Couple: \$100.00 (Please circle relevant amount) |  |

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