



COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA INC.

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Church Notices (written on a typewriter)

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Eight new choir robes are needed due to several new members and to the deterioration of some of the older ones.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

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.

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.

General Meetings, fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm
22 May – Brian Hindes from Avalon Computer Pals on Picasa
26 June – Jo Harris from Ku-ring-gai Historical Society will give
help with Genealogy

COMPUTER HELP SESSION: Thursdays 8 May and 12 June 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.

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.
- Lawrence Lam, Tel: 8812 2266; Mobile: 0418 602 338; Email: llam@gmail.com

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.

WINDOWS 8.1.1: About six months ago there was a large upgrade from Windows 8 to Windows 8.1. There has since been a further update, and this should load automatically on those machines with Windows 8.1. This one is called W8.1.1 From about mid-April those who have W8 and have updated to W8.1.1 should attend a further course of one two-hour session when the use of W8.1.1 will be explored.

MICROSOFT CEASING SUPPORT OF XP: From 8th April 2014 Microsoft is ending its support of the Operating System Windows XP. If you continue to use Windows XP after support ends, your computer will still work but it might become more vulnerable to security risks and viruses. Also, as more software and hardware manufacturers continue to optimize for more recent versions of Windows, you can expect to encounter greater numbers of apps and devices that do not work with Windows XP. If you change over to Windows 7 or to Windows 8.1.1 the club can help with both of these operating systems. It must be noted that greatest risk with continuing the use of Windows XP is when connected to the internet, both for browsing and emailing. On the other hand some XP applications may not work on the new operating system.

MISLEADING MEDIA REPORTS: From time to time we see or hear of some scary things happening with computer attacks and scams. Although you should always treat such reports seriously, and many of them are reports of real risks, sometimes they are of the nature of unverified “beat ups” which take on a life of their own before finally corrected, or just die from lack of follow up. On the occasions when a real problem is reported, such as the CryptoLocker malware which encrypts files and makes them unreadable until decrypted for a fee, the emphasis is on scary reporting rather than helpful assessment of risk and what can be done to avoid infection. Treat any such material with caution, look at it critically and if concerns remain seek advice from someone really knowledgeable.

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

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

QUOTABLE QUOTES

- *Be careful about reading health books – you may die of a misprint (Mark Twain)*
- *I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back (Zsa Zsa Gabor)*
- *Only Irish coffee provides in one glass all 4 essential food groups – alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat (Alex Levine)*
- *Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery (Spike Milligan)*
 - *I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it (W C Fields)*

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