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NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Help Session Tuesday 23 July at 2 – 4 pm plus Tech Savvy Seniors tuition on Travel Apps. Book for TSS session.
- General Meeting Thursday 25 July at 2 pm. Andrew Robson from Tech2U will present on how third parties can gain control of your computer and how to deal with phishing.
- Creative writing group meeting Monday 5 August at 10 am. This month's title – 'A Complaint – About Someone or Something'. All welcome.
- Help Session Thursday 8 August 2 – 4 pm.

WEB BROWSERS AND SEARCH ENGINES

There seems to be a lot of confusion as to the difference between a web browser and a search engine. These are both software but work in different ways.

A web browser is a program or app that has to be installed on your computer so that you can access websites on the Internet. Examples of web browsers are Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari (for Apple users), Opera and Vivaldi. Windows computers come with Edge pre-installed and Apple computers come with Safari pre-installed. Other web browsers can be installed as you wish.

A search engine will need to be installed on the web browser to enable you to be able to search for specific information. Examples of search engines are Google, Bing, Yahoo, Duckduckgo and Startpage. When you have chosen the search engine you wish to use you can make it your home page.

If you are concerned about information about your searches being collected Duckduckgo claims to not store your personal information or search history and thus does not sell it to advertisers. Startpage is also a more private search engine but you have to elect to search each page anonymously which can be more time consuming.

Please contact the club if you would like any more information on how to search on the Internet.

CURRENT COMMITTEE

Bill Soper, Dean Simes, Dorothy Soper, John Cameron, Laraine Nicholls, Mick Watts, Greg Smith

If you wish to contact a particular committee member please contact the club by email or phone. (See contact details on page 1.)

FOCUS ON CPST MEMBER HIM YEUNG

This month we are looking at a newer member to the club – Him Yeung

Him joined the club about 5 years ago. He likes to meet people and to learn from other members and is a very friendly participant at CPST. His smiling face can usually be seen at the general meetings and some classes and help sessions. Him joined the club to learn how to use his Windows desktop PC which he still uses. Over time he has progressed to learning about the Apple iPad and his Android smart phone and is now proficient in using all three. Him says he is happy with the current program and support at the club and finds the help sessions very useful.



Him's favourite colour is light blue and his favourite food is noodles. He was born in Hong Kong and speaks both English and Cantonese.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

This is a new section for the newsletter and is open to all members to use. For example if you need any community information or have something that you no longer need that may benefit another member contact the club by phone or email?

Douglas Mitchell has asked if anyone knows of a nursing home or retirement village that has a Pianola. He would love to volunteer to play it for residents. Likewise does anyone know if there are any Pianolas in a Community Hall that can be played? Please contact the club if you can help Douglas.

DO NOT CALL REGISTER 'FEE' SCAM

Scammers claiming to be associated with the Do Not Call Register are calling consumers and asking for personal information such as financial details. ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority) reminds people that this is a scam and never to give out personal and financial information to an unknown caller without first verifying who they are. Legitimate callers will understand if you want to take their details and confirm who they are before calling back on a verifiable number.

The Do Not Call Register is a free service for consumers to easily, securely and permanently register your landline, mobile and fax numbers to reduce unsolicited telemarketing. It will not ask you to update your registration or re-register and will not ask you for any fee or financial information.

This information was taken from the ACMA website. Recent consumer alerts can be found at <https://www.donotcall.gov.au/consumer-alerts/recent-consumer-alerts/>.

ONGOING AND AVAILABLE TRAINING

In the past few weeks there have been ongoing group sessions for training for Windows 10 operating system, iPad, iPhone, Android phones and tablets, Facebook, Digital Photos, 'Your Reliable Computer' and creative writing. Please use the club phone number if you are interested in any of these.

Other training can be offered for Excel and Desktop Publishing using PowerPoint. Other subjects can be covered if requested, e.g. Skype, using the Internet, email, online buying and banking. Some of these subjects are touched upon in the group sessions as well.

If you require one on one training it is available and again phone the club phone number to arrange a time with the correct tutor.

In addition the club offers a service for converting slides and photos to a digital format onto a USB stick. Again phone the club phone number to book a session.

Please contact the club or committee member if you have any other ideas on how to help members or for any possible outings. Again the club phone number is 9983 0774.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Pixar created a 1995 blockbuster hit movie using computer animation. What was the title of the movie?

A: Toy Story.

What common element is used in the manufacture of computer chips?

A: Silicon.

How many countries are larger than Australia?

A: Five (Australia is the sixth largest country after Russia, Canada, China, USA and Brazil)

How much of Australia is classified as desert A) 8% B) 16% C) 25% D) 35%?

A: D – 35%.

MARGARET'S JOKE CORNER

1. Someone actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen which said "Parking Fine". So that was nice.
2. I went to the butcher the other day and bet him \$50 that he could not reach the meat off the top shelf. He said, "No, the steaks are too high."

