COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS, TURRAMURRA INC.

Nearly fifteen years have gone by since our first newsletter went out to members in January 2001. We started out with just sixty very enthusiastic members, some borrowed computers, and the Council kindly printed out some manuals for us. It was Windows 98 days, and how many other operating systems have we been asked to cope with since that time??? Our heydays were in the mid 2000's with over 400 members, but we continue to strive on to teach the seniors on the North Shore how to use computers.

Q and A

Q: Where can single men over 65 find younger women who are interested in them?
A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction
Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your over-65 year-old husband?
A: Tell him you are pregnant.
Q: Seriously! What can a woman do for crow's feet and wrinkles on her face?
A: Go bra-less. It will usually pull them out.

GENERAL MEETINGS – 2 PM.

Thursday 23 July -Erin Repetto will be giving an overview of Coles Online.

Thursday 27 August: Jo Harris will be speaking on various aspects of Genealogy which is sure to interest a number of members.

COMPUTER HELP SESSION:
The dates for Help Sessions are Thursday 9 July and Thursday 13 August, 2 – 4 pm. 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.

THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR MAINSTREAM COURSES:
♦ **Course 1 - Basic Computing using Office 2003 OR Office 2007/2010:** (four weeks course) Monday,
♦ **Course 2 – Word 2003 OR Word 2007/2010:** (four weeks course) Tuesday
♦ **Course 3 – Word 2003 OR Word 2007/2010:** (seven weeks course): Monday

Additional Courses:
♦ **Desktop Publishing Using Word:** Tuesday afternoons (five weeks)
♦ **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, Friday.
♦ **Introduction to iPads/tablets and other hand-held devices.** Thursdays
♦ **W8.1.1: Further exploration of this operating system.** Tuesday
♦ **One-on-one refresher lesson/s for Courses 1 and 2 for XP, W7 or W8.1 (Friday morning)**
♦ **The Club also provides a service of transferring slides/transparencies and photos (prints) to a CD/DVD:** Thursday 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, and Backing-Up Files.

The days that these courses are held may alter occasionally. It all depends on the volunteer tutors' availability so please be understanding - they do have the occasional holidays and a life outside of Computer Pals! If the day for a specific course is impractical for you, ask if an alternative is possible. Some tutors have flexibility in the times they can present a course.

If you are unable to get to the club rooms, please feel free to ring Margaret Ball (9487 2679) or Sue Black (9144 2206) to make a booking. Also, 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.

One-on-one tuition may be arranged for some of these and other topics - please contact either of the above people. Please be specific as to the nature of your problem so that a tutor clearly understands your needs.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR COMPUTER WORKS?

Do you find how computers behave easy to grasp? If you have had help to solve a problem, do you try to understand what caused it and how it was fixed? Do you comprehend the difference between your operating system and the programs (Apps) that run on it? Do you know that your files, including those of the operating system and apps are all stored on the hard disk drive, or with some newer computers on its solid state drive? When programs, including the operating system are "run" they have been "read" from storage onto the Random Access Memory from where the Computer Processing Unit works to create or modify files. When "saved" the files are "read back" onto the storage unit. If they are not read back before the open file is closed, or when the computer is shutdown, then files newly written will be lost or those that were already in storage and have been altered will not be changed.

Do you know the function of a browser and a search engine – for example Internet Explorer and Google respectively? The first is a program to connect to the internet, and the latter to search the internet via the browser.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS URGENTLY NEEDED:

We are still calling out for volunteer tutors - the club cannot run without them and we are eternally grateful for the effort and dedication that all our tutors have given us so far. Those who have been with us since the club's inception are now fifteen years older (hopefully are wiser!!!). If you feel you yourself, or know of anyone else, who has the expertise and time to help us in this way, please contact Margaret Ball (tel: 9487 2679, email: m2ball@iprimus.com.au).

WINDOWS 10:

Windows 10 becomes available as a free upgrade to users of W7 and W8.1 on 29th July 2015. Many will have noticed a Windows white flag icon on the notification part of their Taskbar. The club is now running a series of classes about W10, starting with an exploration of the information which can be obtained by clicking on the icon. If you are interested please ring Sue or Margaret about this (tel Nos. above).

FREE: The Club still has a safe (combination lock) that is no longer required. Measurements: H 450 x W 450 x D500 . It is heavy, so you will require some help to take it away. Contact Margaret Ball: m2ball@iprimus.com.au; 9487 2679.

For further information, please contact any of the following:

President:	Ken Doyle
Vice President	Dorothy Soper
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	John Richardson
	Dean Simes

Bits and Pieces

- If we were motivated by money, we would have sold the company a long time ago and ended up on a beach. *Larry Page, Google founder*.
- Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. *Will Rogers, humorist*.
- You know it's going to be a lengthy commute home in the rush hour when your GPS ask you if you want to switch to pedestrian mode. *A commuter*.