



**COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS
TURRAMURRA INC.**

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Best Wishes to everyone for a very Happy and Prosperous 2009

Oh, to be young again

When I was in my younger days, I weighed a few pounds less, I needn't hold my tummy in to wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older, I've set my body free – There's comfort of elastic where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes my feet have not forgiven, I have to wear size nine now but used to wear a seven.

And how about those blasted tights, they're sized by weight you see, so how come, when I put them on, the crotch is at my knee.

I need to wear these glasses as the prints been getting smaller, and it wasn't very long ago I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to grey and my skin no longer fits, on the inside, I'm the same old me, but outside's changed a bit.

2008 proved another very successful year, after overcoming some turmoil during the earlier part. The problems were all sorted out with help of a number of people who 'took up the slack' to cope with the courses that had ceased. The year finished on a great note with the Christmas lunch at the end of November. This was excellently catered for by Deidre and Shane of Gourmet Tarts, who put on an excellent spread of food. Well over eighty people attended this event and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Now another year is on its way, and everything is happening at Computer Pals during 2009. All of the existing courses will be conducted during 2009, plus any others that are considered suitable. Our tutors are having a well-earned rest during the Christmas/New Year period, but of course the Club does not stand on its laurels for that time. We are updating all of our computers, and manuals are being prepared and printed (a very big job for Phil Sim). Courses will re-commence Tuesday 27 January 2009 - just remember to pop into the club rooms from the middle of January and place your name on the appropriate list on the noticeboard in the main hall. Members wishing to visit club rooms during the last two weeks of January should ring the Club first (9983 0774) to check that someone is there, or contact Norma Kelly, Stella Maude or Margaret Ball.

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

Working With Word: Thursday and Friday (four weeks)

Mastering Word: Monday and Thursday (six weeks)

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

Introduction to Publisher: Tuesday mornings (five weeks)

Introduction to Excel: Thursday mornings (six weeks)

Introduction to Graphics: Wednesday afternoons (six weeks), also some short one-day classes

Digital Photography: Monday and Thursdays, mornings and afternoons (four weeks)

It is intended that Windows Vista and Office 2007 will be conducted early in the year – we will keep you informed in the next newsletter.

Our club website has now been updated - it is simple and informative. Have a look at www.cpst.org.au. Please note the email address is now: tcpssec@hotmail.net.au

COMPUTERS FOR SALE: There are still a couple of the Club's computers for sale. They have a 40 GB internal hard drive, keyboard, mouse and cables - \$150 each. Second-hand flat monitors are available; \$130 for 17", and \$160 for 19". Contact Phil Sim at the Club, or on 9449 3031.

WORKSHOPS: These workshops will continue on the second Thursday of each month, commencing 12 February, 1 - 4 pm. Members are encouraged to take advantage of these afternoons to 'pick the brains' of tutors who make time available to assist with any problems that are encountered with course material. It is one thing to undertake the course, but often a little help is required when practising afterwards.

IF YOU REQUIRE A COMPUTER REPAIRER, HERE ARE A FEW CONTACTS:

It could be useful for you to keep a separate note of these contacts, just in case you have a need for someone to help, and have deleted or lost the Newsletter

Servant Pty Ltd (Thornleigh), Tel: 9980 9866, email: info@servant.net.au; www.servant.net.au

Peter Harding, Tel: 9514 5496; Mob. 0405 118 035; email: guanylic@gmail.com

YS Computing, Tel: 9888 9352, Mob: 0419 801 307

Shepp Computers, Tel:9487 5443, Mob: 0402 026 464

Lloyd Bayley, Berowra PC Services, Tel: 9456 0292, Mob: 0411 541 007

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.

USEFUL WEBSITES:

Time anywhere around the world – www.timeticker.com; www.worldclock.com

Help with crosswords and other puzzles – www.itools.com

Sydney Public Transport – www.cityrail.info; www.shorelink.com.au; www.sta.nsw.gov.au/timetable

Australian Postal information – www.auspost.com.au

General Meeting – Thursday 26 February, 2 pm

Margaret Ball will give a presentation of digital photos taken in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zambia in 2008.

For further information, please contact any of the following:

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What I have learned –

That making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life'
That regardless of your relationship with your parents, you will miss them when they are gone from your life
That you shouldn't go through life just being a doormat – you should throw something back
That whenever you decide something with an open heart, you usually make the right decision
That even when you have pains, you don't have to be one.
Most of all, I have learned that I have a lot to learn.

Following is a 'renewal of membership' form to accompany your membership fee for 2009.

Renewal of Membership Fee: January – December 2009

Name: Address:

Telephone No. Email:

Single: \$65.00 Married Couple: \$100.00 (Please circle relevant amount)

Send to: Treasurer, Computer Pals for Seniors, Turramurra Inc, PO Box 66, Turramurra, NSW 2074