



COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS TURRAMURRA INC.

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What is Old?

'OLD' is when – your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one, I can't do both'.

'OLD' is when – a sexy babe catches your eye and your pacemaker opens the garage door.

'OLD' is when – You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along too.

'OLD' is when – You are cautioned to slow down by ... the doctor instead of by the police.

'OLD' is when – 'getting a little action' means I don't need to take any fibre today.

'OLD' is when – 'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

'OLD' is when – an 'all-nighter' means not getting up to p..

The Club has gained a number of new members after our Open Day for Seniors Week, and also our involvement with the Seniors' Expo during March. Welcome to all those who have joined us recently, and we hope you enjoy 'getting to grips' with the computer. The classes which are currently running are as follows:

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 afternoons (five weeks)

Introduction to Excel: Thursday mornings (six weeks)

Digital Photography: Monday and Thursdays, mornings and afternoons

Come to the Club rooms and place your name on the course sheet for your elected course. Remember that each course is not conducted on every day of the week, so it is advisable to be flexible with your availability. The tutors give up their time voluntarily all year round, so be prepared to 'bend' a bit to fit in with our schedule.

A pilot course of **Mastering Word** is commencing on Friday 1 May, 9 – 11 am. This course will use **Vista Word 2007** and is being conducted by June McNaughton and Doreen Turvey. The class list is on the board and there are vacancies at the time of going to press.

A few words about 'PUBLISHER' – let's get creative.

After completing Introduction to Computing and the Word courses, now is the time to have some fun being creative with your newfound computing knowledge. With Publisher you can design and produce personalised greeting cards, publications, calendars and even a small booklet, also wrap text and insert your own digital pictures. Publisher provides tools for precise control dealing with both text and pictures. Learning Publisher will be an excellent basis to working with pictures and photographs. The basis of Publisher is learning to work within text and picture frames. Publisher is far more versatile and easier to use than Word for similar tasks - it really comes into its own for greeting cards and other publications requiring folding of A4 sheets to obtain folded publications.

For those interested in printing their own photographs it is brilliant aid for shaping the desired printing area.

WORKSHOPS: These are held on the second Thursday of each month, and the next ones will be on Thursdays 14 May and 11 June, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, when a number of tutors will be present. These

afternoons are invaluable to ‘pick the brains’ of tutors who make their valuable time available to assist with any problems that are encountered with course material.

TELSTRA DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE: Sensis, as you may or may not know, is a subsidiary of Telstra. The 1234 number is replacing the Telstra 12456 directory assistance number, but this time with outrageous costs attached: 40c to call the number, then 4c A SECOND! By law, Telstra have to provide a FREE directory assistance number, because they are still majority owned by the government. They choose, however, not to pass this number on to the public. What is the free number? It is **1223 – USE IT!** Thumbs down to Telstra for finding a way to ‘charge’ for a free service that is supposed to be provided for free. Let all your friends and family know about this rort.

HANDY HINTS:

- When using email, do not respond to spam, EVER. Not only does it encourage spammers, clicking a link in spam may also load spyware onto your computer. Also, do not bother clicking the ‘remove me from your mailing list’ links in spam – they do not work, and sometimes they are used to confirm your email address.
- When using Microsoft Word, use the Zoom control on the toolbar to make text at any point size more readable. Usually ‘page width’ is used, but when reading a small font size it is handy to zoom in by this control.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This was held on Thursday 23 April – last year’s Executive Committee were re-elected and are noted at the end of this newsletter. Our thanks go to these members for their expertise and contribution to the Club.

General Meetings: Fourth Thursday of the month at 2 pm

**28 May - Presentation of digital photos of Margaret Ball’s
Africa holiday in 2008**

**25 June – Presentation by John Inglis from the NRMA on
Safer Driving for the Older Person**

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On the Lighter Side:

Be nice to people on your way up, because you may meet them on your way down.

If only someone thought to paste a label on the toilet-tissue spindle giving directions for replacing the tissue on it, then everyone in the house would know what Mama knows (an advantage to be living on your own!!!)

Surely, it is no coincidence that the word “listen” is an anagram of the word “silent”.

There’s so much pollution in the air now that if it wasn’t for our lungs there would be no place to put it all.

No horse goes as fast as the money you bet on him.

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.