

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

August 2023

Meeting **Friday 18** at 7.30pm

Special Interest Group **Sunday 23** at 1.00 pm

We're growing a little older and the devices are growing smaller and smarter



Richard will share his thought tonight!

Time is short and I need to post.

Plan A was to read and write something about what could or might happen in the years ahead That's not going to work, so I've listed three ideas listed in Forbes Magazine.

If you have the time and interest, go to the link near the bottom of the page.

Maybe we can talk about some of it next time.

8. Digitally extended realities. Encompassing virtual reality, augmented reality, and mixed reality, this trend highlights the move towards creating more immersive digital experiences.

9. Digital twins. A digital twin is a digital copy of an actual physical object, product, process, or ecosystem. This innovative technology allows us to try out alterations and adjustments that would be too expensive or risky to try out on the real physical object.

10. Natural language processing. This technology, which allows machines to understand human language, has dramatically changed how humans interact with machines, in particular giving rise to...

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/bernardmarr/2020/04/20/these-25-technology-trends-will-define-the-next-decade/?sh=286f6ba129e3>

We are saddened to learn that Geoff Spencer and his family are mourning the recent loss of their daughter Sharon.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Old age is gradually catching up as I discover each month, that I'm running (or should I say shuffling) late with the letter.



It's not a burden, I enjoy doing it and thinking about you folks as various things seem to interrupt.

This month, it will be much shorter and hopefully in the mail this arvo...Friday

One of the distractions in August has been the time spent watching the Matildas doing us proud. It's not a sport I've really understood or followed but now seem to understand the skill and strategies involved.

They are a disciplined team and are well drilled with each member an integral part of the defensive or attack strategy in play.

It prompted me to learn more about them as a team and as individuals. Typical of their mind-set was a comment made by Mary Fowler when interviewed

"I'm just enjoying being able to play with the older girls and learn from them, and then hopefully when I get chances like this, I'm able to fill the shoes of whoever was there before me."

Perhaps a lesson for many of the current and future characters who find themselves being congratulated for a job well done,

Hope you are well, and warm Frank

Shoalhaven PCUG Inc.

Extract from Minutes of General Meeting held on 21st July 2023



Location: Blue Gum Room, Bomaderry Bowling Club

Meeting opened by President Richard Findsen at 7:30pm

Present: Those present are listed on the attendance list collected by the *'Meet & Greet'* committee member on the day and held on file by the Treasurer.

Visitors: Michael Findsen, Nicholas Findsen

Apologies: Rex & Bev Hunt, Dennis Collimore, Frank Tynan, Barbra Baker, Geoff Spencer.

Questions and Answers:

David Page asked that David Wastie type into the search engine he has on his computer *'Computer CRT monitors for sale'* so that we could all see the results. On going into eBay it could be seen at a quick glance that there were many second-hand monitors for sale up to \$2000.00. David Page told us that they stopped making CRT monitors in 2004 but that they are still better for *'Gaming'* purposes than the modern ones as the resolution in *'Gaming mode'* still outstrips the very best of the modern screens. He noted that old CRT widescreen monitors can go for up to \$5,000.00. It was also noted that *'burning in'* which is where an image can be left on one of the old CRT monitors when it is left on and not in use was the reason for the introduction of screensavers. Although the modern screen is not subject to the same problems it was suggested the monitors should be turned off when not in use.

Mick Rigg pointed out that if one looked at the email address of spam emails they were sometimes up to 100 random characters. It was suggested that the reason was to avoid people replying to the emails.

Richard told us that Telstra are intending to discontinue their *'Bigpond'* email service and are not intending to replace it. Hence those with a *'Bigpond'* address will need to opt in for some other email provider such as Gmail.

Other:

David Wastie gave a PowerPoint presentation on the use of folders to store files so that they can be easily found again.

After a coffee break, David demonstrated the easiest ways to transfer files from a phone to a computer. He emphasized the importance of using the correct cables which then led to a general discussion about the variation in cable structure, even though the plugs at each end may look like the ones needed. Evidently there is software in each plug of a cable and this can present difficulties if the software is incorrect. The main thing to remember is to ensure the cable is a *'charging'* cable.

David then continued with a presentation on the use of the *'Snipping'* tool which is included with the Windows suite of tools.

We thank David for his interesting presentations and for the work he puts in to creating them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:17pm

Thanks Russell

To meet the deadline let's call it done for this month. Regards, Frank