

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

NEWS February 2020

Special Interest Group Sunday, February 16, 1.00 pm

*Our Friday meeting is February 21.
It begins at 7.30 pm*

Visitors are very welcome to these meetings

President's piece.



As we emerge from the fires and flood there is a need to consider the emotional impact many of our members, family and friends are dealing with. Unintentional offence can and does occur by the casual 'LIKE' tick on Social media .

We are encouraged to 'LIKE' material we have not seen. In some cases your true feelings are hijacked.

We have a lot to learn about the digital world we inhabit. and need to alert to the incredible danger of 'spam'

Thanks to Geoff, our Website carries a pretty good description of what we are about with his comment:

The Shoalhaven PC Users Group is a group of IT enthusiasts who meet regularly to review and discuss Computers, Tablets, iPads, iPhones and related issues. Our meetings are pretty unstructured but sometimes there are a mixture of hardware and software demonstrations (we are always looking for someone to demonstrate new technology) and problem solving. Any club member or guest can pose a problem that we will endeavour to solve, and of course there is a significant social aspect. Our aim is to promote awareness and understanding of IT technology, throughout the community, with particular emphasis on novice users.

We have drifted from the 'pioneer' stage of personal computing to a situation where most people in the neighbourhood use digital devices as part of their life,

Enthusiasts are keen to share as they learn and use the latest hardware and software. We are not alone in the ever-changing digital arena as manufacturers commit massive resources on the gamble to keep up or ahead of the pack. Some get it wrong.

21/02/2020 is our Annual General Meeting.

The AGM is a typically brief but important part of our activity. An opportunity to pause and elect the team we want to manage the Group .

You are encouraged to privately think about how we are coping with accelerating change in technology and the needs of current and future members.

Lyll has provided an Excerpt from the Constitution Of the Shoalhaven P C Users Group Inc.as amended 16 Feb 1996. as reference.

We have a responsibility to past and future users of the devices to anticipate the needs of future members to continue as Users helping Users.

Members are now skilled in the use of specific devices; Perhaps a tutorial approach to ad hoc issues is part of the process as those skills are shared.

There are many around us unable to focus on what we are doing. They are facing total loss of personal possessions; perhaps the loss of dear friends, family, maybe declining health, Is there anything we, as a group might do to help?



Excerpt from Constitution
~ Shoalhaven P C Users Group Inc
~ as amended 16 Feb 1996.

The purposes of the Group are to conduct, on a non-profit basis, activities aimed at the effective utilisation of the personal computer, with particular reference to IBM and IBM compatible products, and to endeavour to achieve such effective utilisation by means of:

- a) advancing computer literacy,
- b) keeping members abreast of developments in computing and information technology and enabling members to exchange information and experience,
- c) providing a forum for the exchange of views amongst computer users and between computer users and the computer industry,
- d) co-operating, supporting or joining with, or in, other organisations with similar purposes
- e) undertaking other activities beneficial to the Group in order to further its purposes.

The officers of the Group shall be: a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary.

Each officer of the Group shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.

The committee shall consist of: the officers of the Group; and 5 ordinary members, each of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Group in each year.

Each ordinary member of the committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.

Public Wi-Fi

Public Wi-Fi is available just about everywhere, from the local coffee shop to the hotels and airports you visit while traveling.



Wi-Fi has made our lives a little easier, but it also poses security risks to the personal information available on our laptops and smartphones.

There are basically two kinds of public Wi-Fi networks: secured and unsecured. Regardless of the connection type, you should always use public Wi-Fi with caution.

Don't access personal bank accounts, or sensitive personal data, on unsecured public networks. Even secured networks can be risky. Use your best judgment if you must access these accounts on public Wi-Fi.

Don't shop online when using public Wi-Fi. Sure, shopping doesn't seem like it involves sensitive data, but making purchases online requires personal information that could include bank account and retailer login credentials.

Shopping isn't something you want to do on an unsecured Wi-Fi network.

Monitor your Bluetooth connectivity. Bluetooth in the home is an amazing feature on many smart devices. However, leaving Bluetooth on while in public places can pose a huge risk to your cybersecurity.

Bluetooth connectivity allows various devices to communicate with each other, and a hacker can look for open Bluetooth signals to gain access to your devices.

Keep this function on your phone and other devices locked down when you leave your home, office, or similar secured area.

Nomination form for Committee 2020.

A total of 8 positions are provided for in the Constitution these are 3 officers (President, Treasurer, and Secretary) plus 5 ordinary members. Sub-committees can also be appointed.

NB You must be a financial member to hold office and to vote at meetings.

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Nomination of officer for the position of President, Secretary, Treasurer.

Nomination of ordinary member for the position of

Editor, Webmaster, Public Officer, Meet & Greet, Technical Officer.

Nominee _____

Nominee to sign acceptance _____

Name of Nominator _____

AGM Reminder from our Public Officer

Microsoft's fascination for its own smartphone is not dead, yet.

After failed Windows smartphones, the company has showcased a foldable smartphone – Surface Duo – that is more like the newly-launched Samsung Galaxy Fold and would run on Google's Android.

The Surface Duo will have two 5.6-inch displays that expand to an 8.3-inch screen.

At an event in New York late 2019, Microsoft said



that it would release Surface Duo in 2020.

Microsoft tell us:

“Surface Duo is the first Surface to fit in your pocket. Surface Duo brings together the best of Microsoft productivity experiences, Android apps and Surface hardware design into a single device you can take anywhere.”

“It has two paper-thin 5.6-inch screens that unfold to 8.3 inches, and just like Surface Neo, it can be used in a variety of modes to let you work the way you'd like,” Microsoft added.

Microsoft tried hard to make its Windows-based phones successful, but failed as it could not compete against Google's Android and Apple's iOS.

The Surface Duo will be able to run apps from the Google Play Store.

“With Surface Duo we are building upon Android to marry cutting edge hardware with familiar software and services,” said the company.

If you are interested, go to:

<https://twistarticle.com/microsoft-surface-duo-foldable-device-to-take-on-galaxy-fold/>

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The company also showcased Surface Neo — a dual-screen device built for productivity on Windows 10X, an expression of Windows 10.

A 360-degree full-friction hinge connects two 9-inch screens, enabling Surface Neo to adapt to whatever posture you need in the moment.

“When you open it, you have a full-size 13-inch display in the thinnest LCD in its class. It's built for productivity and multitasking like a true PC would be — running full productivity apps, with a removable keyboard and compatibility with Surface Pen and Bluetooth mouse,” said Microsoft.

To support Surface Neo, Microsoft is introducing

Windows 10X, an expression of Windows 10

designed for a new category of dual-screen PCs

If interested, go to:

<https://www.wired.com/story/microsoft-surface-duo-neo-phone/>



It occurs to me that industry leaders in all segments of business are confronted with competitors and the need to refine or replace what they do.

Our little organisation is not exempt from the need to innovate; not everything works first time. It's an interesting journey.

Frank

I started this letter on 02.02.2020 as a prompt to ask you what this date has in common with **Glenelg, Tumut** or **Civic**.

More important stuff emerged as time passed so I just found space here.

Each is a **palindrome**: A word, number, phrase, or other sequence of characters which reads the same backward as forward, such as 02.02.2020

Semordnilap (palindromes spelled backward) is a name coined for words that spell a different word in reverse. *Spellcheck needed assistance with this one.*

The Dylan Thomas play **Under Milk Wood** was set in a Welsh village with a Welsh-looking name, Llareggub. In fact, it was not a Welsh name at all,



but “bugger all” backwards.



Bomaderry Bowling Club
Worth Going Out
Of Your Way For

Question: Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?

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In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from ?



When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.'

He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her.

Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her.

In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

That's about it folks, Frank



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We meet at Bomaderry
Bowling Club
each month
on the third Friday at 7.30 pm
and
the third Sunday at 1.00pm
Visitors welcome