

# SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

## NEWS      March 2020

*Special Interest Group **Sunday, March 15, 1.00 pm***

*Our **Friday meeting is March 20.**  
It begins at 7.30 pm*

*Visitors are very welcome to these meetings. No need to book.*

### President's piece.



AGM requirements were accomplished with a minimum of fuss on Friday night. All office holders were re-elected with one exception.

Bev Hunt has performed the role of treasurer for many years and we have taken it for granted. Dealing also with health issues during 2019, she is unable to continue managing our finances.

We are faced with the task of finding someone to take on the job. We need to address this issue at our next meeting.

As we enter the third month of 2020...a few thoughts  
**Not sure who wrote this, but it's deep:**

"Every minute someone leaves this world behind.  
We are all in "the line" without knowing it.  
We never know how many people are before us.  
We can not move to the back of the line.  
We can not step out of the line.  
We can not avoid the line.  
So while we wait in line -  
Make moments count.  
Make priorities.  
Make the time.  
Make your gifts known.  
Make a nobody feel like a somebody.  
Make your voice heard.  
Make the small things big.  
Make someone smile.  
Make the change.  
Make love.  
Make up.  
Make peace.  
Make sure to tell your people they are loved.  
Make sure to have no regrets.  
Make sure you are ready."

*Richard*

### It's about life cycles

Our recent AGM was a reminder that we are an ageing bunch of characters, sharing an interest in using modern digital device, but lacking a technical curiosity about what makes them work.



You might have noticed we're gracefully adding birthdays; We are not alone!

Personal interface with computers is constant in our daily life. Travel by train and we tap a touch screen to register the beginning and subsequent places we visit. Drive a car and we interact with more than half a dozen digital devices controlling the vehicle.

An infant too young to speak is given a 'tablet' to occupy their mind rather than a tablet to swallow if they need to be pacified.

We seek their help to sharpen our skill in using the newest device.

Our role in helping users drive the modern device has changed. We are a cluster of maturing 'digital immigrants' sharing scheduled time with friends.

Focus is now on what we can do with these gadgets. A simple explanation or demo is enough to have us experiment; we are not afraid to ask 'how do I do this or that.'

The SPCUG is still a group of 'users helping users' as our needs for mutual assistance go beyond the scope envisioned by the original enthusiasts.

I share a story on the next page of a remarkable club that regrettably had to 'close the door' in late 2019 but left a link for those able to 'work from home'.

I planned to talk with them: It did not work out



Our main aim was  
MEMBERS HELPING  
MEMBERS.

Special General Meeting voted unanimously  
to wind up the group.

“President’s Notes, Special General Meeting,  
Tues 12 November 2019.

First, my sincere apology for being unable to attend today in person. Today is a momentous occasion! After nearly four decades of incredibly successful operation the Perth PC Users Group, Inc. is coming to an end.

In that time, it has been a valuable vehicle for all of us Members to help each other to use their computers more efficiently and more effectively.

For a moment just consider the changes that have taken place to computing hardware, software and organisation over the past 35 to 40 years. When we began computers were primitive, printers even more so. For software, we were grappling with Windows 3.1. Most of the time at meetings was devoted to obtaining software, on 3.5-inch discs, no thumb drives then. Storage was miniscule. Laptops were the new thing, so you didn’t have to lug the desktop to a meeting for help! Mobile phones, iPads and tablets were far in the future.

Just contemplate for a moment the incredible power and versatility of current mobile phones: graphics beyond belief; instant access; camera and photo album; access to all the world’s knowledge; enormous computation ability; linkage to satellite location; etc.; etc. Likewise tablets and the variety of other handy, portable hardware now commonplace. And I don’t have to mention the huge and flexible storage available on TB disks and thumb drives.

But you know all of that, and thanks to PPCUG you understand most of it, and can make effective use of it. That is no mean achievement. So I’ll move on to thanking some of the people who have made it all possible. Organisations don’t run themselves. Considerable personal effort behind the scene is required. This is often unseen and insufficiently appreciated.

First, your Committees over the years. Meeting organisation, Club membership, contacts and finances require constant attention.

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Second, Convenors and presenters of our various SIGs. These people have made your enjoyment of and benefit from PPCUG possible. I mention the current and most recent Committees in particular.

As we all aged (we are now in our 70’s, not our 30’s) fewer and fewer Members have come forward to serve on the Committee and to keep the Club working properly.

I thank them all on your behalf, especially Connie our Treasurer, who made her business expertise available to us, and Trisha our Vice-President who has always been ready to step in to help me out, especially with my recent health problems. But there are two others who deserve special mention. Gordon, currently our Secretary, who has been a tower of strength in many roles, as Webmaster, as Keeper of our equipment, as Presenter and as Problem Solver, to name but some of his contributions., and Trevor, our Technical Advisor, who has maintained our PPCUG email system, and been ever so helpful to many, many Members in so many ways over the years. Thanks heaps to you both.

And to anyone else I’ve forgotten to mention, Sorry!...and thanks too!

Before we all vanish to our own little realms make sure you have contact details for those you wish to be able to contact in future. Computing is much easier now, but still generates queries. And it will continue to do so. The past has been successful. Make sure the future is no more difficult.

Farewell, and Happy Computing!

Peter Scales, President. “

I had planned to compare notes with Perth group until their closure November 2019 details appeared and the rest of the story unfolded: Feb 22, 2020 - *SCALES (Peter James): Passed away peacefully on Thursday 20th*

**SCALES (Peter):**  
Deepest sympathy to Jenny and Family on the very sad passing of our President Peter. He was a true gentleman who was very well respected and admired by members of the Perth PC Users Group.

They did leave the group with a continuing link  
...and wonderful memories.

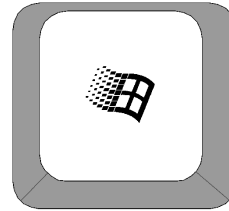
## Windows shortcuts



Shift + f3      change case  
 Shift + num lk   activate number keys



Ctrl + C      copy  
 Ctrl + V      paste  
 Ctrl + X      cut  
 Ctrl + S      save  
 Ctrl + P      print  
 Ctrl + Z      undo  
 Ctrl + A      select all  
 Ctrl + [      decrease font size  
 Ctrl + ]      increase font size  
 Ctrl + N      new document  
 Ctrl + W      close document  
 Ctrl + H      word – find window  
 Ctrl + H      pdf – read mode  
 Ctrl + Shift + H   pdf – auto scroll  
 Ctrl + Shift + =   superscript  
 Ctrl + =      subscript  
 Ctrl + B      turn bold on or off  
 Ctrl + I      italic text  
 Ctrl + U      underline text  
 Ctrl + Home      go to the beginning  
 Ctrl + End      go to the end  
 Ctrl + Q      quit video (esc)



Win              menu pops up  
 Win + period key   emojis appear  
 Win + A          open action centre  
 Win + D          show desktop  
 Win + E          File Explorer  
 Win + M          Minimise the windows  
 Win + R          shows Windows version  
 Win + S          open search  
 Win + fl          Windows Help  
 Win + prt sc     take screenshot  
 Win + Shift + S   take screenshot-section  
 Win + 1,2,3,etc.   taskbar shortcut  
 Win + L          lockdown



Alternate – a modifier key

Alt + 132	ä
Alt + 137	ë
Alt + 129	ü
Alt + 135	ç
Alt + 130	é
Alt + 0128	€
Alt + 156	£
Alt + 0165	¥
Alt + V	ü

Shortcuts can be assigned,  
 using the symbol/character  
 chart

*From Jack, just in case the chart he gave us about four years back is worn out.*

From The London Times:

### A Well-Planned Retirement

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses.

For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant....

The fees for cars (\$1.40), for buses (about \$7).

Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the zoo management called the city council and asked it to send them another parking agent.

The council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the zoo's own responsibility.

The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee.

The city council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, or France, or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket booth installed completely on his own and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars..... and no one even knows his name.



For more information contact Faye.

She's been collecting the coffee money.

**Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?**

WELCOME to 2020



- ❖ Phones - Wireless
- ❖ Cooking - Fireless
- ❖ Cars - Keyless
- ❖ Food - Fatless
- ❖ Tyres - Tubeless
- ❖ Dress - Sleeveless
- ❖ Youth - Jobless
- ❖ Leaders - Shameless
- ❖ Relationships - Meaningless
- ❖ Attitudes - Careless
- ❖ Babies - Fatherless
- ❖ Feelings - Heartless
- ❖ Education - Valueless
- ❖ Children - Mannerless

We are Speechless,  
Government is Clueless,  
and politicians are Worthless.

We were promised a computerized society would be paperless.

With the help of major retailers and many witless shoppers in our midst it has happened; as the average hapless citizen will experience a move from an elite affluent society to that of the primitive, effluent but creative society of days gone by.

In days of old, when knights were bold  
And paper not invented  
One wiped one's ass on a blade of grass  
And walked away contented

Spellcheck did not recognize the aussie word!



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