

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP NEWS November 2020

*Note: Special Interest Group **Sunday 15** at 1.00pm*

*'NORMAL' Club Meeting scheduled for
Friday, November 20 at 7.30pm*

President's Piece.



It has been a busy month for all of us but the group has a collective will to make things happen in spite of necessary rules and changed behaviour.

I look forward to seeing you and new members at our meetings

Richard

...and from David

Please note, our Friday meeting is in the **Magnolia** room off the bistro .

It is bigger and will hold up to 20 people.
The Blue Gum Room only holds 14 people

Stay Happy, and Safe

David

Editorial Comment



Am I the only person who needed to be reminded that our Sunday meeting occurs before Friday this month?

Thanks to Richard, David and Russell I might have this letter fit to mail before the weekend.

Our return to near normal meetings has awakened an urge to participate, to share,...to listen, as questions are posed on a wide range of issues.

This coincides with Russell's skilled summary of specific points discussed that appear on the next page with a couple of pictures.

Sunday's Special Interest Group was well attended as we settled into our 'personal project comfort zones' with an occasional call to those around us for advice or comment.

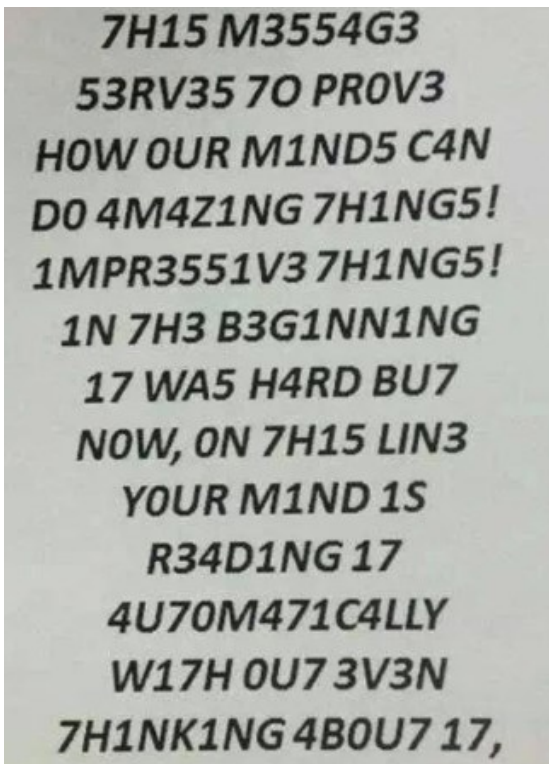
2020 is, and has been a year of uncertainty,

We are not the first generation to experience it.

Merle shared this thought today...



Frank



Our October meeting was very successful in many respects as we adjusted to being in a room with members after a prolonged ban on such gatherings.

We also have the luxury of detailed minutes of the meeting to remind us of discussion about problems encountered during our enforced isolation.

Russell is seen in action as self-distanced members tuned in to the new Website format and testing to be launched by David.

Jack unearthed and shared an entertaining series of Australian inventions that remind us of the talented characters who achieved so much before the Digital Revolution.



Questions and Answers:

1. Graeme Evans asked if one could remove the videos icon from the Facebook menu. Richard Findsen said it couldn't be done. After further discussion Richard noted that a video purporting to have been sent by Graeme to a friend of his would have been sent through the Facebook app 'Messages'. Richard went on to emphasise that everyone should take care when opening a link in an email as links are often used by scammers to extract information from people who have hi-jacked another's email address.
2. Following a question as to whether the font on a computer screen could be increased where it was very small Richard advised the following short cuts can be used:
 - Ctrl ++ makes text bigger
 - Ctrl - - makes text smaller
 - Ctrl 00. brings back to default
3. Richard gave a demonstration on how to avoid scams from 'pop-up' dialogue boxes that continue to appear upon startup. The example used a dialogue box titled 'Winzip'. The method used was:
 - Close the dialogue box.
 - Try to uninstall the application.
 - Run a Malware cleaner. Richard suggested searching for 'Adwcleaner' on the Internet and downloading it from 'toolslib'. After closing the browser and running the program the program (Adwcleaner) should be deleted as it will not work after 14 days. The application is constantly updated so it needs to be a new download for each use.
4. Richard also demonstrated the downloading and updating of 'CCleaner' and some of its features. He showed how to obtain the free version to avoid paying for the premium version.



You might well ask ‘What connection could this story have with the Shoalhaven?’

Miss Lucy Morphett in a steam driven locomobile imported from the U.S.A. by Arthur G. Rymill.
 The Locomobile Company of America manufactured affordable, small steam cars until 1903,
 then the production switched to internal combustion powered luxury automobiles.
 Lucy Morphett was born in 1883 daughter of John Cummins Morphett and Mary Francis Sanders.



A few Locomobiles have survived in Australia and other parts of the world.

Steam, and horse drawn vehicles modified to use steam, electricity, or internal combustion engines emerged around end of the 19th Century .

Some of you might have seen this sleek horseless carriage on trial runs in the Berry and nearby areas in recent weeks.

Reassembled from scattered remains found in distant lands, it is a reminder that our parents and their colleagues were excited by modern developments in much the same way that we embrace new technology today.

For those still interested, a few images from Adelaide circa 1904 appear on the next page



First Fire Station, Norwood, Adelaide

1900, Photograph, B 26762

The first Fire Station at Norwood near the Town Hall, now demolished. Compare it with gear now available and necessary to deal with fire related emergencies.

Roads or tracks were also primitive by today's standards. Large spoked-wheels designed for a vehicle to be horse drawn were not suitable when power was transmitted through the axle.

This horse drawn carriage operated in Norwood as the horseless vehicles began to develop..

Paris–Rouen, Le Petit Journal Horseless Carriages Contest *See below:*

The contest was organised by the newspaper Le Petit Journal and run from Paris to Rouen in France on 22 July 1894

The first driver across the finishing line at Rouen was "le Comte de Dion" but he did not win the main prize because his steam vehicle needed a stoker and was thus ineligible.

Formula 1 Grand Prix racing is still a major force in the search for motoring excellence 126 years later as reduced emissions is a major objective.



Thanks to a non-member reader who thought we might be warned about how we speak to people.

Subject: The British Empire

In the great old days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a West African jungle outpost to relieve the retiring colonel.

After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches etc.) that protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said, "You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers, he's my right-hand man, he's really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless."

Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall.

"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself."

"Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines.

I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events, and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Olympics.

I have researched the history of....."

Here the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, he can find all that in your file.

Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor to f***k off."

Jack is a natural student of everything and enjoys sharing stuff with us. He is concerned that others might like to contribute but don't want to intrude on available space.



Perhaps some of you might reassure him that we value his research, wit, humour and enthusiastic contribution.

In the meantime, he tells us...

NINETEEN NEWFOUNDLANDERS GO TO THE
CINEMA. THE TICKET LADY ASKS "WHY
SO MANY OF YOU?"
BUDDY REPLIES, "THE FILM SAID 18 OR OVER."

MY DAUGHTER ASKED ME FOR A PET SPIDER FOR
HER BIRTHDAY, SO I WENT TO
OUR LOCAL PET SHOP AND THEY WERE \$70. FORGET
IT, I THOUGHT, I CAN GET
ONE CHEAPER OFF THE WEB.

I WAS AT AN A.T.M. YESTERDAY. A LITTLE OLD
LADY ASKED IF I COULD
CHECK HER BALANCE, SO I PUSHED HER OVER.

STATISTICALLY, SIX OUT OF SEVEN DWARFS ARE
NOT HAPPY.

That's about it for this month.

Stay safe

Frank



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