

# SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

## NEWS August 2020

*Our Virtual Club Meeting will occur Friday, August 21*

*Sunday Special Interest Group meetings are still on hold.*



### President's Piece.

The 2020 emergency cycle prevails as drought, high wind-driven fires, Covid19 pandemic, recurring floods and self isolation required by Government impose restrictions on each of us.

SES pressure is intruding on family and computer related involvement: we depend on each other.

Hope to virtually see you Friday.

*Richard.*

Our next meeting will be online via ZOOM  
Friday 17th July 2020 evening at 7.30pm

Before you attend the meeting please make sure that your mic and video are working OK.

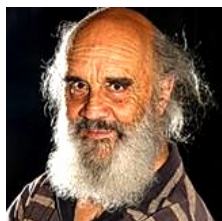
**If you are having problems checking your Mic and Video please talk to Richard 0405 707 789 or David 0414 982 010.**

### On Friday I will:

1. Send out an email with a link which you should click on and download a small ZOOM program
2. The email will be sent out some time between 7 and 7.15pm on Friday
3. You will NOT be able to enter the meeting before the host is connected

See you all then  
Stay Happy and Healthy

*David*



How does one write a letter to friends and family at a time like this?

Each one of us has been 'confined to barracks' and directed to socially distance ourselves for several months past.

The shift from personal interaction in meetings or social activity to 'virtual' interaction has become 'normal' for those fluent in the use of digital devices. For those unable to 'drive' these gadgets or afford to buy them, it can be a depressing situation.

I visited a close friend recently to check on him and his wife. They are comfortable, but not able to use the recently purchased iPad and iPhone to track and interact with friends.

Coaching and training is only available on-line unless a willing friend or user is available to encourage and coach. Older folks do not want to be a burden, so their unintended exclusion can be overlooked. My friend philosophically used the phrase "Spending time in God's waiting room"

Jack's 5G research and brief summary in this issue alerted me to incremental stages of life with computers that come upon us and will inevitably continue to evolve.

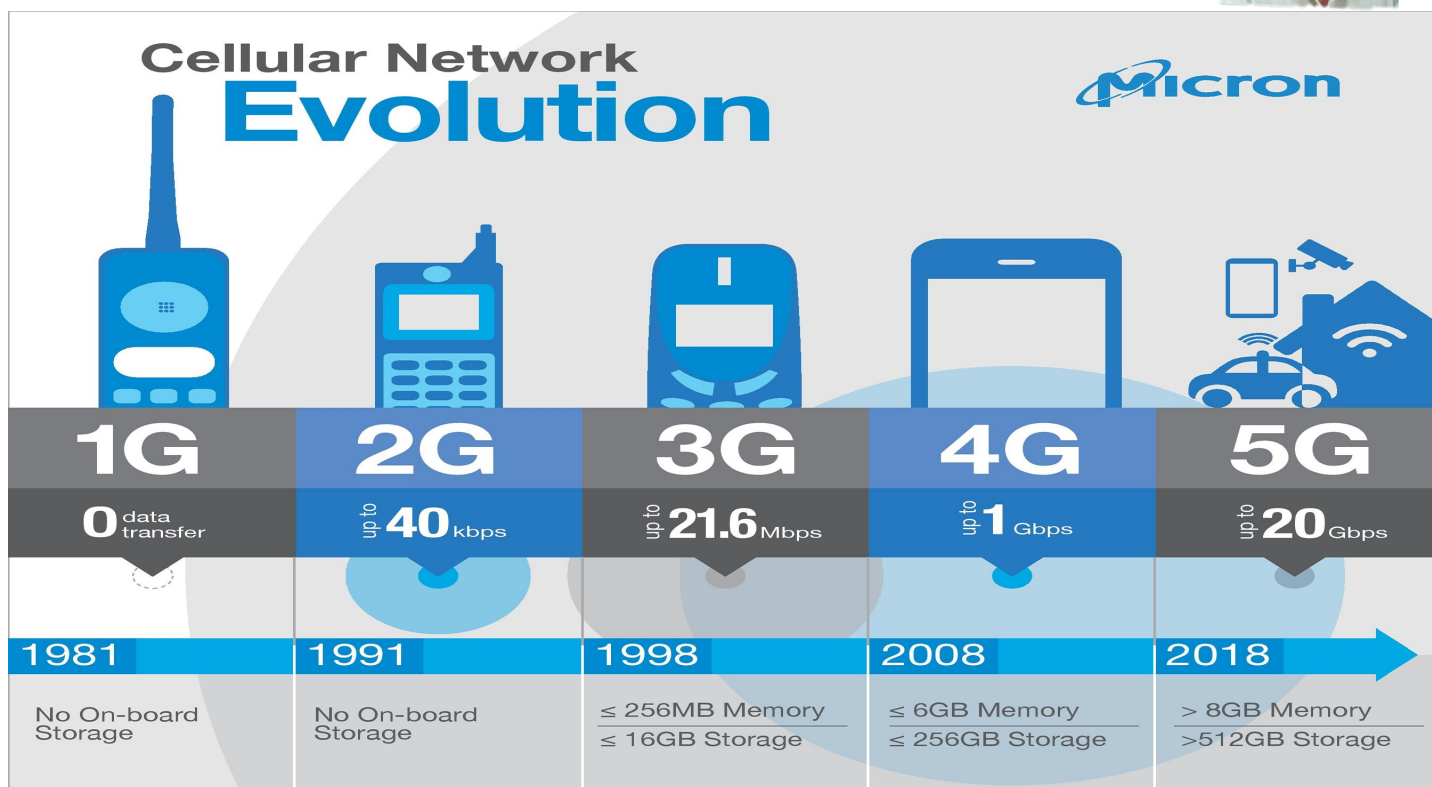
I decided to charge my new cordless vacuum cleaner this morning. On returning to the laptop, a message appeared on the screen instructing me to unplug and not charge it until discharged below 72%.

The Internet of Things, now includes Dyson Things  
Big Brother is watching every move..

*Frank*



# 5G TECHNOLOGY



5G is the fifth-generation technology standard in cellular telecommunications. 5G has a greater bandwidth, giving higher download speeds of up to 10 gigabits per second.

It is expected that the new networks will not just serve cell phones, but also be used as general internet service providers for laptops and desktop computers. Current 4G cell phones will not be able to use the new networks, which will require new 5G enabled wireless devices.

The increased speed is achieved partly by using higher-frequency radio waves. 5G speeds range from ~50 Mbit/s to over a gigabit/s. The fastest 5G is known as mmWave.

There are a number of debunked claims and conspiracy theories around 5G, some of which became particularly prevalent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The scientific consensus is that 5G technology is safe. Arguments to the contrary are based on a conspiracy theory that cites the newness of the technology as a reason not to trust it.

The wavelength 5G operates at is a non-ionising radiation. That means it doesn't produce enough energy to damage the cells in your body, which can cause cancer.

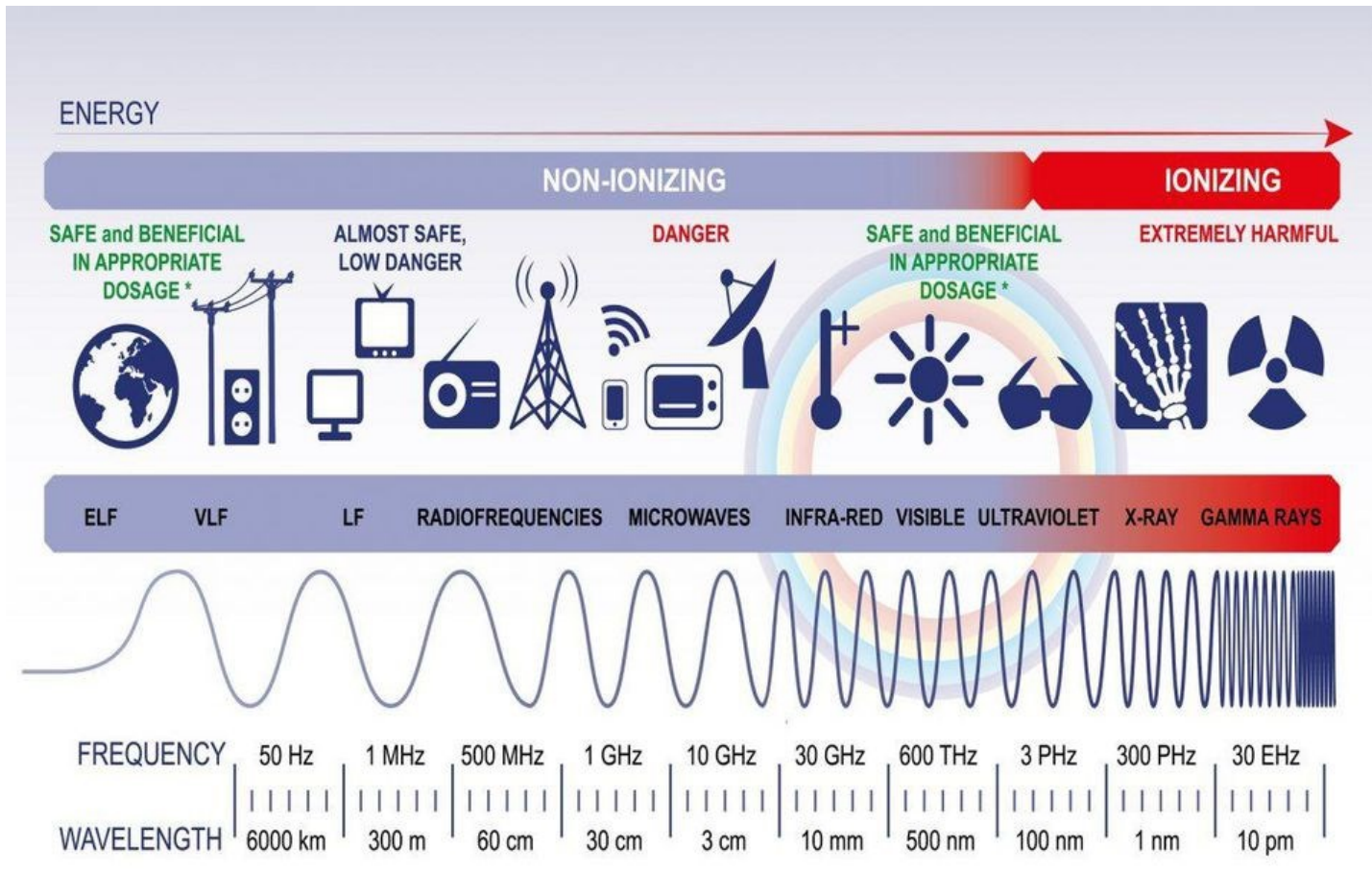
Gamma rays, X-rays and ultraviolet radiation from the sun, by contrast, have smaller wavelengths and higher frequencies that can and do cause cancer.

4G vs 5G: what's the difference? 5G will have dramatically less latency than 4G, bringing it down to around one millisecond. This is in part because of the sections of the electromagnetic spectrum that 5G uses: providers will be able to augment their networks in particularly busy places by using 'millimetre wave' technology that works at relatively short ranges.

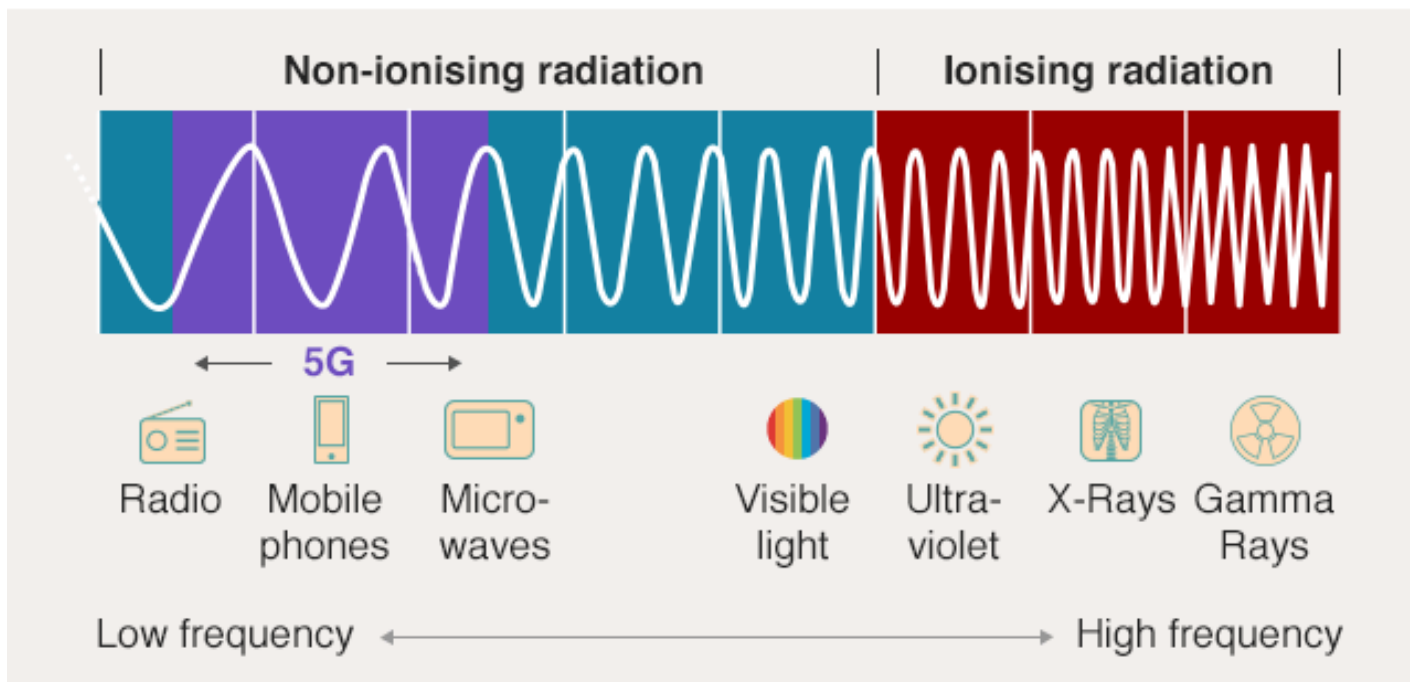
Thanks to other parts of the spectrum, you can also expect more reliable signal indoors, because 5G waves can more easily penetrate through buildings.

Jack has added these charts. They provide a much clearer explanation of the electromagnetic spectrum.

I urge you to spend a few minutes examining the nature and impact of current and emerging technology.



## Where 5G fits in the electromagnetic spectrum



Source: SCAMP/Imperial College London/EBU



Hello Frank

I'm replying at last!

The piece about the Terrara flood sounds good, and topical.

Also we've been wondering what is going to happen to the memorial flood boat which was moved to make way for the new bridge works. Speaking of which, does anyone know with any certainty what happens to the road once you leave the new bridge heading south? Surely those plans must be set in concrete by now, but opinions vary.

Topics of conversation depend on the individual's reactions to the current restrictions. How does life change for someone like Faye who normally was so involved in the district shows? What alternative arrangements have been made by the various agricultural societies? And how does it affect life on the Suffolk farm?

Norm is usually involved with the Senior Citizens, so how are they coping? Maybe he could tell us.

Lyll's working arrangements have changed and he's been spending the extra time on his various projects at home.

What is Mick up to? Still doing his newsletter for the police association?

For some of us U3A is continuing but with courses being run by Zoom hook-ups.

How has Richard's work with the SES changed?

It might be worthwhile exploring this line, although maybe some of the subjects have already been canvassed during the Zoom meetings. I'm out of touch there unfortunately.

Sorry, but that's it for suggestions from me. I'm out of ideas at the moment.

Regards  
Bev

## THE FLOODS IN THE SHOALHAVEN May 1870

The Shoalhaven correspondent of the S. M. Herald, furnishes the following heartrending account of the recent flood at Shoalhaven: —

“The highest flood ever known here has just swept over our district, spreading ruin and desolation throughout its course. The rain, which had continued with slight intermission for the last ten weeks, set in on Monday night last — a perfect deluge, accompanied by a terrific gale from the east.

On Tuesday morning, the river broke over the bank, and continued to rise throughout the day, reaching its highest point about midnight, remaining at its extreme for about seven hours, when it began gradually to recede, and in about twelve hours was again within its banks.

The destruction of property is immense, with loss of life.

At Dr. McKenzie's, the barn has gone; Mr. John Glanville has also lost his barn.

At Greenhills, the bank has gone close up to Mr. Watts' door, at Bomaderry Ferry. Ruston's, Ruane's and Lamond's old shops have all gone.

At Terara, Binder's house, I. S. N. Co.'s store, Armstrong's saddler's shop, post and telegraph-offices, M'Garvie's old shop, and two other houses are gone. Towards Numba, James Goulding's house and barn have gone, and here occurred the loss of life.

In the barn were three of his children and grandchild, and a girl named Kelly. Feeling the barn going, they knocked out the slabs, and were about escaping when Julia Goulding the eldest, dropped her baby, and, in stooping to pick it up, was washed down. Her brother James, the next eldest, stooping to help her, was also washed down, and all three were drowned; also, their sister, Mary, and Mary Kelly. None of their bodies have yet been discovered, except that of the child, which was found hanging on a pouch tree about half a mile away from where the accident occurred.”

The tragedy and further devastating effects of the flood are reported in detail on Trove.

You can read this and other reports on:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/111160098?downloadScope=article>

1860 Shoalhaven floods might have offered a warning as this extract from reports in the Sydney Morning Herald

<https://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/stories/washed-away-story-meroogals-clock>

*The desolation of this district is beyond adequate description. ...So quickly did the river rise that no time was afforded to save a single article. Women and children were carried through the water; some took refuge on the tops of their houses, and were swept away ; others flew to haystacks; many hung on to the branches of trees, and remained there for hours until taken off by boats.*

*...The great, the awful, and most appalling scene of wildest desolation, irrecoverable wreck, loss of life, and annihilation of houses and property, is Terara township. It would appear as if the avenging fury and power of the flood were reserved for the special destruction of the locality. Truly, it is a melancholy and soul harrowing sight, to look abroad upon the spots where goodly dwellings once stood, and happy, too confident families, once dwelt—living in peace and comfort; the creation of their own industry, and smiling in contentment and feelings of independence. “*

It was Merle's birthday yesterday. The selfie taken in 2016 reminds us that these frequent travellers have been trapped like us.



River cruises are also out of the question but they can still share a picture or two..

Merle Schulz August 10

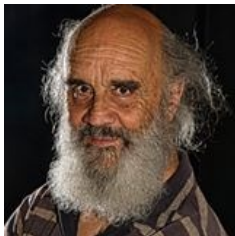
Had a great spot to watch our river flood but peak time over now—the fun of living by a tidal river,



August 2020 As you can see our river came quite high but Shoalhaven Heads opened up or it would have been much higher, with much more flooding damage, to think we were complaining of drought not that long ago.

## What have I been doing during the Virus problem?

Something I have been going to do for about 3 or 4 years is update the old tired website for the Shoalhaven Moviemakers.



I have at long last updated the site. If you would like to have a look, the link is <http://shoalhavenmovie.org.au/>

Check out some of the videos we have made.

Another project occupying my time is the Computer club website. Hopefully I will have it online within the next two or three weeks.

I will let you know when this happens and ask for your comments. **Your input is essential.**

The reason for asking you to comment is that I am unable to test on multiple platforms. That is your job to enable me to modify if needed.

When I uploaded to <http://shoalhavenmovie.org.au/> website I had many comments from movie club members and also members of the website group attached to Sydney PC & Technology User Group. Having comments from a wider group helped me to improve the project.

Silver Fox was closed because of the virus. We have had a series of meetings to discuss how and when we will be able to commence and it looks like we will be able to resume helping seniors with their computer, phone and tablet question about the middle of September 2020.

Meeting information Shoalhaven Community College, 1 Mattes Way, Bomaderry NSW 2541, Australia Monday 3pm to 5pm.

Stay Happy and Safe

David

A few items worthy of mention include:

- Russel is reviewing our constitution in accordance with regulations and has also circulated minutes for our virtual meetings. Just as well for blokes like me who don't hear or remember very well.
- Gail has updated the membership data so hopefully none of you will miss out on the mailing list.
- If you have friends or former member addresses I would like to include them on our circulation. Our past practice of printing copies for collection at library and Dymocks has been suspended until we resume group meetings at the Club.
- Does anyone know what is planned for the memorial flood boat which was moved to make way for the new bridge works?
- Bev mentioned another item concerning plans for traffic on the southern end of the new bridge? Do any of you know or understand?
- I had difficulty with the first few Zoom meetings until David patiently sorted out a few problems with my earphones to improve my ability to get involved. Don't be shy about asking for help if you have any trouble. One advantage of a Zoom meeting is the ease of 'leaving early' and the short walk to the coffee or bed.
- Mick, Bev was asking if you still produce the Newsletter for the Police Association.

If any of you need assistance in these troubled times, let us know. We know each other well enough to ask and at least make an effort to help.

Frank



## Numba

Not sure of the date this Group gathered for the photograph but to see the teacher and pupils assembled outside the weatherboard building does remind us of the primitive of life at the time.

## Hillbilly Moms Letter



Dear Son,

I'm writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read fast.

We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved.

Won't be able to send you the address as the last Arkansas family that lived here took the numbers with them for their house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it, pulled the chain and haven't seen 'em since.

It only rained twice this week, three days the first time and four days the second time.

The coat you wanted me to send to you, Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

About your sister, she had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether if it is a boy or girls so don't know if you are an Aunt or Uncle???

Your Uncle John fell in the whiskey vat. Some men tried to get him out, but he fought them off playfully, so he drowned. We cremated him and he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving and the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. The other 2 drowned. They couldn't get the tailgate down.

Not much more news this time. Nothing much happened. If you don't get this letter, please let me know and I will send another one.

Love, Mom

They're a great mob.

Liam had left Dublin to go up to Belfast for a bit of skydiving. Late on Sunday evening, he was found in a tree by a farmer.

"What happened?" said the farmer

Liam replied, "My parachute failed to open!"

"Well!" said the farmer, "if you had asked the locals before you jumped, they would have told you nothing opens here on a Sunday!"

Paddy and Murphy are working on a building site.

Paddy says to Murphy, "I'm gonna' get the day off. I'm gonna' pretend I've gone mad!"

So Paddy climbs up the rafters, hangs upside down, and shouts "I'm a light bulb, I'm a light bulb!" while Murphy watches in amazement.

The foreman shouts, "Paddy, go home. You've gone mad."

As Paddy leaves the site, Murphy starts packing his kit up to leave as well.

"Where do you think you're going?" asks the foreman.

"Well, I can't work in the friggin' dark!" said Murphy.

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy says, "In the car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."



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