

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP NEWS November 2019

*Our next Friday meeting is November 15.
It begins at 7.30 pm and Visitors are welcome*

Special Interest Group Sunday, November 17, 1.00 pm

Our thoughts are with thousands of people struggling to stay alive in these fierce fire storms.



Above: Residents and firefighters face a bushfire that has threatened homes and lives in Rainbow Flats on NSW North Coast. One of hundreds of fires across all states. Below: Firefighters battling fires in Taree.



Thursday, November 14! The letter is not finished and my good intentions have been overtaken by the reality of life around us.



Tom McDonald

Sadly another of our membership has passed away. He is seen here at one of many meetings he attended over the years.



Recent meetings have been a mix of entertainment and technical talk/demonstration by David, Jack and other members interacting as we discussed a variety of subjects.

Our focus has shifted from problems with our gear to the task of understanding new technology and the virtual world they allow us to visit at the touch of a key.

November seems to be a month of milestones and as I looked for relevant stuff to include, we've had fires and other serious events too complex to cover in a couple of pages.

Lyall brings us up to date on an old friend who has passed away.

Also, on Thursday (today) Merle Schulz is going into surgery for heart valve issues. It's expected to be keyhole surgery at this stage.

Norm's was taking her to Sydney early Wednesday afternoon. Thanks Lyall for keeping us informed.

We wish Merle a speedy recovery and safe travel home.

Our thoughts are with all members who are dealing with personal issues at the moment.

I'll include a little of what was planned, see what fits the blank spaces and hope to see you at the weekend.

Frank

Thomas Alfred McDonald passed away on the 6th October at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital aged 88 years.

Tom was a quiet unassuming gentleman who frequented our SunSig gatherings with a broad smile and willingness to help others for several years. As many of our membership would agree he will be sadly missed.

Tom's funeral service was held at The Chapel, Shoalhaven Memorial Gardens, Worrige Road, Worrige on Wednesday 16th October.



Spare a thought for these old friends in the group below, in deep conversation as they wait for the show to start sometime back around 2015

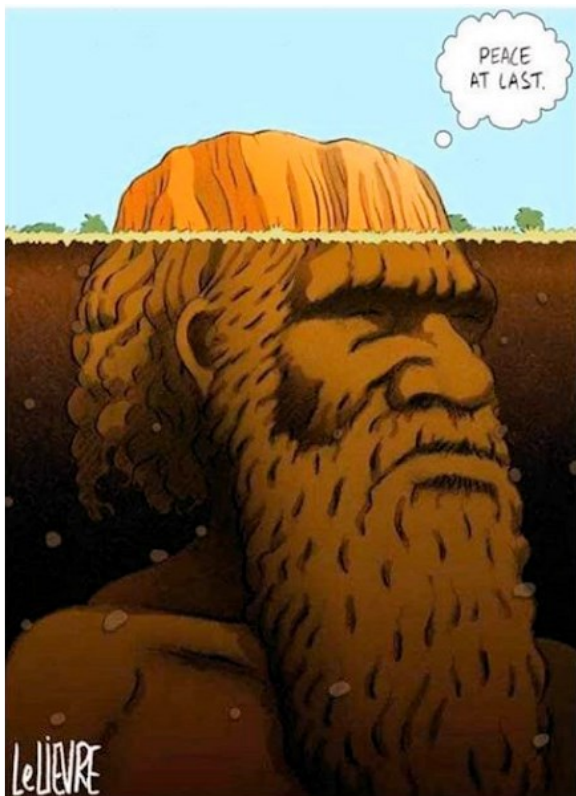


Let us pause and consider our collective lifetime.

November marks many milestones in our history. Sitting alone with a letter to write in late October, this Uluru event on October 26 2019, must merit inclusion as the last day tourists scramble to the top.



On this date in 1985 the park was ‘handed back’, but it was little more than a token gesture as non-indigenous tourists from far and wide trekked to the top as a mark of personal adventurous achievement.



Many of those around us lack the opportunity or support to choose how they live, even in our own neighbourhood or wider community but in different worlds.

We have a lot to learn and understand.

It's not over yet.

Matthew Jones-Power, 24, was one of the Wallarah Rural Fire Service brigade members taking a nap on Friday morning. It was his first break since 2.30pm on Thursday.

“That was pretty crazy, we just stopped for about two seconds to catch our breath,” he said.

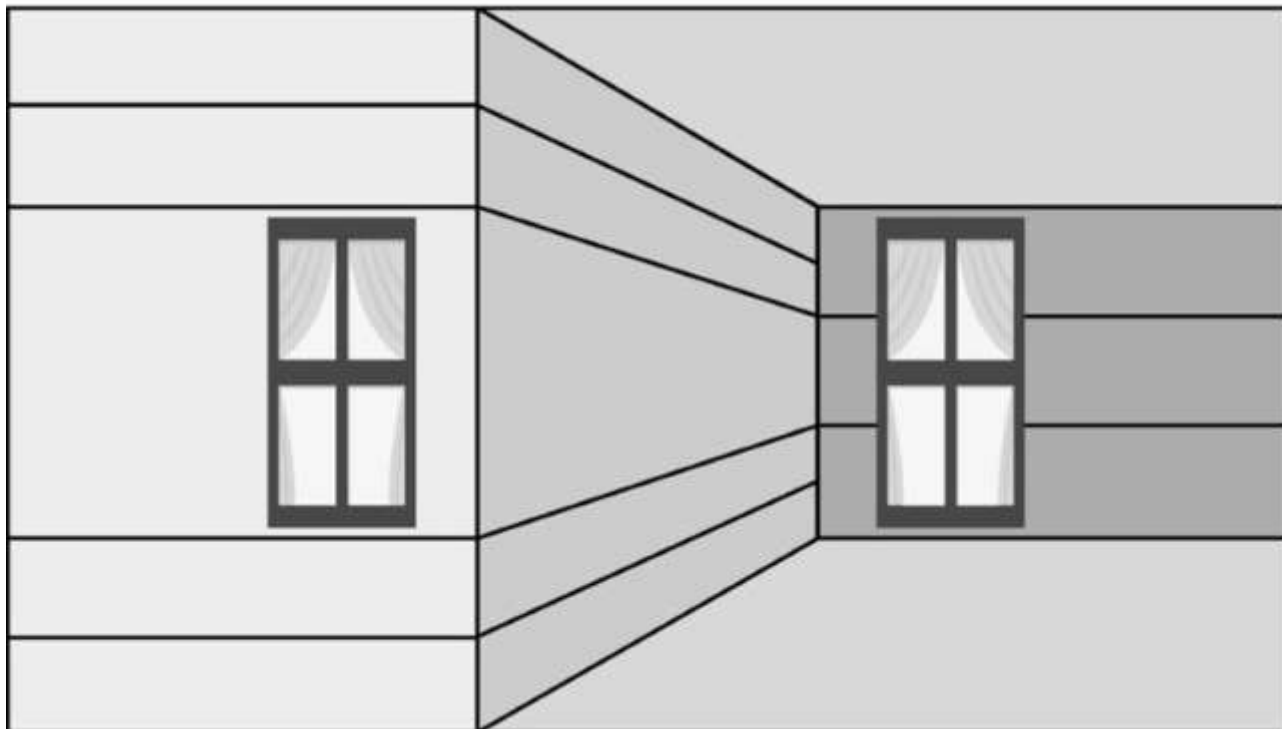


Josh and Matt Jones-Power

Matthew's younger brother, Joshua, 17, had likewise been fighting fires around the clock – even though he was in the middle of his HSC exams. ...Just two of the thousands of volunteers across all fires who we don't get to know but sincerely thank..

And our President doesn't say much about the time he and his teammates spend in the lead up to each of these recurring events.

WE thank all of you!



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