

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP NEWS July 2019

*Our next meeting is Friday, July 19
It begins at 7.30 pm and Visitors are welcome*

Sunday Special Interest Group Sunday, July 21, 1.00 pm



Vice President Jack Korten was in the chair for the June meeting and demonstrated in his unique style, an ability to keep us informed, amused, involved and thinking.

How many of you can remember all that stuff that kept us 'tuned in'?

I made notes and when it came time to write this letter, I could not find the notes. The answer was simple...ask Jack.

Hi Frank,

On Friday 21 June I showed 16 short video clips, using Microsoft's PowerPoint program. I started off by showing **Mr. Nobody**. I have attached this video for your information.

The main items:

The evolution of television from 1920 to 2020.
Predictions for the future of photography
Future firefighting equipment.
Seventy-seven historical images
Technology rules our lives.

Regards,
Jack.

The link to Jack's Mr. Nobody uses much space so if you want to see it again...ask him.

In the meantime:

I know a funny little man,
As quiet as a mouse,
Who does the mischief that is done
In everybody's house.
There's no one ever sees his face,
And yet we all agree
That every plate we break was cracked
By Mr., Nobody

Anon.

Before Photography on the South Coast

Do you have a mental picture of the landscape as seen by the pioneers in our area circa 1859?



Thanks to the virtual world we inhabit on a daily basis we can enlarge and view this image of the valley below the Kiama Bends as a newly arrived Austrian Artist saw it in December 1859.

Would you regard a modern photograph of the location as a more accurate or reliable representation of life as it was?

Eugene von Guérard has composed and interpreted a scene with such skill that he is regarded by historians as the most reliable source for data when researching specific locations from the east coast to the west.

He did not come here to paint. Although the son of an Austrian Nobleman and educated with the elite of his time, he arrived in Australia in search of gold. He arrived pretty much as backpackers do today.

If you have any interest in his experience, his diary is on line. He decided gold was not his destiny in life when he realised that interpreting this unique landscape would be his life's work.

The two most important days in your life are
the day you were born and the day you find
out why.

...Mark Twain

President's Report



Richard is one of the generation that has a 'day' job in addition to his volunteer work in the community.

As we gathered in the comfort of our meeting room for our June meeting, he with others, was refining and testing emergency procedures used by SES in severe winter conditions.

And again today July 5, he is in Tocumwal for two or three days of skill development after a few days in our part of the world. If asked, he might share one near-death experience from the June exercises.

Facebook images of the nearby Urana water tower included this thing crawling or falling on a day when the sun was shining.



Whatever it is, I do not want one as a pet.

If Richard and those intrepid volunteers go near a place like this there must be something else to make it worth a visit.

Notable people from Urana include:

- ✦ Rugby league player Norm Provan
- ✦ Singer Billy Field
- ✦ AFL Football Player Billy Brownless was born at the Urana Hospital.

We should also include **sculptor**

Andrew Whitehead who created

'Itsy Bitsy' hanging on the side of the water tower.

Bill Gates says his 'greatest mistake ever' was Microsoft losing to Android

By Tom Warren@tomwarren Jun 24, 2019.

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has been reflecting on his time at the company when crucial decisions were made over its mobile operating system. During a recent interview at Village Global, a venture capital firm, Gates revealed his "greatest mistake ever" was Microsoft missing the Android opportunity:

"In the software world, particularly for platforms, these are winner-take-all markets. So the greatest mistake ever, is whatever mismanagement I engaged in that caused Microsoft not to be what Android is. That is, Android is the standard non-Apple phone platform. That was a natural thing for Microsoft to win. It really is winner take all. If you're there with half as many apps or 90 percent as many apps, you're on your way to complete doom. There's room for exactly one non-Apple operating system and what's that worth? \$400 billion that would be transferred from company G to company M."

Google acquired Android back in 2005 for \$50 million, and former CEO Eric Schmidt admitted that Google's initial focus was beating Microsoft's early Windows Mobile efforts. "At the time we were very concerned that Microsoft's mobile strategy would be successful," said Schmidt during a 2012 legal fight with Oracle about Java. Android ultimately killed Windows Mobile and Windows Phone off, and became the Windows equivalent in the mobile world.

Many had assumed that Microsoft's missed mobile opportunity was a Steve Ballmer era mistake. Ballmer famously laughed at the iPhone, calling it the "most expensive phone in the world and it doesn't appeal to business customers because it doesn't have a keyboard." While Ballmer accepted the iPhone could go on to sell well, he crucially missed the touch-friendly era it was ushering in, and laughed off its lack of a keyboard.

This was a key part of Microsoft's early mobile mistakes, and it came from the very top. Microsoft spent months arguing internally over whether the company should scrap its Windows Mobile efforts, which at the time weren't touch-friendly and were born out of an era of stylus-powered devices. Microsoft decided, in a December 2008 emergency meeting, to scrap Windows Mobile and completely reboot its mobile efforts with Windows Phone.

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The early days of Android

While former Windows chief Terry Myerson and Microsoft's Joe Belfiore were involved in that emergency meeting, it's likely that the company would have sought Bill Gates' advice in some capacity. Gates stepped down as CEO in 2000, taking the chief software architect role during the crucial years leading up to Windows Phone and Microsoft's Windows Vista missteps. Gates eventually stepped down as chief software architect in July 2008, and carried on as the company's chairman until Satya Nadella took over as CEO in 2014.

Gates promised to "substantially increase time" at Microsoft back in 2014, and Microsoft's Edge team sought his thoughts about the company moving to Chromium last year. Gates has been assisting on a mysterious "personal agent" project at Microsoft in recent years, and now uses an Android phone.

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Thanks to Jack Korten

Dear Members,

A few days ago, our extended family gathered for the first time in many years. About one hundred and thirty of the clan assembled in Bowral.



One remarkable element of the event is that younger generations planned and made it happen.

The 'Elders' were guests of the characters who made our lives such a challenge all those years ago.

They are curious about us and find it hard to believe the stories we tell...even the true ones, about our primitive life a couple of generations back.

No one got lost, we had skilled medical, transport, communication, legal, catering, computing and project management of the highest order.

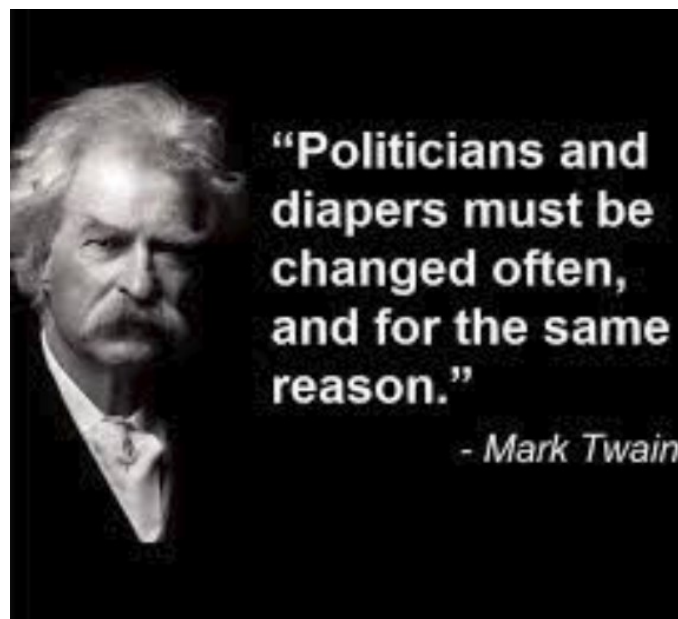
Many met for the first time so everyone wore a coloured name tag to easily identify with the colour coded family tree (4 metres long) on the wall

Four generations were represented and many countries of origin are represented in the marriage and partner mix. The feeling of goodwill was remarkable.

It's exciting to realise that these characters represent a sample of the communities we mix with on a daily basis. We might be the 'ageing, old-timers' but we don't have to be fringe dwellers.

We are welcome in their world as long as we don't make them fringe dwellers in ours.

Frank





The old world of the masses competes with the world of the future.

As the new world emerges it will gain momentum

The real world is many worlds in need of limited resources.

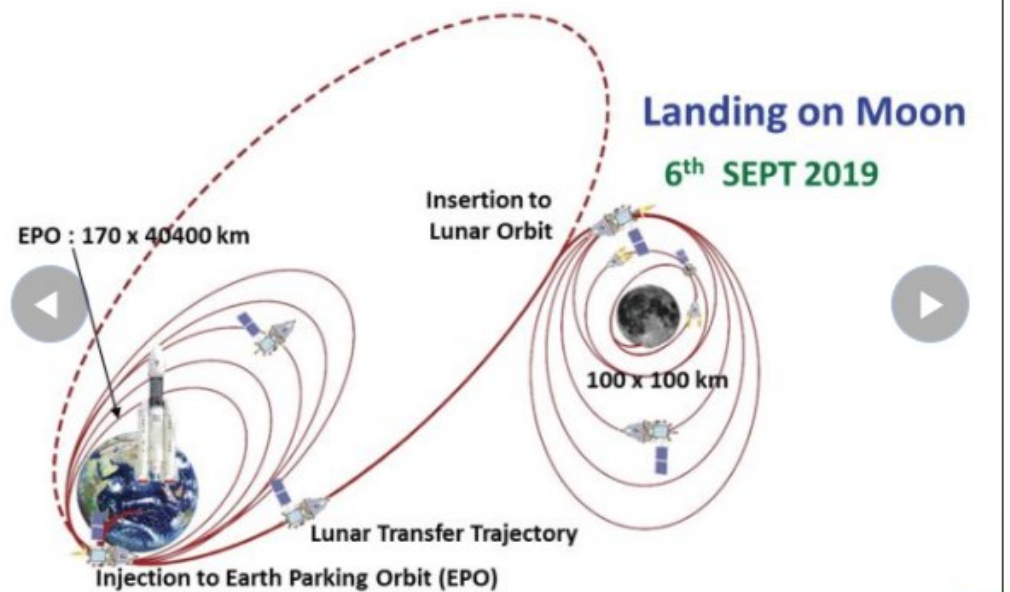
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'Our world' is on the same journey, perhaps a little further along.

Food for thought?

That's about it for July!
Frank



This Indian Space Research Organisation diagram shows the flight profile of the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft as they fly to the moon between July and September 2019. (Image credit: Indian Space Research Organisation)



Bomaderry Bowling Club
Worth Going Out
Of Your Way For

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