

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP NEWS March 2019

*Our third meeting for 2019 is Friday, March 15.
It begins at 7.30 pm and Visitors welcome*

*Sunday Special Interest Group **Sunday, March 17 1.00 pm***



Just Remember Big Brother is Watching and Listening and Sharing!!



President's Report.

February meeting was well attended, all office bearers prepared to stand for 2019 and were elected. I think we might even have a volunteer for the job as Technical Officer in 2020.

It should be noted for the record that we vote them in because we like the way they do the work. One bloke shows up at all our meetings and sets up our power for laptops etc. and is seldom mentioned. We just know you'll do it Mick.

Google answered all the sensible questions asked during the demonstration and pointed out when attempts to confuse with mischievous queries were put.

Android and Apple devices have been the subject of adverse comment in recent times. A couple of links for those interested will be found in this issue.

March: A few thoughts from Jack on the subject of Linguistics. Language is a favourite topic of Jack's and is always full of surprises.

Do you remember discussing Facebook about this time last year? You can use it simply for research on such things as:

Shoalhaven in the 20th Century

Photos (historical)

Schools, Main Streets, Pubs

Floods and other information you seek.

Locating 'lost' friends or family

Richard

Do you know this young bride and groom ?



When using a spell checker, one must be careful not to overlook homophobic errors.

Words like weather and whether, sew and sow come to mind. A spell checker will not detect these errors, because they are actual words.

A spell checker also makes you lazy and it is not advisable to rely too much on it. We think faster than we type and that's how mistakes occur.

Eye halve a spelling checker
 It came with my pea sea
 It plainly marques for my revue
 Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
 Eye strike a key and type a word
 And weight for it to say
 Weather eye am wrong oar write
 It shows me strait a weigh.
 As soon as a mist ache is maid
 It nose bee fore two long
 And eye can put the error rite
 It's rare lea ever wrong.
 Eye have run this poem threw it
 Eye am shore your pleased two no
 It's letter perfect awl the weigh
 My checker tolled me sew.

Margo Roark

There is more to writing than spelling. The right word also helps to get your message across.

We'll talk about it Friday night.

Jack

...and Thanks to Rob Coughlan a distant teacher for this observation.



boredpanda.com



Facebook focus on current, past and future privacy issues.

Two sources visited this last few weeks offer brief comment on social media and privacy. Extracts and links are listed for those interested:

By Cynthia Brumfield
CSO | JANUARY 07, 2019 03:00 AM PT

The past year has been nightmare for Facebook, breaking a decade-long streak of seemingly boundless growth that placed the internet giant at the centre of social, political and commercial activities of billions of people around the globe.

Facebook began its precipitous downhill turn in March when a whistle-blower uncovered Facebook's role in helping political consultancy Cambridge Analytica harvest and use the personal data of tens of millions of users without their permission.

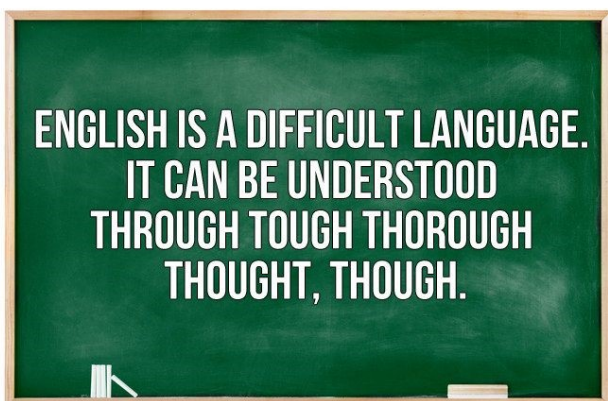
The company was rocked by a scandal or controversy every month thereafter, not all of which were privacy related. Emerging from these scandals was a portrait of a company with a voracious appetite for monetizing users' detailed data and sloppy management in protecting the privacy and security of that data.

Zuckerberg is quoted in many similar reports from a variety of sources and each tends to reflect the 'idea of the moment'. This discussion piece caught my attention and might interest some of our readers.

There are two types of Mark Zuckerberg post, the short feature packed ones and the long 'thinky' ones focused on vision and principles.

If you're keen to try and figure out what he has in mind this link will interest you.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/mar/07/mark-zuckerbergs-privacy-blogpost-what-he-said-and-what-he-didnt>



Language: What we say, how we say it and to whom we say it ...and who else is listening to what they think we say, seems to have captured our attention.



There is a little of each in this issue with the hope that it might spark discussion, disagreement or new thoughts on the subject..

I've taken the liberty of sharing a thought or two on borrowed words for possible discussion on Sunday, St Patricks Day.

To balance my newly acquired and shaky grasp of the subject, and anticipating discussion at our meeting this month, I spent time browsing an essay written by a student in the obvious location, Iceland.

Julia Ganstera, student at the University of Iceland, submitted an essay dealing with the influence of the Irish language on the English language; and did it in English in September 2016. Little did she realise this old bloke would quote her in our letter.

- **biddy** (noun) o An elderly woman, who is interfering. o Used first in 1785 as 'Irish maid/servant' in American English but also 'old woman'.
- **bog** (noun) o Land which is muddy. o Dates back to the 1500s to Gaelic and Irish bogach 'bog', meaning 'soft, moist'.
- **bother** (verb) o To disturb someone. o Likely deriving from Anglo-Irish pother, and Irish bodhairim 'I deafen', since 1718 and used firstly by Irish authors with the meaning 'to confuse'.
- **boycott** (noun and verb) o To protest, punish or withdraw from commercial or social relations. o Created 1880 by Irish Capt. Charles C. Boycott, who refused in the County of Mayo to lower rents for his farmers. The word spread quickly and marks a place name in England.
- **galore** (adverb) o In abundance, a lot of. o Used first in the 1670s, from Irish go leór 'sufficiently, enough'

An untidy presentation on my part but I found it interesting. Her essay was worth reading.

Thanks Julia for your work. *Frank*

https://skemman.is/bitstream/1946/26095/1/BAThesis_JuliaGansterer_10.pdf

Did you know?

A law that took effect in 2018 makes it illegal in Iceland for women to be paid less than men; just thought I'd mention it in passing.

Just thirty years ago.

In March 1989, Tim Berners-Lee laid out his vision for what would become the web in a document called "Information Management: A Proposal". Believe it or not, Tim's initial proposal was not immediately accepted. In fact, his boss at the time, Mike Sendall, noted the words "Vague but exciting" on the cover. The web was never an official CERN project, but Mike managed to give Tim time to work on it in September 1990. He began work using a NeXT computer, one of Steve Jobs' early products



Tim says. "In those days, there was different information on different computers, but you had to log on to different computers to get at it. Also, sometimes you had to learn a different program on each computer. Often it was just easier to go and ask people when they were having coffee..."

Tim thought he saw a way to solve this problem – one that he could see could also have much broader applications. Already, millions of computers were being connected together through the fast-developing [internet](#) and Berners-Lee realised they could share information by exploiting an emerging technology called hypertext Access, education, and culture (Free Culture).

But to date we have only scratched the surface of how these principles could change society and politics for the better.

In 2009, Sir Tim established the World Wide Web Foundation. The Web Foundation is advancing the Open Web as a means to build a just and thriving society by connecting everyone, raising voices and enhancing participation.

There is much more to this story and we've been invited to read it by clicking on the logo doodle for today:

<https://www.google.com/logos/doodles/2019/30th-anniversary-of-the-world-wide-web-4871946884874240.5-law.gif>

A couple of Faye's contributions...

TEACHER: *Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.*

WINNIE: Me!



For sale: FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

An old cowboy walks into a barbershop for a shave and a haircut.

He tells the barber he can't get all his whiskers off because his cheeks are wrinkled from age. The barber gets a little wooden ball from a cup on the shelf and tells the old cowboy to put it inside his cheek to spread out the skin.

When he's finished, the old cowboy tells the barber that was the cleanest shave he'd had in years, but he wanted to know what would have happened if he had accidentally swallowed that little ball. The barber replied, just bring it back in a couple of days like everyone else does.



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