

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

August 2021

Club Meetings in August cancelled.

The state of NSW is in lockdown for 7 days

In an effort to prevent the spread of Corona Virus.

Future generations might pause to wonder what we thought and did this seven days.



We're all in the same boat.

Hope we meet again soon.

Richard

You might notice a reference in the July minutes to phone scams. A reminder from Faye just day or so ago reminds us of the need to be alert.

A warning from Faye:

Beware Of This Latest Scam

Beware there is a new malicious scam doing the rounds.

A friend received a call from **912250041117** asking him to press 1 if he had been vaccinated.

He pressed 1. Immediately the phone was blocked and his phone has been hacked. So be careful when you get similar calls.

Be alert. Also, inform all senior citizens and friends. **91** is a call from India.



People have been warned of a phone [scam](#) doing the rounds in [Australia](#).

Scamwatch posted a tweet today saying people had been receiving phone calls with automated messages that pretended to inform the listener of a problem.

The listener is instructed to "dial 1" to speak to somebody who can solve the purported issue.

"It might claim you'll be arrested, that your NBN will be cut off, or that you owe money," Scamwatch said.

"This is a lie designed to scare you into action."

People can report scams at the [Scamwatch website](#).

https://twitter.com/Scamwatch_gov/status/1428491974173200384



I've added a page dealing with Spanish Flu about 102 years ago; not to depress us but rather to remind us that we are not the first generation to deal with a Pandemic

I've been close to mailing the letter two or three times but felt a need to change the mind set it portrayed.

We are accustomed to interacting with each other in a typically informal manner, and able to sense the mood as conversation drifts from one subject to another.

Family and friends keep an eye on us but there are moments when our minds turn to particular times that we tend to revisit, times perhaps, that changed the course of our life.

I've been very fortunate in this regard and wonder what life would have been like if other decisions had been made. I have no regrets.

One special event occurred on Sunday. Our sons and daughters arranged a Zoom meeting for my two brothers, two surviving sisters and I to spend a wonderful forty minutes or so together. My youngest sister Margaret topped it off by having us sing, as we parted, the Vera Lynn song from WW2.

'We'll meet again,
don't know where
don't know when,
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day'.
It was a very moving experience.

At this moment, I reckon a video would fill the space below. This one from Jack and Gail a little while back might be interesting.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=669701916983532>

That's about if for August.

Frank

Report on July 16 meeting

Our July 16 meeting could well be the last for some, time due to Covid restrictions. It seems appropriate under the circumstances, to include a full record including financial and other matters for the benefit of those unable to attend.

Courtesy of Russell and Gail:

Location: Blue Gum Room, Bomaderry Bowling Club

Meeting opened by President Richard Findsen at 7:30pm

Present: Those present are listed on the attendance list collected by the 'Meet & Greet' committee member on the day and held on file by the Treasurer.

Apologies: Lyall Davis, Bev Hunt, Frank Tynan and Geoff Spencer.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

As the minutes of the last General Meeting had been emailed to all members it was agreed they need not be read. Those members present unanimously agreed they were a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

Correspondence:

In:
IMB Bank Statement

Out:
None

Matters arising from the correspondence. None

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer presented her report for June 2021 giving the following figures:

Balances at 01 July -Savings account		\$3,712.47
	Investment account	\$3,817.64
Total receipts:		\$78.00
Total expenses:		\$56.00
Leaving final balances on 30-Jun-21 of:		
	Savings account	\$3734.47
	Investment account	\$3817.64
Since updated giving a total on 31-Jul-2021 of:		\$7,552.11

General Business: There was no General Business

Questions and Answers:

Mick asked for information about 'Windows 11'. Richard noted that he is waiting for the update to be released before he will get involved with it. David Page described how to modify the BIOS of a computer to enable the use of 'Windows 11' but Richard recommended that one doesn't attempt this approach unless one is thoroughly familiar with the use of the BIOS as it can cause problems. David Wastie noted that 'Windows 10' will be supported until 2025. It was also noted that 'Windows 11' will be a free upgrade from 'Windows 10' but that not all computers will be able to run the new operating system.

David Page also discussed the use of 'Bit Locker' to provide security but both he and Richard pointed out how dangerous this can be if you forget your password.

David Wastie then interrupted Question Time to explain that he would be recording the next few minutes of the meeting using the app 'Otter' as part of his later demonstration.

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The Secretary advised he has been recording the Club's meetings using the app 'Voice Memos' on his iPhone in order to provide a record from which he can produce the minutes. He noted that he deletes the recordings once the minutes have been approved at the subsequent meeting. Richard said he thought it a matter of courtesy to let attendees know that the meeting was being recorded.

Jack suggested that if a person rings you claiming to be from Telstra and talking about the Internet you should tell them you are actually a technical director with Telstra and that nobody is talking about that issue at the moment and that maybe they would like to come to your office to discuss the issue. He said the caller would hang up immediately.

There was a general discussion about the security of money transfers on-line. David Page suggested that one should check the BSB number before sending any money to an account and then, if the sum was large, send only \$100 and check if it was received before sending the balance.

The conversation about paying bills over the Internet re-ignited later in the meeting during which Richard said that the use of mobile devices was generally more secure than using Windows computers as the Apple iOS and Android operating systems were less prone to attack from hackers.

There was a general discussion about scam phone calls. Richard said he had noted an increase of scam calls from overseas and suggested if the area code was not one that one recognised it would be advisable to ignore the call.

Richard discussed a problem he had with Facebook Messenger where people in his contact list said he had sent out a message but which he had nothing to do with. He said it was a problem with the Facebook Messenger app and that one needs to be careful with its use.

Other:

David Wastie played a short section of the audio recording he had made earlier in the meeting using the 'Otter' application. He then went on to demonstrate further features of 'Otter' such as its ability to transcribe the audio into text so it could be printed and the fact that one can send it out directly as an email. He also later demonstrated an app that recorded audio and then transformed the voice with different effects.

David sent items he had purchased on the Internet around the meeting and discussed their use. Included were connectors and a 256GB thumb drive he had purchased for under \$30. Richard questioned if the thumb drive would store the full amount of information as he had had an experience where a large thumb drive he had only stored a fraction of the information that was claimed.

As a result of a question about purchasing apps on the Internet David Wastie suggested the use of gift cards as they could not be hacked if used appropriately.

Jack Korten gave a demonstration of an app on 'myheritage.com' that uses artificial intelligence to animate old photos and portraits, together with other uses of artificial intelligence to animate photos including what he called the 'living skills technique' which used a series of still photos of the launching of the Titanic to create a short video of the launch.

Jack concluded the meeting with unusual and interesting pictures of trees and a short video titled 'Birds can dance'.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm

I must admit Russell had me fooled for a long time, recording the minutes. He makes a few notes as the meeting progresses; then produces an interesting story, including stuff this deaf old bloke missed at the time.

There are no restrictions in place at the moment, on a stroll down memory lane.

I've been down a few during the 'stay at home' rule and come to appreciate what life in the so called 'good old days' in this part of NSW was like.



For instance, how many of you have been in this part of Nowra in recent times and wondered what it would have been like to live here at the time this picture was taken?

Nowra taken from the Elyard home in Osborne St Nowra, just north of the Plunkett St Intersection. Looking east from the western side of the road. — at 99 Osborne St Nowra

This a very familiar building...still in use today.

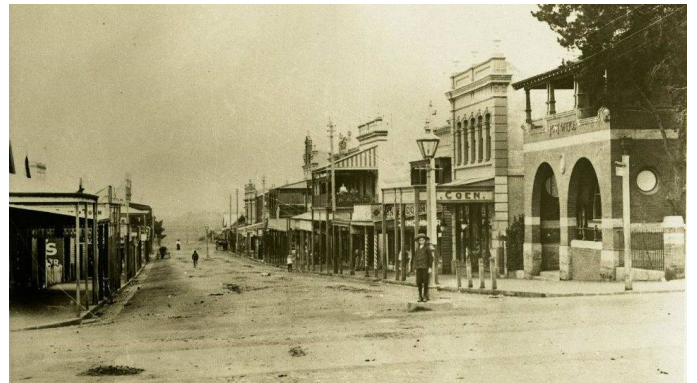


The Nowra Police Station - Early 1900's. Corner Plunkett and Kinghorne Streets Nowra.

Now the Nowra Museum and Local History Research Centre and very proud home of the Shoalhaven Historical Society.

Facebook or your preferred search engine will get you started, where you go is up to you.

Just start with *old pictures of Nowra. or South Coast or a place that you would like to visit.*



If you've been to Nowra Post Office in recent times, you would not have been bothered by horse dung on the road but would have to wait for a green light to cross the road.



Imagine the difference crossing the bridge when this shot was taken or... doing it now .

Note the landscape on the other side.

This road sign from some place in the USA says



102 years ago, our parents and grandparents would understand how we feel.

THE SPANISH FLU PANDEMIC EXTRACTS FROM THE MORUYA EXAMINER.

Every community in Australia was affected by the Spanish flu and this was recorded in the newspapers of the time. The Moruya Examiner is no exception. The way it recorded the pandemic of 1919 and its effects on individuals and families, as well as the restrictions and changes to everyday life, bears a striking resemblance to the way COVID-19 is reported today.

1 February 1919

LATEST TELEGRAMS. – (From our Sydney Correspondent.)

Five cases of influenza in Sydney yesterday, which brings the total of proved cases to 25.

157 new cases in Melbourne yesterday, bringing the total to 599 cases. There have been 42 deaths.

The Victorian and Federal Governments are strongly protesting at the action of the New South Wales Government in closing the border to traffic. They claim it a violation of the agreement made in November.

Hundreds of Queenslanders marooned on the Tweed River are prohibited from returning to Queensland and must come to Sydney, thence by steamer to Brisbane, where they will be seven days in quarantine.

22nd February 1919

COUNTRY SHOWS. – Owing to the dry weather and pneumonic influenza, country shows all over the state have either been abandoned or postponed. Moruya, which has not suffered as much from the drought as many other districts, had made all arrangements to carry out its annual show on the advertised dates, viz., 26th and 27th inst., but a wire from the Government on Tuesday completely blocked them in their determination.

8th March 1919

SHOW ABANDONED. – The Moruya Show has finally been abandoned for this year, the last straw that sank the annual function being a fear in the mind of some members that pneumonic influenza might break out again with sufficient virulence as to cause the Government to once more veto the holding of outdoor amusements.

FREE INOCULATION. – Mr. Jermyn, Shire Clerk announces in this issue the dates and hours on which the public may get free inoculation or re-inoculation in Moruya and at the other principal centres throughout the Shire.

17th May 1919

SUDDEN DEATH. – It is with feelings of unfeigned regret that we have to report the untimely and sudden death of Miss Ruth Chapman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Chapman of “Springrove,” Braidwood, at the age of 14 years. Deceased, with a younger sister, was at the Goulburn C. E. Grammar School, where she was suddenly seized by Pneumonic-influenza, to which she succumbed the following morning. The corpse was brought to Braidwood and interred on Thursday.

7 June 1919

LATEST TELEGRAMS. – There were 159 fresh cases and seven deaths of influenza in the 24 hours ended 8 p.m. yesterday. There have been nearly 2000 deaths from influenza in this State so far, of whom 1488 were in the city.

28th June 1919

‘FLU EPIDEMIC. – As was expected, the ‘flu epidemic has broken loose, and is travelling like wildfire throughout country towns as well as in the big centres of population such as Sydney.

We are pleased to say, however, that so far there is no necessity for our people to lose their heads or become funky as Moruya, as far as we know, has not yet had any cases of an alarming nature, the local outbreak being influenza of the common or garden variety.

Influenza is a most catching complaint, and it is the duty of those who become victims of it to notify the Health Board and isolate themselves as much as possible.

The following places have been quarantined:- Mr. A. M. Garrard’s residence, Ryan’s Club House Hotel, Mr. R. Knight’s residence, Mr. F. Staunton’s residence at Mullenderree: and the Police Station, Bill’s Hotel and Post Office at Bateman’s Bay. Messrs. W. Simon and J. Rogers and Miss Nellie Ivers were removed to the Hospital on Thursday.

In 2021 we have continuous news reports from many sources. 1919 was a different world in terms of communication, mobility, medical science and facilities in this country.

If you want to visit circa 1919, go to ...

<https://mdhsociety.com/2020/04/02/diary-of-a-pandemic-the-spanish-flu-in-moruya/>

A good Irish joke:-



Paddy staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Mick

He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife Kathleen.

He tiptoed as quietly as he could towards the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom but misjudged the bottom step.

As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whisky bottle in each back pocket broke making the landing especially painful.

Managing not to yell Paddy sprung up, pulled down his pants and looked in the hall mirror to see his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding.

He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood.

He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed.

In the morning he woke up in searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room.

She said "You were drunk again last night, weren't you?"

Paddy said, "Why you say such a mean thing?"

"Well," Kathleen said, " it could be the open front door,

it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs,

It could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes,

but mostly, it's all those Band Aids stuck on the Hall Mirror.



• Never in my wildest dreams have I imagined myself entering a bank, wearing a mask, and asking for money.

• Never thought my hands would one day consume more alcohol than my liver... ever!

• Lock down seems like a Netflix series: just when you think it's over, they release the next season.

• I'm starting to like this mask thing. I went to the supermarket yesterday and two people that I owe money to didn't recognize me.

• Those complaining that we didn't have enough holidays, what now?

• I need to social distance myself from my fridge; I tested positive for excess weight!

• I'm not planning on adding 2020 to my age. I didn't even use it! I don't know about 2021. Does it exist?

• We want to publicly apologize to the year 2019 for all the bad things we said about it.

• To all the ladies who were praying for their husbands to spend more time with them — how are you doing?

• My washing machine only accepts pyjamas these days. I put in a pair of jeans and a message popped up: "Stay Home "

• If you see me leaving this group, please add me again. It's just that I'm so desperate to go out.

2019: Avoid negative people

2020: Avoid positive people

2021: Avoid people because you don't know if they are positive or negative

Can't wait for 2022



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