

This replaces the Letter circulated February 18. containing inaccurate information.

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

February 2022

Club Meeting scheduled for

Friday, February 18 at 7.30pm

Special Interest Group Sunday 20 at 1.00 pm

Note: Arrangements for both meetings to comply with Covid19 current protocol.



It becomes more important each day that we not be easily influenced by so-called experts with advice or suggestions that just don't 'sit right' with our normal behaviour.

General stuff, the importance of know your self, and the importance of not ignoring changes,

Thanks to Jack and David again for their generosity with time and effort each month. We have come to learn from each other as you provide food for thought each time we gather

Feel free to suggest areas of special interest that you would like to see discussed. Don't resist the urge to stand up and demonstrate some thing you would like to share.

Looking forward to the AGM hopefully adding fresh Committee members and fresh ideas.

Take care and look after each other.

Richard

I'd also like to advise you of the following two upcoming meetings:

The next General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 18-Feb-22 in the Blue Gum Room of the Bomaderry Bowling Club. Meet from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start.

The SunSIG meeting this month which will be held on Sunday, 20-Feb-22. Meet in the Blue Gum Room in the Bomaderry Bowling Club at 1:00pm.

Regards,
Russell Field-
Secretary

Two months into the new year finds us still in some level of isolation and drifting from the close bond we took for granted just a couple of years ago.



We are one of the privileged groups who have trusted friends and family at a time when so many deal with uncertainty and know not who they can trust.

We live in interesting times in a free country (maybe a few borders and regulations) with each of us living in our own little 'world'. It's great to share the journey with family and friends who easily forgive and are ready to help when needed.

Fellow travellers on the journey of life will carry a different memory of shared events...how many shops would have posted a bill board announcing they had RATS when the bottom picture was taken.



Enlarge this image to see the extent of work needed to rid the country of rats more than 100 years ago.

Frank



*Russell recently circulated the minutes of our January meeting.
For the benefit of readers who are not members, this extract might
allow you to understand what happens at a typical meeting.*



Questions from non-members would be welcome...we can all learn together.

General Business:

Richard Findsen apologised for failing to advise the last meeting that Jack Korten would be absent due to a medical issue. Richard said that Jack had advised him but due to his 'Goldfish' memory he had forgotten.

Questions and Answers:

Graeme Evans complained of receiving unwanted emails through his Facebook account. Richard explained that this could be stopped by turning off 'receive notifications' in the Facebook settings.

Russell Field advised that he had installed a copy of the application 'Nord VPN' on his computer but had been unable to install it on either his iPhone or iPad. Richard suggested looking up Google for a solution as he did not think Apple would be interested in helping with a product they did not supply.

Faye Suffolk said she repeatedly gets emails saying either her *Norton* or *McAfee* subscriptions are about to expire even though she does not use either product. Richard said to delete the emails as they are just spam.

Geoff Spencer asked if he should put Windows 11 on his 5 -6 year old computer. Richard said that Microsoft supplies a small app that runs on a computer to see if it is suitable for Windows 11. He noted that most older computers are not suitable for the latest version of Windows without modification, something he would not advise unless one was familiar with working with computer hardware.

Barbara Baker asked for advice as to what computer she should buy. Richard said one should talk to one's computer technician. He said he preferred laptops with Intel cpu's over AMD cpu's as they don't run as hot. He suggested the new computer should have at least 8GB of RAM and preferably with a solid state drive (SSD) as they are much faster than the older hard-drives.

Ron Lukin told of his having put an SSD on an old Council Dell laptop (2007 model) and it now runs Windows 10 very well – before the update it was running Windows XP. He also said he put Windows 11 on a 10 year old Toshiba computer which is also running two other operating systems. Richard noted that he would not recommend the average person consider doing the same as it would be a considerable cost to have the work done by a professional.

Graeme Evans asked what 'push' meant in relation to notifications. Richard explained that push meant one didn't have to ask for new items to be sent to your computer, i.e. when some new notification became available it would be 'pushed' automatically to your computer.

Other:

David Wastie gave a presentation on the use of 'Paint 3D' – a free program from Microsoft that runs on Windows computers. It was very interesting and the demonstration showed that the program is surprisingly powerful

We thank David for yet another most interesting presentation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm

Thanks Russell, we appreciate the monthly update.

This page, in it's original form contained "fake news' concerning the origin of Australia Day.

I have retained a few of the opening remarks and a version of his background intended to impress the reader...a timely warning to all of us.

His introduction begins:



Peter Lee is a scholar who specialises in the politics and ethics of war and military intervention.

This interest first emerged at the bedsides of grievously injured and dying soldiers during the first five months of the 2003 Iraq War. At the time he was serving as a Royal Air Force chaplain at the British military hospital in Cyprus.

Profoundly affected by the physical and emotional carnage he encountered, Peter would go on to swap chaplaincy for academia in 2008.

'Below is the correct reason Australia Day is celebrated on 26 January.

Here are the Facts about Australia Day but don't expect the media to educate you with these facts as it's not part of their agenda.

Australia Day does not celebrate the arrival of the first fleet or the invasion of anything. ??????

I should have been a wake-up at this stage of the emerging story. I am now better informed and more confident after receipt of the feedback so necessary in any useful conversation.

'Hi Dad

Another interesting newsletter. I particularly enjoyed the Q & A from Russell, for us non-members it is useful information.

The article on the origins of Australia Day caused me to check its legitimacy.

Many facts are inaccurate, not the least is that January 26, 1949 was not chosen as Australia Day to mark the enactment of the Nationality and Citizenship Act, rather the date of January 26 was chosen for the new laws to take effect because it already had significance as a day of national celebration.

Jan 26 is when the colony was established in Sydney Cove. <https://theconversation.com/australia-day-invasion-day-survival-day-a-long-history-of-celebration-and-contestation-70278>

There are many problems with reference to Indigenous people. The terminology is offensive (Aborigine should be either Indigenous, First Nations/People or Aboriginal people).

All the information on Peter Lee appears to be English based, so I'm unsure about his reference to 'We' when referring to Australians.

Plus the overall tone is very white and privileged. I'm sure there are plenty of marginalised Australians living on the streets, in poverty etc. who do not feel free nor feel they have any opportunities within their grasp.

The article appeared on Facebook as well as on a religious based media page <https://blog.canberradeclaration.org.au/2020/01/25/celebrate-australia-day-the-day-we-all-became-australians/> as being authored by Monica Bennett-Ryan.

Overall the article is incorrect, misleading and offensive.

I'm bringing it to your attention Dad because I believe you included it as a means of inclusivity rather than one of offence, and it goes to show how careful we need to be in this day of internet "news".

Sorry for the rant, but I feel it's important

Love,
Narelle'

I appreciate the feedback and the opportunity to apologise to any readers who might have taken offence...it was not intended.

This unplanned event does remind me of something I mentioned on page one...not realising this issue would include an example of our friendship...

"It's great to share the journey with family and friends who easily forgive and are ready to help when needed.."

Frank

Any comment triggered by this story is welcome...don't be shy

There are stories to be told if we ask the right people. Maybe Faye might tell us about the recent Art project that won her first prize at the 2022 Shoalhaven annual Show.

...and when can we learn more about Geoff and his friends who flock to his table when the season is right?



In his own words on Facebook, he assures us

'No I'm not fading, just there in spirit when I'd like to be there in body !'

I've tried unsuccessfully to represent his movies,



but it would be great to see a couple of them at one of the meetings.

Maybe a progress report on the Bower Birds?



Faye and her family function as a team as we know.



This is Christine doing an essential exhibit cabinet refresh in the days leading up to the big event.

The Royal Easter Show is coming down the track with the Suffolk team deeply involved.

It would be interesting to hear a work in progress report with a few images to understand the planning and technology involved.

An elderly man in Queensland, Australia, had owned a large property for several years.



He had a dam in one of the lower paddocks where he had planted mango and avocado trees.

The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while.

He grabbed a ten-litre bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the dam naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile'

Moral: Old men may walk slow,
but they can still think fast!

Faye also shared this on another occasion:

***The more I get to know people,
the more I realise why Noah
only let animals in the boat.***

GREAT TRUTHS . . . Profundities



In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a committee.

-- John Adams

If you don't read newspapers you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.

— Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Parliament. But then I repeat myself.

—Mark Twain

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

-- Winston Churchill

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

--- George Bernard Shaw

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

-- James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)


Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. - Douglas Case, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University.

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. -- P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else. -- Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)

Must admit I had to check the meaning of profundity. Profound thoughts from others do help us find an ally as we sit and wonder. Frank



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