

# SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

October 2022

Club Meetings

Special Interest Group **Sunday 16** at 1.00 pm  
**Friday, October 21** at 7.30pm



Digital communication, and the occasional interruption have become part of our lives. It can bring us immediate response in most cases and a level of frustration if we encounter delays.

Our evolving User Group has managed to keep pace with technology pretty well. We share different opinions on the merit or otherwise of new devices, apps, but are prepared to listen as others, with different needs or skill inform and entertain us.

We are comfortable in the knowledge that there is no such thing as a dumb question...perhaps humorous or mischievous on occasions.

We value the friendship of those we meet.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

**Richard**



Hi Frank. Just a heads up in case you want a couple of lines for the newsletter.

This coming meeting I'm coming out of retirement again to do the evening presentation. It's a story about String but with a twist. String is probably one of humankind's earliest inventions (current research suggests 120,000 years).

It is as important as the wheel and even more versatile and adaptable. The presentation will be a PowerPoint compilation with short videos and music. I hope you can attend.



I hope this letter finds you safe and well as the forecast wind, rain, flood and potholed roads persist in the eastern states

Please advise if anyone missed out on last month's letter; I've sorted out a few issues that upset the last one, but old blokes sometimes miss the tricky bits.

This month has been a 'meet the family again' tour with careful planning by them to have me spend time with each extended family after the Covid induced isolation.

They are four years older except for a new great granddaughter and grandson. I must admit this journey was a pleasant surprise. I had thought my long-distance travelling days were over.

I reckon the future is in good hands if they and other youngsters set their mind to it.

There is little more to say in the space below so a couple of thoughts from others might well fit it.

**Frank**

The meaning and origin of the expression:

### **Dressed to the nines**

Nine is the most troublesome number in etymology. There are several phrases of uncertain parentage that include the word.

Examples are, [cloud nine](#), [nine days' wonder](#) and the infamous [whole nine yards](#).

We can add 'dressed to the nines' to that list.

<https://www.phrases.org.uk/meanings/dressed-to-the-nines.html>

The search for the link between 'nines' and dress sense has unearthed no convincing candidates. Absence of evidence isn't evidence of absence, but I'll stick my neck out here and say, with this phrase and with the other 'nines' phrases, 'nine' doesn't refer to anything specific - it just means 'a lot'.



I always cook with wine.

Sometimes I even add it to the food

...W.C. Fields

## Notes from September General Meeting for the benefit of readers unable to attend



### General Business:

It was noted that it was Norm Schulz's birthday on 17-Sep and that Geoff Spencer had had a birthday on 12-Sep. As a consequence the Club shared two cakes, one for each, and sang Happy Birthday to them.

### Questions and Answers:

1. President Richard asked if all members present were aware that they have a password with their email account and was pleased to hear that all did as he sometimes has clients who are not aware which causes him a lot of grief. Mick Rigg asked if the password for a Gmail account was the same as that for the Google account and Richard confirmed that it is.

There then followed further discussion about passwords and security questions used by some web-sites when confirming a user.

2. Richard advised that there is a new policy with some phone providers where if one purchases a new phone on a plan the purchaser must agree to a direct debit for the payments and that this agreement cannot be stopped during the life of the plan. He noted that this is a change from previous arrangements.

### Other:

1. David Wastie put up a list of 4 phones on the screen and asked which was the most popular ever. After various differing opinions he said the most popular model ever sold was the Nokia 1100 which sold 250 million phones in the period it was available.

2. David then showed a slide presentation of various inventions that are attributed to NASA's work associated with space exploration.

3. Following the slide presentation David gave a demonstration showing how to use the 'Calendar' app on a device and illustrated how the calendars quickly update to all other devices using the same email address.

4. Jack Korten gave a presentation which he titled 'Talent' which consisted of a series of videos of various people performing in ways that showed just how imaginative and talented many people are.

We thank both David and Jack for their very informative and interesting presentations.

Russell also reminds us that the third Sunday this month occurs before the Friday meeting date.

In pre-Covid times we were a little more mobile (and a little younger) does anyone remember?



# Three Eras of Photography:

JIM MATHIS



## The Film Era

In 1884, a Rochester, New York-based dry plate manufacturer named George Eastman invented a process and a machine for coating the photographic emulsion onto a flexible material. He designed and sold a roll film adapter for plate cameras but faced a difficult market because the long rolls required special equipment and were harder to process than glass plates. Additionally, the film was hard to hold flat which resulted in un-sharp images.

Eastman realized that he needed a whole new system based around rolls of film. In 1888, he introduced the first camera designed for use with roll film that he called “The Kodak.” The name of the camera was chosen based on the sound the camera made when an exposure occurred. His slogan was, “You push the button, we do the rest.”

The first Kodak sold for \$25 and developing, printing, and reloading cost \$10. \$25 back then would be the equivalent of about \$750 in 2022 dollars, and \$10 would be about \$300.



The customer bought the camera pre-loaded with enough film for 100 photographs. They then mailed the camera back to the Kodak company in Rochester where the film was processed and printed. The camera was reloaded with film and mailed back to the customer with the 100 prints.

The original Kodak camera

**Camera technology provides a reminder of friends we meet in life’s journey.**





The next revised models of the Kodak were reloadable by the customer and came in short rolls of 8 to 12 exposures. A lower-priced Kodak called the “Brownie” was introduced and by the turn of the 20th century in 1900, the whole world was “Kodaking,” and the Eastman Kodak Company became the dominant photography company in the world for the entire 20th century.

The twentieth century was the “Film Era” of photography, and Eastman Kodak was THE photography company of the 20th century supplying the vast majority of film, paper, and chemistry. The original Kodak not only launched a world of amateur photography but spawned the entire photofinishing industry and all of its branches as well.

Throughout the 20th century, from 1900 to 2000, a wide variety of film cameras, sizes, and quality levels were available. Low-priced roll-film cameras such as the Brownie and later Instamatic allowed just about everyone to make photographs of their families, friends, and travels. At the same time, film cameras made by companies such as Nikon, Canon, Pentax, and Leica took photography to a new level. When Kodachrome colour film was introduced in 1936, it brought with it the standardized 35mm film cassette which allowed the same film to be used in all 35mm cameras.

During the heyday of film, Kodak had two totally separate divisions, one for the consumer market with films such as Kodacolor, and a second professional division with film and paper aimed at the professional and pro-lab market. At the most basic, the Eastman Kodak Company was a chemical company, and their product was chemical-based photography.



A Nikon F SLR camera

*Well done Jack*

## WHY TEACHERS DRINK



The following questions were set in last year's AGED examination These are genuine answers (from 16-year-olds)

### AGED test is for a US High School Diploma

Q Name the four seasons

A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar

Q. How is dew formed

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed

Q. What are steroids

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs (**Shoot yourself now, there is little hope**)

Q... What happens to your body as you age

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery (**So true**)

Q. What is artificial insemination

A.. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour

A. Keep it in the cow (**Simple, but brilliant**)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. The abdomen)

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U (**wtf!**)

Q. What is the fibula?

*Rest of the test maybe next month if you remind me.*

A. A small lie.



## To All Connoisseurs of Good Puns...

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How does an attorney sleep? First, he lies on one side, then he lies on the other side.

How do you make holy water? You take some regular water & boil the hell out of it.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

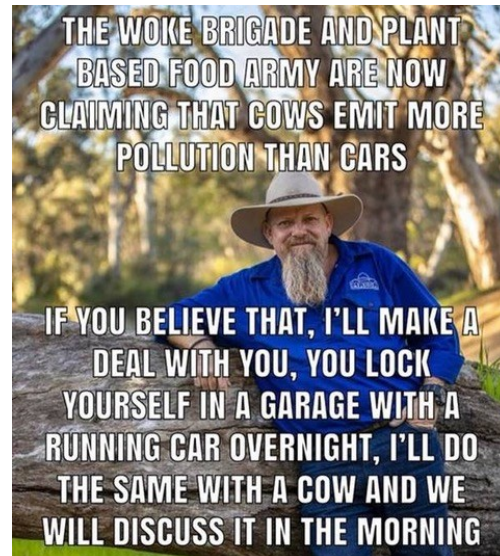
Hear about the new restaurant called Karma? There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

She had a photographic memory but never developed it.



And from another source, we have this challenge.

*That's about it folks.*

*Take care.*

*Frank*



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