

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

July 2022

*Club Meeting scheduled for
Friday, July 16 at 7.30pm*

Special Interest Group Sunday 17 at 1.00 pm



Richard has been busily responding ,with others during recent high-wind, rain and numerous problems in addition to his day job.

He his contribution this month is worth a thousand words in a picture which also triggered a link to comparison of construction techniques on page 4

Ramsay purpose:

Igniting
timeless
curiosity



I would like to share a wonderful experience playing out as I write this letter.

Valla (Nambucca area) members have just arrived and will join the Adelaide and Kangaroo Valley team for dinner this evening. Val will be with us in spirit as we drink to the success of Hamish Tynan on his selection for a scholarship to study at Oxford University

The Ramsay site will allow you learn as much as might interest you including student names, studies, universities and other data.

[2022 Ramsay Postgraduate Scholars Announced - The Ramsay Centre](#)

I hope you will forgive a couple of blank spaces if I add one image and invite you read some of the stories appearing on the site.



Take care,

Frank

Notes from our General Meeting of May 20, 2022

for the benefit of readers unable to attend



Questions and Answers:

General Business:

There was no general business.

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There were no questions this month.

Other:

David Page spoke of his experience of buying a phone on-line. He said he found the phones had limited range and did not have all the functionality of phones bought over the counter in Australia.

After research on-line he found it was possible to 're-flash' the phone, a process which Richard described as a 'firmware upgrade'. David said he found the necessary software on the Telstra web-site and was able to install the necessary software from the site.

He went on to say that if one did a factory reset on a phone one should really go on to the web-site of the provider that one intended to use and re-install the software for that provider. However, before one resets the phone one should backup all personal data and then remove all security from the phone, keeping a record of the passwords, etc. so one can fully reinstall the data after upgrading the firmware.

David went on to talk about the use of 'WiFi calling' in areas where mobile phone coverage is poor providing, of course, a WiFi network is available.

David Wastie then demonstrated how to place a signature on a letter in a computer by taking a photo of the signature and then saving the '.jpeg' file for future use. He said it was important to use a 'texta' and not a pen and to make the signature large to ensure the result is clear when one inserts it in the document to be signed.

After cropping the signature as much as possible and adjusting the brightness and contrast it should then be saved in a suitable location for future use.

David Wastie then went on to show two videos he had made by shortening the recent presentations from Google and Apple of the developments they are currently working on.

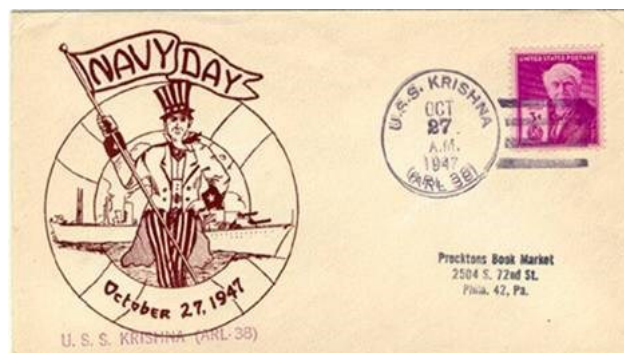
We thank the two Davids for their informative and interesting presentations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50pm

Back in memory lane for a moment, can you remember when these events might have triggered the comments below?

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter.





Interesting bit for English lovers - Absolutely brilliant!

Once Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, Bengali poet and scholar, jokingly asked Michael Madhusudhan Dutt, an Anglophile poet of great repute; **"As you are a Master in English, can you make a sentence without using a single 'E'?"**

Dutt, the genius, wrote this:

"I doubt I can. It's a major part of many many words. Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It's as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And, anyway, what would I gain? An award? A cash bonus? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It's not worth it."

Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes (**LOL, OMG, TTYL**, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids, and now have developed our own codes too :

ATD - At the Doctor's
BFF - Best Friend's Funeral
BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT - Bring your own teeth
FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
GHA - Got Heartburn Again
TFT - Texting From Toilet.

Communication is a challenge as we strive to understand and be understood.

Can you remember a particular occasion when a the spoken word, a written instruction or perhaps a non-verbal message was totally misunderstood.

One such occasion is dramatically played out in the situation shown on the link. I think Faye sent it to me...maybe some of you also saw it.

Double click on the link below and it will invite you to open a brief YouTube with a strong and useful message.

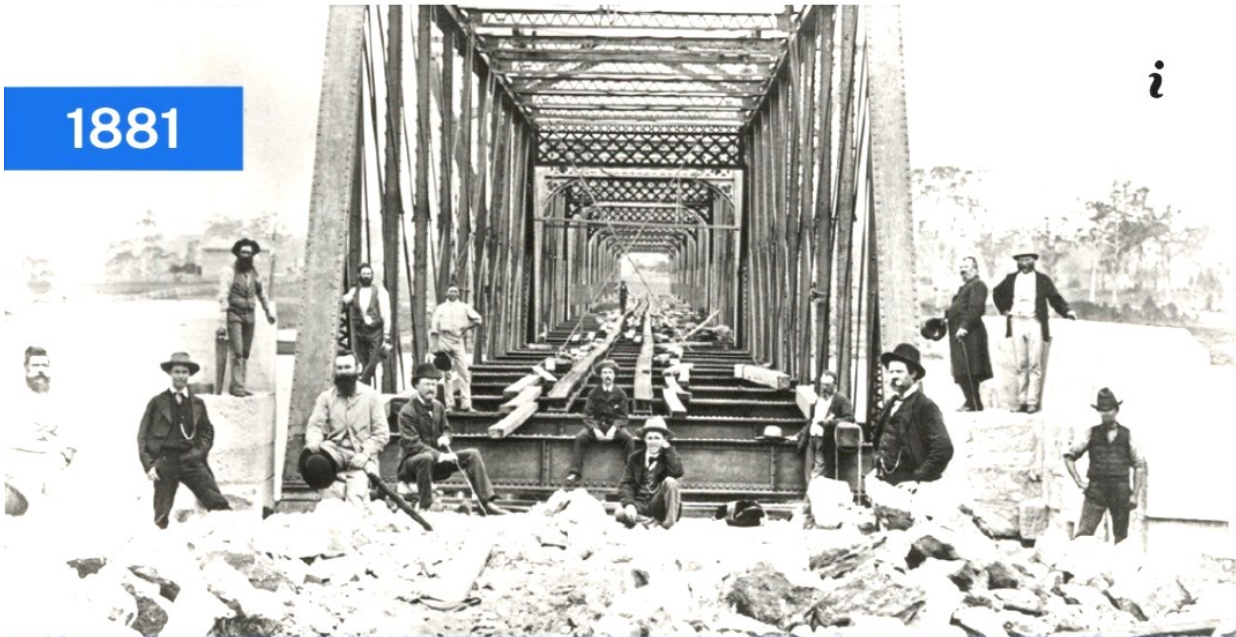


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Crossing the Shoalhaven River post 1881 and now.

Richard provided these images taken at about the same stage of construction. We've been using the old one as we travel south and occasionally distracted heading north trying to figure out what was occurring as we avoided collision with vehicles ahead of us.



This link should allow you to view a slide show of the 1881 bridge and an opportunity to compare equipment and work practice as each bridge took shape. Members at the meeting might add to the story for future reference. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KChrJCnnqg>

Do you remember the good old days?



Punery For Language Aficionados



My best mates and I played a game of hide and seek.
It went on for hours.... good friends are hard to find.

No one is completely useless.
They can always serve as a bad example.

I broke my finger last week.
On the other hand, I'm okay.

Someone stole my Microsoft Office and they're going to pay; they have my Word.

Don't spell part backwards - it's a trap.

And the Lord said unto John, "Come forth and you will receive eternal life."
But John came fifth, so he missed out.

What is the best thing about living in Switzerland?
Well, the flag is a big plus.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda?
He was lucky it was a soft drink.

How did I escape Iraq?
Iran.

To the mathematician who thought of the idea of zero.
Thanks for nothing!

Son: "Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?"
Dad: "No sun."

My Math teacher called me average. How mean!

Clinic Receptionist: "Doctor, there's a patient on line that says he's become invisible."

Doctor: "Well, tell him I can't see him right now."

That's about all for this month folks,

Frank

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