

SHOALHAVEN PC USERS GROUP

March 2022

*Club Meeting scheduled for
Friday, March 18 at 7.30pm
Special Interest Group **Sunday 20** at 1.00 pm*



The Covid19 alert is easing slightly, but we need to protect ourselves from digital virus and the ever-present cyber thieves who constantly watch, ready to pounce .

Examples of their creative techniques to relieve us of our precious possessions feature in our meetings.

Welcome news as Geoff announces a comeback.

Richard



I'm coming out of retirement to do a session on images and layers, video and layers, adding subtitles and commentary problems for video.

A rather different perspective to that so ably presented recently by David.

Just in case you need a reminder...

The next General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 18-Mar-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-Mar-22. Meet in the Blue Gum Room in the Bomaderry Bowling Club at 1:00pm.

Regards,
Russell Field-
Secretary

Gail reminds us the source of warnings are sometimes misunderstood and ignored.



I look upon this letter each month as an opportunity for written conversation with friends who have shared part of life's journey as did pen-pals in earlier generations..

Several of you have kindly responded since our last letter. I've taken the liberty of including your thoughts and images that add to our conversation

Some have provided enough for extracts to be used over the next month or two.

The rest of the letter is done as the rest of this page needs to be written

I reckon enough has been said; I'll find something to fill the space today, St. Patricks Day.

How about a few minutes with Dave Allen ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBca1ixoEbg>



Frank



Extract from February meeting minutes for the benefit of readers unable to attend

Questions and Answers:

Jack Korten asked why telecommunication providers don't stop the many unwanted spam messages that we all seem to be getting these days. Richard explained that the problem was the way filters work. For example, if they blocked the word 'Post' then the Australian Post Office would not be able to send us messages telling us when parcels we had actually ordered had arrived.



After lengthy discussion it was agreed that anyone receiving such messages should just delete them immediately and definitely not click on any included hyperlinks. Alternatively, one could send it on to Scam Watch who might act if they received enough complaints.

Richard also said that if one receives a message from someone one knows that seems unusual and that contains links it is advisable to contact that person and check if is legitimate before clicking on any links. He said to remember that if it seems too good to be true it probably should be left alone.

A further issue Richard pointed out is where a site from which you purchase goods keeps sending you advertisements for goods you might be interested in and tells you that you are only a few points away from winning something. Such sites are often scams and you may never end up being able to use the points or receive the free gift.

David Page asked if the group could be shown how to clear the browser history from their computers. Richard showed the group using the browser 'Google Chrome' to demonstrate the process.

Richard said that the anti-virus software (*Defender*) that comes with the Windows operating system is very good and should be switched on one's computer.

Richard also discussed the use of two-factor identification where one's phone is used to verify that a request that has been made is legitimate. The process is a much safer way of ensuring the person making a request is the legitimate person as one must have their phone in addition to the device being used to try and change a password or transfer money, etc.

Other:

David Wastie gave a demonstration of 'Windows 11'. Following that demonstration and significant discussion on the features of the updated operating system David demonstrated editing photos using the 'Photos' app that is included with the Windows operating system.

He used Windows 10 for the demonstration.

We thank David for again providing interesting presentations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm

Thanks Russell, we appreciate the monthly update.

Dave Page shares specific examples of the extent to which our digital communications and data storage are an open book for those about to pounce on us...

LONG - TERM PARKING

Some people left their car in the long-term parking at the airport while away on holidays and someone broke into the car.

Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in the suburbs and robbed it.

So I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should NOT leave the Registration documents or Road Service Company Membership in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

GPS UNITS:

Someone had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the grassed area which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans.

Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard.

When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen.

The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house.

The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house.

It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents.

Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it.

Put a nearby address (like a local shopping Mall or Petrol station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

PURSE IN THE SHOPPING TROLLEY SCAM:

A lady went grocery-shopping at a local Shopping Centre and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the trolley while she reached something off a shelf.

Wait till you read the WHOLE story! Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel.

After returning home, she received a phone call from the Shopping Centre's Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers.

She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by the Shopping Centre's Security that they had not called her. By the time she returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarised.

The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were the Shopping Centre's Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for them to burglarise it.

MOBILE PHONES:

I never thought of this!

This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone.

Her handbag, which contained her mobile phone, credit cards, wallet, etc., was stolen.

Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, hubby says: "I received your text asking about our Bank Card PIN and I've replied a little while ago."

When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn.

The thief had actually used the stolen mobile phone to text 'hubby' in the contact list and got hold of the pin number.

Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral lesson:

A. Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list.

Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.

B. When sensitive information is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.

C. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them.

If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet 'family and friends who text you. It might NOT be them.

The best troll of the day



Doctor, when do you think covid 19 will be over?
Doctor: I don't know, I'm not a Journalist.

A senior's version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before and what I will do later and with whom, I give them pictures of my family, of my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversation, I give them 'thumbs up' and tell them I 'like' them.

And it works just like Facebook

I already have 4 people following me,
2 police officers,
a private detective,
and a psychiatrist.

My Mom got sent to jail
and is SO angry about it!
She threw the chair across the
room, refused food and drink,
and cussed at anyone who
tried to calm her down.
We are never playing
Monopoly with her ever again.

Can you figure out which one of you sent this?

The Stranger

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future!

He took my family to the Footy Grand Final. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind. Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home – not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long-time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my Dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first.

Still, if you could walk into my parents' lounge room today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? He has many names.

We just call him 'TV'.

Two old ladies Dolly and Ruby were talking about their grandchildren.



Dolly said, "Each year I send each of my grandchildren a card with a generous cheque inside. I never hear from them... never receive a thank you message."



Ruby replies, "I too send my grandchildren a very generous cheque. I hear from them within a week after they receive it. In fact, they each pay me a personal visit."

"Wow! How come?" remarked Dolly.

"I don't sign the cheque!"

1. *Where there's a will, I want to be in it*
2. *The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.*
3. *Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
4. *If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
5. *We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.*
6. *War does not determine who is right, only who is left.*
7. *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*
8. *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
9. *I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.*
10. *In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."*

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. -- Ronald Reagan (1986)



I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -- Will Rogers

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! -- P. J. O'Rourke

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. -- Voltaire (1764)

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! - Pericles (430 B.C.)

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. -- Ronald Reagan

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. - Mark Twain

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools. -- Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher (1820-1903)

There is no distinctly Native Canadian criminal class, save Parliament. -- Mark Twain

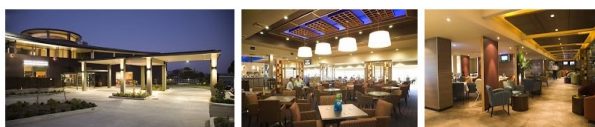
What this country needs are more unemployed politicians -- Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. - Thomas Jefferson

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. - Aesop

I might have used some of this before, but it still prompts a reminder that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Thanks to all who shared stuff this month



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