

PALS by the LAKE



COMPUTER PALS FOR SENIORS NORTHERN BEACHES INC. MEMBER OF ASCCA

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Welcome to our September Newsletter

OUR AGM ON 17TH AUGUST 2011

As expected the day went off without a hitch and we are happy to announce that the whole Committee has been re-elected! There are some changes, which is a sign of progress.

Your new Committee is as follows:

President Allan Burrowes
Vice-President Nan Bosler
Treasurer Jim Parker
Secretary Margaret Randall

Committee members:

Brian Curran
Corry Dancaster
Maureen Wannell
Linda Francis



Allan Burrowes



Nan Bosler

'Thank you' to all invited guests who attended:

Robert Stokes, Member for Pittwater,
Julie Sutton, our Patron and representing Michael Regan, Mayor of Warringah,
Caroline Psaltis and Jane Elliott from Warringah Council,
and Karl Parkes from DY-RSL.

Also a heartfelt 'Thank you' to to Nan Bosler who took over the Presidency when Ron Hare resigned, and to all the people who helped to make this a successful afternoon.

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

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Next Trainers Meeting:
12.30 Wed. Oct. 5 2011
Next Committee Meeting:
2pm Wed. Oct. 5 2011

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OUR NEXT "GETTING TOGETHER"

ON 21 SEPTEMBER STARTING AT 12.30

AT THE 'TRAMSHED' AT NARRABEEN WE WILL HAVE:

ALLAN BURROWES PRESENTING

WINDOWS LIVE MOVIE MAKER

ALLAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN OVERSEAS AND HAS LOTS OF PICTURES TO USE FOR THIS PRESENTATION, SO IT WILL BE DELIGHTFUL TO WATCH.

COME AND ENJOY THIS PRESENTATION.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED.



YOUR INSTRUCTORS	
Monday	Allan Burrowes-Enrolments Greg Ennis Patricia Novikoff Joe Paardekooper Linda Francis Peter Whalan
Tuesday	Evelyn Iggulden Alan Taylor Allan Burrowes Judi Page Pat Kingham Greg McGuire
Wed.	Henri Osieck Jim Parker Mary Anne O'Reilly Win Nielsen Afternoon reserved for Meetings
Thursday	John Brennan Brian Curran Allan Burrowes Corry Dancaster Lesley McGuire
Friday	Christine Smith Paul Treichel Glenda Kelly Gerri Cumpstey



Our President, Allan Burrowes, performed his first duty as President by receiving a cheque from Pittwater RSL President, Brian Sargeson, for our club. The cheque is for external training for the trainers, a very worthwhile cause. It is much appreciated by all.

Digital Photography Group:
If you wish to join:
Ring Brian Hides on
9918 7181

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Sept. 17	PrintMaster
21	12.30 'Getting Together'
23	Last day of Term 3
Oct. 5	12.00 Trainers Meeting 2pm Committee Meeting
Oct. 10	First day of Term 4
Oct. 15	PrintMaster
Oct. 19	12.30 'Getting Together'

Do you wish to learn more about
Corel (a wonderful graphics program) ?
You can put your name on the list in our club room to let Win Nielsen know.

or

PrintMaster (a card making program)
Please put your name on the list in our clubroom if you would like to join.

Put these dates in your Diary:
There will be NO Presentation in November, due to the ASCCA Conference.
Our Christmas Party will be on 9 December starting at 12.30.
The Theme for Seniors Day 2012 will be Social Networking.

TRAINERS LUNCH AT DY-RSL

On the fifth Wednesday of the month the Trainers enjoy a lunch together and this time it was at DY-RSL. This is always greatly enjoyed by all and we catch up with friends who teach on different days and who we do not see often. We were also delighted to meet Robert Peacock, the Marketing Assistant and Community Support Co-ordinator of DY-RSL. Robert spoke with us and it was great to get to know him.



Robert Peacock

MEN AT WORK

We are grateful to the Dee Why RSL Club, who gave us a grant to buy new chairs, which were badly needed. After discussion, it was decided to buy these wonderful comfortable chairs, which have already been installed in our Club room. This was a job which was done and enjoyed by our wonderful helpers. Thank you all for the effort. The boxes were taking up a lot of space in our room, so this needed to be done quickly. We are so lucky to have great sponsors. It is very much appreciated.



AGM 2011 Photographs by Christine Smith



Rob Stokes,

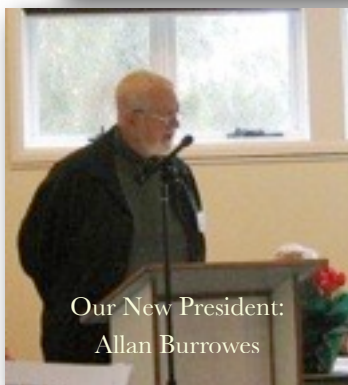
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Karl Parkes

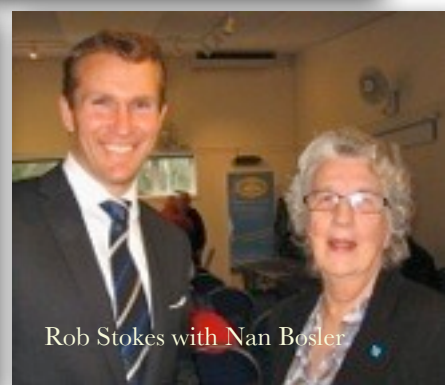
Our distinguished guests:



Our New President:
Allan Burrowes



Jim Parker and Brian Curran



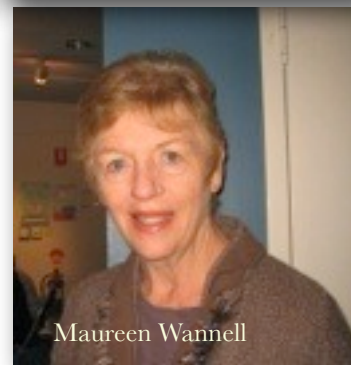
Rob Stokes with Nan Bosler



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Margaret Randall with Corry Dancaster



Maureen Wannell



Ken Brown



Win Nielsen with Henri Osieck



Lexie Warder



Toe Paardeckooper



Jennifer Parker



Wendy Hastings with Pat Kingham



Evelyn Iggulden



COMPUTER HELP

EDMONDS SOLUTION is proud to support Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches and is offering a discount of \$10.00 p/h to all members that mention Computer Pals during a call out. We will also start monthly "tips 'n tricks" to help your computer life flow more smoothly.

This month's Tip: When viewing web pages in major browsers, ie Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox - it is possible to increase or decrease the size of text by simply clicking in the web page and holding 'Ctrl' button on your keyboard, while rolling the wheel on your mouse. If your computer is running Vista or Windows 7, the same process can be applied in folders, to make the icons larger or smaller. For example, you may want to see larger thumbnails in your 'Pictures' library.

Please feel free to call Edmonds Solution with regard to anything related e.g. Parts, Upgrades (Including New Systems), Networking, Security and general maintenance. 0415 188 463



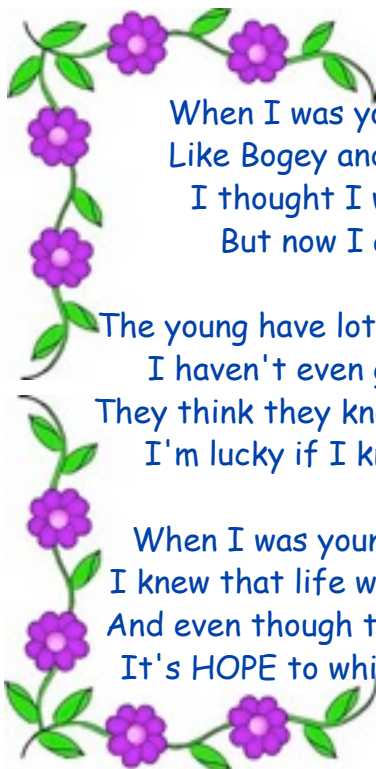
NORTH SHORE COMPUTERS will offer 25% discount instead of the usual 20% seniors discount (on service only) to anyone who mentions Computer Pals at the Narrabeen store.

<http://www.nskom.com.au/>

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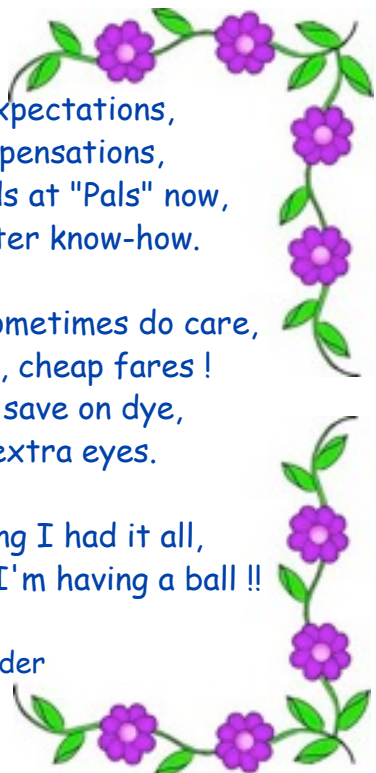
WHEN I WAS YOUNG



When I was young I had it all,
Like Bogey and Lauren Bacall.
I thought I was invincible,
But now I am invisible.

The young have lots and lots of health,
I haven't even got much wealth,
They think they know just EVERYthing,
I'm lucky if I know SOMETHing !

When I was young and full of zest
I knew that life would work out best,
And even though time changes things,
It's HOPE to which I seem to cling.



Being young had expectations,
Being old has compensations,
Here I am with friends at "Pals" now,
Learning lots of 'puter know-how.

"The powers that be" sometimes do care,
I get to ride the bus, cheap fares !
My hair is white, I save on dye,
I even have two extra eyes.

So though when young I had it all,
Just watch me now I'm having a ball !!

Lexie Warder



Mouse Whispers



A simple guide to the cloud

By Leigh D. Stark | 3:23 pm 05/08/2011

It's being championed by Google, Apple, Microsoft, and nearly every major player in the technology world, but what exactly is the 'cloud', and why should we store our digital life in it

What is 'the cloud'? Without getting bogged down in technical minutiae and jargon, the cloud is another term for the internet. Generally, when someone says they're thinking of a cloud storage solution, they're talking about using a 'server farm' of computers – like those used to host websites – as remote storage of their own files. Why would you want to store your files in a remote location? Imagine if your house was broken into and your computers were stolen, or a disaster such as a fire or a flood happened and destroyed your hard drives. Even if you backed up, it's entirely possible that your data could be lost in these situations.



Using the internet as your storage solution could help here, offering a backup to your other backups in case something goes horribly wrong. A cloud solution is more than just a place to hold your data, though, as the storage centers run backups every day. This provides a higher level of protection for your data than the manual backups you (might) perform to a hard drive on your desk and keeps you in touch with the most current versions of all your digital goodness, whether this originated from your phone, tablet or PC. That's better than what most IT administrators, using conventional local storage backup methods can manage.

What's more, whatever you store and backup off-site in the cloud – contacts, calendars, music, video, photos, ebooks, business, personal and household files – is accessible from wherever the internet is via common web-enabled devices. If you've just come back from a vacation and want to show your travels to everyone at work, you can sync them to a cloud service from your laptop. So when you want to share your latest photos, but they're on your PC at home, you can pull them down from cloud and display them on your tablet or phone. Neat, huh!



You can even share files uploaded to the cloud with anyone you choose, with many services supporting folder sharing by invitation. While there are some real positives to off-site storage, we don't suggest you make it your only backup solution. Downsides to the cloud can include ongoing costs for large storage sizes, the overall cost of uploads and downloads, and a requirement that you have an internet connection to use this storage solution. We suggest keeping backups of your important files both locally (on an external drive) and in the cloud, that way you've got twice the protection if something bad does occur. Here's a roundup of current cloud storage options: Dropbox, Google Apps, Optus SmartSafe, Trend Micro SafeSync, Apple iCloud and more, just Google these for more information than we can give you!

We are looking for Volunteers to help Seniors to understand Computers. If you can help please email: info@compalsnb.org.au and we will help you to get started.



Please note: We make every effort to replace Instructors when they are unable to attend on their teaching day, but sometimes this is impossible. All our Instructors are volunteers and have personal commitments. We will always try to contact the students, if possible.

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Happy Fathers day to all our fathers and grandfathers!





Interact with your computer in a whole new way The Multi-Touch Gestures of Mac OS X Lion makes using a mouse a thing of the past. Now you can tap, scroll, pinch, and swipe using Multi-Touch gestures, directly controlling what's on your screen in a more fluid, natural, and intuitive way. When you scroll down on your trackpad or Magic Mouse, your document scrolls down. When you scroll up, your web page scrolls up. When you swipe left, your photos move left. And there are many more gestures that make all you do on your Mac the best experience you can have on a computer.

🍏 Watch a video demonstration of how the gestures make computing easy

www.apple.com/macosx/whats-new/gestures.html

SCROLL REVERSE

Scroll Reverser is a free app for Mac OS X that reverses the direction of scrolling. You can use it with OS X Leopard and Snow Leopard to make your scrolling match the 'natural scrolling' in Lion. You can also use it with OS X Lion to customise scrolling behaviour beyond what is possible in system preferences, for example to reverse the trackpad but not the mouse.

Download Scroll Reverser (v1.4.2, released August 18, 2011; Universal binary). To install, unzip and copy it to your Applications folder. To uninstall, drag it to the trash. Requires Mac OS X 10.5 or above. Languages: English, Brazilian Portuguese, Greek, Italian, Spanish. <http://pilotmoon.com/scrollreverser/>

Say "hello" to FaceTime

It's remarkable. It's fun. And it's not just for iPhone and iPod touch anymore. Now you can make video calls to iPad 2, iPhone 4, the new iPod touch or another Mac. Right from your Mac. And there is no calling cost ... it's free! What is FaceTime? FaceTime is an application that allows Apple Mac devices to make a video call to each other using the Wi-Fi internet. If you are in a Wi-Fi zone and your caller is in a Wi-Fi zone you can make the video (phone)call.



FaceTime on iPad 2 lets you drop in on your favourite people and see how they're doing. You could be anywhere, they could be anywhere.

With a tap, your iPad 2 calls someone else's iPad 2, iPhone 4, new iPod touch or Mac over Wi-Fi.1 And there you are, face-to-face, in the middle of a friend's party or with your family on the couch. The big, beautiful iPad display is a great place for a face, because you can really see it. Not a smile or laugh goes unnoticed, especially when iPad goes around the room and everyone waves hello. If you've ever missed something big and eventful, anything small yet significant, or someone's smile, FaceTime helps you miss everything a little less.

🍏 Watch a video demonstration of how FaceTime works on the iPad 2 www.apple.com/au/ipad/built-in-apps/