

## President's Report

Hello everyone! It has been a busy month.

- \* Our new computer club website is complete and is expected to be launched in June/July
- \* Badge sales were exceptional at the Grocery Store prior to renovation activities with the small venue inside Wills Cafe.
- \* Technician & Tech Mate bookings are all now electronic on a Google calendar. This allows tech people to check their schedules from home to save time.
- \* 2024-25 Membership renewal email letter will be sent out to all current members 1st July 2024; payments by card only in July & August. See detailed notice in this Bits&Bytes.
- \* Gatehouse Saturday morning technical & guest speaker presentations are attracting a good attendance
- \* Warm welcome to our new B&B Editor Brian McLauchlan
- \* Keep up-to-date – read your Friday Night Update [FNU] email each week & enjoy the attached gifts!

## Village Representatives

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The Club is open:  
Tuesdays 0900-12 noon  
Thursdays 0900-12 noon  
For sales of cards, badges and other items just come in

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# Bits & Bytes July 2024

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Connecting Residents with  
Technology

## Technology Over The Years

Hello everyone,

As the new editor for Bits & Bytes I want to welcome you to my first edition. I am taking over from Marilyn Davidson who has done a great job over the past four years and who I'm sure you will all give thanks for her efforts on behalf of the club.

I have been encouraged in my takeover to do a 'refresh' of the newsletter so you will see a modest change in this issue and perhaps further changes to come. Email me if you think something should be included or changed!

My background is in engineering and technical education. The first computer that I ever used was in 1969 at UNSW. It took up most of one floor of a building and we had to write our own computer programs to get it to do anything.

How things have changed since then; high schools that run the STEAM program

(ie: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) now use tiny computers that can fit in a matchbox!

I have seen a lot of change in over 50 years of computer development and I appreciate the benefits that have come from this development, especially for seniors.

The problem is that the technology is still a challenge for many to use effectively. Part of this is the speed of change but also the many concepts one has to absorb just to get the basics done.

This is where the Computer Club comes in, to be a source of support and education for all members. While the Club provides this help, members can also help themselves by considering their own computer journey and how ideas like those listed overleaf might resonate with their own experience.

Computers are:

- Patient; you can practice skills over and over
- Frustrating; because how to do things is not always obvious
- Perplexing; because of the unfamiliar words used
- Convenient; so many things can be done quickly, wherever you are
- Scary; because of online criminals

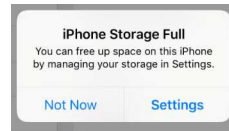
So when you seek support, make sure that you don't just ask about "how to make it work" but ask about what concerns you have about technology. We want to help your skills but also help your confidence!

If "how you feel" sounds strange, please remember that the scammers rely on "how you feel" to make scams work.

The more confident you are the more you can enjoy using the technology effectively and safely.

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## Help; My Mobile Phone is Full!



Many of us find after a while that our phone or tablet starts to warn us that the storage is nearly full. This means no more space to store photos or videos but also, no more space to update the phone, apps or add new apps.

This can be frustrating but also worrying if there is an urgent security update waiting to be installed.

Please don't just delete your precious family photos! It is not hard to fix the problem and there are many ways to organise your phone storage. We can show you how to remove pictures, change settings and gain some storage space on your mobile phone or tablet.

## The Lighter Side of Tech

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. It was an apple but with extremely limited memory. Just 1 byte; and then everything crashed.



## YEARLY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

YOU WILL SOON RECEIVE AN EMAIL INFORMING YOU OF FEES DUE. PLEASE WAIT FOR THIS EMAIL BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT IN THE MONTHS OF JULY/AUGUST

Yearly \$25  
New members Joining Fee is an additional \$15 (one-off)

### To pay by EFT from your bank account:

To WESTPAC Bank  
ARV Computer Club  
BSB 032173  
A/c # 348618  
Please Reference:  
YOUR FULL NAME  
+your CC member ID  
(3 numerals)

### To pay in Person:

AT THE BRADFORD ROOMS in  
Lober House:  
(Tues 9-12 or Thurs 9-12)

Pay by Visa or Mastercard

### No Cash payments

(Please speak with us if you have difficulty paying electronically)

Once paid, members can collect their MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CARD from the Bradford Rooms. This is your fee receipt for membership subscription.

## The Gatehouse Sessions

*These are free technical and general interest presentations provided for members by Computer Club. Be there at 10am for the session followed by a cuppa at 11am*

**August only; Guest Speaker will be on the first Saturday**

### Saturday August 3rd

*Communication: Our Most important skill?*

Speaker: Lynton Bradford

### Saturday August 10th

*Internet Security*

Improve security when online with any device.

Speaker: Brian McLauchlan

**Save the dates!**

## A viking king with a mobile phone?



Denmark's Harald Blatand Gormsen has lent his nickname, "Bluetooth" to a mobile phone technology.

Bluetooth is a short range wireless connection that you can use on your phone, tablet and some computers. You can connect:

- Headphones
- Speakers
- Keyboards
- Some Hearing Aids

We can show you at the computer club how to use Bluetooth for more value from your tech devices.