

Gatehouse Saturday Morning Program - Thanks to Lynton, Brian, Rita, Clare & Elizabeth for program success: Chris Cadzow coordinating an update to IT in the Gatehouse

Marketing - Ongoing marketing across sites

ARVCC Website - New website completed; Marketing underway for an ARVCC website manager

Staffing - Advertisements in progress for reception team, Tech Mate team & website management; Advertisements spread across Anglicare Volunteering, The Digital Literacy Foundation & FreddyMatch

Computer Club Membership List & Security - Upgrade of ARVCC database & gmail lists underway

Phone Issues Resolved - Panasonic cordless phones issue was fixed by Anglicare IT people

Meeting with Dr Anne Wiggins - David, Brian & Neil met with Anne Wiggins [CEO Digital Literacy Foundation] on site, to formalise David taking over DLF liaison & TM management

Membership Renewals for 2025 - Thanks to majority of members who have renewed their membership

Village Representatives

Mowll

Neil Davidson (President)
Trevor Arnett (Village Rep)
Ruth Bunn (Village Rep)

Geoff Litchfield (Membership)
Brian McLauchlan (Sat Tech)
Rod Roberts (Village Rep)

Warrina

Lynton Bradford (Vice President)
Clare Hamilton (Village Rep)
Chris Keay (Village Rep)
Warwick Olson (Village Rep)
Melanie Rankine (Welfare)

Nuffield

Elizabeth Pedersen (Treasurer)
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Hopetoun

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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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Technology for Seniors

Hello everyone,

For many of us 'Technology' means something to do with computers or mobile phones. As seniors, we may be encouraged by the younger set to get involved in all kinds of technology but is that really necessary?

This month I want to address choices; the choices we can make to get the best results from our tech options. Seniors have had enough life experience not to be swayed by the 'latest fashion' and this applies to tech choices like; do I really need a computer, iPad, mobile phone, smartwatch, landline and a smart TV?

Quite apart from the effect on your wallet, all these things need updates, apps and learning about how to use them.

With technology we need to consider firstly our needs before we can decide which device will suit those needs.

Buying wisely also means not worrying about debates about brands or 'bragging rights' for device features. A "features focus" is everywhere; the last time I bought a car the sales staff spent more time on the number of cup-holders than on brakes or steering!

Most tech brands now work reasonably but 'cheapies' will have some limitations while 'premium' products will perform but you may pay more than necessary. If you determine your needs then look for the 'sweet spot' of price and performance for you, it should give you the most satisfaction.

So work out:

- Your budget
- Which Apps; email, internet, etc are needed.
- How much use do you expect; often, rarely?
- Difficulties; vision, hearing, dexterity?
- Who to connect to; family, business, all?

- Do you want to learn a new device or have it behave similar to the old one?

Remember too, that many tech devices are also computers so that it is possible to do some things in a quite different way to the obvious. A mobile phone can use a TV to enlarge the screen for easy viewing. A modest price for a bluetooth keyboard can make a tablet into a tolerable laptop. You can put your music collection online and listen through your computer or mobile phone rather than replacing that worn-out CD player.

Micro-computers can provide TV services through the internet like SBS On Demand ABC iView or commercial streaming services. You don't necessarily need a smart TV to watch these services.

With all these considerations it is also timely to remind everyone that each tech device has Accessibility functions to assist you to use it. The Computer Club is there to help with advice for purchasing and setting up devices. Come and talk to us!

Brian McLauchlan
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A friend in France wanted copies of some photos...

Photo files are so large that sending them in an email was limited to 3 or 4 and I had 50 to send!



How to do it? Use The Cloud!

Everyone has probably heard about The Cloud but who knows how it works? Well it is only a name for a **remote computer** where you can store any files you choose.

You can also designate some files as 'Shared' and give access to friends or family who can make copies from anywhere in the world, including France!



Don't be afraid of The Cloud; it can be very useful and you may already have a Cloud account just waiting to be used!

Computer Club can help you 'get in the Cloud' and use that account!

Welcome New Members!

Wendy Oughton	Warrina
Anne Medlow	Mowll
Arlie Brodie	Mowll
Faye Gilbert	Mowll
Denis Button	Mowll
Barbara Smedley	Warrina
Jill Browne	Warrina

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)

The Lighter Side of Tech

"My computer said my password is insecure. Well, maybe if it wasn't forced to have such strict requirements it would be more confident."

Reminder: ARV CC AGM

The AGM will be held in the Menzies Room at 1:30pm on 17th September. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Gatehouse Sessions Next Month

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

Saturday September 7th

Personal Privacy

Who is invading our online privacy? Why? How can we protect ourselves?

Speaker: Brian McLauchlan

Saturday September 14th

How Do We Communicate

Historical perspective from cave paintings to the present

Speaker: Lynton Bradford

Save the dates!

Computer Club Members We Need Your Opinion!

Later in the year we will be asking for all members to fill in an online survey to help us understand your needs and plan the future direction of the Computer Club. Please take the time to have your say in this survey.

President's Report

AGM 17th September 2024 -

Delegation of Essential Computer Club duties across all Committee members for 2024-2025

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