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President's message



I'm updating the NBN presentation and it reminds me how quickly technology changes these days, and how hard it is to

keep up. Optus has just announced they will offer a 5G Fixed Wireless service in selected metropolitan areas in 2019 that will be competitive with NBN speeds and data. Fixed Wireless connects to the internet using data transmitted over radio signals. Data travels from a transmission tower located as far as 14 kilometres away to an outdoor antenna on your house. In fact, our Club ran on a Fixed Wireless internet connection for several years when we were at the old Council Chambers, communicating to a transmitter on the top of a building in Parramatta CBD.

How do we keep up with the changes in technology? You can borrow computer magazines such as TechLife and APC from your local library; read the technology section of your newspaper; or use Google to get information. (Tip: In your Google search results, click on Tools, then click on Any time, and select Past Month. This gives you the

most recent news.) The Tech News newsletter from ASCCA often has interesting news and tips. Or you could join one of our Special Interest Groups, where discussion is free-ranging and even the trainers frequently resort to Google to find answers. The dates of SIGs are listed in the Course Timetable flyer and in this newsletter.

Please note that our February meeting is a week earlier than usual, on **Thursday, 8th February** because the room was not available on our usual meeting date. We are very fortunate to have Jessica from Apple coming to talk to us. I heard Jessica at the ASCCA conference and she was very informative and interesting – even for non-Apple users!

I don't have anything to report from the Committee this month because we are meeting on 9th February; you will get a double dose in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, keep learning, of course!

Deborah

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February meeting

Due to room booking, our usual date has been changed to **Thursday 8th February**, so we hope you've set this date aside for our monthly members' meeting.

It's the usual time (9.30-11.30 am) and at the usual place, at the UNE large meeting room on Level 1 of 232 Church Street, near the Greenway Arcade and opposite the beautiful old sandstone original post office.

Bring your cash for course opportunities.

Our guest speaker will be Jessica Grauds from Apple. Jessica was a well-received presenter at the recent ASCCA conference about Apple's accessibility.

Birthday party number 11

To commemorate the club's birthday in January, Margaret Green organised a specially designed cake – actually two cakes – from her local cake shop.



And here are some of our current members who joined in our first year in 2007 helping to cut the cake.



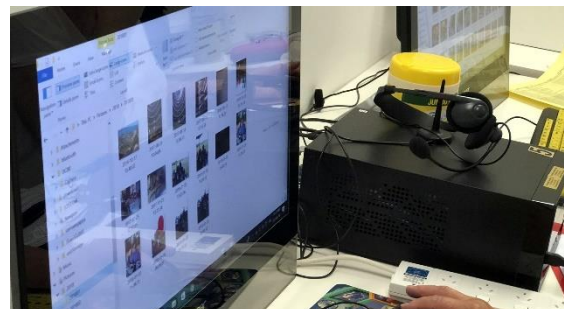
Smartphones and photo enthusiasts



Smartphone group



Gus and Irene Lim



Smartphone to folder on hard-drive

Day/ Time	Dates	Course
Term 1 2018 course schedule –Weeks 1-5		
Mon 9:30-11:45	5 Feb	Practice session: Scanning photos, negatives and slides \$10
Mon 9:30-11:45	12, 19, 26 Feb	Windows 10 Made Easy \$30
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	6 Feb	Techtalk: Understanding the NBN \$10
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	13 Feb	Techtalk: Understanding the NBN \$10
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	20 Feb	Techtalk: Understanding the NBN \$10
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	27 Feb	eBay: Selling \$10
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	7 Feb	Practice Session: Facebook \$10
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	14,21,28 Feb	Email (Using Gmail) \$30
Thurs 9:30 - 11:45	22 Feb; 1,8 Mar	Introduction to Computers \$30
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	16,23 Feb; 2 Mar	Saving & finding your files in Windows \$10
Term 1 2018 course schedule –Weeks 6-10		
Mon 9:30-11:45	5-12 Mar	Facebook for Beginners \$20
Mon 9:30-11:45	19 Mar	Genealogy: Convicts \$210
Mon 9:30-11:45	26 Mar	Genealogy: Irish \$10
Mon 9:30-11:45	9 Mar	Practice session: Apple iPad \$10
Mon 1:15 - 3:30	5,12,19,26 Mar; 9 Apr	Apple iPad or iPhone: Beginners TBC \$45
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	20 Mar	Tech Talk: Email security \$10
Tues 9:30 - 11:45	10 Apr	Practice Session: Windows 10 \$10
Tues 1:15 - 3:30	13,20,27 Mar; 3,10 Apr	Android tablets: Beginners \$45
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	14,21,28 Mar	Windows 10 Made Easy \$30
Wed 9:30 - 11:45	4,11 Apr	Facebook: Beyond the Basics \$20
Wed 1:15 - 3:30	14,21,28 Mar; 4,11 Apr	Apple Mac: Beginners \$45
Thurs 9:30 - 11:45	5,12 Apr	Internet \$20
Thurs 1:15 - 3:30	29 Mar	Tech talk: Genealogy and DNA \$10
Fri 9:30-11:45	9 Mar	Windows 10 Photos App \$10
Fri 1:15 - 3:30	6 Apr	Backing up your Windows computer \$10
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIG), OUTINGS and MONTHLY MEETINGS \$2		
Dates	Time	Event

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Thurs 8 Feb; 15 Mar	9:30 - 11:45am	Members meeting at UNE.
Thurs 1 Mar, 5 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG – Android Tablets and Smart Phones
Fri 2 Mar, 6 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG – Windows 10
Thurs 8 Feb, 8 Mar, 12 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG – Creative writing
Fri 9 Feb, 13 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG – iPads and iPhones
Thurs 15 Feb, 19 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: Digital photography
Fri 16 Feb, 20 Apr	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: Facebook
Thurs 22 Feb, 22 Mar, 26 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG: Genealogy
Fri 23 Feb, 23 Mar, 27 Apr	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG: Craft and Cards
Wed 7 March	1:15-3:30pm	Trainers Meeting (Free)
Thurs 15 March	1:15-3:30pm	SIG: eBooks
Fri 16 March	9:30 - 11:45am	SIG: Google
Fri 16 March	1:15-3:30pm	Trainers Planning Meeting (Free)
Thurs 22 March	9:30 - 11:45am	Office Assistants' Training Meeting (Free)

Now don't take us seriously



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