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Our transition from the Tramshed to the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL

*Dear subscriber,  
Greetings from the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL. Smiles all round.  
Why not catch up with a Compals club member over a coffee? There  
are soooo many choices of venues within Dee Why RSL. Maybe on  
Valentines weekend? Happy Valentines Day from us all. Enjoy.*

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## **The Gossip**

Well, we are here! The eagle has landed! The Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL is a blast! We are provided with mints, iced water, whiteboard,



display screen & of course a wonderful modern carpeted trainers room. What about all the extra facilities available to us? I guess we will all find the time to take advantage of the clubs wining and dining areas along with all the activities displayed on noticeboards.

There are many people to thank for our very, very, smooth transition to our new premises in the Meehan Room. A big thank you to Anne Matthews our Training Coordinator who amazingly managed to juggled 91 students and 32 trainers from 5 days to 2.5 days. Allan Burrowes, Brian Mackie, John Peachey and Malcolm Raymond these are the lads who did all the heavy lifting! I would also like to thank all the people I have left out only because I have no idea of all our little helpers in the background! Last but not least our thanks has to go to Kristy Andrews, Events Coordinator for Dee Why RSL and of course the IT department at Dee Why RSL for being around at an instant with our WiFi setup.

We encourage you to take a look at the section on 'Safety, Safety and more Safety'. Thank you to our trainer Charles for suggesting we include a regular segment outlining current scams, malware etc. that may jeopardise our online security.

Also, I am always appreciative and motivated by the number of club members so willing to contribute to our newsletter. Please take the time to browse their articles. At this stage it would be amiss of me not to mention the background to our feature video for this newsletter. There were the four of us Aislinn Mckeever, trainer and lead, Brian Mackie, trainer and 'do not move much prop', Bridgid Mclean, student and video camera artist and myself director and holder of the script! Well, what a learning curve this little project turned out to be. We could not stop laughing. The background noise was constant, the Dee Why staff kept appearing out of nowhere behind closed doors! We had countless takes. The bloopers would possibly go viral – but we will not go there! Thank you so much to the cast, we will trial a quiet location next time!

Much is happening at our club at the moment with all the new hourly sessions, the ASCCA new training program, and the preparation for Seniors Festival: Using Technology to promote Healthy Living which commences in April.

Please take care and enjoy our new venue.  
Happy Chinese New Year, Happy Valentines Day.  
Enjoy this newsletter.

Talk next month.

Kind regards,  
Judy Elias - Editor in Chief  
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## Dates for our diary

- **ASCCA Training Programs**, 280 Pitt St, Sydney - [February](#), [March](#), [April](#)
- **Seniors Festival 2016**, Luana Rm, Level 3, Dee Why RSL - Thursday 7 April, 1:30-3:30pm
- **What's different in Windows 10?**  
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 10 Feb 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE **(FULL)**
- **How to use Facebook**  
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 17 Feb 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE
- **How to use the Apple Photos app**  
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 24 Feb 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE
- **Excel Introduction**  
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 2 March 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE
- **Excel Advanced**  
Meehan Rm, DYRSL, Wed 9 March 2016, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Open to trainers & students, bookings essential, FREE
- **ASCCA Notice Board**  
A list of many events and activities - ASCCA newsletter, [see page 2](#)



## Greetings from the President

*by Allan Burrowes - President*

Well, we have completed a full week in our new 'Temporary' training room. The Meehan room is up and running from the 27th January. We have had fantastic assistance from the Events Coordinator of Dee Why RSL, Kristy Andrews and her IT support team. [more](#)



## Welcome to the new Term 1, 2016

*by Allan Burrowes - President*

As this is a new venue for us both there may be some settling in issues that we can handle together. [more](#)



## Entry to Dee Why RSL

*by Anne Matthews - Trainers Coordinator*

For non-members it is necessary for you and your students to sign in and a photo ID must be produced. The 3 km rule does not apply for our classes/events/functions. Members of Dee Why RSL just have to produce their card on entry. If your student or you want to join it's \$5 for a year.

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## Our FIRST Trainers Meeting - January 20, 2016 in our new location in the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL



*Discussing the exciting new experience of training in a new location. We decided to take advantage of the clubs' bistro to catch-up on the holiday gossip, over lunch. Term 1 at Dee Why RSL, commenced Wednesday 27 January, 2016*

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## **Our FIRST HOUR training in the Meehan Room at Dee Why RSL**

*by John Peachey*



*The first day Wednesday 27 January, 2016 worked beautifully well. The room was ready before 9:00am, water and glasses available at the back of the room. Students arrived and the User Name/Password combination was loaded on to their equipment easily with no fuss. The 9 to 10 group left and the next group arrived, connected up and were away being taught within minutes. Likewise the following group so it was all very productive. The feedback I was able to get was that the students liked it all - as the Maintenance Group representative, I thought it was marvellous. Roll on next week when we start in earnest (and the Dee Why RSL!).*

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## **Our FIRST Tuesday arvo at Compals in the Meehan room, Dee Why RSL**

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***I can do that!***  
**Compals Trainers Meeting - February 2016**  
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**Maintenance Team taking Sabbatical!**

*by Brian Mackie, Trainer*

With the move to our new premises the Maintenance team have been virtually rendered REDUNDANT as we have no PCs, Printers, Network or Software to look after. We are still



looking for our termination pay from the club!!  
[more](#)

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## Facebook for Computer Pals Northern Beaches

[facebook.com/compalsnb](https://facebook.com/compalsnb)



*Our Facebook page, Compals NB is a public social media online resource. Posts related to our clubs' public events and activities will keep us updated. We can view this page even if not owning a Facebook account at: [facebook.com/compalsnb](https://facebook.com/compalsnb) or just click on the photo above.*



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## ASCCA Training Programs - Designed for mature aged people

ASCCA located at 280 Pitt Street, Sydney conducts a comprehensive number of training courses throughout the year. Our club members are offered course discounts. The new timetable for February, March and April 2016 is now available. Please take a look and make your booking. [more](#)

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## Compals NB Training Sessions



The details of the sessions running in February and March 2016 are:

**What's different in Windows 10** – Wed 10 Feb 12.00 to 1.00pm, Brian Mackie facilitator - **FULL**

**How to use Facebook** – Wed 17 Feb 12.00 to 1.30pm, Judy Elias facilitator

**How to use the Apple Photos App** – Wed 24 Feb 12.00 to 1.30pm, Judy Elias facilitator

**Excel Introduction** – Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> March 12.00 to 1.00pm, John Bell facilitator

**Excel Advanced** – Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March 12.00 to 1.00pm, John Bell facilitator

If any trainer or student who has not yet booked and would like to attend please email the details to [anne.computerpals@gmail.com](mailto:anne.computerpals@gmail.com)

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### **Seniors Festival 2016: Using Technology to promote Healthy Living**

This event presented by Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches will provide sessions on issues that will promote healthy living with serious information presented in a relaxed and fun way. It has been developed to encourage seniors to take advantage of technology to enable them to lead a healthier lifestyle. There will be speakers; demonstrations; audience participation; lucky door prizes and handouts. Afternoon tea provided. Thursday 7 April, 1:30-3:30pm, Luana Room, Level 3, Dee Why RSL. Free event. All welcome. Enquiries, Allan 99131433

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### **Change to Trainers/Committee meeting in March**

*by Anne Matthews, Training Coordinator*

Due to the group training sessions we are running in March it is necessary to change the date of the March Trainers meeting and the committee meeting that follows: The new date is



## MEETING NOTICE!

Wednesday the 16th March at 12.15pm followed by the committee meeting at 1.00pm. Also there will be no trainers/committee meeting in April as we will be running session for The Seniors Festival that runs over the first 2 weeks of April.

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### **A day in Santorini 1969 and 2015**

*by Paul Treichel, Trainer*



*The volcanic, Mediterranean Greek Island of Santorini is one of the great picturesque places on Earth and a once in a lifetime “must” Visit. Already 3000 years BC during the Bronze Age the people of today’s Santorini had a high civilisation. Later from about 200 BC until Anno 430 the Romans controlled the Island. [more](#)*

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### **Qwerkywriter provides a retro typing experience for your devices**

One distinguishing sound in the offices and newsrooms of old was the clickety clack of typewriter keys and now you can recreate that with the retro Qwerkywriter Bluetooth keyboard. The device has been



designed to look – and sound – like an old school typewriter that you might find in an antique store. For those of a certain age it will no doubt give them a terrific sense of nostalgia. [more](#)

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### **Vodafone announces new mobile roaming offer for New Zealand**

Vodafone Australia has announced customers on its Red and SIM only plans can now use their mobiles when they're travelling in New Zealand as if they were still at home with no roaming charges. Vodafone customers can already roam in more than 50 countries for \$5 a day and use the existing call, text and data allowances of their plan. [more](#)

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### **Apple issues wall plug adaptor recall – how to see if yours is affected**

Apple has issued a recall of AC wall adaptors used in Australia with Macs and certain iOS devices which, in rare cases, may break and pose a risk of receiving an electrical shock. The wall plug adaptors in question were shipped between 2003 and 2015 and were also included in the Apple World Travel Adaptor Kit. [more](#)

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### **Echo Connect Key fits in your pocket and can replace all your cables**

We're always carrying our devices around with us but carrying around the cable to connect for charging or sharing data has never been convenient – until now with the Echo Connect Plus key. The Echo Connect Key is the world's first dual charge key for all of your mobile devices and is small enough to fit on your keyring. [more](#)



## TV recording comes to Apple TV

Apple's TV does many things; until now recording and watching TV wasn't one of them.

But consumers soon will access a TV guide, set up recordings and later view them all using a Generation 4 Apple TV attached to a display, and a new app being built by DVLogic. [more](#)



## Netflix's VPN Ban might not amount to much

Streaming service Netflix made a big splash at this year's Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas by announcing immediate expansion. It was expected to launch in a selection of countries in the first half of 2016, but instead announced that it was making its service available just about everywhere on the planet, effective immediately. [more](#)



## Netflix USA vs The World: Content libraries compared

Netflix has launched worldwide, and we've perused every available Netflix library to see how they compare. Ever since it expanded out from its original US base, the story has been much the same, with the US library dwarfing that of any of its expansion territories thanks to differing rights management for the streaming content it delivers [more](#)

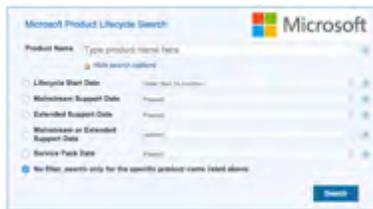
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## Still running Windows 8? The time to upgrade is now

Microsoft's Windows 8 was an interesting experiment for the world's biggest consumer operating system company. Depending on whether you liked its live tile style, it was either a



bold experiment or a rather painful and radical shift away from the standard Windows that users were accustomed to. [more](#)



## Microsoft Support Lifecycle

Microsoft Support Lifecycle policy provides consistent and predictable guidelines for product support availability when a product releases and throughout that product's life. By understanding the product support available, customers are better able to maximize the management of their IT investments and strategically plan for a successful IT future. [more](#)



## Powerline AV might help deal with your wireless woes

When Wi-Fi won't cut it and you can't run Ethernet cables, your electrical wiring offers another way to extend internet access to the furthest reaches of your home. While we all enjoy the convenience of Wi-Fi, sometimes it's just not up to the task at hand – especially if your home has Wi-Fi blackspots or is a hotbed of wireless interference. [more](#)

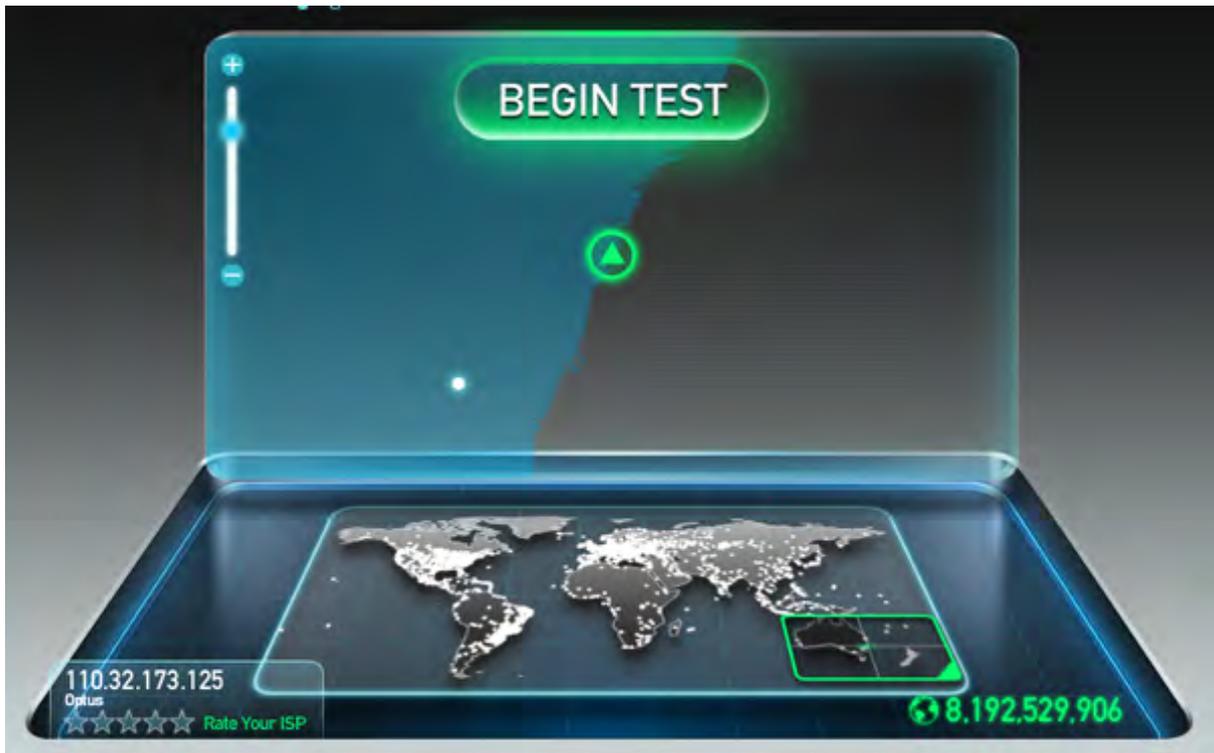


## Don't let online backups choke your internet connection

You don't need super-fast broadband to backup your files to the cloud, but it pays to tweak a few settings. If you're trying to protect irreplaceable files like family photos then it's important to have "offsite" backup stored away from home. Backing up to a USB stick or Network Attached Storage drive isn't enough, as a home disaster like fire,

flood or theft could claim all your gadgets and your onsite backups. [more](#)

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*Why not check out your download and upload internet speed on your laptop.  
[Please click here](#)*

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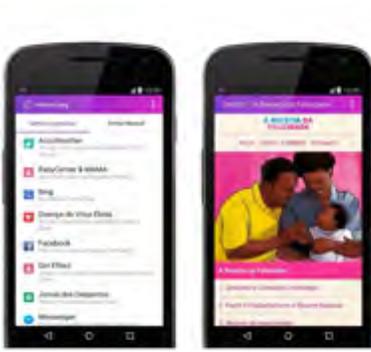
## **Facebook Celebrates Turning 12 With “Friends Day” Videos**

Now Facebook has its own holiday it calls “[Friends Day](#)”. On February 4th, the social network turns 12 years old. But in typical self-less Zuckerberg fashion, Mark said “rather than having this birthday that focuses on us, we should make sure that the world focuses on what’s important”. Namely, its users. [more](#)

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## **Facebook Learns To Make Money Where There Isn’t Much**

\$0.32. That’s the tiny amount Facebook used to earn off each user in the developing world at the beginning of 2012. It was understandable. Many of the citizens of India, Brazil, and Mexico don’t have a lot to spend. That was hard on



Facebook's bottom line. [more](#)

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### **Google's Alphabet set to overtake Apple as world's most valuable company**

[Alphabet](#), parent company of Google, looks set to take the crown from Apple and become the world's most valuable company. The tech company announced better than expected results on Monday and gave investors their first proper look under the hood at the engine that drives its business. Operating income from its core businesses rose 23% in 2015. [more](#)

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### **How Alphabet became the biggest company in the world**

Since Google restructured to become Alphabet it has almost doubled its total value – despite its products remaining the same as ever. Silicon Valley – and Wall Street – have a new king. Alphabet, the [company formerly known as Google](#), looks set to become the world's largest publicly traded company on Tuesday thanks to a spike in its share price, following exceptionally good results and a decision to come clean on how its makes and spends its money. [more](#)

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### **Safety, Safety and more Safety**

All the links below have important safety guidelines. We suggest you subscribe to the sites that have this option.

- [Stay Smart Online Alert Service is a free service for Australian internet users](#)



- [ScamWatch](#)
- [Again, a new scam this year which looks like coming from Australia Post](#)
- [Report and delete fake AFP traffic infringement notices](#)
- [Top security tips for 2016](#)
- [Microsoft Ends Support for IE8,9,10](#)

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## 10 Tricks Mac Spotlight Can Do

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## Apple Mail Tips, Tricks and Advice

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### **Chew on this**

[The world's greatest technologies that were invented in Australia](#)

### **45 LESSONS IN LIFE**

*submitted by Daphne Challoner, student*

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**Wolves - making a difference but what a difference!**

*submitted by Brian Mackie - Trainer*  
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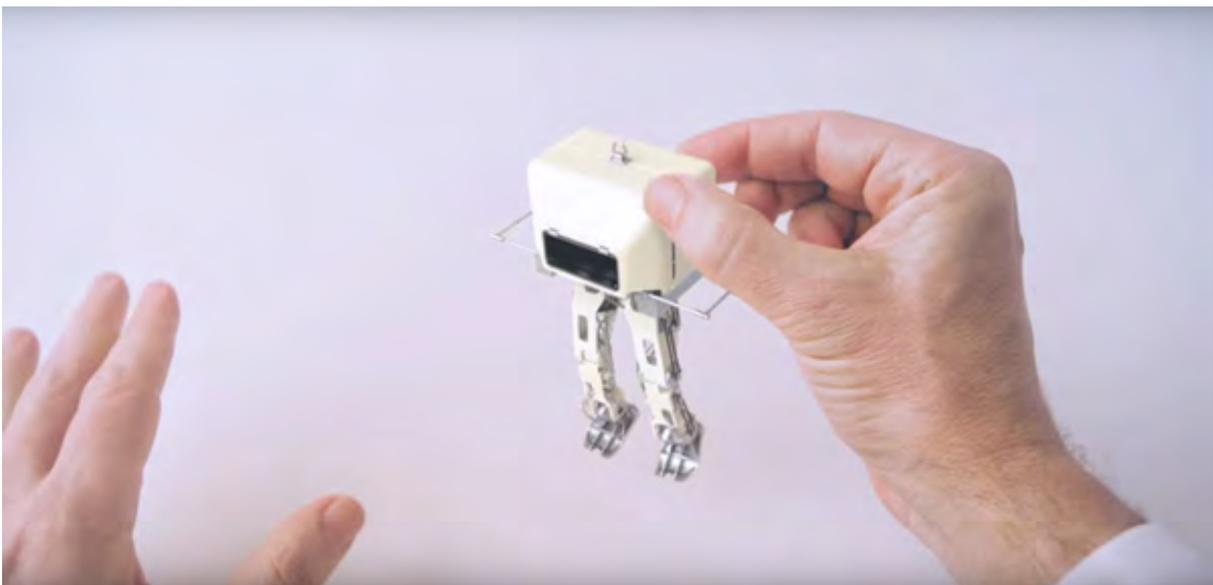
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### **The Power of Dreams**

*submitted by Bridgid McLean, student*

One has to wonder at the ingenuity of how this was put together. Fantastic!

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### **How did Narrabeen get its name?**

*by Nan Bosler, Vice President*

Captain Phillip explored the country between Manly and Broken Bay on several occasions during the first year of European settlement. On the 22 August 1788 Narrabeen Lagoon was



discovered and crossed. In 1815 surveyor James Meehan named the area Narrabang - Aboriginal for swan -and his survey reveals a wide opening to the sea. There are many suggested origins of the name Narrabeen. [more](#)



## ASCCA February Newsletter 2016

Articles include:

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- New Carer Gateway
- Share the Shoebox ASCCA Forum
- ASCCA Creative Writing Feedback
- Are you ready for Digital Money?
- Conclusion - So much to learn - Down Memory Lane [more](#)

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TRAINERS MEETINGS: First Wed. per month at 12.15pm

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